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Eighth reading hub in Lanao opens today

More than 100,000 public school students can now hone their literacy skills and love for reading with the launching of the Department of Education's (DepEd) eighth Library Hub in Lanao del Norte today, October 30, 2008.

DepEd Secretary Jesli Lapus said that "DepEd's Library Hubs can not only instill love for reading among public school children, but can also further improve our high literacy rate, over which our country has laid a claim."

Maigo Mayor Hernando Granaderos and Lanao del Norte Governor Mohamad Khalid Dimaporo will join Secretary Lapus in the launching of the Library Hub.

By 2010, DepEd aims to build at least one Library Hub in every schools division. There are 189 divisions nationwide. To meet this target, the Education Chief "calls for support from the local government and the private sector to ensure the continuity of this initiative."

He added that "it is never too late to build a nation of readers. The notion that the Philippines is not a reading nation cannot be changed overnight – but can be changed gradually, one Library Hub at a time."

There are 70 Library Hubs all over the country that house value-laden children's books for preschoolers to Grade 6 and high schoolers most of which are award-winning and highly recommended by reading experts.

The Library Hub project was launched in 2003 to develop love for and habit of reading among public school pupils. It is a partnership between DepEd and a sponsor, which may be a local government unit, a private company, or a non-government organization.

DepEd annually accepts project proposals from schools divisions that do not have Library Hubs.

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