

## NDA Hosts DA-FAPs Annual Meeting



The CY 2009 Year- End Assessment Meeting for Department of Agriculture-Foreign Assisted Projects (DA-FAPs) was held last April 20-23, 2010 in Tagaytay City, hosted/sponsored by NDA through the Milk Feed Plus Project. NDA Administrator Orkhan H. Usman graced the occasion to welcome all the participants.

The meeting was attended by 45 Monitoring and Evaluation Officers/Finance Officers from 17 Foreign-Assisted Projects together with the officers and staff from DA-Central Office. The funding institutions that sponsored the different projects either by loan or grant were the following: (1) Asian Development Bank (ADB), (2) World Bank, (3) US-PL480, (4) ADB-IFAD, (5) UNDP-FAO, (6) Korea International Cooperating Agency (KOICA), (7) Spanish Government and (8) European Union

The assessment of the overall progress of each FAP in achieving its objectives and the evaluation of the projects' compliance to their commitments with the funding institutions were the purposes of the event.

The three-day meeting was apportioned into the presentation of the various FAPs Progress

Reports for CY 2009, lessons learned from problem encountered, issues and concerns for each project and an exposure trip. The participants got a taste of the sterilized milk fed to children



beneficiaries of milk feeding programs as Ms. Raylyn Sanchez, the plant manager of the Federation of Davao Dairy Farmers Cooperative, generously shared pouches of "Milkee".

A field visit of the participants to the Katipunan ng Kooperatibang Maggagatas, Ink. (KKMI) was also part of the itinerary. From the KKMI milk processing plant at Lamot, Calauan, Laguna, Mr. Baltazar V. Montiel, the KKMI business manager, shared the ups and downs of their Dairy Business with the participants.

