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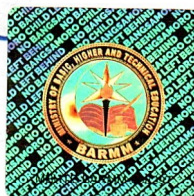
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**ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS**  
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**DIVISION SUPERVISORS/COORDINATORS IN CAMPUS JOURNALISM**  
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FROM :

  
**MOHAGHER M. IQBAL**  
 Minister



SUBJECT :

**2023 MBHTE REGIONAL SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE**

DATE :

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1. Pursuant to the thrusts and objectives of Republic Act 7079 otherwise known as the Campus Journalism Act of 1991, the Ministry of Basic, Higher and Technical Education (MBHTE), through the Basic Education Subsector in cooperation with the MBHTE Regional Association of School Paper Advisers, will hold the **2023 MBHTE Regional Schools Press Conference (RSPC)** with the theme "*From Campus Journalism to Real-World Journalism: Shaping Minds from Schools to Societies*" on **July 1-3, 2023** at Cotabato City Central Pilot School, Cotabato City.
2. The conference aims to:
  - a. demonstrate understanding of the importance of campus journalism through skillful execution in various approaches and platforms (i.e., print, broadcast, online);
  - b. recognize the role of journalism in advocating for social consciousness and environmental awareness;
  - c. promote fair and ethical use of media as tenets for responsible journalism;
  - d. foster camaraderie and enrich learning experiences through healthy and friendly competitions;
  - e. provide learners the opportunities to use the skills learned in campus journalism for their future careers; and
  - f. select qualifiers who shall represent the MBHTE-BARMM to the 2023 National School Press Conference.

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3. General Guidelines

- a. All schools division offices (SDOs) shall ensure that schools participating in the RSPC have school paper publications in Portable Document Format (PDF), digital format, or printed present publication.
- b. There shall be no SCHOOL PAPER CONTEST.
- c. A campus journalist can participate in only one event with one medium, either individual or group category.
- d. The participants eligible for the RSPC are the following:

<b>Individual Categories</b>	Top 3 division winners per medium with their SPA
<b>Group Categories</b>	1 team per category/medium/level with their SPA
<b>SEARCH for Outstanding CJ and SPA</b>	1 CJ each for elementary and secondary 1 SPA each for elementary and secondary

4. The RSPC activities shall include the following:

a. **Individual Contest (English and Filipino, elementary and secondary)**

- i. *News Writing*
- ii. *Feature Writing*
- iii. *Editorial Writing*
- iv. *Sports Writing*
- v. *Copyreading and Headline Writing*
- vi. *Science and Technology Writing*
- vii. *Photojournalism*
- viii. *Editorial Cartooning*
- ix. *Column Writing*

b. **Group Contest**

- i. Radio Script Writing and Broadcasting Contest (English and Filipino, elementary & secondary)
- ii. Collaborative Desktop Publishing Contest (English and Filipino, elementary and secondary)
- iii. Online Publishing Contest (English and Filipino, secondary only)
- iv. TV Script Writing and Broadcasting Contests (English and Filipino, secondary only)

c. **Search for Outstanding School Paper Advisers (SPAs) and Campus Journalists (CJs)**

5. All laptops, USB, and SD cards to be used for the contest shall be submitted to the Secretariat for checking. They must not contain any file except for the software, programs, apps, and sound effects needed.

- a. **Laptops** – Each shall be labeled with the contest category, medium, and level and the name of the school, division, and contact person with contact number; printed in 1/2 short bond paper.
- b. **USB** – Placed in a short white envelope; labeled with the contest category, medium, and the name of the school, division as well as the contact person with contact number (for group contest).



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- c. **SD card** – (for photojournalism only) Placed in a short white envelope; labeled with **"PHOTOJOURNALISM"**, medium and level, and the name of the contestant, school, and division.
  - d. **Deadline of Submission will be on July 1, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.** Look for Mark Anthony Bataga or Reziel Maude.
6. **In all contests, the decision of the Board of Judges shall be deemed final and irrevocable.**
7. Specific Guidelines:

**I. INDIVIDUAL CONTEST GUIDELINES**

- A. Contestants must be at the holding area 30 minutes before the scheduled contest.
- B. To facilitate proper identification, participants are required to wear their school uniform with their valid school ID and RSPC ID during the contest proper.
- C. There must be no identifying mark on the contest entry or answer sheet.
- D. The top five winners in all events per contest category per medium shall be recognized, and the points of individual and group contests garnered shall be included in the computation of the overall scores following the guidelines contained in Enclosure No. 1.
- E. Should there be questions and assistance needed, the contestants can only raise their concerns to the assigned proctor.
- F. The use of mobile phones is strictly prohibited.
- G. Any violation of the stipulated guidelines will be grounds for disqualification of the participant.
- H. In case a contestant arrives late at the contest room, he/she will only be allowed to consume the remaining time allotted for his/her category.

**II. GUIDELINES BY CATEGORY**

**A. News / Feature / Column / Editorial Writing**

Fact sheets or other sources of information shall be given to the contestants as bases for writing the article.

**B. Sports Writing**

- i. The RTWG shall orient and provide final instructions to the contestants before the contest proper.
- ii. Pre- and post-game conferences shall be conducted.
- iii. Contestants shall watch an actual game where they can gather adequate data.



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- v. The team will be given five (5) hours for data gathering, writing, layout, and editing. Each team is allowed to bring at least two (2) digital/DSLR cameras, one (1) inkjet printer with scanner, one (1) card reader, one (1) blank flash drive, extension wires, and a maximum of (4) laptops installed with either PAGEMAKER or IN DESIGN and Photoshop (for the secondary level) and Microsoft Publisher (for the elementary level) for the layout of the group's final output and A4 size photo paper.
- vi. All contestants shall submit laptops cleared of stored documents including prepared templates or any pre-written files or references therein.
- vii. Mobile phones and other electronic gadgets shall not be allowed except for digital cameras and laptops with disabled internet connection.
- viii. Final output shall be submitted in both hard and soft copies. Hard copies shall be printed in A4 size bond paper while soft copies shall be converted into PDF and stored in a flash drive. Teams should ensure that no identifying marks about their school or division can be found on their output as it would be a ground for disqualification.

### **B. Radio Script Writing and Broadcasting**

- i. Each team shall have five (5) members with multi-roles.
- ii. An orientation shall be given prior to the contest proper.
- iii. Each team may use up to four (4) laptops and an inkjet printer.
- iv. Teams will be given two (2) hours to prepare a script for a five-minute radio broadcast that includes one (1) infomercial and four (4) news articles. Final instructions shall be given during the orientation before the actual contest. Another 30 minutes shall be given for the printing of the script. Three (3) copies of the script must be submitted to the examiner/proctor. The team may print extra copies for their use.
- v. The script should not bear any information that may identify the school or division.
- vi. The use of mobile phones is strictly prohibited therefore, sound effects must be stored in the laptop intended for technical use.
- vii. In case of power failure, the team affected shall be allowed to broadcast again.
- viii. Uvertime/Overtime:

Under 20 seconds	-	1 point
21 secs to 40 secs	-	2 points
41 secs to 1 minute	-	3 points
More than 1 minute	-	4 points
- ix. Judging is based on the following:

50%	-	Script
50%	-	Broadcast



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### C. TV Script Writing and Broadcasting

- i. Each region shall field a team of five (5) members. The team shall decide who shall act as:

- 1) anchor/s
- 2) reporter/s
- 3) producer/director who could also act as floor director
- 4) video graphics editor
- 5) video researcher/floor director/ prod. assistant
- 6) video journalist/camera man

**\*Note: Any of the team members can assume one or two positions/tasks as long as this would not be conflicting or awkward in relation to the outcome of the broadcast (for example an anchor can't be a reporter at the same time. But an anchor can also be a news or infomercial writer.**

- ii. The following materials and equipment will be brought by the team:

- four (4) laptops with one backup laptop with at least 10GB free space for video editing program (with uploading capacity)
- two (2) empty USB
- digital camera/phone camera (without sim at most 2) which is compatible with the laptop for the downloading of media
- at most three (3) wired lapers
- A4 bond paper and one (1) printer with ink
- at most three (3) broadband sticks/pocket Wi-Fi and one (1) wireless router
- extension cord

- iii. For scriptwriting:

- The COVER PAGE should contain the group's name (mock TV network name) and the names of the members with their roles.
- The RTWG shall provide written instructions and mechanics pertaining to sources of news and infomercial during the pre-contest orientation.
- A live field report with or without canned video support shall be included in the production.
- The OBB/CBB should be included in the main script.
- Five (5) hours and 15 minutes shall be allotted for the preparation of the script, shooting, and editing of the videos, production of the infomercial, and rehearsal. All groups shall stop working after the allotted time.
- The script should bear any information that may identify the school or division.



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iv. For TV Broadcast

- Only one (1) laptop is allowed during the broadcast.
- Only the OBB/CBB is pre-recorded/pre-produced.
- Seven (7) minutes shall be allotted for entrance and preparations while the broadcast must be delivered in six (6) minutes. Three (3) minutes shall be allotted for exit.
- Uvertime/Overtime:
  - 20 seconds and below – 1 point
  - 21 seconds to 40 seconds – 2 points
  - 41 seconds to 60 seconds – 3 points
  - 61 seconds to 80 seconds – 4 points

• Criteria

Script	30%
Presentation	25%
Technical Application	25%
Infomercial	15%
Time Allotment	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. A simple Point System shall be adopted in in determining the standing of participating Schools Division.

a. For this year's RSPC, a simple point system shall be used to determine the standing of each division:

Point System

Rank	Individual Contest	Group Contest
1st	5	10
2nd	4	8
3rd	3	6
4th	2	4
5th	1	3

b. There shall be TOP 3 Performing Divisions each for Elementary Level and Secondary Level.

c. There shall be TOP 3 Overall Winners.

9. The MBHTE shall strictly respect, adhere to, and recognize the laws and policies relative to Intellectual Property Rights, thus, plagiarism is highly prohibited.

10. The MBHTE, likewise, reiterates the observance of the Minimum Public Health Standards which include but shall not be limited to wearing of facemasks, physical distancing, and other related measures related to the spread of Covid-19.



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11. A registration fee of PHP 400.00 shall be charged to each participant (campus journalist) both public and private schools including the school paper advisers and coordinators shall be collected by the Regional School Paper Advisers Association to defray expenses on certificates, medals, prizes, honoraria, and transportation costs of the judges/trainers/ICT specialists, supplies, and other related expenses. It is also informed that a mandatory membership fee of PHP 60.00 for Campus Journalists and PHP 90.00 for School Paper Advisers will also be collected by the said association, 50% of which shall be remitted to the National School Paper Association.
12. Travel, registration fee, incidental and other expenses of the official delegates shall be charged against the local funds such as but not limited to School Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE), the allowable collected School Publication Fee, Parents Teachers Association (PTA) Fund, Special Education Fund (SEF), and other possible legitimate sources for Campus Journalists and School Paper Advisers and Schools Division MOOE, SEF, and other possible sources for Division Supervisors/Coordinators and Employees. All expenses are subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
13. To ensure effective and efficient management of the 2023 MBHTE Regional School Press Conference, the following committees shall be created:

**Management Committee**

Overall Chairperson	<b>Mohagher M. Iqbal</b> Minister
Overall Vice Chairperson	<b>Haron Meling</b> Deputy Minister
Members	<b>Abdullah P. Salik, JR</b> Directorate General Basic Education Sub Sector  <b>All Schools Division Superintendents</b>  <b>All Bureau Directors</b>

**Executive Committee**

Chairperson	<b>Abdullah P. Salik, JR</b> Directorate General Basic Education Sub Sector
Vice Chairperson	<b>Johnny G. Balawag</b> Director Bureau Of Basic Education



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Members

**Mirasol Dedoro**  
Regional EPS

**Evangelene Baseo**  
RSPC Coordinator

**All Schools Division School Press  
Conference Coordinators**

**Regional Association of School Papers**

**Registration and Accommodation Committee**

Chairperson

**Evangelene Baseo**  
RSPC Coordinator

Vice Chairperson

**Aura Abarico**

Members

**Welma Vertido**

**Regional Association of School Papers**

**All Schools Division School Press  
Conference Coordinators**

**Health and Safety Protocols Committee**

Chairperson

**Gizeel Amara E. Ali**  
Head, HNU

Members

**HNU Personnel**  
**SDOCC Nurses**

**Awards, Certificates, Food and Snacks, Results, Tabulation, and Program and Invitation  
Committee**

Chairperson

**Mirasol Dedoro**  
Regional EPS

Vice Chairperson

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Members

**Abdulbassit Talicop**  
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### Monitoring and Evaluation Committee

Chairperson	<b>Camilo Bangcola</b> Head, M & E
Vice Chairperson	<b>Dr. Najed C. Macarimbang</b> Focal, Child Protection
Members	<b>SDO Cotabato City M&amp;E</b>

### Peace and Order, Security and Safety Committee

Chairperson	<b>Abdulbassit Talicop</b>
Vice Chairperson	<b>Dr. Najed C. Macarimbang</b> Focal, Child Protection
Members	<b>SDO Cotabato City</b>

14. Division and Regional non-teaching personnel who shall render services on weekends shall be entitled to Compensatory Time Off (CTO) subject to existing rules and regulations, specifically, CSC and DBM Joint Circular No.2, s.2004 re Non-monetary Remuneration for Overtime Services Rendered. School Paper Advisers and other teachers who will be involved in this activity are also entitled to Service Credits for the services rendered during weekends as defined in DO 53 series of 2003. The RSPC Coordinators are tasked to process the granting of this incentive.
15. All delegations are expected to be at the venue before noon time of July 1, 2023, for billeting purposes and checking of laptops for the group contests and the opening program in the afternoon.
16. Should you have further concerns or clarifications, you may contact the Office of the Bureau of Basic Education's Regional Campus Journalism/RSPC Regional Program Coordinator Evangelene S. Baseo at mobile no. 0917-300-4062 or email [evangelenesalvacionbaseo@yahoo.com](mailto:evangelenesalvacionbaseo@yahoo.com).
17. For information, guidance, and wide dissemination.