

BRIEFER

TULOY ANG PASKO NG MGA BATA 2007

DepEd Christmas Outreach Program

Background

- The ***Tuloy ang Pasko ng mga Bata*** was first launched in 2006 by the Department of Education to engage public support for about 1.8 Million schoolchildren affected by typhoons *Reming* and *Seniang*
- The program was conceptualized in the hope of giving the typhoon victims a chance to feel the spirit of Christmas through gift giving in those trying times
- Beneficiaries of ***Tuloy ang Pasko ng mga Bata*** were school children from Legaspi City, Albay, Catanduanes, Sorsogon Province, Sorsogon City, Camarines Sur, Masbate, , Marinduque, Mindoro, Romblon, Aklan, Antique, Guimaras, Leyte and Eastern Samar

Tuloy ang Pasko ng mga Bata 2007

- The Department is once again conducting the ***Tuloy ang Pasko ng mga Bata*** program this year, extending the beneficiaries to about 2 Million children of indigenous peoples, street and working children, children of poor families in the 5th and 6th class municipalities and children in calamity-affected areas. This will be conducted in 2, 384 school districts nationwide.
- Major components of this year's ***Tuloy ang Pasko ng mga Bata*** are Community prayer, gift giving activities, medical and dental services and entertainment events
- The Program will be launched at the Department of Education Central Office on December 19, 2007. A highlight of the event is a gift-giving activity with selected 600 children from public elementary schools in the National Capital Region including students from the Philippine National School for the Blind, Philippine School for the Deaf, working and street children, and school children from Muslim communities. This will begin at about 10:00 am.
- Booths will also be set-up at the front parking area of the Complex where the selected children can get their gift bags, which include educational toys, reading materials, food commodities and health kits

- Similar activities will also be undertaken simultaneously at the Regional, Division and District offices nationwide
- Medical and dental missions will also be held in all school districts on December 17 to 21
- Estimated budget in cities and large municipalities is P100 per child and in other areas is P50 per child. Funds shall be sourced from the MOOE savings of each office or from PTCA funds, School canteen or solicited from private organizations
- In line with this, the Department is soliciting participation from education stakeholders for the various Christmas outreach activities
- DepEd officials in the Regional and Division levels are also encouraged to establish partnership with local government agency counterparts and other private sector partners