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NATIONAL SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE (NSPC)
FOR SY 2001-2002

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents

1. Corollary to the provision of Republic Act 7079, the National Schools Press Conference (NSPC) this school year shall be held on February 4-6, 2002 in General Santos City, Region XI.

2. The theme of this year's NSPC is: **RAISING CAMPUS JOURNALISM STANDARDS BY HARNESSING THE POTENTIALS OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT)** (PAGPAPAUNLAD NG ANTAS NG PAMAMAHAYAG SA PAMAMAGITAN NG PAGLINANG NG MGA KAGALINGAN NG INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT)). The NSPC aims to:

- a. promote awareness among students on the full potentials of IT in journalism;
- b. provide students the opportunities to exhibit their journalistic competencies and skills in relevant individual and team competitions;
- c. promote appropriate values related to activities of the NSPC and to IT application in campus journalism.

3. The main participants in the NSPC are the 3,136 RSPC winners in the seven (7) categories of the Individual Writing Contest both in English and Filipino at the elementary and secondary levels. The other participants who shall compose the regional delegations are listed in the Inclosure.

4. A minimal registration fee of ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED PESOS (P 1,800) to augment existing funds shall be charged against local funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

"Bawat Graduate, Bayani at Marangal"

5. Participants from the private schools should make the necessary arrangements with their respective institutions for their participation in the NSPC.
6. Pupil/student participants with special needs shall be accorded special arrangements in coordination with the host region.
7. The Implementing Guidelines for the Conduct of the NSPC and the subsequent NSPC-related activities are appended as Inclosures to this Memorandum.
8. Inquiries may be addressed to:

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9. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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Secretary

Encls.: As stated

References:

DepEd Memoranda: Nos. 296, s. 2001 and 453, s. 2000

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To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the following subjects:

CONFERENCES
CONTESTS
PUPILS
SCHOOL PAPER
STUDENTS

(Enclosure to DepEd Memorandum No. 4, s. 2002)

IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE NATIONAL SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE, SY 2001-2002

1. General Guidelines

- **Travel Arrangements**

- a. Heads of the regional delegation shall be responsible for their travel arrangements to the contest site and during all the NSPC activities.
- b. A list of members of the regional delegation, certified by the Regional Director, with the males separated from the females, shall be sent not later than December 15, 2001 to the Director of Region XI, Davao City, copy furnished:

1. **The Director IV, Bureau of Secondary Education**
2. **The Director IV, Bureau of Elementary Education**
Bonifacio Bldg., UL Complex, Meralco
Avenue, Pasig City
3. **The Schools Division Superintendent,**
General Santos City

- c. Information about the date and time of arrival of the regional delegations shall be provided the host region at least two (2) weeks before the date of arrival

- **Registration Schedule; fees and other registration arrangements**

- a. Regional participants are required to register with the Registration Committee by presenting their identification cards (I.D.), a medical certificate issued by a government doctor and a copy of parent's permit. The Registration Committee is under strict instructions not to accept registrants without these necessary documents
- b. The Registration Committee shall receive from each Regional Editors Guild president (elementary and secondary) the total collection of the membership fees in the region.

c. The collections shall be turned over to the respective treasurers of the two (2) national associations (PAESPA, NSSPAA) and the National Editors Guild for elementary and secondary.

d. Delegates to the NSPC shall be charged a registration fee of ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED PESOS (P1,800) each, payable to the host region, for a three-(3) day conference that shall start on February 4 and shall end on February 6. The first meal (dinner) shall be served on Feb. 3 and the last meal (breakfast) on Feb. 7.

• **Participants and other members of the regional delegation**

a. The number of participants of each regional delegation is 403 broken down as follows:

98 high school student-writers (7 categories x 7 winners x 2)
(English and Filipino)

98 high school teacher-advisers (7 categories x 7 advisers x 2)
(English and Filipino)

1 outstanding secondary school paper adviser

1 outstanding secondary school campus journalist

1 President of the Regional Secondary Editors Guild

1 President of the Regional Association of Secondary School Paper Advisers

1 Chief or Assistant Chief, Secondary Education Division

98 elementary school pupil-winners (7 categories x 7 winners x 2)
(English and Filipino)

98 elementary school paper advisers (7 categories x 7 winners x 2)
(English and Filipino)

1 outstanding elementary school campus journalist

1 outstanding elementary school paper adviser

1 Chief or Asst. Chief, Elementary Education Division

1 Regional Supervisor In-Charge of Journalism (either English or Filipino, either elementary or secondary)

1 President of the Regional Elementary Editors Guild

1 President of the Regional Association of Elementary School Paper Advisers

b. Other participants in the NSPC (323) are as follows:

30 Members of the Central Office working committees

9 Officers of the Philippine Association of Elementary School Paper Advisers (PAESPA)

9 Officers of the National Secondary School Paper Advisers Association (NSSPAA)

30 Members of the local working committees

- 143 Division Supervisors in-Charge of Journalism (English or Filipino)
- 9 Officers of the National Secondary Editors Guild
- 9 Officers of the National Elementary Editors Guild
- 84 Board of Judges (Individual Contests only)

c. All participants are requested to bring one bed sheet each to augment the limited number to be provided by the host region.

- **Accommodation /Billeting Centers**

BILLETING CENTERS FOR THE NSPC

REGION	SCHOOL
I -	P. Acharon Sr. Central Elementary School Quezon Avenue, General Santos City
II -	Lagao Central Elementary School
III -	Cahilsot Central Elementary School
IV -	Dadiangas South Central Elementary School Ireneo Central Elementary School
V -	Romana C. Acharon Elementary School
VI -	General Santos City High School
VII -	Dadiangas North Elementary School J.P. Laurel Elementary School
VIII -	Holy Trinity College Osmena St. Gen. Santos City
IX -	Jose Divinagracia Elementary School Bula Central Elementary School
X -	Ireneo National High School of Metro Dadiangas
XI -	Dadiangas Heights Elementary School
XII -	Lagao National High School
CAR -	Jose Catolico Elementary School
NCR -	Dadiangas West Central Elementary School
CARAGA -	Saavedra Saway Elementary School
ARRM -	Dadiangas East Elementary School

- **NSPC Program Flow**

- a. The three-(3) day conference shall officially start on February 4 2002 Monday and shall end on February 6, Wednesday
- b. The opening program on February 3 (Day 0) shall be held at Lagao Gymnasium.
- c. Day One (February 4) is the contest proper . All contests shall be held at the Notre Dame of Dadiangas High School Department .
- d. Day Two (February 5) - A. M. - Demonstrations shall be held at the Notre Dame of Dadiangas High School Dept.

- P. .M. - Election of Officers (Advisers and Campus Journalists)
 - Induction at the Notre Dame of Dadiangas for Girls
- e. Day Three (February 6) - A.M. - Awarding Ceremonies at Gymnasium of Notre Dame of Dadiangas for Girls (for Elementary level) and Lagao Gymnasium (for Secondary Level)
- P.M. - Closing Ceremonies, Lagao Gymnasium
- **Contest Rules**
 - a. Contestants are not allowed to use cellular/mobile phones and the like during the contest proper.
 - b. Substitution of regional winners or contestants shall not be allowed in the NSPC proper, although a teacher-adviser replacement is allowed for an adviser who cannot participate in the NSPC, for as long as the number of regional delegation is maintained. However, no additional teacher-delegate shall be allowed in cases where the teacher-adviser is the adviser of two (2) winners.
 - c. Participants in photojournalism may use cameras of their choice. Sophisticated cameras (with zoom lens, wide angle, telephoto and the like) may be allowed. Films shall be made available to the participants for free.
 - d. Participants are required to be always on time at the testing centers. A waiting/ holding area for contestants and advisers is at the nearby Notre Dame of Dadiangas for Girls, adjacent to the Notre Dame of Dadiangas High School Dept.

2. **Specific Guidelines**

- **Group Contests**

The group contest is open to all elementary and secondary school newspapers published in SY 2001 - 2002 whether they are represented by delegates at the NSPC or not. The contest shall involve two categories of student publications: Brackets A and B, elementary; and Brackets A and B, secondary, with the following specifications:

Elementary:

Bracket A publication
(Size 9"x12")

- a) standard printed newsletter
- b) with at least 8 pages

Secondary:

Bracket A publication
(12" x18")

- a) standard printed broadsheet or tabloid
- b) with at least 14 pages but not more than 20 pages
- c) must have been in circulation for at least 5 years

Bracket B publication
(Size 8 1/2" x 13")

- a) mimeographed student publications, newsletter, photocopy and the like, provided they follow the standard style of print journalism
- b) with at least 8 pages

Bracket B publication

- a) standard printed broadsheet or tabloid
- b) with 8 - 12 pages

a. The categories for the Group Contest are as follows:

English Level

- 1. Best Editorial Page-
- 2. Best Feature/Literary Page
- 3. Best News Page
- 4. Best Sports Page
- 5. Best Developmental Journalism Reporting/Page
- 6. Best Science Reporting/Page
- 7. Best Layout/Page Design

Filipino Level

- Pahinang Editoryal
- Pahinang Lathalain
- Pahinang Balita
- Pahinang Pampalakasan
- Pahinang Dev.Com.

- Pahinang Pang-Agham
- Pag-aanyo.

The criteria and scheme for judging the group contests as announced in DECS Memorandum No. 160, s. 2000 entitled Guidelines for the Division and Regional Screening for the Group Contests in the National Schools Press Conference (NSPC) shall remain in force with the following schedule of activities:

- Dec. 7, 2001** - Submission of school entries to the Division Office for the first level screening
- Dec. 21, 2001** - Submission of division winning entries to the Regional Office for the pre-final screening
- Jan. 14, 2002** - Deadline for the submission of regional winning entries to the Bureau of Elementary Education (BEE) and the Bureau of Secondary Education (BSE) for the final judging

Individual Contests

Elementary pupils and secondary students may participate in the following individual contests :

English

Editorial Writing
Feature Writing
News Writing
Sports Writing
Copyreading & Headline Writing
Editorial Cartooning
Photojournalism

Filipino

Pagsulat ng Pangulong Tudling
Pagsulat ng Lathalain
Pagsulat ng Balita
Pagsulat ng Balitang Isports
Pagwawasto at Pag-uulo
Kartung Pang-editorial
Pagkuha ng Larawang
Pampahayagan

- Schools which do not publish a school paper shall not be allowed to send participants to the individual writing contests.
- A pupil/student may participate in a maximum of four (4) different categories but in only one medium.
- There shall be seven (7) winners for each category at the elementary and secondary levels in each region.
- The schedule of the Individual Writing contest and the guidelines are embodied in DepEd Memorandum No. 296 , s. 2001.
- Special arrangements for participants with special needs may be coordinated with the host Region a week prior to the conduct of the Individual Contest.
- The decision of the Board of Judges in all aspects of the Individual and Group contests shall be final.

3. Other NSPC-related activities:

1. The Search for the Outstanding Elementary/Secondary School Paper Advisers and the Outstanding Elementary/Secondary Campus Journalists of the Philippines for SY 2001-2002, its mechanics, criteria and guidelines are embodied in Enclosure No. 2 of DECS Memorandum No. 453, s. 2000.