

DepEd Secretary Luistro Secures Support for Ten Moves! in New York

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New York, 7 November 2011 – DepEd Secretary Armin Luistro visited New York on 06 November 2011 and held a dialogue with Filipino Community members on the newly-launched Ten Moves! Program of DepEd at the Philippine Center.

An acronym for The Entire Nation Moves, Ten Moves! is a campaign to raise enough resources to build 10,000 classrooms in public schools in the Philippines. The main strategy is to get 2 million people to donate P 10/day for ten months or \$10/monthr for a ten month period for overseas-based donors to fund the building of the much needed 10,000 classrooms in the DepEd priority areas in the Cordillera Autonomous Region and in Regions 4,5, 6,7,9, 10,11, and 12.

The Ten Moves! Program is a program under the auspices of the 57-75 Education Reform Movement which is a response to the government's call for support to raise resources for education through more active public-private partnerships. The DepEd is working with the Philippine Development Foundation (PhilDev) and similar organizations in harnessing support from the Filipino diaspora.

During the dialogue, Sec. Luistro briefed the audience on the latest education related statistics as well as the government's responses to the existing challenges in the educational system.

Sec. Luistro's sincere and frank exchange with the participants as well as his assurances that their support will not go to waste received an enthusiastic response from the members of the Filipino Community.

Several pledges of support not only for donating to the Ten Moves! Program but also in helping to spread the word about the campaign were made during the open forum.

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One of the participants, a former public school teacher in the Philippines noted that while he had been previously pessimistic about the future of Philippine education, after hearing Secretary Luistro talk about how the government is tackling existing critical challenges, he was convinced that there is hope for making our education system and Filipino students more competitive.

More information about the Ten Moves! Program may be obtained from www.tenmoves.org and on www.facebook.com/pages/TENMoves