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DepEd-Zambo City bring heritage building back to former glory

Zamboanga City's cultural heritage received a boost today with the restoration and turnover of a 100-year old building, courtesy of the Department of Education (DepEd), Heritage Conservation Society (HCS) and Zamboanga City government.

DepEd Secretary Jesli Lapus and Zamboanga City Mayor Celso Lobregat led today's turnover ceremonies of a heritage building in Zamboanga East Central School in Zamboanga City.

"This school building is a testament of the strong partnership among DepEd, the Zamboanga City government and the Heritage Conservation Society in ensuring that a national pride will be protected for years to come," Lapus said.

The building design was preserved following the Gabaldon-type school building model under the Conservation of Heritage Building project, which involved HCS consulting team and DepEd engineers.

The building features include 4 academic classrooms, 1 computer room, guidance room, faculty room, library, music room and admin room.

Implemented by the Zamboanga City Local Government, the project began in February, 2008 and was completed in November, 2008.

Previously inaugurated Gabaldon-type school buildings declared national heritage were Rizal Elementary School in Bacolod City, Pampanga High School in San Fernando City and Baguio Central School in Baguio City.

Zamboanga East Central School is the show window of the city's educational programs and best practices in teaching-learning activity in the region. It also serves as the center for school district transactions and activities.

Lapus also visited other Zamboanga City schools with newly constructed buildings implemented by the city government. He went to Sta. Maria Central Elementary School with its new two-storey, 12-classroom school building, which comprise of two science labs and 10 academic classrooms. He also visited Don Pablo Lorenzo Memorial High School which had 2 units 10-classroom school building.

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