

Activity: Ceremonial Turnover of Reading and Reference Materials donated by
Move On Philippines through Mahintana Foundation, Inc. to
Kusan Elementary School, Barangay Kusan, Banga, South Cotabato

Date: August 27, 2009

*Venue: Mahintana Foundation, Inc. Office
Polomolok, South Cotabato*

Documentation

The donated books from Move On Philippines to Mahintana Foundation, Inc. received in June 2009 were able to benefit 547 pupils and teachers from Kusan Elementary School (KES), Brgy. Kusan, Banga, South Cotabato. The school was represented by Ms. Merle B. Palua during the ceremonial turnover of 107 assorted reading and reference materials at Mahintana Office, Polomolok, South Cotabato.



Turnover of reading and reference materials from Mahintana represented by its staff (left) to Kusan Elementary School represented by its school principal (2nd from the left) with two of its teachers and Dr. Neil Crespo, (2nd from the right) a school's alumni.

The school requested reading and reference materials through Mahintana to support the school's "Read-A-Thon" Program. In response to Move On Philippines' (MoP) mission to help improve reading skills and school performance of Filipino school children, the request was granted. Because Mahintana shares MOP's vision for public elementary schools in South Cotabato, Sarangani and Gen. Santos City (SOCSARGE) area, KES's reading program can now be fully implemented. Every weekday, each class at KES is given a minimum of 30 minutes time to use the library. "Reading is the key to learning" as Ms. Palua said. The books will help encourage the pupils to read and also help them achieve a satisfactory academic performance.

Activity: Ceremonial Turnover of Reading and Reference Materials donated by
Move On Philippines through Mahintana Foundation, Inc. to
Silway-8 Reading Center, Brgy. Silway-8, Polomolok, South Cotabato

Date: July 7, 2009

Venue: Mahintana Foundation, Inc. Office, Polomolok, South Cotabato

Documentation

The Barangay Council for the Protection of Children (BCPC) of Silway-8, Polomolok, South Cotabato constructed a BCPC Building/ Reading Center in front of the barangay hall. The establishment of a Barangay Information and Reading Center is a requirement for a municipality to win the Presidential Awards for the Child-Friendly Municipalities and Cities. Through Mr. Edgardo C. Diazon, Sr., the barangay requested reading and reference materials

from Mahintana Foundation, Inc. The books donated by Move On Philippines came at a very critical time as the Reading Center was in the midst of gathering books and other educational materials for the Reading Center.



Kagawad. E. Bornaes (left) represented Silway 8 BCPC during the turnover of reading and reference materials from a Mahintana staff.



Silway-8 BCPC Building/Reading Center inside the Barangay Hall Compound.

On July 7, 2009, books from MOP was turned over at Mahinatan Office with the help of Mahintana staff to Barangay Kagawad E. Bornaes on behalf of Silway-8. He received a total of 393 reading and reference materials. The barangay has seven puroks with two public elementary schools namely, (1) Viray Lising Elementary School with 284 total enrolled pupils and (2) Silway 8 Elementary School with 997 enrolled pupils. The barangay also has one secondary school (Silway 8 National High School) with 997 students currently enrolled.

Since the BCPC Building/Reading Center is accessible to all schools, students can now do their school research and assigned readings much easier.

Before the Center was opened, students have to go to the Municipal Public Library, which is four (4) kilometers away. Indeed, the Barangay Council was so thankful for the reading and reference materials donated by Move On Philippines. As part of their commitment, the books shall be well taken cared of and an inventory of books will be kept and checked regularly through their Barangay Secretary.