

Learning Resource Center in Kidapawan City Opens

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Kidapawan City - Mindanao Land Foundation in partnership with **Move On Philippines International, Inc.** and The Asia Foundation will be having a launching of a Learning Resource Center on July 20, 2006 at 8:30 AM at the Mindanao Land Foundation, Inc. office in Kidapawan City.

The Learning Resource Center is established to make more educational materials available to the public and also to enhance children's learnings in school by providing access to multi-media educational resources.

The center contains supplementary reading materials and other educational materials like magazines, story books, dictionaries, toys, audio visual materials and sets of encyclopedias for pre-schoolers, elementary, high school and college students and even professionals. These resources were donated by the **Move On Philippines International, Inc.** and The Asia Foundation.



A short program after the ribbon cutting shall usher the center's opening to the public. A photo gallery is also available for viewing just before the program starts.

Guests and participants of this activity will be coming from the Learning Resource Communities (LRC) Network, non-government organizations (NGOs), some schools in the primary and secondary level, and the DepEd Cotabato Province.

The Learning Resource Center will be made available to the Learning Resource Communities Network, other organizations and the public every weekdays from 8:30 AM to 12 noon and from 1:00 PM until 5:30 PM. (*MinLand/jmo*).



Learning Resource Center opens for public

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Kidapawan City - Cotabato DepEd Assistant Division Superintendent Lourdes Varias, Barangay Captains and Councilors from member-barangays of the Learning Resource Communities Network (LRC Network), CENCOM USM Kabacan faculty and staff headed by CENCOM Dean Dr. Rommel Tangonan, partner NGOs—Kapatiran Philippines, Balay Rehabilitation Center, Inc. and Immaculate Conception Parish-Integrated Rehabilitation Program, some principals and teachers of different beneficiary schools, pupils and preschoolers from the neighborhood witnessed the inauguration of the learning resource center at the MinLand office on July 20, 2006.

Mr. EJ Matela, Program Director of Mindanao Land Foundation, Inc. (MinLand) Post-Conflict Community Development (PCCD) Program, read the inspirational letters from two partners of this projects.

Move On Philippines International, Inc. shared, *“the launching of the Center is but the beginning.”* Further, they also *“look forward to tapping into that reservoir of goodwill in a sustained rational manner so that disadvantaged communities may move their lives forward --- one student, one book, one school, at a time.”*

The Asia Foundation on the other hand ensured that they *“will continue this worthwhile campaign for literacy hand in hand with Mindanao Land Foundation.”*

Lourdes Varias on her inspirational message cited that *“one of the problems of our learners was their inability to read, it maybe because they lack reading materials really to look on and develop their reading abilities and habits”* and that the opening of this learning resource center will help students, particularly of the nearby schools *“develop more interest in reading.”*

Varias also said that *“the size of the learning center might be not enough for students to be coming in and out if they will be discovering that this is now open for everybody.”*



Part of the activity was the turn-over of donated educational materials to New Cebu Elementary School and Saniel-Cruz National High School and the computer sets for Kibudoc Elementary School, Sagkungan Elementary School and Ilustre National High School.

Varias challenged the recipient schools “to take good care” of the educational materials and computers. In addition, she said “it would be nice if these books be placed in a strategic location” where students and community members can have an easy access.

Reverend Father Charles Allan E. Nemenzo administered the blessing of the center. (*MinLand/srd/jmo*)

