

BORGONIA graces education forum of the Division of Negros Oriental

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All school administrators and teachers of both the elementary and secondary schools of the Division of Negros Oriental (from Canlaon City to Basay Municipality) attended the EDUCATORS' FORUM held on September 23, 2011 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning at the MACIAS SPORTS COMPLEX with Director Recaredo G. Borgonia as the keynote speaker. The theme of the forum is "EDUCATE A CHILD. . . BUILD A NATION".

The Macias Sports Complex was jampacked with approximately six thousand teachers and school administrators, together with the external stakeholders from all the municipalities of Negros Oriental. As agreed, all Public Schools District Supervisors came to the forum with at least five active members of the PTCA and their municipal mayors. Also gracing the occasion were some members of the Provincial Board headed by both Governor Roel R. Degamo and Vice-Governor Apolinario P. Arnaiz.

Supt. Maria Milagros C. Velez and Gov. Roel R. Degamo of Negros Oriental welcomed all the participants in behalf of DepED and the Province, respectively.

Director Recaredo G. Borgonia, before his presentation on the relevant education data, expressed his joy and happiness looking at the big crowd of participants. He thanked and congratulated Dr. Maria Milagros C. Velez for taking the lead in the activity and making it possible, especially for the stakeholders to be present during the forum.

He emphasized the most important performance indicators that every school administrator and teacher must focus on: the Participation Rate, Drop-out Rate, Cohort Rate and Achievement Rate.

Highlighting the forum were two most important activities, namely: the ceremonial cutting of ribbon for the complete Computerization Program of the Secondary Schools in the Division and the giving of Special Awards.

The BEST Essential Health Care Package (EHCP) implementer went to MANALONGON CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

SIBULAN SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL was given Special Award for obtaining 81.22 MPS in the 2010 NAT. For being the only school in the Division reaching LEVEL 2 of the SBM practice, DAUIN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL was given the award.

Another Special Award was given to MRS. RHONA BALDONADO SILVA, Public Schools District Supervisor, for her strong leadership in making her school district top in the National Achievement Test (NAT). Likewise, MRS. DENMA KINKITO, Education Program Supervisor, was awarded for her efforts in facilitating the approval and inclusion of 62 secondary schools in the General Appropriation Act (GAA).

There were a number of questions which the participants wanted to ask the Regional Director during the Open Forum. However, Dir. Borgonia had to attend a Regional Development Council Meeting at the Convention Center. Thus, the members of his team who were with him from the Region, particularly, Mr. Aniano Bautista, Jr., Ms. Ida Cabantan, Dr. Milagros Gabia and Dr. Flor Sambrano, suggested that they send their questions in writing to the Regional Director's Office for his response.

The forum ended at exactly 12:00 noon.