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POLICY ON PLANNED GROWTH OF STUDENT POPULATION IN METRO MANILA

To the: Bureau Directors  
Regional Directors  
Chiefs of Services and Heads of Units  
Coordinator, State Colleges and Universities

1. In consonance with the national policy on Planned Growth of the Student Population, particularly in institutions of higher learning, thereby facilitating and bringing about improvement in the quality of education and the quality of life, and at the same time spreading the benefits of development among the different regions and communities throughout the country; and pursuant to the policy promulgated by the National Board of Education (NBE) specifically on the problems confronting the Metro Manila area, the following guidelines are hereby prescribed for implementation effective school year 1976-1977:

- a. No new public or private higher education institutions, or new courses in existing colleges and universities, shall be granted authority to operate within the City of Manila proper, particularly within the so-called "University Belt" in the Sampaloc and Quiapo districts thereat, except with respect to technological and related courses as may be allowed in the national interest by the Secretary of Education and Culture.
- b. Pending the results of the study by a Department of Education and Culture (DEC) Study Committee on the absorption capacities and redistribution of public and private higher education facilities in the Metro Manila area, within the parameters of prescribed and generally accepted standards which shall be completed on or before the end of the school year 1976-1977, all private higher education institutions particularly within the pockets of congestion shall limit their admission of first year students to their corresponding enrolment level as of the first semester, 1975-1976: provided, however, that the respective aggregate en-







rolment of the said institutions as of the first semester, 1975-1976, shall be maintained as ceiling in enrolment for the first semester, 1976-1977; and provided, further, that in institutions with total enrolment in excess of Ten thousand (10,000) students, a reduction of five per cent (5%) in the admission of first year students shall be effected in Liberal Arts, Commerce, Education, and Nursing in the first semester, 1976-1977.

- c. Except as may be authorized by the Secretary of Education and Culture or his duly authorized representative, all higher education institutions within the inner core of Metro Manila shall limit their admission to the first year of the evening session classes for working students only, beginning the first semester, 1976-1977. Inner core refers to the City of Manila proper as distinguished from the rest of Metro Manila area which include the cities of Caloocan, Quezon, Pasay and all of the municipalities embraced therein.
- d. Subject to such exceptions as may be allowed by the Secretary of Education and Culture or his duly authorized representative, schools within the inner core of Metro Manila shall hold regular classes for five (5) days a week, and the scheduled off-days in said schools during each week shall be staggered such that Sunday is a common off-day and Saturday or any other day of the week may be taken as another off-day, beginning the first semester, 1976-1977.

2. Private higher education institutions are encouraged to take such steps as may be necessary within the requirements of existing law, rules and regulations, to help effect and realize the objective of decongestion of the student population in the Metro Manila area. They may operate branches, or enter into consortia or other suitable arrangements with established public and private colleges and universities in the provinces.

3. Beginning the first semester, 1976-1977, scholarship grantees shall be encouraged to enroll in selected public and private higher education institutions nearest their respective places of residence.

4. Strict compliance with the guidelines herein prescribed is hereby requested.

(SGD.) JUAN L. MANUEL  
Secretary of Education and Culture









Reference:

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