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## **March Movements**

In this second half of school year 2024-2025, school activities have accelerated, perhaps in anticipation of the final push to the finish of another academic year.

#### **CENEP Children Visit Museo Pambata**

A total of 113 CENEP children assembled early in the morning of March 7 in their respective sites (Cainta, Mandaluyong, and Marikina) for their educational field trip to the Museo Pambata in Roxas Boulevard, Manila. The children thoroughly enjoyed the long bus ride from their departure points because the buses they rode in were spacious and fully air-conditioned.

The Museo Pambata is an interactive museum for children. "Unlike traditional museums where items are stored behind glass and touching is highly discouraged, Museo Pambata invites visitors to learn with the exhibits by using their total senses. It [is] a discovery museum and resource center promoting Filipino global culture, children's advocacy programs, and creative educational programs with linkages to global communities" (Wikipedia). It has seven rooms featuring different exhibits to explore and learn from: Arts & Crafts; Karagatan (Sea World); Kultura ng Pilipino (Filipino Culture); Mga Bayani at Lugar sa Pilipinas (Philippine Heroes and Places); the Human Body; Pamayanan sa Pilipinas (bakery, cafeteria, market, and barbershop); and Story-telling.



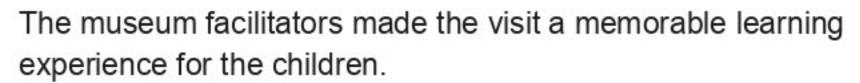




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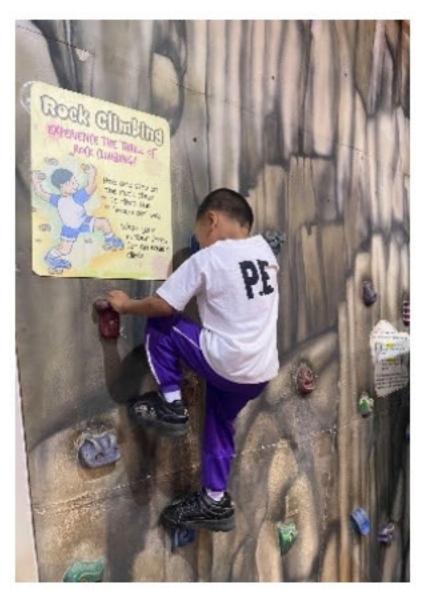




At the end of the exciting exploration and learning activities, the children were ushered to the playground. The sight of the swings, seesaws, slides, monkey bars, and mini climbing wall reenergized everyone. But the biggest surprise of all was the mini-helicopter, that all the children scrambled to ride!

Lunch had to be taken in the buses because of a sudden downpour. The day ended with a short visit to the nearby Rizal Monument.

In addition to being a happy experience, the field trip enabled the children to see other places and experience new activities. This surely made a positive impact on them mentally, physically, socially, and emotionally, aspects that CENEP desires to develop in them.













### **TRACE Scholars Step Up Activities**

All eight college scholars under the Teodoro Regala Assistance for Continuing Education (TRACE) program have gone into high gear to fulfill their course and extracurricular requirements.

Sunshine Quillao, who is due to complete her BS Accountancy course at the Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP), successfully defended her thesis and is now reviewing for her final examinations.



Freshman scholars Patrick Aquino (BS Tourism - PUP) and John Lloyd Estrada (BS Journalism - PUP) are making their mark even in their maiden year. Patrick is in the President's List and John Lloyd is a staffer in PUP's official student publication DACOM.



**Patrick** 



John Loyd

Third-year scholars Joshua Vernon Atip (BS in Agribusiness Management and Entrepreneurship - UP Los Baños), Yanel Lago (BS Nursing - Far Eastern University), Faith Alexandra Lasola (BS Pharmacy - University of Makati), Anjaneth Nazareno (BS Psychology - Cavite State University), and John Christian Sarmiento (BS Multimedia Arts - University of Makati) are busy with projects, seminars, and various school activities and events as they prepare for their final year.



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