

SDO holds first 'virtual' stakeholders' convergence

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To give due recognition to SDO Dagupan City's top partners who extended their full support to public elementary and secondary schools in the new normal, the Division Stakeholders' Convergence was held online for the first time on October 20, 2020 via Facebook live streaming.

The convergence was hosted by the SDO Dagupan City's SGOD-Social Mobilization and Networking Unit.

An audio-visual presentation was shown to honor the Certified DepEd Partners since 2017. This is to strengthen partnership with the different sectors in the community such as the Business Sector, Academe, Non-Government Organization, National/Local Government Agencies & alumni.

OIC-Schools Division Superintendent Aguedo C. Fernandez emphasized the importance of DepEd stakeholders who keep the partnership amidst

the public health emergency.

Congressman Hon. Christopher VP. De Venecia pledged his support by giving supplies to each school and assured that the Congress is pushing additional budget for DepEd. He mentioned the importance of books and televisions, that is why he was pursuing additional fund for the National Book Development Board and National Council for Children's Television which are both committed to DepEd. He thanked the private sector, NGOs and alumni and encouraged everyone to participate in the 'bayanihan' especially in this time of pandemic.

Dagupan City Mayor Hon. Marc Brian C. Lim, on the other hand was invigorated to see how dedicated DepEd is. He said that what the DepEd is going through is not easy, but there are no challenges that cannot be

overcome when all the organizations in the community help each other.

Federated President of PTA Dagupan City, Madam Liway Manantan-Yparraguire thanked the SDO Dagupan for acknowledging their contributions. She emphasized that the PTA will always be there when needed especially in this time of pandemic.

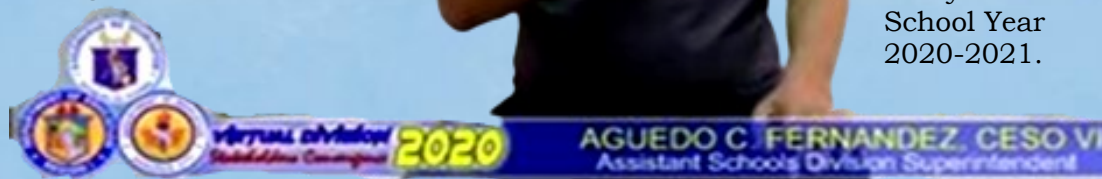
"This is volunteerism, a civic world, a public service by private individual at the highest level. The Federated PTA is 'laging handa' to work and to serve

wholeheartedly," said Liway.

From the business sector, proprietor and manager of Marigold Bookstore, Mr. Marlo D. Novales who was SDO Dagupan's top partner and one among the awardees, expressed his intentions in continuing partnership.

"It is an honor and privilege for me to support the DepEd in this challenging times. Helping DepEd is always a joy to us and it is a way of giving back to the society," expressed Novales.

Furthermore, CID Chief Madam Maria Linda R. Ventenilla gave an update on the Learning continuity plan of SDO Dagupan, the enrollment status and actions taken on going back to school safely for the School Year 2020-2021.



OIC-Schools Division Superintendent Sir Aguedo C. Fernandez gives his welcome remarks during the virtual Division Stakeholders' Convergence. (Screen grab from the Facebook live streaming of the Division Stakeholders' Convergence)

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