

## Public school in Cotabato receives new desks and armchairs

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A remote school in Maguindanao Province received 235 new armchairs and desks from AboitizPower distribution utility, Cotabato Light and Power Company (CLPC).

The assistance from CLPC has made classrooms at Don Antonio Martinez Sr. Elementary School (DAMSES) safer and more conducive for learning for the students who come mostly from the Maguindanaon and Tiduray tribes.

CLPC and Aboitiz Foundation Inc. responded to the request for assistance of Teacher-In-Charge (TIC) Bai Norhaya S. Cagalawan of DAMSES, which is located about 20 kilometers from the city.

On June 28, 2017, a team from CLPC, led by human resource and reputation enhancement department department head Anna Lea Lee L. Nataño, turned over 100 armchairs, 45 desks with 90 chairs and two teacher's tables and chairs to Ms. Cagalawan and other DAMSES officials.

“Isang blessing po ito para sa amin na mabigyan ng mga armchairs and desks. lingatan po namin ito para mas marami pang mag-aaral ang makakagamit nito,” Cagalawan said. “Sana hindi mapagod ang AboitizPower at CLPC sa pagtulong, lalo na para sa kapakanan ng mga kabataan.” (This is a blessing for all of us. We will take care of the armchairs and desks so that more students will be able to benefit from their use. We hope that AboitizPower and CLPC will continue to help, especially for the welfare of the children.)

“We welcome the opportunity to be an instrument in improving the quality of education at DAMSES and in promoting the safety of students here. As an AboitizPower company, CLPC considers quality education a vital component in ensuring a better future for the kids in our community,” Nataño said.

The turnover ceremony was attended by Salvacion Deaño, Kinder, Filipino and IPED Division coordinator; Marisol Rosal, SPED division head; Dr. Sittie Jane Mangelen, DOS North District

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supervisor; PTA officers; and Barangay Captain Datu Wilson Sinsuat. Present also were Cotabato Light Michelle P. Prudente and Arlene V. Hepiga of CLPC HR and RED team, and Frederick Carlon, CLPC quality assurance specialist.