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## Public school principals train on resource management

“Run a tight ship, optimize our resources.”

These are the marching orders of Education Secretary Jesli Lapus to public school principals who will attend the first-ever congress on resource management in Iloilo’s Sarabia Hotel and Convention Center on February 4-7, 2009.

The congress, jointly sponsored by the National Association of Secondary Schools of the Philippines (NASSPHIL) and DepEd is expected to upgrade the school principals’ knowledge and skills on resource management in accordance with the principles of the School-Based Management.

“Empowering the school principals to make them better managers forms part of our thrust to deliver quality education in our public schools,” Lapus said.

Participants to the congress are the NASSPHIL officers from the public schools, secondary school heads and teachers in-charge.

Under the School Based Management program, the school heads are given full authority to effectively manage the schools and raise the performance level of students.

“We want to develop education executives who are not only able to professionally manage our schools but can also motivate the students and teachers to give their best,” the education chief said.

DepEd continues to invest in training its executives become effective managers. Records show that in 2008 alone, some 1,600 school heads were trained under the Excellence in School Leadership program which the DepEd implements in partnership with SEAMEO INNOTECH. Also, 113 DepEd mid-level managers have underwent a 35-day executive coaching under the Philippine Australian Human Resource Development Facility.

DepEd has an agreement with the Asian Institute of Management where department’s officials go through leadership development program.

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“We need to make managers out of every principal, supervisor, superintendent, administrator and director” Lapus stressed.

The resource management congress also gives the school principals a better understanding of issues and challenges affecting the delivery of secondary education.

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