

Education in the Philippines: Liberal Perspectives
25 – 29 September 2007
Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental

Objectives:

1. Participants must know the basic issues and problems of education in the Philippines.
2. Participants must be able to appreciate these problems and be able to propose goals to be achieved by the Philippine educational system, both on the part of government and the private sector.
3. Participants must be able to understand the fundamentals of liberal education and their application to the Philippine setting.
4. Participants must be able to advocate for excellence in education and its role in societal transformation.
5. Participants must be able to relate education to the demands of a changing, globalized and competitive world.

Program:

Tuesday, 25.09.2007

- Morning: Arrival of participants
- 4:00 p.m. Sunset boat cruise to nearby coves
- 6:00 p.m. Free time
- 7:00 p.m. Dinner fellowship

Wednesday, 26.09.2007

- 9:00 a.m. Welcome Remarks
Introduction of participants and facilitators
Presentation of workshop objectives and program
Introduction to the Friedrich Naumann Foundation
House rules

- 10:00 a.m. I. Abstract/General/Philosophical/Global Issues
A. The liberal concept of education
1. What is the purpose of learning?
2. How do liberal concepts of knowledge and learning differ from other concepts?
- 11:30 a.m. Group work
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. Presentations and discussion
- 2:30 p.m. B. What should the role of education be?
1. Education and globalization
2. How to meet the demands of a competitive world
Mr. Juan Miguel Luz
President, International Institute for Rural Reconstruction
- 3:15 p.m. Break
- 3:30 p.m. Discussion
- 4:00 p.m. II. Education Situation in the Philippines
A. Strengths and weaknesses
B. Experiences
C. Actors
Honorable Florencio Abad
Former Secretary, Department of Education
- 5:15 p.m. Discussion
- 6:30 p.m. End of day one
- 7:15 p.m. Dinner fellowship and cultural presentation

Thursday, 27.09.2007

- 8:30 a.m. Recap
- 8:45 a.m. Departure to Dumaguete City

III. School Visitations

- A. Public school
- B. Private school

11:30 a.m. Lunch
Host: Silliman University

1:00 p.m. Discussion on school visitation experiences
Venue: MBA Presentation Room
College of Business Administration
Silliman University

2:00 p.m. IV. Liberal Solutions
A. Public-private partnerships
Dr. Chito B. Salazar
Head, Philippine Investment-Management Education Network

3:15 p.m. Break

3:30 p.m. B. Education network: case studies

1. Adopt-a-School Program
Dr. Victoria O. Galgo
Assistant Schools Division Superintendent, Negros Oriental
2. Religious Institutions Running Schools
Fr. Jose Enrique Balongag
President, Colegio de Sta. Catalina de Alejandria
3. Local Government Initiated Day Care Centers
Mrs. Marina Mendoza
Head, Department of Social Welfare and Development,
Dumaguete City

6:00 p.m. Summary by moderators and discussion

6:30 p.m. End of day two

6:45 p.m. Dinner
Host: Attorney Felipe Antonio Remollo
Liberal Party of the Philippines – Negros Oriental

Return to Antulang Resort

Friday, 28.09.2007

- 9:00 a.m. Recap
- 10:00 a.m. Introduction to working group on policy papers
- 10:15 a.m. Discussions in working groups
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Discussions in working groups continued
- 2:00 p.m. Presentations of policy papers and discussion
- 4:00 p.m. Evaluation
- 7:00 p.m. Farewell dinner and awarding of certificates

Saturday, 29.09.2007

Departure