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CREATING THE SPECIAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON TESTING TO ASSESS THE  
NATIONAL COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION AND OTHER TESTING  
PROGRAMS ON THE SECONDARY LEVEL

To: Bureau Directors  
Regional Directors  
Chief of Service and Heads of Units/Centers  
Schools Superintendents  
Presidents, State Colleges and Universities  
Vocational School Superintendents/Administrators

1. In accordance with the policy of maintaining the highest quality of education for purposes of national development, Presidential Decree No. 146 required that all high school graduates seeking admission to post secondary degree programs necessitating a minimum of four (4) years' study pass a national entrance examination, effective SY 1974-75.
2. Accordingly, this Ministry has administered or has caused to be administered the National College Entrance Examination (NCEE) to carry out the function of testing and to achieve other related goals and objectives. In addition, the National Educational Testing Center (NETC) and various support structures were organized.
3. Together with the NCEE, other organized testing programs on the secondary and tertiary levels have also been maintained in both the public and private sectors.
4. This Ministry recognizes the important contribution of the NCEE to the achievement of national development goals by assisting in the nationalization of the entry of secondary school graduates into tertiary education programs. This Ministry likewise recognizes the contribution of other organized testing programs to the improvement of the quality of education by raising requirements for admission and by adopting more rigorous and measurable performance standards.
5. Since the establishment of the NCEE in 1973, however, there have been numerous developments in the domestic and international fronts impacting on the education sector. These developments therefore necessitate the assessment of the NCEE as an instrument of educational reform.
6. Moreover, as the NCEE and other testing programs in the secondary level mature, the necessity to evaluate these programs in order to meet expanding needs become critical.
7. This Ministry therefore hereby creates the Special Technical Committee on Testing to assess the NCEE and other testing programs on the secondary level. Specifically, this Committee shall be tasked to:
  - a. Review existing testing programs on the secondary level as responses to varying assessment needs.  
The NCEE and other testing programs shall be reviewed

on the bases of the appropriateness, technical quality and cost-effectiveness of these responses to unmet or identified needs; and

- b. Formulate program/policy recommendations by which testing programs on the secondary level that meet continuing needs can be improved according to the criteria cited.

8. This Committee shall be composed of Deputy Minister Felipe, as Chairman, and six (6) members, namely:

Dr. Jose T. Arong  
President  
Notre Dame of Greater Manila  
Caloocan City

Dr. Jesus Ochave  
Dean and Professor  
Graduate School  
Philippine Normal College  
Taft Avenue, Manila

Dr. Milagros D. Ibe  
Director  
Office of Continuing Education  
and Extension Services  
College of Education, U.P.  
Quezon City

Dr. Aurelio O. Elevazo  
Executive Vice-President  
Polytechnic University of the Philippines  
Sta. Mesa, Manila

Dr. Rose Marie C. Salazar  
Professor and Chairman  
Department of Guidance and Counselling,  
Graduate School of Arts, Education  
and Science  
De La Salle University  
Taft Avenue, Manila

Dr. Melecio Deauna  
Professor and Chairman  
Science Education Department  
De La Salle University  
Taft Avenue, Manila

9. Dr. Mona D. Valisno shall be head of the Secretariat, which shall be constituted with NETC.

10. The Technical Committee is authorized to organize the support staff for it to accomplish its task in the most efficient manner. It may prescribe and adopt operational guidelines governing the execution of this assessment project, disburse from a budget approved by the Ministry, solicit assistance from both government and non-government sources, and perform other acts as may be necessary and proper for the discharge of its functions and responsibilities.

11. To ensure a broad-based acceptance of the outcomes of the study, the Committee shall make appropriate consultations with the public of testing, incorporating their comments/suggestions on technical, social and political dimensions of the program.

12. The NETC shall make available pertinent data and shall fund this project from its excess income subject to the approval of the Office of the Budget and Management.

13. The study will be conducted within six (6) months beginning December 1984.

(SGD.) JAIME C. LAYA  
Minister

Reference:

Department Memorandum: (No. 59, s. 1973)

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