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DepEd, DTI: ‘prices of school supplies stable’

“Prices of school supplies remain stable and will not contribute to the financial burden of parents,” said Department of Education (DepEd) Secretary Jesli Lapus as he, together with representatives from the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), inspected prices of school supplies today at Divisoria as part of preparations for school opening under Oplan Balik Eskwela.

“We are closely working with DTI to see to it that school supplies are affordable for our public school students,” Lapus added.

Notebooks with 80 leaves can be purchased for PhP8 to PhP8.50. A pad with 90 sheets costs PhP15 to PhP18. A box of eight crayons costs PhP15, while a box of 16 costs PhP30. A box of 24 costs PhP40.

The DepEd chief was joined by Manila Mayor Alfredo Lim in the price monitoring activity.

Oplan Balik Eskwela is a series of preparations for school opening initiated by DepEd. Aside from ensuring that prices of school supplies remain stable, DepEd prohibits the collection of all fees in public schools in June.

“DepEd has been undertaking various efforts to encourage parents to send their children to school. We want all Filipino children in school,” Lapus said.

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