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DepED MEMORANDUM
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NATIONAL POPULATION QUIZ (POPQUIZ) 2007

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents

1. In accordance with the approved 2007 annual Workplan of the UNFPA-assisted project PHL6R306, the Bureau of Secondary Education, Department of Education (BSE, DepED), in coordination with the UNFPA and the Commission on Population (POPCOM), shall conduct the Adolescent Reproductive Health (ARH) Forum and the National Population Quiz (POPQUIZ) for SY 2007-2008 on October 22-26, 2007 in Tuguegarao City, Cagayan Valley at a venue still to be determined. This Region was the Champion in the 2006 National Pop Quiz. The theme of this activity is **"Population, Environment and Health Care Reform: Challenges and Opportunities"**.
2. The contest and forum aim to:
 - a. sustain awareness of and interest in population issues and matters among in-school youth and the general public;
 - b. convey population and development concepts/messages to students such as responsible parenthood, poverty, adolescent reproductive health, rights, gender and development;
 - c. promote values supportive of population and development education among in-school youth;
 - d. share promising practices on Population Education Program focused on ARH; and
 - e. formulate position paper that addresses issues on ARH.
3. The participants, timetable, mechanics of the contest, and management at various levels are indicated in the enclosure.
4. The board and lodging of the regional contestants, coaches, judges, regional POPED coordinators, BSE staff, the transportation of the ARH-Project Management Unit Staff as well as the cash awards, honorarium for board of judges, test formulator and quiz master shall be charged against UNFPA assisted project PHL6R306. The transportation expenses, extra duty allowance, supplies and materials and other incidental expenses of Project Staff shall be charged to BSE funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations. The traveling expenses of the Regional POPED Coordinators, contestants and coaches shall be charged to local/school funds. The POPCOM delegates shall charge their transportation, board and lodging expenses against POPCOM local funds.

5. The Division POPED Coordinators, Regional Directors, SED Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs, Superintendents, Principals and others who will join the official delegation shall charge their registration fee to cover board and lodging in the amount of Three Thousand One Hundred Fifty Pesos (PhP3,150.00) and their travel expenses against school/division funds or other sources of funds. Payment should be made in cash. The first meal will be lunch of October 22 and last meal will be afternoon snacks of October 25, 2007.
6. The Regional POPED Coordinators shall send the names of the participants to the Bureau of Secondary Education (Attn.: Rosalie B. Masilang and Melinda P. Rivera) at telefax no. (02) 632-7746 or (02) 632-7586 not later than October 12, 2007.
7. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


VILMA L. LABRADOR
Undersecretary

Encl.: As stated

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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 family life and responsible parenthood, poverty, adolescent sexual and reproductive health and rights, gender, environment, resources and sustainable development; and
- 1.3 promote values supportive of population and development education among in-school youth.

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 contestant
- 2.2.2 the official coach of the regional contestant
- 2.2.3 the DepED Regional PopED Coordinator
- 2.2.4 the Regional POPCOM Officer (RPO)
- 2.2.5 the DepED Division PopED Coordinator
- 2.2.6 Principal
- 2.2.7 SED Chief and Asst. Chief
- 2.2.8 Regional Director
- 2.2.9 Schools/City Division Superintendent

Members of the official delegation are expected to register at the venue on October 22, 2005.

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. A Technical Working Group composed of selected BSE shall assist

this committee and POPCOM staff that shall oversee the overall implementation of the program. To ensure the success of the activity, the regions are encouraged to set up a structure of similar composition.

- 3.2 The division 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 2005 shall be conducted according to the following timetable:

- School level - between August 1 and August 17, 2007
- Division level - between August 20 and September 14, 2007
- Regional level - between September 17 and October 12, 2007
- National level - October 22-26, 2007

5. Contest Guidelines

5.1 Selection and Elimination of Participants

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 contestants.

5.2 Contest Questions Preparation/Development

- 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-color-coded writing sheets during the contest. The monitor shall collect writing sheets 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 for every correct answer shall be given as follows:
 - One (1) point - for an "easy" question
 - Two (2) points - for an "average" question
 - Three (3) points - for a "difficult" question
- 6.5 The quizmaster shall read each question twice. Countdown shall start after the question has been read the second time.
- 6.6 Contestants shall be given a maximum of thirty (30) seconds to answer questions that require computation. Other questions shall only be given ten (10) 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 tiebreaker 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 The Chairman of the Board of Judges shall announce decisions resulting from the protest or inquiry 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, adolescent sexual and reproductive health and rights 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.