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## DepEd launches online portal to strengthen partner-school engagement

PASIG CITY, March 23, 2023 — The Department of Education (DepEd), in collaboration with PLDT-Gabay Guro and Metro Pacific Investment Corporation, launched on Thursday the DepEd Partnership Assistance Portal (DPAP) to strengthen stakeholder engagement in schools.

"Today marks a significant first step in building better relations between our partners and schools. We hope that through this portal, we will be able to attract more civic-minded partners in the future," Assistant Secretary for Administration Christopher Lawrence S. Arnuco said.

Spearheaded by the External Partnership Services (EPS), the program launched the portal that aims to bridge gaps between companies or organizations who are willing to adopt a school and supply them with their needs.

DPAP is also aligned with the MATATAG Agenda's digitization program which includes improved partnership processes, accuracy, and transparency of partnership data that can be easily retrieved and accessed by DepEd offices, partners, and stakeholders.

"The DPAP is the result of the hardwork of experts, and of course, the hardworking team who enthusiastically collaborated in a bid to advance education partnerships for DepEd," EPS Director Margarita Consolacion Ballesteros stated.

Through the system's features, schools can create their account, post their School Improvement Plan (SIP), and tap partners who seeks to help as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).

The system highlights several digitized features like the e-appointment that automates appointment setting for both partners and schools, the menu of investment that lists all of the required assistance of schools that partners can fulfill, and the partnership map that showcase the partnerships made across the country.

The launch was attended by Regional Education Support Services Division (ESSD) Chiefs and Regional Partnerships Focal Persons, government agencies, private organizations, and international and development partners, and corporate partners.

Additionally, the DPAP public site will feature stories and articles about partnership triumphs in efforts of acquiring more partners in the future. Meanwhile, EPS revealed that this is only the first phase of the program, and the Service will continue to update the portal.

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