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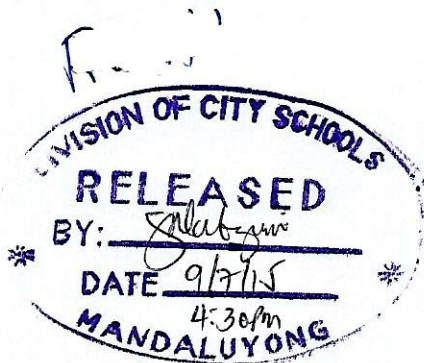
MEMORANDUM:

TO : Chief Education Supervisors, CID & SGOD,
Education Program Supervisors,
School Governance and Operations Division Officials,
Curriculum Implementation Division Officials,
Principals, Public Secondary Schools

SUBJECT: TranQuills Writing for Peace

DATE : September 7, 2015

1. Attached is Regional Letter No. 247, s. 2015 Re: **Launching of "TranQuills Writing for Peace"**, which is self-explanatory and for dissemination to all concerned school officials.
2. All public secondary schools are encouraged to join in the said online contest by sending their entries to tranquills2015@gmail.com on or before October 9, 2015.
3. Further inquiries may be addressed through Ms. Marylaine Padlan at mobile number 09328701369.
4. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.




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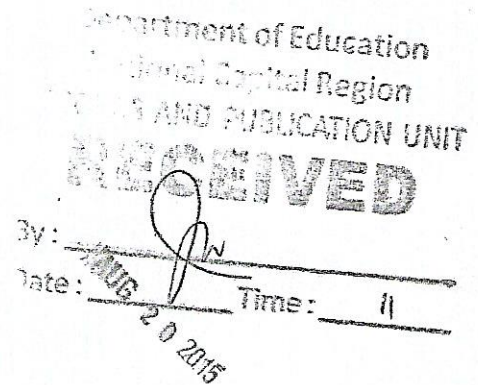
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August 10, 2015

DR. LUZ S. ALMEDA

Regional Director
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Dear Dr. Almeda:

We are from Medical Students for Social Responsibility – International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (**MSSR-IPPNW**), a student organization based in the University of the Philippines College of Medicine committed to promoting and ensuring human health and welfare by raising awareness on militarism and war, their effects on people, especially on children, and the environment. Our organization is a member of the Asian Medical Students Association – Philippines (**AMSA-Philippines**), **AMSA-International**, and the International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (**IFMSA**), the largest student federation in the world, composed of 1.2 million medical students from 100 different countries.

This coming **September 2015**, we will be launching "**TranQuills: Writing for Peace**" an online essay writing contest for **public and private high school students in Metro Manila**. This 2015, TranQuills has adopted the theme "**Modernization: Discovering the Meaning of Peace in Today's Dynamic World.**" With this, we aim to promote awareness and understanding of the different current issues and its effect to the concept of peace among the youth by providing them a venue for expressing their thoughts through writing. Moreover, this November 14, 2015, we will be holding the **TranQuills Workshop and Awarding Ceremony**. The workshop in line with our advocacy will have two parts, one aiming to cater to students, and the other aiming to guide teachers incorporate the values of human rights and nuclear disarmament in molding their students holistically

In line with this, we would like to ask assistance from your office in launching our campaign among all public and private high schools within the National Capital Region. We are aware that it is the usual case for organizations holding events such as these to request the regional office to disseminate a memorandum inviting schools to send participants.

Attached with this letter is the invitation letter for individual high schools, a copy of the concept note for the event, as well as the finalized contest mechanics for more details regarding the contest. If possible, we would like to request a date to meet personally so we can discuss our project further.



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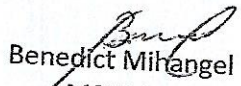
You may contact Marylaine Padlan (09328701369) or email us (tranquills2015@gmail.com) if you would like to make arrangements or for any further questions.

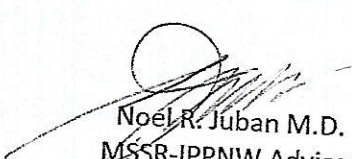
Thank you very much for your time. We shall eagerly await your response.

Sincerely,


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Peace-IPPNW Co-Commissioner


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"TranQuills: Writing for Peace" is an online essay-writing contest open to all public and private high school students in Metro Manila. Hosted by Medical Students for Social Responsibility – IPPNW (MSSR-IPPNW), the contest aims to promote social awareness and understanding of relevant peace and nuclear disarmament issues among the youth by providing them a venue for expressing their thoughts through writing.

This 2015, TranQuills has adopted the theme "**Modernization: Discovering the Meaning of Peace in Today's Dynamic World**". Participants will be tasked to write a 500 to 1000-word essay in English centering on the chosen theme. Moreover, students and their coaches may also participate in the TranQuills 2015 Seminar and Awarding Ceremony, wherein concepts on peace, nuclear disarmament, and nonviolent conflict handling will be tackled. Cash prizes and medals will be awarded to the top-three winners in this program to be held at the UP College of Medicine in November 14, 2015.

More on the theme:

Peace is a word that is usually heard in forums, media and even in our everyday life. It is often heard in greetings, prayers and speeches of different personalities. Moreover, there exist various definitions of peace. This suggests that the concept of peace may differ per individual and per society. Peace is usually perceived as the negation of violence manifested as ceasefire in armed conflict or reduction of anger between two people. Peace also presents as a state of harmony. This encompasses several concepts such as freedom, justice, reconciliation, and respect. Peace also signifies completeness and wholeness of self in the perspective of religion.

However, peace is never limited to those definitions. Modernization and globalization have led to varied and more personalized interpretation of peace. Individuals have learned to think within the limitless possibilities brought by the ever-changing society of the modern world. That is why there is a need to rediscover the concept of peace amongst the youth in order for them to clearly understand what the world truly needs.

Guide Questions:

- ❖ Among the existing definitions of peace, which of these definitions are still applicable for today's world? What does peace mean in the modern world?
- ❖ How do the various elements of our modern world affect the concept of peace?
- ❖ Will those elements of modernity help us find peace?
- ❖ How can modernity be an instrument to teach peace?

The Organization: MSSR-IPPNW Philippines

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