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Usec. Dino: Think of the bigger picture



Usec. Lorna Dig-Dino solicits DepEd Cavite learning leaders' continuous support in the holistic development of every Filipino learners, equipped with 21st century skills. (Photo by Rey Ann Maramag-Avilla)

Department of Education (DepEd) Undersecretary for Curriculum and Instruction Lorna Dig-Dino urged school heads and education leaders to think of the 'bigger picture' in the school system to unify support for curriculum and instruction.

In her lecture during DepEd Cavite Province's Division Management Committee (ManCom) Meeting, January 10, she encouraged the learning leaders to become the "big picture and system thinkers" to contribute to making the world better.

"Let's do systemic thinking. We should think of cause and effect. When we do something in the school, let's look at the causes, so we can come up with solutions. We should do better for this generation for the sake of the nation," she added.

As part of the Department's continuous improvement (CI) endeavors, particularly in curriculum implementation, Dig-Dino also encouraged the participants to become balanced and inclusive education advocates.

Likewise, she called on the participants to teach system thinking and

21st century skills – information, media and technology skills, learning and innovation skills, communication skills and life and career skills – among learners across ages and levels.

At some point during her lecture, she specifically appealed to senior high school (SHS) principals to ensure the placement of graduating senior high school students to the most appropriate curriculum exit even before they graduate, saying this is a success indicator of the enhanced basic education curriculum.

Meanwhile, Usec. Dino also stressed the strategic curriculum goals of basic education in the country – universal participation and complete quality basic education.

"Allow kids to do so many things, give them opportunities to make use of the 21st century skills," she said underscoring that learners must think globally and act local. "These strategic goals of the department primarily rest in the schools, and school principals have the responsibility to implement these." (Domingo R. Cueto, School Head of Bienvenido Fojas Memorial ES; Susan Guanzon, School Head of Tejeros Convention ES; and Rey Ann Maramag-Avilla Project Development Officer I/ DAIO of DepEd Cavite Province)

SDO Santa Rosa City participates in the 2019 Midterm Elections Unity Walk, Interfaith Rally and Peace Covenant

In line with the COMELEC's mandate to ensure free, orderly, honest, peaceful and credible elections, the Schools Division Office of Santa Rosa City headed by OIC-Schools Division Superintendent Helen A. Ramos participated in the 2019 Midterm Elections Unity Walk, Interfaith Rally and Peace Covenant, January 13.

The said activity was led by Police Superintendent Eugene J. Orate, Acting Chief of Police of Santa Rosa City together with Hidelyn Mayo, Program

Manager of the Department of Interior and Local Government of Santa Rosa City, Edgardo DS Marfil, Election Officer of Santa Rosa, and local candidates.

The program started with Interfaith prayer headed by different religions in the City of Santa Rosa followed by Unity Walk of DepEd, Comelec, PNP, DILG, local candidates, and stakeholders. The last part of the program was the signing of Peace Covenant. (Jason G. Sagaysay, Senior Education Program Specialist, SDO Santa Rosa City)



SDO Cavite Province boosts 2019 with new tagline

Schools Division Office of Cavite Province is undertaking sustained management initiatives with the launching of its new tagline "Game Changer: Reinventing the Norm, Raising the Bar," during their first Management Committee (ManCom) meeting for 2019, January 10.

The new tagline embodies SDO Cavite Province's aim to surpass its accomplishments of 2018 by reinventing and redefining management process towards excellent service delivery.

"In order to raise the bar, you have to change the way we manage schools. We're growing, we're decentralizing," Schools Division Superintendent Cherrylou D. Repia said as she laid down her 2019 plans for the Division which highlights the upscale of the quality management system in the Division and district offices up to the school level.

For 2019, the Division is eyeing for another quality management breakthrough that is the Philippine Quality Awards (PQA) certification.

Moreso, Repia formally sent out her challenge to 25 schools set to establish their QMS which shall be certified against the ISO 9001:2015 standards by the end of school year 2019-2020.

With this, Magdaleno dR. Lubigan, school head of the Tagaytay City Science



Aside from the launching of the Division's new tagline, DepEd Cavite recognizes the outstanding and valuable contributions of school heads and retirees in the attainment of the Division's 2018 targets. (Photo by: Rey Ann Maramag-Avilla)

National High School (TCSNHS), shared his team's ISO journey to inspire and provide a stepping stone for other learning leaders who want to take the challenge.

TCSNHS is the first science high school in CALABARZON to get ISO certified in December 2018, having no non-conformity, through the guidance of

consultant Engr. Margel Jajurie of Macro Vision Consultancy and continuous support of the Division's QMS team. (Domingo R. Cueto, School Head, Bienvenido Fojas Memorial ES and Rey Ann Maramag-Avilla, Project Development Officer I/ DAIO, DepEd Cavite Province)

SDO Laguna Province fills up vacant positions for senior high schools

In adherence to the TEA Governance Program which calls to strengthen the merit system and open ranking procedures among teacher applicants, the Schools Division Office of Laguna deployed 49 teaching items to each of the 20 senior high schools within its jurisdiction. This endeavor aimed in improving quality performance and delivery of basic education services to Lagunense students.

The open ranking, held on Dec. 10, 2018 at SDO Laguna's Conference Room, was led by Assistant Schools Division Superintendent Lourdes T. Bermudez who served as Chairman of HRMP SB.

The ASDS issued OSDS-DM-18-345 dated November 23, 2018 to fill up the vacant and extension positions in senior high schools. She was assisted by Asst. Schools Division Supt for Elementary Neil G. Angeles, SGOD Chief Darwin S. Talambayan, Administrative Officer

Immanuel E. Icalina, SHS Coordinator/EPS-I Erma Valenzuela together with Division Planning Officer Arlene Bonggon and SDO Personnel Unit Lou Fresno.

Principals from the following senior high schools also participated in the open ranking of teacher applicants. These were Laguna Senior High School, San Pedro Relocation Center National High School (Main), Siniloan Integrated National High School, Balian Integrated National High School, Dayap National Integrated High School of Calauan, Sta. Catalina Integrated National High School, Kabulusan Integrated National High School, Famy Integrated National High School, Cristobal S. Conducto Memorial Integrated National High School, and Sta. Maria Integrated High School.

Other schools were Liliw Senior High School, Plaridel Integrated National High School, Nicolas L. Galvez Memorial



Integrated National High School, Matalatala Integrated National High School, Masaya Integrated National High School, Ibayiw Integrated National High School, San Buenavista Integrated National High School-Annex, Los Banos-Lalakay Senior High School Stand Alone, Los Banos Senior High School, and San Pedro Relocation Center National High School Landayan Annex (Edited by: Ferdinand P. Castro)

DOST recognizes Queens Row teacher as national finalist for 2018 InnoBox

Rachel T. Bulaqui, a grade six Teacher III in Queens Row Elementary School was awarded as one of the top 3 finalists of the Department of Science and Technology's (DOST) search for Most Innovative Teaching and Learning Resources in Science or shortly known as InnoBox Search.

The InnoBox Project is a nationwide search for the most innovative teaching and learning resources in science. The search is open to all public and private elementary and secondary schools nationwide, and encourages teachers to be innovative/creative/practical in teaching science concepts to improve student's performance in the subject. It is also open to all Filipino teachers who are currently teaching science. Moreover, it has three search categories - Grade 3-6 category, Grade 7-10 category and Grade 11-12 category.

QRES as represented by Bulaqui sent a proposal to InnoBox Project Science Education and Innovation Division Science Education Institute-DOST on November 2017 about her innovative material in Science titled "Electrically Manipulated Musculoskeletal System Model with Digestive System and

Respiratory System." The Technical Committee evaluated the proposal, ranked the entry and endorsed the qualifier for Grade 3-6 category.

Out of 79 entries nationwide, Bulaqui's proposal was selected as one of the qualifiers. She received a financial grant of Php 50,000.00 to be utilized to create the prototype or enhance the existing teaching and learning resource being proposed.

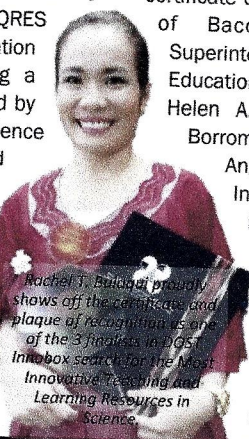
As part of the evaluation process, on August 29, 2018, the InnoBox Search's Technical Committee visited QRES and monitored the implementation of the innovation by observing a demonstration teaching executed by the proponent and another Science teacher using the qualified innovative material. Likewise, they also conducted an interview involving the school principal, qualifiers, the team members and also students as part of the monitoring activity.

After the monitoring visit, the qualifier submitted to the

Search Secretariat a financial report on the disbursement of grant with all the supporting documents. One winner per category was selected and declared as the over-all grand winner.

The InnoBox Award 2018 was held at Philippine International Convention Center (PICC) in Pasay City on December 11, 2018. Bulaqui, together with the project team members Roger F. Bulaqui, Neil Padilla and Fretcy G. Bonote received a plaque and certificate of recognition with the full support of Bacoar City Schools Division Superintendent Felizardo O. Bolanos, Education Program Supervisor in Science Helen A. Gutierrez, Principal Benita R. Borromeo, and Key Teacher in Science Angelica J. Macaraeg.

Indeed, the recognition received by Bulaqui and her team members brought honor to QRES and to the City Schools Division of Bacoar as one of the three finalists out of 79 entries nationwide. (Fretcy G. Bonote, Teacher, Queensrow Elementary School, Division of Bacoar City)



Rachel T. Bulaqui proudly shows off the certificate and plaque of recognition as one of the 3 finalists in DOST InnoBox search for the Most Innovative Teaching and Learning Resources in Science.

SDO Bacoar City soars high in 2018 Regional FTAD Year-End Performance Appraisal

As a newly ISO-certified division, Schools Division of Bacoar City has proven again its commitment to excellence and delivering highest quality of education to all its learners when it was named Best Division Project 555 Implementer in DepEd CALABARZON's Field and Technical Assistance Division Year-End Performance Appraisal on Core Team and Management held at Great Eastern Hotel in Quezon City, December 11, 2018.

The plaque of recognition and certificate of appreciation of the said award were received by SGOD Chief Cesar M. Mojica and EPS in English Julieta De Jesus.

Moreover, Bayanan Elementary School headed by Cherrylyn Dayao, was also recognized as Best School Project 555 Implementer, while Queens Row Elementary School headed by Benita R. Borromeo and Soldiers Hills IV Elementary School headed by Marivic J. Dinglasan were among the top three finalists in the region in the Best School Clique: A Tour de Force (School-to-School Partnership) Leader and Partner School category.

Similarly, QRES was given special recognition for hosting Korean-Philippines Teachers Exchange Program. Teachers Angelica J. Macaraeg and Carmelita P. Mararac were also given certificate of appreciation for being the teacher-mentors of the two Korean exchange teachers that stayed in QRES for 3 months.

The distribution of plaque and certificates of recognition during the aforesaid significant event were spearheaded by Assistant Regional Director Carlito D. Rocafort together with the Regional FTAD Team

composed of Chief Agnes G. Rolle, Education Program Supervisors Michael Girard R. Alba and Andrea Mabel E. Abrencillo, and PDO II Ma. Criscel R. Negosa.

All the accomplishments received by the division in various contests from regional level up to international level, testify how the people in the division work to push harder and sustain excellence and be true to its tagline, "Numero Uno sa kalidad ng Edukasyon at serbisyo para sa batang Bacoareno." (Nelsen B. Tumaliuan, Teacher of Queensrow Elementary School, Division of Bacoar City)



Bacoar City delegates at the Regional FTAD Year-End Performance Appraisal on Core Team and Management (L-R), Mrs. Angelica Macaraeg, Mrs. Carmelita Mararac, Mrs. Marivic Dinglasan, Mrs. Cherrylyn Dayao, Dr. Cesar Mojica, Dr. Benita Borromeo, Dr. Julieta De Jesus and Mrs. Nelsen Tumaliuan.