REGION MEMORANDUM
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2ND ANNUAL REGIONAL SPJ-YOUNG JOURNALISTS ASSOCIATION OF THE PHILIPPINES CONVENTION

TO: ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
This Region

Attention: SPJ Division/School Coordinators

1. One of the best practices that highlight the skills of the learners in Journalism is the convergence of campus journalists and advisers of the schools implementing the Special Program in Journalism (SPJ). In the region, there are already 5 implementing and expansion schools which sustain the passion of developing young campus journalists to be successful in their chosen fields in the future founding on their learning experiences while dwelling inside SPJ classes.

2. The Special Program in Journalism (SPJ) is developed to enrich the experiences, hone the journalistic skills and competencies of student-writers and to strengthen free and responsible journalism. This program supports R.A. 7079, or the Campus Journalism Act of 1991, which mandates the Department of Education “to conduct and implement programs in various aspects of journalism.”

3. To further strengthen the implementation of the program in the region, with consideration on the accomplishments of the children enrolled in this special program in various related regional and national events and the schools commitment to their partners who are continuing to support the program implementation, the schools have initiated to organize the SPJ-Young Journalists Association of the Philippines (SPJ-YJAP) which has, in two years now, developed in the children the passion in writing, gathering information from the print and broadcast media and utilizing these to organize in their thoughts the value for responsible journalism. Added to this, is the opportunity to meet new friends and exchange ideas and learning experiences.

4. Underscoring the efforts, collaboration and teamwork of the implementing SPJ schools (Ireneo Santiago NHS, Lun Padidu NHS, Kiamba, NHS, Alegria NHS and Pres. Roxas NHS), the region is holding the Regional SPJ-Young Journalists Association of the Philippines Convention on March 19-20 at SM Gensan City Trade Hall with the theme, “Embracing the Challenge of Change: Converging to Make a Difference in Campus Journalism”.

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5. Participants to this convention are students of SPJ schools and observers coming from schools which intend to implement the program in the coming years. Schools are advised to closely supervise the conduct of the activity to ensure meaningful experiences for the learners.

6. The convention requires no Registration Fee for participants.

7. For the information and guidance of all concerned.

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