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## Nat'l Educators' Congress to push for management retooling

More than a thousand key officials in the public and private basic education system will convene to further sharpen their management tools and professional skills in the 2008 National Educators' Congress at the Teachers Camp in Baguio City on December 2-4, 2008.

Education Secretary Jesli Lapus will lead education managers in a series of focused workshops and plenary sessions to be conducted by top management experts from the Asian Institute of Management, and the academe.

Lapus said, "Through this Congress, we expect to further revitalize the drive and energize the competencies of DepEd leadership as they plan and implement key projects that will lead to improved basic education."

DepEd central office heads including undersecretaries, assistant secretaries, chiefs, assistant chiefs and directors will attend the event. Also, 170 regional and 760 division participants will share their outstanding programs that address the UNESCO-spearheaded Education For All (EFA) goals and targets. EFA aims to meet the learning needs of all children, youth and adults by 2015. Selected principals, teachers and parent representatives of the PTCA are also expected participants.

The event also aims to enhance existing programs and build new interventions geared in achieving universal primary education, promoting gender equality and women empowerment. These are contained in the United Nations-led Millennium Development Goals 2 and 3, respectively.

"DepEd cannot attain these goals alone. Networking, linkages, interaction and exchange of best practices among stakeholders are essential if we are to make progress towards our EFA and MD targets," Lapus stressed.

With the theme: "Transforming Organizations: Lessons in Excellence," topics to be discussed include: Redesigning Organizational Management, Education Governance for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Organizational Ethics, Reaching the Unreached and Creating and Sustaining Superior Performance.

Speakers for the event include Nandu Nandkishore, Chairman and CEO Nestle Philippines; Mark Cruz, Head, Gawad Kalinga Foundation in Ateneo De Manila University; Fr Greg Bañaga, CM President Adamson University; Bro. Rolando Dizon, FSC of De La Salle University and Hon. Jesse Robredo, Naga City Mayor.

The National Educators' Congress also serves as culmination of the Baguio Teachers' Camp centennial celebration this year. **END**