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**PRESS RELEASE**

**DepEd joins inauguration of school building in Marawi, visited schools in BARMM, Region X**

*MARAWI CITY*, April 11, 2022 – The Department of Education (DepEd) joined Task Force Bangon Marawi (TFBM) in the inauguration of a new school building in Marawi Integrated School that will accommodate displaced learners due to siege.

TFBM representatives from DepEd, the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), and the Office of the Civil Defense (OCD) unveiled a 1-unit, 4-story, 20-classroom school building located at the Most Affected Area (MAA), Marawi City, Lanao del Sur.

Nine more school buildings are currently under construction in the integrated school, and it is expected to be completed in the next few months. This effort is part of the government's rehabilitation program in the City.

"Through the continuous leadership and commitment of the concerned government agencies, these school building projects will be accomplished within the agreed timeline and will soon accommodate our displaced learners," Undersecretary for Administration Alain Del B. Pascua said during the inauguration ceremony.

"Nagpapasalamat po tayo sa lahat na nagkaisa tayo, na nagkaroon tayo ng bayanihan para maitayo nating muli itong isang integrated school sa Marawi," he added.

TFBM Chairman Eduardo Del Rosario noted that rebuilding schools and educational facilities are a priority in the government's rehabilitation program.

"One of the priorities in rehabilitation is rebuilding the educational system, and this infrastructure will show the whole country that we are focusing on the right direction in ensuring that education is given the topmost priority," Del Rosario emphasized.

Meanwhile, the Office of the Undersecretary for Administration (OUA) and the Disaster Risk Reduction Management Service (DRRMS) visited and inspected schools in other parts of Lanao del Sur II, Lanao del Norte, and Bukidnon.

OUA and DRRMS oversaw the newly-built 1-unit, 3-classroom school building, which has an ongoing installation of 36 solar panels and water system units, in Sta. Cruz Elementary School, one of the Last Mile Schools (LMS) of DepEd in Maigo, Lanao del Norte.

The Department also visited the Makabugwas Ta San Dionesio and Lumatong Pangukuyan Ta Apu Man-uhay in Bukidnon to check the status of the ongoing construction of their school building.

Furthermore, the Gabaldon Buildings in Samburon Integrated School in Lanao del Norte, Talakag Central School, and Kisolon Central Elementary School in Bukidnon have been inspected by the Department to know its current status after its restoration and renovation.

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