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NATIONAL POPULATION QUIZ (POPQUIZ) 2002

To : Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents

1. The Bureau of Secondary Education, Department of Education, in coordination with the Population Commission, shall conduct the National Population Quiz (POPQUIZ) for SY 2002-2003 with the theme "Poverty, Population Development" on October 23, 2002 at the Balanghai Hotel and Convention Center, Mazawa, Butuan City.
2. A planning meeting will also be held a day after the contest to plan programs/projects in population education for SY 2002-2006 and to enhance the program commitment of POPEd coordinators.
3. The objectives of the contest, the participants, timetable, mechanics and contest management at various levels are indicated in Inclosure No. 1.
4. The board and lodging expenses of the regional contestant, coaches, regional POPEd coordinators and BSE staff shall be charged to BSE funds. The transportation expenses of BSE staff shall be charged to BSE funds while those of regional contestants, coaches and regional POPEd coordinators shall be charged to local funds, all of which are subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations. The POPCOM delegates shall charge their transportation and board and lodging expenses to POPCOM local funds.
5. The Division POPEd coordinators, principals and others who will join the official delegation shall charge their registration fee in the amount of ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FIFTY PESOS (P1,950.00) and their travel expenses to school/division funds or other sources of funds.
6. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is requested.

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Undersecretary
Officer-in-Charge

Encl.:

· As stated

Reference:

DECS Memorandum: No. 236, s. 2001

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

CONTESTS
POPULATION EDUCATION
STUDENTS

(Inclosure No. 1 to DepEd Memorandum No. 152,, s. 2002)

NATIONAL POPULATION QUIZ (POPQUIZ) 2002

1. Objectives

The contest aims to:

- 1.1 sustain among in-school youth and the general public awareness of and interest in population issues and matters;
- 1.2 convey population and development concepts/messages to students which are essential to making informed decisions on poverty population and development issues that concern them; and
- 1.3 promote, among in-school youth, values supportive of population and development education.

2. Participants

- 2.1 The contest is open to all fourth year high school students of public and private schools as well as laboratory schools of state colleges and universities nationwide.
- 2.2 Official delegation

The members of the regional delegation to the national contest are the following:

- 2.2.1 the regional contestants
- 2.2.2 the official coach of the regional contestants
- 2.2.3 the DepEd Regional PEP Coordinators
- 2.2.4 the Regional POPCOM Officer (RPO)
- 2.2.5 the DepEd Division POPED Coordinators
- 2.2.6 Principals
- 2.2.7 SED Chief/Asst. Chief

Members of the official delegation are expected to register at the venue a day before the contest.

3. Management

- 3.1 At the national level, the activity shall be managed by an Executive Committee composed of officials from DepEd and cooperating agencies such as POPCOM, CHED, TESDA, DOH, NEDA, DILG, PIA/KBP and others. This committee shall be assisted by a Technical Working Group composed of selected BSE and POPCOM staff who shall oversee program implementation at all levels. To ensure the success of the activity, the regions are encouraged to set up a structure of similar composition.

3.2 In the context of institutionalization, the divisional and regional level contests shall be the responsibility of the divisions and regions concerned while the national level contest shall be the responsibility of the BSE.

4. Timetable

The POPQUIZ 2002 shall be conducted according to the following timetable:

- School level – between July 29 and August 23, 2002
- Division level – between August 26 and September 16, 2002
- Regional level – between September 18 and October 11, 2002
- National level – October 23, 2002

5. Contest Guidelines

5.1 Selection and Elimination

5.1.1 School/Division/Regional Level Contest

- 5.1.1.1 The regional committee shall determine the mode of conduct and contest mechanics at these levels
- 5.1.1.2 The regional winner shall represent the region at the national level contest.

5.1.2 National Level Contest

- 5.1.2.1 A national champion shall be declared from among the competing regional participants.

5.2 Contest Questions

5.2.1 Local contest committees shall prepare the questions that shall be used in their respective contest levels in accordance with the general test construction principles.

5.2.2 The content of questions shall be based on the Population Education Core Messages/Key Concepts as follows:

- 5.2.2.1 Family Life and Responsible Parenthood
- 5.2.2.2 Gender and Development
- 5.2.2.3 Population and Reproductive Health
- 5.2.2.4 Population, Environment, Resources and Sustainable Development

5.2.3 Review materials shall be provided by DepEd/POPCOM

6. Rules and Mechanics : National Level

- 6.1 Contestants shall be provided with pen and numbered and color coded writing sheets for their use during the contest. Writing sheets shall be collected by the monitor after every round.
- 6.2 English and Filipino shall be used as the official languages in the conduct of the quiz.
- 6.3 There shall be a total of twenty (20) questions to be given, 6 of which are "easy questions", 7 are "average" and 7 are "difficult."
- 6.4 Points given to every correct answer shall be as follows:
 - One (1) point-for an "easy" answer question
 - Two (2) points-for an "average" question
 - Three (3) points-for a "difficult" question
- 6.5 Each question shall be read twice by the quizmaster. Countdown shall start after the question has been read for the second time.
- 6.6 Contestants shall be given a maximum of twenty (20) seconds to answer questions that require computation. Other questions shall only be given five (5) seconds.
- 6.7 Should a contestant wish to change an answer that he/she has written down, this answer should be crossed out with one horizontal line and the new answer written clearly *above* the crossed out answer. A contestant is allowed to change his/her answer within the time allotted for a particular question.
- 6.8 A national champion shall be proclaimed based on a cumulative scoring system.
- 6.9 All ties shall be broken by the breaker questions from the "difficult" category.
- 6.10 The following procedure shall be observed in case of a protest or inquiry during the actual quiz proceedings:
 - 6.10.1 Only the official coach of the contestant is allowed to raise a protest or inquiry at the earliest appropriate time during the contest.
 - 6.10.2 The protest or inquiry shall be addressed orally to the Chairman of the Board of Judges who shall recognize the protest or inquiry.
 - 6.10.3 Decisions resulting from the protest or inquiry shall be announced by the Chairman of the Board of Judges at the earliest appropriate time during the contest.

7. Board of Judges: National Level

The Board of Judges shall be composed of three experts in population, environment and other development concerns. A chairperson shall be selected from among the members of the Board. The decision of the Board shall be final.

8. Contest Prizes

8.1 National Level

Champion – P10,000.00 and a trophy

Other contestants (non-winners) – P2,000.00 and a plaque of
recognition

8.2 Regional Level

The first prize winner shall be awarded an institutional trophy
from the Population Commission.