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#BALIK ESKWELA 2016

### USec Ocampo and RD San Antonio visit GNHS-SHS

DepEd officials Undersecretary for Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Dina S. Ocampo and Regional Director Dr. Diosdado M. San Antonio visited the Grade 11 teachers and students of Gulang-Gulang National High School (GNHS) on the opening day of Senior High School (SHS) classes as they mark the history of changes in the Philippine education system on June 15.

USec Ocampo and RD San Antonio inspected the four SHS classrooms of GNHS offering Technical and Vocational Livelihood (TVL) track and Academic track including General Academics (GAS), Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM), and Accountancy, Business, and Management (ABM) strands.

Meanwhile, they interviewed the students on the importance of SHS and reasons of choosing their respective tracks and strands. RD San Antonio further asked Grade 11 students about the learning they have gained in the class so far. A student replied, "These lessons teach us that we are capable of making our nation better". This reply gained a "thumbs up" gesture

from the director.

Daily Lesson Logs suggested to be used include the topics "Who am I as a Senior HS learner?", "What skills do I need to succeed in SHS?", and "What do I want to learn and how can I learn about it?" The first three weeks in Grade 11 classes covering the period June 13-30 will focus on the said topics.

On the other hand, they also asked about the previous profession of the SHS teachers. Of the eight SHS teachers at GNHS, three were from JHS, namely, Azenith A. Gallano, Adoracion B. Remo, and Jennifer M. Oblesias. The other five; Rogemor C. Castillo, Lainjel Mayor, Lotus D. Rolle, Jennylyn Marace, and Mari Rose Ladera, were from external departments such as DSWD and Med-technology. USec. Ocampo and RD San Antonio checked as well the number of

enrollees per class.

USec. Ocampo particularly asked about what to do with the residences close to the SHS building. The school principal responded that they will be relocated in the proper place near the school. The DepEd officials affirmed that the school is ready for SHS. (Azenith A. Gallano, MT II, GNHS, SDO-Lucena City)



SHS ALL READY. GNHS-SHS teachers pose for a picture with the DepEd officials. From left to right: (front row) RD Diosdado M. San Antonio, Adoracion B. Remo, USec Dina S. Ocampo, Azenith A. Gallano, Jennifer M. Oblesias, Lainjel Mayor and Rogemor C. Castillo. (back row) Rolando A. Seno, the school head and SDS Aniano M. Ogayan

### RD San Antonio urges ALL to successful leadership

Regional Director (RD) Dr. Diosdado M. San Antonio challenged the members of the Association of Learning Leaders (ALL) in attendance during its meeting on June 7 at Colegio San Agustin-Biñan to a kind of leadership that leads to success.

"When we deliver our services," he said, "make sure that we deliver it well...because as we perform, we continue to reform."

Participants to the activity were the regional and division top officials, public schools district supervisors, education program supervisors and education program specialists who discussed matters on Nurturing 21<sup>st</sup> Century Citizens via Effective Senior High School - the theme of the event.

During the director's hour, RD San Antonio elaborated on the key strategies such as

Proactive Child Mapping/Tracking System, Team-Based Delivery of Functions/Services, Information and Communications Technology Systems and Procedures, Needs-Based Capacity Building and Sustainable Partnership and Linkages that the regional and division offices should work on.

He also emphasized the value of teamwork, "working for a common interest" as he talked about factors for a successful team or ACTED - Autonomy in decision making, Clarity of goals and responsibilities, Team-orientation of members, Effectiveness of communication, and Diversity of skills of members.

"For school year 2016-2017," the Director cited that, "our targets, among others, are to successfully implement Grade 11 Senior High School Program; consistently push for sustaining gains in National Press Conferences,

Palaro, FLAME and TEA governance; passionately pursue key strategies to a quality basic education services; and relentlessly enliven the mantra that says a region where excellence is a culture and quality is a commitment."

Break-out sessions were held to talk over concerns regarding region's achievements, senior high school, curriculum implementation, and learning areas development.

The latter part of the program was devoted to give tribute to the outgoing Assistant Regional Director Dr. Beatriz G. Torno, who will be RD of Cordillera Administrative Region.

DepEd CALABARZON also welcomed incoming Assistant Regional Director Francis Cesar Bringas on the same occasion. (N. Lacuarin/J. Lopo, SDO Biñan City)





## Biñan City schools go 'full blast' on 1st day of classes

Simultaneous with the Department of Education (DepEd) national opening of classes on June 13, the 36 public elementary and secondary schools in the Division of Biñan City also had their full blast operations, catering to 49,787 initial enrolment on the first day.

Schools were all set and classes officially started with teachers who are on-task in the delivery of instruction. Students in uniform flocked to schools ready to learn new lessons.

"The first day of classes went on smooth sailing because all sectors played their roles in seeing to it that the opening will be all right," said Mr. Nicolas M. Burgos, Assistant Schools Division Superintendent.



**LEARNING AT ITS BEST** Grade 5 pupils of Dr. Marcelino Bonista Elementary School under Mrs. Gloria Estrella eagerly raise their hands to recite on YES or NO questions, their tone in English on the first day of classes. (J. Lopo)

Among the problems faced by students, teachers and administrators were classroom shortage due to failure to finish constructions of DepEd buildings as scheduled and late registration of transferees.

Issues on parents insisting that their children be accepted to Grade 1 having finished kindergarten at barangay day care centers and non-registered private schools were also addressed.



**JUMP-START TO LEARNING** Kids show readiness and excitement to learning as Grade 3 pupils of Dela Paz Elementary School on June 13, 2016 received their textbooks from Ms. Elia Doria. (J. Lopo)

Mr. Burgos explained that the authorities in the division are just enforcing the rules to comply to DepEd regulations.

Meanwhile, senior high school implementers had a good head start despite inadequacy of facilities.

Regional representative, Mr. Danilo H. Ilagan, division officials headed by SDS Hereberto Jose D. Miranda, CESO VI in partnership with the city government led by Mayor-elect Walfredo R. Dimaguila, Jr. conducted rigid monitoring to ensure a responsive and efficient Oplan Balik Eskwela campaign.

Help desks and security groups were in place to accommodate concerns of parents, students and other stakeholders.

Meetings were also held to plan for trouble-shooting strategies to resolve arising issues and concerns relative to the opening of classes. (J. Lopo, SDO- Biñan City)

Ipinagdiwang sa liwasang bayan ng Nasugbu, Batangas ang ika-118 Araw ng Kalayaan. Dinaluhan ito ng mga kawani ng lokal na pamahalaan sa pangunguna ng Mayor Charito M. Apacible at mga pinuno ng 44 na mga paaralang elementarya at sekundarya sa pangunguna nina Dr. Gregorio V. Meneses at Gng. Avelina O. Gaa, mga pampurok na tagamasid.

Binigyang diin ng alkalde na dapat maikintal sa isip ng mga mamamayan at mga kabataan ang kahalagahan ng kalayaan.

Ibinahagi ni Dr. Meneses ang hinalaw na kasaysayan ng araw ng kasarinlan, gayundin ang mga taong nagpunyagi upang makamit ang kalayaang hinahangad.

Ipinabot din ni Dr. Meneses ang pakikiisa ng Pansangay na Tagapamanihala ng mga paaralan Dr. Carlito D. Rocafort.

Ayon kay Dr. Meneses, bagamat nagkakaiba-iba kung minsan ang pagsasalaysay ng araw ng kalayaan, ang mahalaga ay maibahagi natin ang kahalagahan nito sa mga kabataang binhi ng pagkakaisa, punla ng kapayapaan at bunga ng maunlad na kinabukasan.

Ang mga kabataang ito ang uugit sa ating bayan sa susunod na mga henerasyon. Mabuhay ang Nasugbuëñong, Batangueñong Pilipino. (Dr. Gregorio V. Meneses, District Supervisor, Nasugbu East District)



## Araw ng Kalayaan sa Nasugbu

## Calaca Central School commemorates 118<sup>th</sup> Philippine Independence Day

In this year's celebration of the 118th Independence Day, the Incumbent President of the Philippines, Benigno Simeon C. Aquino led the national commemoration through a simultaneous raising of the National Flag at 8:00 in the morning preceded by holiday honors by the AFP to the President followed by wreath-laying ceremony at the Rizal Monument in Rizal Park. Other government officials also led the flag-raising ceremony on different parts of the nation.

The annual June 12 observance of Philippine Independence Day came into effect after former President Diosdado Macapagal signed the Republic Act. No. 4166 on August 4, 1964. This Act legalized the holiday, which based on the Declaration of Independence on June 12, 1898 by General Emilio Aguinaldo and Filipino revolutionary forces from the Spanish colonization. Aguinaldo believed that a declaration of Independence would inspire the

people to fight back against the Spaniards and at the same time lead other nations to recognize the independence of the Philippines. This event took place at the Aguinaldo house in Kawit, Cavite where the Philippine flag was raised and its national anthem was played for the first time.

In commemoration of this historic day, the Calaca Central School celebrated the event with the ceremonial flag raising at around 7:30 in the morning. Pupils, parents and officers from different nearby barangays were present. Mrs. Marites V. Tanio hosted the event. The program started with the opening remarks by Mrs. Nerissa Calingasan in which she highlighted the importance of the special

occasion. The National Anthem was conducted by Mrs. Dorotea Marasigan followed by the pledge to the Philippine flag. To formally close the event, Mrs. Asuncion A. Macalindong, the School Principal, delivered the closing remarks. She thanked the pupils, teachers, parents and barangay officials who attended the flag raising ceremony. The event was observed by everyone in the community by displaying flaglets within the school premises. (Marites V. Tanio, AP Coordinator, Calaca Central School)





## BES, SDO – Lucena Receives National Award from BLT

Bocohan Elementary School (BES) of SDO – Lucena City received award from Jollibee Group Foundation (JGF) which recognized schools that showed exemplary performance in implementing the Foundation's Busog, Lusog, Talino (BLT) School Feeding Program through the BLT Excellence Awards graced by the President of the Philippines Benigno Simeon C. Aquino III at EDSA Shangri La Hotel, Mandaluyong City on May 30.

BES is a consistent finalist and received the highest National Award for garnering the Luzon Winner of the 2016 National BLT Excellence Awards during the Foundation's 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. It was honored for exceeding the BLT standards for food safety and quality, and its innovative approaches to working with the community to sustain the program.

"Our success will not be possible without the help of our education partners who are active in our school programs and projects which focuses on our children's welfare", John Andolf Abairo, School Feeding Coordinator, shared his secret in coordinating with their stakeholders. He added that the BLT program being supported by JGF aimed to increase the health nutritional status of pupils in public schools from undernourished to well-nourished by providing them lunch daily.

According to Mr. Abairo, BLT feeding program is vital in their school since many of their children belong to undernourished. Through this, they noticed that their pupils became more attentive and participative in school activities, the absenteeism and drop-out rate in their school decreased evidently. (Carlo Joseph V. Castillo, PDO – II, SGOD, SDO-Lucena City)



FRUIT OF SUCCESS. (L-R) Dr. Aniano M. Ogayan – SDS of Lucena City, John Andolf Abairo -School Feeding Coordinator of BES, Leah Comia-TIC BES, Arlene Avellana - School Feeding Coordinator of East V E/S and Emilia Mendoza – TIC East V E/S beam with pride for their achievement.



REAL PUBLIC SERVICE. John Andolf Abairo, School Feeding Coordinator of BES shows the award given by Jollibee Foundation, BLT

## District assemblies highlight research



PROJECT CRISP: Project Culture of Research to Improve Schools' Performance emphasized on the District Assemblies

District assemblies of teachers highlight provision of technical assistance in the conduct of action research in South, West, North and East Districts of the Schools Division of Lucena City on June 6, 8-10.

"As the schools division institutionalizes the conduct of action research through Project CRISP or Project Culture of Research to Improve Schools' Performance, we should work towards our ultimate goal which is to improve the schools' performance... and DepEd Order No. 43, s. 2015 and DepEd Order No. 4, s. 2016 provide us opportunities to conduct action research studies with financial

assistance...", as Ms. Azalea A. Gallano, SEPS-Planning and Research of the SDO-Lucena, emphasized in her talk.

Ms. Gallano provided pointers in research writing to 1,098 teachers and 48 school heads and informed the participants about the research themes and prepared samples on every part of an action research. She further encouraged them to respond to the second call of the Regional Basic Education Research Fund (BERF) Committee for research proposals.

In preparation for opening of School Year 2016-2017, Dr. Epifania F. Carandang, SGOD Chief, reminded the teachers about the reorganization of the

structure in the division office and matters on operations and governance. Mrs. Josephine T. Natividad, CID Chief, talked about changes to come this school year which include, monitoring to be done intensively with focus on curriculum implementation aside from school operations.

Dr. Rowela M. Caperiña, EPS I-SPED/ Kindergarten, Mrs. Janelet E. Fuentes, EPS I-TLE/ EPP, Engr. Susana A. Gabiola, EPS I - Math, Music & Arts, Dr. Roselyn Q. Golfo, EPS I-Science, Mr. Joey L. Jader, EPS I-PESS, Mrs. Modesta R. Jaurigue, EPS I-Filipino, Dr. Leonora Fe M. Malabonga, EPS I-English and Mrs. Myla K. Mendiola, EPS I-Araling Panlipunan, recognized and congratulated the writers and evaluators of the Learning Materials (LMs) and Teacher Guides (TGs) in the different grade levels in their respective subjects. They also mentioned the plan of activities, lesson plan and lesson log formats and requirements.

Public Schools District Supervisors Mr. Pablito R. Alay and Mrs. Milagros R. Lindain, North District, Mr. Guillermo M. Flores and Mrs. Eden E. Reazo, East District, Mrs. Nancy D. La Rosa and Mr. Donald M. Valle, West District, and Mr. Ronald V. Mendiola and Mrs. Chinita A. Tolentino, South District organized and facilitated the said district assemblies. (Azalea A. Gallano, SEPS-Planning and Research)