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## DepEd & UNESCO push for ICT in education

The Department of Education continues to push for the use of information communication technology in the public school system to meet the needs of the 21<sup>st</sup> century education.

Education Secretary Jesli Lapus also called on teachers, school administrators and schools division superintendents to participate in the UNESCO Next Generation of Teachers: First Philippine Conference on Information Communications Technology (ICT) in Teacher Education.

“Investing in ICT will innovate teaching-learning practices and ease school management,” Lapus said.

The University of the Philippines-College of Education will host the event on October 26-30, 2009 at UP Diliman, Quezon City.

The ICT conference will be held in different venues within the UP Diliman Campus with the following planned parallel workshops: Peer Coaching, Intel Teach: Web 2.0 Tools, ICT Integration, and Curriculum Development.

The event aims to enhance participants’ skills in ICT integration in teaching and learning; develop action plans in implementing and sharing acquired ICT skills; and plan collaborative research on integrating technology in instruction.

“This conference is a response to the challenges of the future. We have to continue to press for greater access to ICT so we can provide quality education for all,” Lapus added.

DepEd aims to provide all 6,650 public high schools with computer laboratories as well as Internet connection in partnership with the private sector.

Lapus continues to enlist private sector support to public education through the Adopt-A-School Program (ASP). In this program, private sector can work closely with the department by providing financial assistance, technical support, supplementary learning materials, and physical facilities among others.

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