

2010 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections

As of 4:00 pm 27 October 2010

- We attribute the success of the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections to the strong sense of responsibility, honesty, and professionalism of our teachers despite of the delays and other circumstances they faced during their poll duties.
- DepEd hails our teachers for delivering well and maintaining the integrity of their profession and the elections. They did not fail the Filipino people in performing their roles as the vanguard of the elections.
- They reported early in their assigned precincts and diligently performed their duties. In some areas where the conduct of elections was postponed, teachers stayed on even through the next day waiting for the election materials to be delivered so the people can start casting their votes.
- We commend their patience in handling difficult situations such as complaints from impatient voters, heightened tensions, even threats from supporters of candidates. All these were dealt with professionally by our teachers.
- We also wish to thank those who were with us – the COMELEC, PNP, IBP, or course our election task force centers in the regional and division offices – thank you all!

- Generally, the nationwide elections started on time except for some areas particularly those that encountered delays and late delivery of election paraphernalia.
- Elections held on Oct. 26 (those postponed from Oct. 25) were generally peaceful and orderly.
- DepEd declared suspension of classes for Oct. 26 and 27 to give teachers who served as Board of Election Tellers who served during the elections on Oct. 25 and in areas that held the elections on Oct. 26 some time to rest. Regional Directors of teachers serving in areas whose elections were postponed to Oct. 27 are left with the discretion of giving a day off.
- COMELEC issued a resolution giving additional P1,000 compensation to teacher-BETs in areas whose election was postponed.
- Another P1,000 additional compensation was requested by DepEd and COMELEC with the Department of Budget and Management for all BETs. Reports that the DBM is looking into fund sources reached the Department on Oct. 26.
- The Office of the President also declared a special non-working holiday on Oct. 27 for barangays with postponed polls.

- The ETF-Secretariat recorded around 150 complaints/reports submitted by the regions/divisions and concerned citizens from October 24 at 12:00 pm to October 26 12:00 pm.

- The Secretariat recorded the following incidents encountered prior, during and after election:

Conduct of Elections

1. Missing names and difficulty in locating the precincts assigned to voters, particularly the elders and disabled voters. BETs assisted voters.
2. No lanes for senior citizens and disabled voters. BETs assisted voters.
3. Presence of candidates in some of the precincts in Mandaluyong and Pasig Cities in NCR, Laoag City in Region I, Iloilo in Region VI and Talisay City in Region VII. Principals requested them to leave immediately.
4. The reported ballot snatching in Abra that the Division ETF in Abra said was untrue.

Teachers

5. One teacher, 62 year old Mrs. Juanita Pagaragan of Mabusag Napu Elementary School in Ilocos Norte, Region I, was killed by accident when a truck lost control and run her over.
6. A BOC in Barangay Pigcale, suffered a stroke and now at the ICU of Albay Doctors Hospital, Region V. Replacement was immediately arranged by the COMELEC.
7. In Zamboanga del Sur, Region IX, BET members, Josephine Tindoc and Rosalina Vera Cruz of Robokon ES met a vehicular (motorcycle) accident on their way to school from the municipal COMELEC to get election materials. They are now confined at Mendero Hospital in Pagadian City and declared out of danger by the attending physician. Replacements of these teachers were immediately arranged by the COMELEC officials.
8. In Saranggani, Region XII, teachers who refused to serve due to incidents of gunshots were replaced and election pushed through.
9. In Pinukpuk, Kalinga, CAR, 6 teacher-BETS were accosted by armed men allegedly to take election materials. The teachers were later located and found unharmed. The police are in pursuit of the perpetrators.
10. In Valenzuela City, NCR, one ballot box in one of the precincts in Karuhatan Elementary School was opened in front of a teacher (BET) by allegedly a supporter of one candidate (video shown in QTV). Per COMELEC official, the teacher committed an election offense. The COMELEC encourages the witnesses to file a case against the said teacher. Per certification of the principal of the Karuhatan ES as endorsed by SDS Mayari of Valenzuela City, no teacher was involved in this allegation.

Others

11. Election related violence (shooting incidents, bomb/grenade explosions, death threats and ballot snatching) occurred in the provinces under ARMM, particularly in the precincts of Marawi City, Sulu, Lanao del Sur and Maguindanao. These were handled by police authorities and the Armed Forces.
12. In Pta. Engano ES in Lapulapu City, Region VII, 2 persons were killed and another 2 were injured, all supporters of still unconfirmed parties. Also,

teachers received death threats that caused too much tension in the area. School officials requested assistance from the Police and Air Force.

13. In Pikit, Cotabato, Region XII, one of the buildings of Bagoinged ES was burned last October 16 purportedly by suspected group of 20 armed men. Another building in Gokotan also in Pikit was burned by unknown causes around 11pm-12am on Oct. 25. The cases are handled by police authorities. DepED PFSED was furnished copies of the report.
14. Proclamation of winning candidates in 15 barangays in Manila, NCR was suspended. Winners are multi termers.

Region 5

- Canvassing of votes in Legazpi City began 3:30pm Oct. 26

Region 10

- In Bukidnon, Region X canvassing was finished before evening of Oct. 26.

NCR

- In Ramon Avancena HS, Esteban Abada HS, Vicente Lim ES and A. Mabini ES, Manila, NCR, canvassing of votes was over at 4:30 a.m., Oct 26,