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DepED MEMORANDUM
No. **332**, s. 2009

2009 NATIONAL POPULATION QUIZ (POPQUIZ)

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents

1. In accordance with the approved 2009 Annual Workplan of the UNFPA-Assisted Project PHL6R306, the Bureau of Secondary Education, Department of Education, in coordination with the UNFPA and the Commission on Population (POPCOM) shall conduct the National Population Quiz (POPQUIZ) for SY 2009-2010 on October 13-15, 2009 in Baguio City at a venue still to be determined. This Region was the Champion in the 2008 National Pop Quiz. The theme of the activity is **“Educating the Youth to Fight Against Poverty”**.
2. The 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, gender, environment, resources and sustainable development;
 - c. promote values supportive of population and development education among in-school youth; and
 - d. identify and organize youth leaders to serve as Program advocates.
3. The participants, timetable, mechanics of the contests and management at various levels are indicated in the enclosure.
4. Board and lodging of the regional contestants, coaches and regional POPED coordinators and the cash awards for the regional contestants and the national champion shall be charged against UNFPA assisted project PHL6R306. The board and lodging and traveling expenses of the judges, BSE and DepED staff, the honorarium for board of judges, test formulator, quiz master and BSE/DepED staff, supplies and materials and other incidental expenses shall be charged against BSE funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations. The traveling expenses for the contestants, coaches and regional POPED coordinators shall be charged to regional/local/school funds.

5. The division POPEd and POPCOM 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. Check-in shall be on October 13, 2009 with a.m. snacks as the first meal and check-out shall be on October 15, 2009 with lunch as the last meal.

6. The Regional POPEd coordinators shall send the names and the bio-data of the regional winners/participants to the Bureau of Secondary Education (BSE) (Attn.: Rosalie B. Masilang and/or Flora B. Homeres) at telefax no.: (02) 632-7746 or (02) 632-7586 not later than September 30, 2009.

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


VILMA L. LABRADOR
Undersecretary

Encl.:

As stated

Reference:

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I. NATIONAL POPULATION QUIZ (POPQUIZ) 2009

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 13, 2009* from 10:00 a.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 2009 will be conducted according to the following timetable:

- School level - between *August 10 and August 21, 2009*
Division level - between *August 24 and September 4, 2009*
Regional level - between *September 7 and September 25, 2009*
National level - *October 14, 2009*

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.