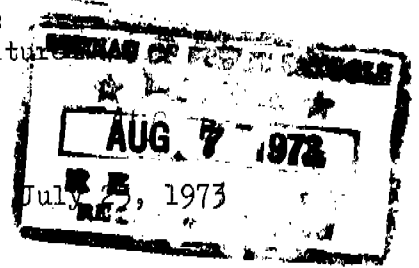


Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education and Culture
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Manila



DEPARTMENT ORDER
No. 25, s. 1973

USE OF ARABIC AS MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION
IN CERTAIN AREAS

To: The Director of Public Schools,
The Director of Private Schools, and
The Director of Vocational Education:

1. In compliance with Letter of Instruction No. 71-A, on the use of Arabic as medium of instruction in areas where the use thereof permits, the following instructions are hereby issued for immediate implementation by school officials concerned:
 - a. Teachers of Grades I and II who know Arabic and can teach in Arabic, should be asked to teach Arabic as a language subject initially until such time as it can be used as medium of instruction in Grades I and II. English and Pilipino will continue to be taught in these grades.
 - b. In appointing applicants to fill new positions preference should be given to the qualified applicants who can teach Arabic.
 - c. In order to have a corps of teachers of Arabic, an inservice training program should be organized immediately to prepare Grade I and Grade II teachers to teach Arabic initially as a language subject.

Under this program, Ustads and Olamahs will be employed to teach Arabic to teachers. They will be paid at the rate of ₱6.00 per hour. Training sessions will be conducted six hours a week. The sessions may be held one hour a day including Saturdays or three hours during week days and three hours on Saturdays or any other arrangement that is convenient for all concerned. Each class should be composed of at least 25 Grade I and Grade II teachers. Principals and supervisors who will exercise supervision over the classes may also attend.

In connection with this program, superintendents of divisions listed below are authorized to employ the number of olamahs or ustads indicated:

Sulu I	- 10	Marawi City	- 10
Sulu II	- 10	Cotabato I	- 10
Basilan	- 10	Cotabato II	- 10
Lanao I	- 10	Cotabato III	- 5
Lanao II	- 10	Pagadian City	- 5
Lanao del Norte	- 10	Zamboanga City	- 10
		Zamboanga del Sur	- 10

School boards are authorized to appropriate amounts for additional teachers (olamahs or ustads) under this program, if there is a need for more teachers, at the same rate of P6.00 per hour.

- d. Teacher training schools or colleges in Mindanao should offer Arabic as a field of concentration or as an elective if competent instructors are available.

2. It is desired that a report on the implementation of this Department Order be submitted to this Office not later than August 30. The report should indicate the following:

- a. Number of Grades I and II classes where Arabic is used initially as a language subject.
- b. Total number of classes in Arabic for teachers organized in the division, indicating the location of the class, the number of teachers in each class, the name of the ustad or olamahs handling the class, and the training schedule followed.
- c. Recommendations.

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