

PRESS RELEASE**DepEd thanks 2019 World Teachers' Day partners and stakeholders**

PASIG CITY, October 10, 2019 – The Department of Education (DepEd) expressed its gratitude for partners and stakeholders who contributed to the success of the World Teachers' Day (WTD) and National Teachers' Day (NTD) celebration last October 5 at Limketkai Center Atrium, Cagayan de Oro City.

This year's theme, "*Gurong Pilipino: Handa sa Makabagong Pagbabago*," emphasized the teachers' pivotal role in developing globally minded citizens, nurturing family, and nation building.

DepEd Secretary Leonor Magtolis Briones reiterated in her speech the importance of partnerships in addressing the various needs in education. She likewise emphasized that despite many challenges, she can always reach out to partners.

"We now need to address quality and this is why I am very happy that our partners from the private sector as well as from local governments are here because we'd like to share with them the challenge of improving the quality of education. Policy *namin talaga* from the beginning is to reach out to the private sector," the Education chief remarked.

Undersecretary for Legislative Affairs, External Partnerships and Project Management Service, and Presiding Officer for National Teachers' Day Coordinating Council (NTDCC), Tonisito M.C. Umali, Esq., recognized all the participating stakeholders and partners' efforts and support that made the WTD/NTD celebration a huge success.

"*Sa ngalan po ng ating Kagawaran ng Edukasyon, ng atin pong Ma'am Leonor 'Liling' Magtolis Briones, kami po'y nagpapasalamat sa inyo, our dear partners, at sa lahat po ng naririto ngayon. Mabuhay po kayong lahat. Huwag po tayong magsawang mangarap. Maraming salamat po,*" Umali underscored.

Corporate partners that participated for the celebration of the World Teachers' Day/ National Teachers' Day were China Bank Savings (CBS); City Savings Bank, Inc.; Metrobank Foundation; Metrobank Group; AXA Philippines; Federal Land; First Metro Group; Lexus Manila; Manila Doctors Hospital; Manila Tytana Colleges (MTC); Metrobank; Metrobank Card; ORIX Metro; Philippine Savings Bank; One Network Bank; Sumisho Motor Finance; Toyota Financial Services Philippines; Toyota Manila Bay; and Toyota Motor Philippines.

Government agencies/government-owned and controlled corporation (GOCC) partners were the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP); Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG); Government Service Insurance System (GSIS); Social Security System (SSS); Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth); Commission on Higher Education (CHED); Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA); National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA); National Youth Commission (NYC); National Telecommunications Corporation (NTC); Home Development Mutual Fund (HDMF); Philippine Information Agency (PIA); Landbank

of the Philippines (LBP); Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA); and Philippine Postal Corporation (PHLPost).

Museum partners had their special treat for the teachers during the celebration. These are Ayala Museum (Makati City); BenCab Museum (Benguet); GSIS Museum (Pasay City); National Museum of the Philippines; Metropolitan Museum of Manila; Museo Orlina (Tagaytay City); Museo Pambata (City of Manila); Museum of Contemporary Art and Design (MCAD) Manila; Art in Island; Upside Down Museum; The Mind Museum (BGC); and Yuchengco Museum (Makati City).

Partners from commercial and retail business were Cebuana Lhuillier; Blue Magic; Cabalen; DADS World Buffet; Enchanted Kingdom; Executive Optical (EO); Globe Telecom; Jollibee; Chooks-to-go; Kidzania Manila; Landers Superstore; iNova Pharmaceuticals; McDonalds Philippines; Microsoft Educator Network Philippines; Sambo Kojin; Sogo Hotels; St. Peter Life Plan and Chapels; Star City; Smart Communications; Petron; Colgate-Palmolive Philippines; Ever Bilena; 1st Valley Bank; First Consolidated Bank; Grand Caprice; East West Bank; Manulife Philippines; and YAZZ Card.

Media partners were GMA Network; ABS-CBN; ABS CBN News Channel (ANC); CNN Philippines; DZBB Super Radyo 594 AM; DZMM Radyo Patrol 630 AM; DZRH 666 AM; Manila Bulletin; The Philippine Star; Philippine Daily Inquirer; Rappler; and SunStar Online.

Partner malls during the month-long celebration were Power Plant Mall; Santolan Town Plaza; SM Supermalls / The SM Store; SM Foodcourt; and SM Cinema.

Local establishments that contributed to the event were Anjo World Theme Park (Cebu); Bag N Chick (San Pedro, Laguna); Brewing Point Neighborhood Café (Tandang Sora, Quezon City); Ctrl Alt Work Co-working Space (Legazpi City); Craze Mango (Valenzuela City); D' Contemporary (Navotas City); Driptea (Cabuyao, Laguna); Dynasty Teppanyaki Buffet (Pasay City); Facial Plus (Fairview, Caloocan, Legazpi, Naga, and Roxas City); Float Guru (Rodriguez, Rizal); IHOB (Puerto Princesa City); J&R Grill and Restaurant (San Isidro, Nueva Ecija); Juice Cubi (Davao City); Kuko de Kolors (San Pablo, Laguna); La Theresa's Skin and Beauty Center (Meycauyan, Bulacan); Los Arcos De Hermano Resort (San Jose Del Monte, Bulacan); Mealennials (Imus City); Milk Tea Delight (Valenzuela City); Mount Balunga Spa and Body Massage (Rosales, Pangasinan); Office Busters Philippines (Alabang, Cainta, Cebu, Lipa, Makati, North Edsa, Sta. Rosa); Primas G Spa (Diffun, Quirino); Serenity SPA and Lounge (Urdaneta City); Sissy's Nailbox (Bolinao, Pangasinan); Sweet's Ni Bes (Las Piñas City); Tagaytay Medical Center (Tagaytay City); Tastes from the Greens (Calumpit, Bulacan); Teatone (Bocaue, Bulacan); Twice Tea Café (Antipolo City); Cagayan Corn Products and Sakto Marketing; Pearlmont Hotel; Philtown Hotel; Wealth Bank Philippine Public School Teachers Association (PPSTA); PESFA CDO and Cagayan Corn Products; Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP); LGU Lanao del Norte; Youthopia; Misamis Oriental Institute of Science and Technology, Oro Integrated Cooperative, Mindanao Educators Mutual Benefit Association, Inc. (MEMBA); PHINMA Corporation; Manila Teachers' Mutual Aid System, Inc. (MTMAS); and Urbanitea (Roosevelt, Quezon City).

Other entities, civic organizations, and corporate foundations who partnered with DepEd were Ayala Foundation; Girl Scouts of the Philippines (GSP); Metrobank Purple Hearts Club; Bato Balani Foundation Inc. (BBFI); Knowledge Channel Foundation Inc.(KCFI); League of Corporate Foundations (LCF); Primetrade Asia (39th Manila International Book Fair); Philippine Business for Social Progress (PBSP); Philippine Public School Teachers Association (PPSTA); SEAMEO Innotech; Teach for the Philippines; World Vision Foundation; BDO Foundation, Inc.; GT Foundation; One Meralco Foundation (OMF); and PLDT-Smart Foundation/ Gabay Guro.

From the religious sector and the academe, the partners were Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP); St. Paul Publishing; University of the Philippine (UP); and University of Santo Tomas (UST).

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