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DepEd, other agencies participate in the HDPR Community Forum and *Serbisyo* Caravan

PASIG CITY, August 19, 2017 – To ensure that students, parents, and other stakeholders have the necessary information on its priority programs and projects, the Department of Education (DepEd) participated at the Community Forum and *Serbisyo* Caravan held on August 12, 2017 at the Commonwealth Elementary School in Quezon City.

With the theme, *Edukasyon, Kalusugan, at Proteksyon*, this inter-agency initiative aimed to bring government services directly to the people from the various government agencies under the Human Development and Poverty Reduction (HDPR) Cabinet Cluster.

The HDPR Cabinet Cluster is composed of DepEd, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), Department of Health (DOH), National Youth Commission (NYC), National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC), and the Philippine Information Agency (PIA).

In his speech, DepEd Planning Service Director Roger Masapol explained the priority programs and projects of DepEd under the administration of Education Secretary Leonor Magtolis Briones, such as the Alternative Learning System (ALS), and the Senior High School (SHS) under the K to 12 Program.

Masapol also mentioned the Secretary's goal to bring education at the doorsteps of every learner, "*Kaya po nagde-develop tayo ng mga interventions and models para makapag-respond sa mga pangangailangan ng mga bata sa edukasyon.*"

Bringing information, services closer to the public

DepEd set up an information desk to answer the *Serbisyo* Caravan attendees' inquiries about ALS, the K to 12 Program, and other education initiatives.

Moreover, some students present at the event received school supplies, such as notebooks, crayons, pencils, and scissors, among others. Flyers and other informational materials were also given to attendees to better capacitate them on the programs and projects of DepEd.

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