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**TEACH FOR THE PHILIPPINES LAUNCHES TEACH FOR THE PHILIPPINES WEEK**

Quezon City, Philippines, September 2013. – *Teach for the Philippines*, the 25th partner to join the *Teach for All* global network, working to expand educational opportunity, has launched *Teach for the Philippines Week*. Dedicated to expanding their movement to eliminate educational inequity, *Teach for the Philippines Week* recruited key leaders in the private and public sectors to become guest teachers in several of the organization’s partner schools. Through this event, *Teach for the Philippines* also aimed to pay tribute to all teachers everywhere to celebrate National Teacher’s Month.

*Teach for the Philippines Week* ran from September 9-13, 2013, at several of the *Teach for the Philippines* partner schools in Quezon City, including Apolonio Samson Elementary School, West Fairview Elementary School, Kamuning Elementary School, Krus Na Ligas Elementary School, Sto. Cristo Elementary School, Bagong Pag-asa Elementary School and General Roxas Elementary School.

Guest teachers included Senator Paolo Benigno “Bam” Aquino, Department of Education Undersecretary for Programs and Projects Dina Ocampo, ABS-CBN television presenter Boy Abunda, National Book Development Board Chairperson Neni Sta. Romana Cruz, HSBC Philippines Chief Operating Officer John Nicholls, United States Embassy Economic Counselor Joel Ehrendreich, Millennium Challenge Corporation Country Director Matthew Bohn, DZMM TeleRadyo Station Manager Marah Faner-Capuyan, children’s author and publisher Ramon Sunico, and Centennial Group, Inc. Chairman Roberto de Ocampo, OBE. Prior to the event, each guest teacher was invited to collaborate with one of the *Teach for the Philippines* Fellows to develop a lesson plan.

Throughout *Teach for the Philippines Week*, guest teachers had the opportunity to teach a subject in one class alongside a Fellow in their respective schools. The available subjects included Math, Filipino, HEKASI (Heograpiya, Kasaysayan, and Sibika)/Araling Panlipunan, Science, English, and MAPEH (Music, Arts, Physical Education and Health). By participating in these activities and experiencing the local public school system firsthand, the guest teachers recognized the importance of basic education in creating our nation’s future leaders.

As a result of the *Teach for the Philippines Week* activities, the students of these schools gained exposure to different professional fields and backgrounds, experiences that may change their life trajectories. Furthermore, the event inspired our Fellows’ students to strive for success based on the examples of their famous guest teachers.

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