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DepEd enlists support to promote good citizenship

In line with the vision of President Aquino for a better Philippines, the Department of Education joins the EDSA People Power Commission (EPPC) and the Good Citizenship Movement (GCM) in the 5th Annual National Congress on Good Citizenship.

Through DepEd Memorandum 371, Education Secretary Armin Luistro encouraged all regional directors and principals of public and private elementary and secondary schools nationwide to attend the congress on good citizenship on October 15-16 at the 18th floor, Br. Andrew Gonzales Hall, De La Salle University, Taft Avenue, Manila. It carries the theme "*Promoting Values in Support of a Reform Agenda.*"

"A socially-responsible and disciplined Filipino citizenry means a better Philippines. Through this congress, we can show our solidarity with the government in making this country a better place for all of us," said Luistro.

The congress aims to create an environment conducive to reforms in support of the Reform Agenda of the Aquino Administration. It also seeks to promote the core values enshrined in the Preamble of the Philippine Constitution on four key sectors: government, academe, civil society, and business.

Activities include Values Change Strategies, Keynote on President's Reform Agenda, Sharing of Successful Practices, Bayawan Mayor – Promoting Values within the Local Government, National Service Training Program (NSTP) Approach, Panel Speakers from Civil Society and Business Society, and Open Forum on October 15.

On the other hand, the topics for October 16 are Systems Change Strategies, Sharing of Successful Cases of Systems Reforms, Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) Experience by Alben Balbuena, Anti-Red Tape Act (Civil Service Commission), Template for Making the Reform Agenda Succeed by Rolly Quintos, and Workshop on Action Plan Presentation, Commitment and Closing Ceremonies.

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