

NDA MILK TOAST "UNITED AGAINST HUNGER" KICKS-OFF WITH A BANG IN SARIAYA, QUEZON



October 11, 2010 started with a bang in Sariaya, Quezon - an occasion which was in keeping with the 30th celebration of the World Food Day celebration against hunger.

In tandem with the PALCON (Palsahingin-Concepcion) Dairy Multi-Purpose Cooperative headed by Chairman. Aquilino Manalo and Vice Chairman Isagani Ocampo, some 62 schoolchildren led by Ms. Wenifreda Pasquin of the Department of Education, representing Wenceslao Laidia , the School Principal of Concepcion Ibaba Elementary School together with Ms. Grace Caraig and Jesusa Supillo, Teachers in-Charge, trooped to Bgy. Concepcion Basketball Court to grace the occasion by a Milk Toast in the fight against hunger. Joining them were Dr. Jaime M. Lopez, Regional Manager for NDA South Luzon (representing NDA Administrator Grace J. Cenas); Ms. Maria Anne Trillana, (representing FAO Representative Kazuyuki Tsurumi); and Administrator Cenon Allan V. Loria (representing Mayor Rosaura "Boyet" Masilang of Sariaya Quezona).



Mr. Manalo welcomed the schoolchildren and all the guests, while Dr. Jaime Lopez, informed the group that NDA has been in the area for almost two (2) decades silently working to help alleviate hunger while at the same time, increase livelihood opportunities for the marginalized sector. Lopez said the NDA is striving to fill the daily glass of milk for the Filipinos. He said that children may not yet understand its full meaning, but in due time and as they grow older, they will realize that project's benefit to them and the future generation. Administrator Allan Loria likewise informed the people that the local government in its

capacity is doing its best to institutionalize programs in keeping with the millennium goals of providing increased incomes and food security to mitigate hunger. He also prodded the group in Sariaya, with its standing cry: "Aria: Sariaya" which aims to boost the community into working together so that common goals can be achieved.

Ms. Mari Anne Trillana from the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) reiterated the collaborative efforts being undertaken by the FAO with the GO's, NGO's and PO's in addressing hunger in the country.



To enliven the day, perky dancers of the school rendered a number to the thrill of the schoolchildren and the young at once.

Lending support in covering the program were staff from the DA-Information Service: Lito Degoria, Rinno Resurreccion and Herman Unida. .

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