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PREPARING FOR A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

New school year, new CENEP site

A fourth CENEP site will open its doors in Barangay Kabulusan, Pakil, Laguna when school year 2025-2026 (SY 2025-2026) begins. In partnership with Christ the King Church–Kabulusan, the school is the Foundation's second pre-school outside of Metro Manila, after CENEP Cainta in Rizal. Both are in Region IV-A, known as CALABARZON (Cavite-Laguna-Batangas-Rizal-Quezon). It will have an initial enrollment of 30 children. Together with the existing three sites in Brgy. Highway Hills, Mandaluyong City; Brgy. Tumana, Marikina City; and Brgy. Sto. Domingo, Cainta, Rizal, the total CENEP enrollees for SY 2025-2026 is expected to reach 165 children.

CENEP staff go through team training and workshop

On June 23 and 24, 2025, staff (facilitators, teachers, and cooks) from the four CENEP sites and representatives of our partner organizations gathered for a CENEP Team Training / Workshop at Union Church of Manila (UCM). The workshop was facilitated by our partners from Cornerstone Play and Learning Center—Angelina “Boots” Paculan and Pamela “Pam” Tira—who continue to provide essential coaching for the CENEP team. This workshop is conducted at the beginning of each school year to guide the teachers in the preparation of their lesson plans and in the introduction of classroom activities.

Discussed were the development stages of children ages 3 and 4, classroom management, and student discipline techniques. The facilitators gave examples of practicable activities and each team member was tasked to put together sets of activities and related lessons. Teachers Pam and Boots gave feedback on each suggested item and explained why it was or was not age-appropriate.



Teacher Boots



Teacher Pam



Tandem teaching

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The teachers were given workbooks to aid in their preparation of lessons plans and visual teaching aids.

Emphasized during the workshop was the importance of collaboration among each site's staff in preparing project materials and lesson plans, as well as the need to maintain good interpersonal relationships to avoid conflicts and misunderstandings that could affect their efficiency.



Cainta team



Mandaluyong team



Marikina team



Pakil team

New GEESE scholars; Dep-Ed orientation



Twelve students were accepted as new GEESE scholars following an evaluation process that included a visit to homes of applicants on May 8-9 and a one-on-one interview by the Working Committee held at UCM on May 27.

A total of 29 scholars will be supported under the GEESE program for SY 2025-2026.

The Department of Education (DepEd-SDO Makati City) hosted an orientation meeting on June 25. It was attended by all the GEESE scholars and their parents/guardians, teacher-foster parents, DepEd-Makati personnel, and UCMPII representatives.

Discussed during the meeting were the Foundation's scholarship policies, responsibilities of scholars and parents/guardians, the role of teacher-foster parents, and the scholars' commitment to focus on their studies and pass all their subjects.

Donations of school materials

On June 23, the Foundation received a donation of various school supplies for CENEP children and GEESE and TRACE scholars from the American Women's Club of the Philippines, Inc. (AWCP). It also received from Bookmark, The Filipino Bookstore, a donation of 11 boxes of children's textbooks and workbooks intended to be used as teaching aids for CENEP teachers and learning materials for the children.

The Foundation is grateful to these organizations that partner with us through material donations.



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