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DepEd, DTI monitor prices of school supplies

As part of preparations for school opening, Department of Education Secretary Jesli Lapus and representatives of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) today visited Divisoria along Recto where most middle-class parents flock to get cheaper school supplies.

Lapus together with DepEd and DTI officials joined the price monitoring team tasked to inspect the prices of basic school supplies. For three weeks now, the team from DTI has been monitoring the prices of pad paper, pencil, and composition notebooks.

The Education Chief stressed that DepEd is intensifying its partnership with other government agencies to avert the usual difficulties related to school opening. He is “grateful for the cooperation of agencies such as DTI which helps keep price increase of school supplies at bay.”

Average prices of basic school supplies, such as pad papers for all grade levels, composition notebooks, and pencils have remained stable. The price of Mongol pencil, for instance, has remained at P5.64. Parents who buy by bulk can avail themselves of lower prices.

DTI Assistant Chief Nelly Guinid said that “the public is assured of a steady supply of school needs.” DepEd is also one with DTI in reminding traders against profiteering and reminds them to put price tags on school supplies.

DepEd has gone full force in its *Oplan Balik Eskwela* to ensure parents that school opening will proceed smoothly.

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