

## Learning Resource Center in Kidapawan City is Now Open

A Learning Resource Center in Kidapawan City is now open. The inauguration held on July 20, 2006 at MinLand Office in Saniel Subdivision, Kidapawan City was attended by Cotabato DepEd Assistant Division Superintendent Lourdes Varias, Barangay Captains and Councilors from member-barangays of the Learning Resource Communities Network (LRC), School teachers and principal in New Cebu High School and Saniel-Cruz National High School, Kibudoc Elementary School, Ilustre High School, and Sagkungan Elementary School, 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 and some pupils and pre-schoolers from the neighborhood. Rev. Fr. Charles Allan E. Nemenzo administered the blessing of the center.

A total of 62 persons attended the inauguration.

### Photo documentation



Rev. Fr. Charles Allan E. Nemenzo of the Our Lady Mediatrix of All Graces Cathedral – Kidapawan City administered the blessing of the center.



LRC Chair Jimmy Requita in his opening remarks says that he is happy to be meeting new faces in this gathering. He welcomed and thanked everybody for coming over. He said that the LRC Network has grown from 15 member barangays then to 31 barangays. The LRC has been taught the importance of sharing knowledge and skills. "MinLand has taught us many things for us to improve. They have imparted so many knowledge and this--how we may be able to link up with other organizations such as TAF and Move On Philippines. You may not see physical developments in our own barangays but we are sure to get there because of the skills and knowledge we learn from interacting and sharing with one another."



MinLand Program Director EJ Matela reading inspirational messages from Move On Philippines International and The Asia Foundation



Cotabato DepEd Assistant Division Superintendent Lourdes Varias saying "It is timely for us to be receiving these because of our problem—the inability of many school children to read partly because of the lack of reading materials in schools." She encourages the principals and teachers to have their libraries open not just for students but also for community members...to place the educational materials at a strategic place. The DepEd has this "read at home program (at least 3 books per year)" and a 30-minute reading session in school to enhance reading abilities of the pupils and students. Dr. Varias expressed thanks to Move On Philippines and The Asia Foundation for making these tools and reading materials, which she describes as very colorful and inviting, available to schools in Cotabato and to this Learning Resource Center.



MinLand staff Alih Bato turns over the educational materials to New Cebu High School Principal Cecilia Rubas



Ms. Perlas Inocentes of Saniel-Cruz National High School in Kidapawan City accepted the educational materials from Move On Philippines International, Inc.



On behalf of Ilustre High School, Ilustre Barangay Captain Jimmy Requita accepts the computer set donated by Move On Philippines International, Inc.



Barangay Ilustre Chair Jimmy Requita and Cotabato DepEd Assistant Division Superintendent Lourdes Varias cut the ribbon during the inauguration ceremony of the Learning Resource Center



Guests and visitors clap their hands as the Learning Resource Center was formally inaugurated



Cotabato DepEd Assistant Division Superintendent Lourdes Varias remarked "These are nice books! They are very attractive. Kids would love all these!"



Unfailing in getting the children's interest, the storybooks were among the most used during the first day.



Dr. Rommel Tangonan reads from an array of books and magazines in the book shelf. Earlier, Dr. Tangonan expressed their intent to partner with MinLand in their plan to conduct a computer literacy program. In this way, he said, they'll be able to help further the cause of education in this province. He believes that through education, one can attain peace and prosperity.



Kids from the neighborhood run towards these attractive educational materials upon seeing them



Interactive CDs for kids was one of the attractions in the Learning Resource Center



The Learning Resource Center is open for everybody during weekdays from 8:30 AM to 12 noon and from 1:00 PM to 5:30 PM