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CARAGA Region scores big in NAT

The National Achievement Test (NAT) given to second year high school students by the Department of Education (DepEd) this year showed students in Caraga Region registering remarkable performance in key subjects.

Dr. Nelia Benito, Director of the National Educational Testing and Research Center of DepEd said that in terms of regional performance, the Caraga region fared well with their counterparts by posting percentage gains in Math, English, Science, Filipino and Araling Panlipunan.

The NAT results showed the achievement level of Caraga in the different subject areas improved. For English, the mean percentage score (MPS) increased to 66 from last year's 64. Similarly Mathematics increased from 59 to 61, Science 60 to 62, and Araling Panlipunan, 63 to 66.

Topping all schools in Caraga is Mainit National High School in Surigao del Norte which got a MPS of 94.31 in all subjects.

"The performance of our students in Caraga attest to the gains of the program initiatives the department has been implementing with the support of the LGU and other stakeholders," said Undersecretary for Programs and Projects Vilma Labrador. "When we work together, we can fulfill our promise of better education for our children."

Meanwhile, more students moved up to average mastery from low mastery. And the number of students with average mastery has increased by 6% from 516,715 last year to 718,064 this year. Many of these students showed major improvement in their mastery of English, Science, and Mathematics, by as much as 19%.

Similarly, more high schools moved up to higher mastery levels. Schools with average mastery increased by 7% from last year's 69% to 74% this year.

DepEd also reported that there are no more schools or students found to be in the absolutely no mastery level.

Previous to this, the elementary NAT results taken by some 1.6 million grade six students showed a marked over-all performance in all subject areas, registering a 5.28 percent increase in MPS which is well above the target of two percent.

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Equally noteworthy is that in the Reading Comprehension Test in English and Filipino for Grade 3 administered this year, more grade three students have shown significant improvement in their reading and comprehension abilities, posting an aggregate 22.4 percent increase in their mean percentage score in both Filipino and English.

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