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School health, nutrition congress kicks off on May 28

Recognizing the direct link of the health of schoolchildren to academic performance, the Department of Education shall conduct the 2008 National School Health and Nutrition Congress on May 28 to 30 at Teachers Camp, Baguio City to highlight the innovations in health care delivery in public schools.

The Congress is initiated by DepEd's School Health and Nutrition Center and the Adopt-a-School secretariat.

Carrying the theme "The Changing Face of School Health Now and into the Future," the convergence will be attended by school health officials, medical officers, dentists, nurses, and other school health personnel including officials from partner agencies and Adopt-a-School Program coordinators across the country.

"We are expecting 1,500 delegates from the regions, divisions, schools as well as representatives from partner agencies and private organizations," SHNC Director Thelma Santos said.

Secretary Jesli Lapus shall be the keynote speaker of the congress.

One of the highlights of the four-day gathering is the awarding of the outstanding school health personnel and retirees.

This year's congress seeks to present assessment of collaborative effort to mitigate hunger and improve health as well as academic achievements of public school children.

It also aims to provide platforms to sustain health programs and forge commitment and grand alliances with stakeholders for school health.

Some 26 partner agencies including non-government organizations are invited to participate in this event of national impact.

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