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DepEd's “Laptop for Teachers” project goes full swing

Pasig City — In line with the Department of Education’s (DepEd) commitment to harness Information Communication Technology (ICT) in improving teaching and learning outcomes, DepEd Secretary Jesli Lapus today signed agreements with Microsoft, HP, LENOVO, NEO, and ACER to provide affordable laptop computers for public school teachers.

Under DepEd’s Adopt-a-School Program, these hardware manufacturers have agreed to halve the usual selling price of their laptops. Teachers can buy laptops for half the price which they can pay on monthly installments with zero interest.

DepEd Secretary Jesli Lapus said that “giving our teachers the equipment will modernize the way our teachers work. This is indeed a worthy investment in the department’s human capital, and I am grateful for the overwhelming private sector support that DepEd has been receiving.”

Once public school teachers pass the online examination administered by IC3, an independent certification body, they can avail themselves of laptops that have a built-in Learning Management Plan. This contains a lesson plan and student record book. Interactive teaching guides are also stored in the units that the teachers can use to make classroom instruction fun and interesting.

Microsoft will also make available English language versions of the Windows Vista Home Basic Software that will only cost US\$7 per unit.

Microsoft’s Partners In Learning (PIL) – Version 2 is a continuation of Microsoft’s Partners in Learning Version 1 which was launched in 2003.

Microsoft opened the Partners in Learning Grant, a five-year program to help deliver technology skills training to students and teachers. Participating



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elementary and secondary public schools were also provided with free upgrades to Microsoft Windows XP Professional.

Together with DepEd, Microsoft’s PIL Version 2 aims to assist schools, teachers, and students innovative by providing resources, training, expertise and technology that will endow students and teachers alike with the relevant skills that will make their academic performance at par with our more progressive Asian neighbors. (DepEd)

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