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## Lapus gets award for good governance

Education Secretary Jesli Lapus will be conferred tomorrow the Manuel L. Quezon Good Governance Award for his exemplary management skills and leadership that saw the Department of Education registering marked efficiency in resource mobilization as well as improving performance of public school students in national tests.

The award will be given by the Good Citizenship Movement during the Joint Congress of the Federation of Catholic Schools' Alumni Association. The movement comprises 200 non-government organizations nationwide.

Secretary Lapus expressed his appreciation to the Good Citizenship Movement for upholding the bottom-up approach to good citizenship. "Just as we demand accountability and honesty from our institutions, so should we assess ourselves and strive to be law-abiding citizens," said the DepEd Chief.

Under his watch, Lapus led DepEd into registering great advances in students' ratings in the National Achievement Test as well as peak resource mobilization. Such performances were later recognized by the public by giving DepEd the highest public approval rating among national government agencies and Lapus as top performing Cabinet secretary.

Together with Lapus, this year's awardees include Metropolitan Manila Development Authority Bayani Fernando and SM Prime Holdings President Teresita Coson.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> National Congress on Good Citizenship was organized by The Good Citizenship Movement, the Commission on Higher Education, UP-NCPAG, and the Center for Leadership, Citizenship, and Democracy.

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