

UCMPFI 2017 Highlights			
<u>Program</u>	<u>Inception</u>	<u>Total Served</u>	<u>As of</u>
CENEP - Child Education and Nutrition Enhancement Program	2003	1,882	SY 2017-2018
GEESE - Graces to Ensure Elementary and Secondary Education	2003	218	SY 2017-2018
LACE - Literacy and Accreditation for Continuing Education	2005	1,359	December 2017
Medical / Dental Missions - carried out twice a year (May and November)	2004	12,959	November 2017



From top left clockwise: CENEP children on field trip; LACE learners photo op with workshop facilitators; GEESE scholars at The Planetarium; Children receiving free dental checkup and treatment during UCMPFI medical/dental mission.



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Children’s Rights Parents Must Know

CENEP (Child Education and Nutrition Enhancement Program)

On January 26, 2018, parents of children at CENEP Cainta listened to Atty. Rose Buendia discuss basic rights of children contained in the 1989 Convention on the Rights of the Child that defines a child as “...any human being below the age of eighteen years.”

Atty. Buendia emphasized the responsibility of parents to give their children the necessary care and protection, “...As minors by law, children do not have autonomy or the right to make decisions on their own for themselves in any known jurisdiction of the world. Instead, their adult caregivers, including parents, social workers,

teachers, youth workers, and others, are vested with that authority, depending on the circumstances.” Atty. Buendia discussed examples of abuses commonly committed against children and the corresponding penalties. Parents’ questions were duly answered and they were advised that (CENEP...continued on page 2)



(CENEP...continued from page 1) many legal concerns have clear-cut solutions. Unnecessary delay in attending to simple cases may only lead to more complicated situations.

Every parent must know their duties and obligations to their children and it is best for them to be aware of and armed with knowledge of relevant law. ■



Second Round of PDA Oral Health Project

The Dental Chapters of Mandaluyong and San Juan City, in partnership with the Rotary Club of Mandaluyong Prime, conducted its second round of check-up, treatment, and lectures on oral care for the CENEP children in Mandaluyong last January 31, 2018. Under this Oral Health Project of the Philippine Dental Association (PDA), children are given free oral prophylaxis, fluoride treatment and sealing of permanent teeth. The third and final round of check-up and treatment is on March 9. (Second...continued on page 3)



(Second...continued from page 2) The UCMPI CENEP site in Mandaluyong City is indeed blessed to be chosen as recipient of this most laudable outreach project of the PDA. ■

