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Foundation goes full steam toward School Year 2026-2027

CENEP sites prepare for new school year

Many weeks before school opening, preparations for School Year (SY) 2026-2027 started in earnest in the four sites of UCMPFI's Child Education and Nutrition Enhancement Program (CENEP): Mandaluyong, Marikina, Cainta, and Pakil. The very first task was the pre-selection of children beneficiaries in the target communities.

An orientation for parents of accepted enrollees was conducted in the first week of June. During the orientation, the CENEP program was explained and the role and expectations of parents and guardians were carefully discussed. The orientation concluded with the signing by each parent and/or guardian of the *Kasunduan* (Agreement) which indicated their commitment to the program and also defined the Foundation's responsibility.

Orientation



Mandaluyong



Cainta



Marikina



Pakil

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The height and weight measurements of the pre-enrolled children were validated. The children were then given their start-up kits (consisting of notebooks, pencils, crayons, pad paper, scissors, eraser, bond paper, glue, ruler, pencil sharpener, and art materials), their workbook, and a set of uniforms. The CENEP team in the Foundation's partner organizations likewise received a set of uniforms.

Height and weight measurement



Start-up Kits



CENEP classes begin

On June 15, 2026, pre-schoolers in selected communities in Mandaluyong, Marikina, Cainta, and Pakil were welcomed to their first school room through the Foundation's Child Education and Nutrition Enhancement Program. As in past first day activities, children were first taught classroom rules, including what to do on arrival, during class activities, and at dismissal. They were reminded to show respect for teachers and parents, cooperate with one another, be responsible, and observe safe behavior. They were also told how classes would go: a meal first, then free play, singing, lessons, story-telling, learning, and then another meal before they left for home. For these 3½- to 4½ -year-old, children, the day marked the beginning of an exciting part of their early life.



GEESE supports 32 scholars in SY 2026-2027

On June 23, 2026, the Foundation hosted an orientation program for the scholars this new school year. In attendance were scholars' parents/guardians, Teacher-Foster Parents (TFPs) from participating schools, and officials from the Department of Education in Makati (DepEd-Makati). In her inspirational message, Foundation President Emmy Huang welcomed and encouraged the scholars.

Other parts of the orientation focused on the expectations of the scholars, as outlined in the Scholarship Contract that they signed, and the periodic assessment of their performance conducted through one-on-one interviews.



Scholars with their parents



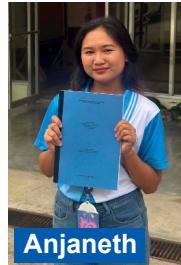
Scholars with Dep-Ed Makati officials and Teacher-Foster Parents



TRACE supports 12 scholars in SY 2026-2027

In SY 2026-2027, the Teodoro Regala Assistance for Continuing Education (TRACE) is supporting 12 scholars. One is completing her final year, three are in 3rd year, and eight are in 2nd year. From its inception in 2019, TRACE has supported a total of 28 scholars, of whom 11 have graduated.

Some of the current scholars are Anjaneth, John Lloyd, and Nathaniel.



Anjaneth



John Lloyd (left)



Nathaniel (second from right)

LACE expects 30-40 learners in SY 2026-2027

The Literacy and Accreditation for Continuing Education (LACE) program, which helps out-of-school individuals obtain academic accreditation, continues to be supported in two schools: San Antonio National High School - Makati City and F. Serrano Sr. Elementary School - Parañaque City. Enrollment for SY 2026-2027 is ongoing; a total of 30 to 40 learners is anticipated to benefit from LACE this school year.

Fifteen learners from LACE passed the Accreditation & Equivalency (A&E) test that took place on May 29, 2026 for learners of SY 2025-2026.



In April 2026, the Department of Education announced that the government wants “...to make education more inclusive by strengthening the ALS for those who are struggling or have no means of undergoing formal schooling. Their success proves that with the right intervention and support, every Filipino can overcome any challenge in their studies toward achieving a brighter future.”

UCMPFI is looking to add another Alternative Learning System (ALS) school to be supported under the LACE program.



Do visit our website www.ucmpphilfoundation.org to know more about the Foundation's activities and to participate in continuing to provide a better life to these children and young people. For your inquiries, please call (63 2) 8812-6062 or 8812-5609 or email us at ucmpfi@gmail.com.