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DepED MEMORANDUM

No. 362, s. 2008

2008 NATIONAL POPULATION QUIZ (POPQUIZ) AND ESSAY WRITING  
CONTEST ON ADOLESCENT REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

To: Bureau Directors  
Directors of Services/Centers and Heads of Units  
Regional Directors  
Schools Division/City Superintendents  
Heads, Public Secondary Schools

1. In accordance with the approved 2008 annual Workplan of the UNFPA-assisted project PHL6R306, the Bureau of Secondary Education, Department of Education (BSE-DepED), in coordination with the UNFPA, the Commission on Population (POPCOM) and the Philippine Center for Population and Development Inc. (PCPD), shall conduct the Adolescent Reproductive Health Forum, Essay Writing Contest and the National Population Quiz (POPQUIZ) for SY 2008-2009 on October 14-17, 2008 in Tagbilaran City. This Division was the Champion in the 2007 National Pop Quiz. The theme of the activity is **"Population and Development for the Youth"**.
2. This activity aims 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. identify and organize youth leaders to serve as ARH advocates;
  - e. design a collaborative training program for youth leaders to be held during school vacations;
  - f. share promising practices and strategies of school to increase awareness on Population Education Program focused on ARH through workshops, publications and partners websites; and
  - g. formulate school-level activities that will strengthen ARH programs.
3. The participants, timetable, mechanics of the contests, and management at various levels are indicated in the enclosures.

4. The board and lodging of the regional contestants, coaches and ARH-PMU staff and the transportation of the ARH-Project Management Unit staff and BSE focal persons shall be charged against UNFPA assisted project PHL6R306. The board and lodging of the BSE and DepED staff, judges and regional POPED coordinators, the traveling expenses of the BSE and DepED staff, supplies and materials and other incidental expenses of the BSE staff and judges, as well as the cash awards for the contestants, honorarium for board of judges, test formulator and quiz master shall be charged to BSE funds, subject to its availability and the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

5. The traveling expenses of the contestants, coaches and regional POPED coordinators shall be charged to regional/local/school funds. All expenses relative to the conduct of the essay writing contest shall be borne by Philippine Center for Population and Development, Inc. (PCPD). The POPCOM delegates shall charge their transportation, board and lodging expenses against POPCOM local funds.

6. The division POPED coordinators, 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 Six Hundred Pesos (PhP3,600.00) and their travel expenses against school or division funds or other sources of funds. Payment should be made in cash. The first meal will be dinner of October 14 and last meal will be a.m. snacks of October 17, 2008.

7. The Regional POPED Coordinators shall send the names of the participants to the Bureau of Secondary Education (Attn.: Ms. Rosalie B. Masilang and/or Ms. Flora B. Homeres) at telefax no. (02) 632-7746 or (02) 632-7586 not later than October 8, 2008.

8. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

  
**VILMA L. LABRADOR**  
Undersecretary

Encls.:

As stated

Reference:

DepED Memorandum: Nos. 243, s. 1996; 299, s. 2007

Allotment: 1- -(D.O. 50-97)

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

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PROJECTS  
SCHOOLS  
STUDENTS

Enclosure No. 1 to DepED Memo No. 362, s. 2008

I. NATIONAL POPULATION QUIZ (POPQUIZ) 2008

1. Participants

- 1.1 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.
- 1.2 Official delegation

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

- 1.2.1 the regional contestant
- 1.2.2 the official coach of the regional contestant
- 1.2.3 the DepED Regional PopED Coordinator
- 1.2.4 the Regional POPCOM Officer (RPO)
- 1.2.5 the DepED Division PopED Coordinator
- 1.2.6 Principal
- 1.2.7 SED Chief/Asst. Chief

Members of the official delegation are expected to register at the venue on **October 14, 2008** from 1:00 p.m. onwards.

2. Management

- 2.1 At the national level, the activity will 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 staff will assist this committee and POPCOM staff that will 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.
- 2.2 The division and regional level contests will be the responsibility of the divisions and regions concerned while the national level contest will be the responsibility of the BSE.

3. Timetable

The POPQUIZ 2008 will be conducted according to the following timetable:

- School level - between **August 11 and August 22, 2008**  
Division level - between **August 25 and September 5, 2008**  
Regional level - between **September 8 and October 3, 2008**  
National level - **October 16, 2008**

#### 4. Contest Guidelines

##### 4.1 Selection and Elimination of Participants

###### 4.1.1 School/Division/Regional Level Contest

- 4.1.1.1 The regional committee will determine the mode of conduct and contest mechanics at these levels  
4.1.1.2 The regional winner will represent the region at the national level contest.

###### 4.1.2 National Level Contest

- 4.1.2.1 A national champion will be declared from among the competing regional participants.

##### 4.2 Contest Questions Preparation/Development

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

- 4.2.2 The content of questions will be based on the Population Education Core Messages/Key Concepts as follows:

- 4.2.2.1 Family Life and Responsible Parenthood  
4.2.2.2 Gender and Development  
4.2.2.3 Population and Reproductive Health  
4.2.2.4 Population, Environment, Resources and Sustainable Development

- 4.2.3 Review materials will be provided by DepEd/POPCOM

#### 5. Rules and Mechanics: National Level

- 5.1 Contestants will be provided with pen and numbered-color-coded writing sheets during the contest. The monitor will collect writing sheets after every round.

- 5.2 English and Filipino will be used as the official languages in the conduct of the quiz.

- 5.3 There will be a total of twenty (20) questions to be given, 6 of which are "easy questions", 7 are "average", and 7 are "difficult"

- 5.4 Points for every correct answer will 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

- 5.5 The quizmaster will read each question twice. Countdown will start after the question has been read the second time.
- 5.6 Contestants will be given a maximum of thirty (30) seconds to answer questions that require computation. Other questions will only be given ten (10) seconds.
- 5.7 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.
- 5.8 A national champion will be proclaimed based on a cumulative scoring system.
- 5.9 All ties will be broken by the tiebreaker questions from the "difficult" category.
- 5.10 The following procedure will be observed in case of a protest or inquiry during the actual quiz proceedings:
  - 5.10.1 Only the official coach of the contestant is allowed to raise a protest or inquiry at the earliest appropriate time during the contest.
  - 5.10.2 The protest or inquiry will be addressed orally to the Chairman of the Board of Judges who will recognize the protest or inquiry.
  - 5.10.3 The Chairman of the Board of Judges will announce decisions resulting from the protest or inquiry at the earliest appropriate time during the contest.

## 6. Board of Judges: National Level

The Board of Judges will be composed of three experts in population, adolescent sexual and reproductive health and rights and other development concerns. A chairperson will be selected from among the members of the Board. The decision of the Board will be final.

## 7. Contest Prizes

### 7.1 National Level

Champion - P10, 000.00 and a trophy  
Other contestants (non-winners) – P2, 000.00 and a certificate of recognition

### 7.2 Regional Level

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

## Essay Writing Contest

### ***Guidelines and Mechanics***

***Theme of the Contest:*** Population and Development for the Youth

### ***Who can Join:***

The Essay Writing Contest is open to all 3<sup>rd</sup> year high school students from both public and private schools nationwide.

### ***Duration of the Contest:***

- August 11 to September 14, 2008 - Elimination rounds (School/Division levels)
- September 15-30, 2008 - Regional level contest
- October 3, 2008 - Deadline for Submission of regional Entries to the National Technical Working Group
- October 6, 2008 - Declaration of Winners
- October 17, 2008 - Awarding Ceremony

### ***Where to Submit.***

Entries (Regional Winners) for the national level contest must be submitted to:

National Technical Working Group  
Curriculum Development Division  
Bureau of Secondary Education  
3<sup>rd</sup> Flr., Bonifacio Bldg.  
DepED Complex, Meralco Ave.  
Pasig City

**Contest levels:**

Contest levels are:

- School level
- Provincial/Division
- Regional

**Mobilization Fund:**

All regions will be provided mobilization fund in the amount of P5,000.00 for the contest which will be used to defray expenses in the conduct of the contest for prizes and other related expenses. The regions are also advised to generate other resources to augment the amount funded for the contest.

**Who will manage the Contest:**

At the national level, an inter-agency Technical Working Group (TWG) will be organized and convened to manage and oversee the implementation of the project. It will be composed of representatives from PCPD, POPCOM, Media, DepEd, and NYC.

The same structure must be replicated at the regional level.

**Prizes:****National Level**

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| • First Place  | - | P15,000.00 |
| • Second Place | - | 10,000.00  |
| • Third Place  | - | 5,000.00   |

Plaque of Recognition will also be presented to the top three (3) winners and their schools.

**Regional Level**

Prizes will be given at the discretion of the Regional Technical Working Group.

**Board of Judges:**

Board of Judges at the Regional and National contest levels shall be composed of representatives from the Academe, Media, NGO and GO.

**Contest Guidelines:**

- Essay Writing Contest will be conducted on-the-spot at the regional contest level based on a given topic/theme;
- Regional winners (First place only) automatically becomes the regional entry for the national contest level;
- The region is given the option to conduct lower contest level in a manner deemed best in their region following the guidelines and criteria prescribe by the National Steering Committee;
- At the regional contest level, participants will be given an orientation and will be informed of the topic/theme at the start of the contest.
- Essay must be at least 800 but not more than 1000 words, English and legibly written in double space in an intermediate writing pad (short).
- The Essay must be an original concept of the author and must not have been published by anybody in any way or form prior to the contest.
- Essay submitted for the contest will become the property of the organizing agencies and can be published and/or used for its advocacy initiatives without additional compensation to the author, they will be however, properly acknowledged;
- Relative of DepEd, POPCOM and organizing agency's staff up to the 4<sup>th</sup> degree of consanguinity or affinity are not qualified to join the contest.
- Decision of the judges is final.

**Note:** Winning entries at the regional contest level must be transcribed / encoded verbatim by the regional secretariat. It must be submitted together with the original (properly signed by the members of the Board of Judges) in a sealed envelope to the National Technical Working Group.

**Criteria:**

Entries for the contest will be judged based on the following:

• Substance	40%
Relevance to the theme/topic	
• Logic	30%
Organization and coherence	
• Style and Presentation	30%
Creative and unique	
Compelling and engaging	
Grammar	
TOTAL:	<u>100 %</u>



**Proposed Criteria for Judging  
2nd National Essay Writing Contest**

Criteria	Score
A. Presentation and Style This includes writing style, the ability to sustain the interest of readers, the use of appropriate language and correct grammar, and attractiveness	40%
B. Form, Content and Insight (60%)	
Accuracy	
Sources of data (credibility of sources; Verifiability, use of multiple sources)	20%
Fairness (balanced, sound)	
Originality (angle) Insights on the link of population, health, and environment	20%
Methodology (refers to how data or arguments were presented, e.g. use of examples, comparison, etc.)	20%