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DepEd, Lapus top Pulse Asia survey

The Department of Education (DepEd) is among the top three government agencies that garnered the highest approval ratings based on the July 2008 Ulat ng Bayan survey of Pulse Asia.

DepEd got an approval rating of 63 per cent, while the Department of Health (DOH) and Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) got 61 per cent and 65 per cent, respectively.

Among cabinet officials included in the survey, Education Secretary Jesli Lapus got the highest approval rating of 40 per cent, followed by DSWD Secretary Esperanza Cabral and Department of Tourism (DOT) Secretary Ace Durano.

“A more focused policy direction and continuous reforms in the education sector are effecting gradual yet substantial improvements in basic education. These survey results indicate that our policy changes are starting to produce results,” said Lapus.

The Education Chief also mentioned the growing support from the President as can be seen in the increased budgetary allocation for education. According to Lapus, “the President recognizes that investing in our human resource – that will comprise the future workforce – will bring about higher economic returns.”

Lapus’ top rank among cabinet officials in the Pulse Asia survey can be attributed to the wealth of experience in management he acquired from the private sector. His deft hand in streamlining the bureaucracy and managing its resources has lent credence to the department that first got the highest approval rating of 61 per cent last August 2007.

The survey was conducted from July 1 to 14, 2008, and included 1,200 respondents.

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