

**TURNOVER REPORT ON BOOK DONATION TO  
EDWIN AIR BASE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
FROM READ PHILIPPINES, INC.  
8 November 2011, Zamboanga City**

The 530<sup>th</sup> Air Base Wing, Philippine Air Force headed by COLONEL EMERALDO C MAGNAYE PAF (GSC), at Edwin Andrews Air Base, Zamboanga City turned over books from READ Philippines on 08 November 2011 to Edwin Andrews Air Base Elementary School (EAABES) located inside the Base. This project was part of the Wing Commander's goal to improve the quality of education of military personnel's children in Zamboanga City as well as the poor children in neighboring communities. The books were solicited by Col. Magnaye from READ PHILIPPINES in Jacksonville, Florida. A total of Two Hundred Sixteen (216) reading and library books supplemented the School's meager number of books and other educational reading materials. Attending the turnover were Victoria D. Mangaser, Ph.D., Elementary School Principal; members of the Parents-Teachers Association; and Supreme Pupils Government of EAABES.

"The educational materials will help improve the reading skills of our children," commented Dr. Mangaser, Principal of EAABES. Due to lack of reading materials, pupils at EAABES are not able to appreciate books and how reading can deepen their knowledge of the world around them. The principal, PTA and the Wing Commander recognize the importance of providing tools to help children learn to read, think critically and analytically, improve vocabulary and spelling, and write better. The book shipment from READ Philippines is a step in the right direction in educating young people about the importance of cultivating reading habits. "Reading improves children's memory, focus, and self-esteem," added Dr. Mangaser. "The children we educate at EAABES will play an important role in transforming our community in the future," commented by Col. Magnaye who is a strong advocate of reading and better education for children. As part of the government's effort to enhance the quality of the Philippine educational system, Col. Magnaye takes active role in soliciting educational resources for EAABES. "Thanks to READ Philippines' generosity, EAABES can now start a reading program for students," Col. Magnaye added.



