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**DepEd deploys 75,000 teachers for census**

The Department of Education (DepEd) is deploying 75,000 teachers to conduct census which is being done every ten years to generate accurate demographic data essential in government's socio-economic planning.

DepEd Secretary Mona Dumlao-Valisno said DepEd is deploying 60,000 field enumerators (census takers, EN), 12,000 team supervisors (TS), and 3,000 census area supervisors (CAS) for the decennial (every-10-year) census.

"We ask our people to cooperate in giving our teachers accurate data on their households. This is very important because this census is part of a national aim to better plan the welfare of our citizenry in terms of health, education, jobs, and other critical social services," as Valisno reiterated its call for support.

The census is being undertaken in partnership with the National Statistical Coordination Board-National Statistics Office (NSCB-NSO).

"An accurate and timely census on population and housing is important for government's economic planning and budget allocation for various programs. This is why we're sending our teachers and have trained them to carry out this task professionally," said Valisno.

The government is allocating a compensation for the teachers participating in the census. The ENs will have a one-time honorarium of P11,550; TSs, P13,050; and CASs, P15,175. This is for a 20-day census service. The teachers will also be entitled to transportation expenses and meal allowances.

The teachers have undergone comprehensive training for the census which runs from May 17 to June 12, 2010.

The 2010 Census of Population and Housing (CPH) will obtain a complete count of Philippine population, demographic characteristics (population density, ethnicity, education level, health, economic status), and geographic distribution in the Philippines.

The census will also study housing units or living quarters, their structural characteristics, available facilities and their geographic distribution, and other household and barangay characteristics.

DepEd has earlier provided classrooms for the training of teachers on the census as this is critical to the successful implementation of the census.

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