

Statement on the passing of Henry Sy Sr., founder of SM Foundation and champion of education

PASIG CITY, January 20, 2019 – The Department of Education (DepEd) extends its sincerest condolences to the family and friends of SM patriarch, and founder of SM Foundation, Henry Sy Sr., who passed away at the age of 94.

A champion of education and social responsibility, Sy established the SM Foundation in 1983 to support and empower communities through education and other development initiatives. Since 2001, the Foundation's School Building Program has provided hundreds of schools all over the country with buildings complete with furniture and fixtures, enabling a conducive environment for better learning outcomes.

SM Foundation is also one of DepEd's pioneer and constant partners in the Adopt-a-School Program, providing scholarships, teacher training, school supplies, financial literacy, ICT and multimedia packages.

Sy will be fondly remembered as a valuable partner who invested in the education of the country's future leaders and nation-builders.

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