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CENEP celebrates Buwan ng Wika



Mandaluyong

The CENEP schools held their Buwan ng Wika programs on August 20 (Mandaluyong City), August 22 (Pakil, Laguna), and August 27 (Marikina City and Cainta, Rizal). This year's theme is ***Paglinang sa Filipino at Katutubong Wika: Makasaysayan sa Pagkakaisa ng Bansa*** (Development of Filipino and Native Languages: Historical in the Unity of the Nation). The Buwan ng Wika celebration serves as a medium to impart the significance of the Filipino language and deepen the appreciation and understanding by Filipinos of their own language and culture.



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Highlight of the CENEP programs was the wearing by the children of traditional Filipino costumes. Classrooms were decorated with indigenous materials to present a native atmosphere. Selected children were given parts in the program, such as the reciting of poems in Filipino.

The celebrations concluded with snacks of Filipino dishes for participants and guests.



Cainta



Marikina



Pakil



GEESE and TRACE scholars watch Alice in Wonderland



GEESE and TRACE scholars, some CENEP team members, and UCMPFI staff were treated to the premiere showing on August 23 of the stage play *Alice in Wonderland** at the Repertory Eastwood Theater. The play is directed by Ms. Joy Virata, wife of UCMPFI Chairman Cesar Virata.



Field trips such as this are sponsored by the Foundation to give the scholars off-campus experiences that will open their minds to other areas of learning.



** Alice in Wonderland is the short name for Lewis Carroll's famous children's book, Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. The novel follows the titular Alice as she initially follows a white rabbit down a rabbit hole but soon finds herself in a fantasy world where nothing seems to make sense (Wikipedia). One of the most significant themes in Alice in Wonderland is the importance of embracing your true self. Alice struggles with the expectations and constraints placed on her by society. As she navigates the strange and unpredictable world of Wonderland, she learns to embrace her unique qualities and strengths (Study.com).*

Scholars continue with Bethel Bible Series



Thirty-nine scholars attended the monthly fellowship held on August 2 at the Union Church of Manila. Facilitated by Trustee Lily Torrente with the assistance of Trustee Nadine Sarreal, the fellowship uses as reference material The Bethel Bible Series New Testament.



Discussed on August 2 was Lesson 1 -- *"In the fullness of time" (Galatians 4:4-5 NIV) But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship).* The verses describe how God sent His Son when the time was right, born of a woman and under the law, to redeem humanity from the law's bondage and allow people to be adopted as God's children. The passage highlights Jesus's fully human birth and his role in ending the reign of the law, ushering in a new era where believers can have a sonship relationship with God.



LACE learners graduate

LACE-Parañaque reported the graduation of 4 learners (2 elementary and 2 junior high level) from SY 2024-2025. The graduation was held on July 30, 2025 at Baclaran Elementary School Central.

For LACE Makati, 9 learners from SY 2024-2025 have completed the ALS course. The moving up program was held on June 30, 2025 at San Antonio National High School.



LACE-Parañaque



LACE-Makati

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