

Activity: Ceremonial Turn Over of Story Books and Reference Materials from Move On Philippines through Mahintana Foundation, Inc. to **Landan National High School**
Venue: School Quadrangle, Landan National High School
Date: July 16, 2008

DOCUMENTATION

The happiest memories are found in the High School life. What can make high school life more inspiring are stories and reference books of different fields. This enables the student bring up their personality and decide what courses in college they would want to take.

Ms. Ninfa Macabenta, School Principal of Landan National High School (LNHS) in Polomolok, South Cotabato would want this to manifest on her students, as she have shared during the turnover program last July 16, 2008, *“that the students will have enjoyable learning at this school”*. She thought that students will learn to appreciate literatures, cultures, scientific facts and art of numbers more when they are able to hold books of different approaches. Hence, registering in the Move on Philippines website was her way to improve the array of books the school has and put up a library.



The team of Mahintana was welcomed with happy smiles of the high school students and “thank you” in Blaán, Bisaya, Tagalog and English languages.

The school had their library building under construction on the day of the turnover. The 93 story books and reference materials were so timely with the plans of the school at establishing a library for its 468 total number of students. Their computer set of the school, which monitor was already unserviceable was replaced by the 21 inch desktop monitor also from Move On Philippines.

High school students full of ideals as they have been was represented by Crilyn Soria, the Student Governing Organization (SGO) President and said that, *“the books shall make our learning more holistic and pleasant and we promise to do the best we can with our new books to reach the pinnacle of our dreams”*. Ms. Mame Ante representing the Parents, Teachers and Community Association (PTCA) described the support of Move on Philippines to be *“daku nga gugma”* or charity from Move on Philippines. Mahitana on the other hand, through its “Adopt-A-School Project” officer, talked about how learning through reading can be fun. According to him, there is always a book for each individual. Further, *“those books will help the school give liberating education to students and prepare them in their future fields of interest”*. The challenge left for the school was to use the books at its full extent however still usable by more students.



Ms. Ninfa Macabenta expressed her gratitude to Move on Philippines who gave various books and computer monitor.



The 468 students from 1st year to 4th year level went out of their classrooms to welcome the team bringing various books from Move On Philippines.

Activity: Ceremonial Turn Over of Story Books and Reference Materials from Move On Philippines through Mahintana Foundation, Inc. to **Desawo Elementary School**

Venue: New Dumangas Elementary School Campus

Date: July 16, 2008

DOCUMENTATION

The highly diverse culture of Desawo Elementary School in Tboli, South Cotabato is an advantage for the school as it serves as a vast source of knowledge. The school is composed of 85% Indigenous Peoples (IPs) belonging to Tboli tribe while, 15% of the pupils are from mixed of Cebuano, Ilonggo and Aklanon tribes. The culture from which the pupil grew up became his foundation in learning, and enables him to learn his lessons in school.

The dilemma however is the pupil's delay in the development of their reading and comprehension skills. This is mainly attributed to the absence of library or reading center in the school which is supposed to catalyze reading and comprehension skills and ultimately improve learning abilities.



Ms. Margarita M. Lapastora, principal of Desawo Elem. Sch. received donated by Move on Philippines through Mahintana represented by its "Adopt A School Project" officer.

Desawo Elementary School is one of the selected schools of Move On Philippines given with 6 volumes of Britannica Encyclopedia and 97 story books and reference materials through Mahintana Foundation last August 4, 2008 at New Dumangas Elementary School. During the turnover program, Ms. Lapastora expressed her gratitude to Move on Philippines for the donated books which will benefit a total of 299 pupils from Grades I to VI.

The turnover was conducted together with the supplemental textbooks for Grade III pupils of Desawo and New Dumangas Elementary School. Desawo Elementary School is one of the adopted school of Mahintana and Dole Philippines through its "Adopt-A-School Project". The project gives supplemental textbooks however it does not have enough resources to purchase library books for the school. With this, Mahintana requested for support from Move on Philippines to provide this need.



The turnover program of donated books was joined by the different partners from the Local Government Unit of Brgy. New Dumangas, Tboli, South Cotabato, Dole Philippines, and the Principals of the Desawo and New Dumangas Elementary School

"Reading stories at colorful books and learning from reference books and the encyclopedia would make positive effect at the enhancement of the quality of education in Desawo Elementary School", as what the project officer of Mahintana shared. Learning from those books other than the textbooks, have relative importance as learning from their diverse culture vital to the child's learning.

Activity: Ceremonial Turn Over of Story Books and Reference Materials from Move On Philippines through Mahintana Foundation, Inc. to **Arcal, Blat and Kyumad Elementary Schools**
Venue: Maasim Municipal Gym, Municipality of Maasim, Province of Sarangani
Date: August 13, 2008 at 11:00 am

DOCUMENTATION

Reading has been considered to be the most effective strategy for learning. Story books and reference books are of relative importance with the textbooks being used on different subjects at school. However, the schools located near the boundary of Maasim, Sarangani Province such as Arcal, Blat and Kyumad Elementary Schools are not able to develop this learning skill on its pupils because of its lack of Library or Reading Center.

This need of public elementary schools was felt by Move On Philippines and made its effort of gathering books from its neighboring institutions in Florida, where the organization is based. It has donated 10 volumes of Encyclopedia Britannica and a total of 307 story books and reference materials on these three (3) public elementary schools in Maasim, Sarangani Province. Arcal Elementary School received 10 volumes of Encyclopedia Britannica and 94 story books and reference materials. Blat Elementary School received a total of 103 and Kyumad Elementary School, 119 story books and reference materials.



The turn-over ceremony was held together with the Supplemental Textbooks of the “Adopt-A-School Project” of Mahintana and Dole Philippines last August 13, 2008 at Maasim Municipal Gym. The excitement of the pupils of the three (3) schools cannot be described when they stepped down from the trucks provided by Polo Samahang Nayon Multi-Purpose Cooperative (Polo SN MPC) and by Hon. Romy Pablo, who fetch them from their school to Maasim Gym. This excitement sustain when they travel back to their school even travelling on the average of 25 kilometers away from the heart of the municipality to their schools with their boxes of books.

Ms. Adelina Reganit the District Supervisor of Department of Education (DepEd)-Maasim District expressed her gratefulness and called these support as “blessings” for the three (3) schools. Reading is an important habit that each school-child should develop, according to Ms. Reganit. This enables every child to develop critical thinking and which is also self-reinforcing. However, there are no other reading materials found in most of the public elementary schools and more especially in the schools which are only reached by “habal-habal” or the single motorcycle like our three (3) schools. Indeed, the three (3) schools were fortunate to have those blessings.”



Mr. Martiniano Magdolot, the executive director of Mahintana, gave brief background on how partnership between Mahintana and Move On Philippines evolved.

The Local Government Unit (LGU) of the Municipality of Maasim expressed its gratitude to the foreign and local organizations such as Move On Philippines, Mahintana and Dole Philippines who have continuously been supporting the local government especially its public schools. During the activity, LGU was represented by Hon. Titus Bualan, Sanguniang Bayan (SB) Member and the chairman on Committee on Education, Hon. Romy Pablo also an SB Member and Hon. Visitacion Nambatac, the Executive Assistant and Municipal Administrator of Maasim. Hon. Anecito Lopez, Jr. through Hon. Nambatac envisions the municipality of Maasim *“to progress through education of the children”*. She added further that there can be no total community development if we ignore problems on the quality of education. The challenge to the schools, as Mr. Martiniano Magdolot, the executive director of Mahintana also representing Move On Philippines told, was *“to make learning an enjoyable experience at the same time worthwhile for the pupils using the books they received”*.