

press release



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DepEd's Adopt-A-School Program honors stakeholders

Today, the Department of Education's Adopt-A-School Program honors its partners who have contributed in improving the state of Philippine Education through its annual Stakeholders' Night at the Diosdado Macapagal Hall, Landbank Plaza.

In his message, Sec Lapus thanked all those who have contributed to improve the public schools, "The partnerships that we have formed through the years are indeed valuable to us in the Department. You have provided our public schools more than resources. Your interventions have indeed made a difference in the learning outcomes of our pupils"

Problems in infrastructure, increasing drop-out rates, poor health and nutrition, poverty and the decreasing over-all quality of education in the country has compelled the private sector to invest in education. For this reason, the Adopt-A-School Program of DepEd was created. RA 8525: The Adopt-A-School Act of 1998, allows private entities to assist all public schools in the country and in return, can avail of 150% tax incentives, promote goodwill in its community and strengthen its corporate image.

From 2000 to 2006, the Adopt-A-School program has generated 2.1 billion pesos worth of support from the private sector. Last September 2006, ASP was re-launched by Education Secretary Jesli Lapus and to date, it has generated about 4.5 Billion pesos worth of interventions, donations and pledges.

Support for education came in various forms and packages. For infrastructure and physical facilities, over 100 Million pesos worth was received. 100 million pesos was received for all learning support and direct assistance to the schools. For teacher training and development 90 Million, 700 million for donor-driven and combined packages. The two largest area where most donations were poured in were Technology Support to Education and Health and Nutrition with 1.2 Billion and 2.3 Billion respectively.

As the night came to a conclusion, the Adopt-A-School Program's new campaign was launched. Supported by Ms. Yeng Constantino with her hit song, Hawak Kamay, the Adopt-A-School's new campaign seeks to encourage strengthened support from all stakeholders in education through various needs-based and sustainable interventions – harnessing technology, providing electric and water facilities to schools, enhancing health and nutrition and teacher development programs and supporting relevant education - that will eventually improve the schools, increase learning outcomes of the pupils and therefore, improve the quality of life of the generations to come.

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