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DepEd, Secretary Lapus top approval survey

In a nationwide “Ulat ng Bayan” survey conducted by Pulse Asia during the first quarter of the year, the Department of Education (DepEd) was given the highest approval rating and ranked the least corrupt among government agencies. Secretary of Education Jesli Lapus also received the highest performance rating among cabinet members.

DepEd's sixty two percent (62%) approval was the same rating notched by the Department of Health. Next was the Department of Social Welfare and Development.

“The survey results show that basic education reforms are being felt and acknowledged by the general public. The dedicated men and women in the DepEd organization, the largest in the country, deserve kudos for responding positively to change,” Lapus said.

DepEd registered big advances in student achievement test results in 2008. Significant resource gaps in classrooms, teacher and principal items, textbooks and teacher training have narrowed considerably since 2006 due to DepEd's successful mobilization and utilization of funds.

The Education Secretary acknowledged the full support given to the Department by President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo including the school feeding and hunger mitigation programs and anti-poverty subsidies as part of her key education projects.

“Private sector and foreign donors partnering with DepEd's innovative programs like Adopt-A-School and alternative learning systems for out-of-school learners, help us meet our goals. After all, the task of education is everyone's business,” Lapus said.

Lapus' forty six percent (46%) approval rating was a significant reflection of the trust and confidence reposed on DepEd, adjudged the least corrupt among government agencies at twenty percent (20%).

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