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Alumni Associations in New York Continue the Gabay Mag-aaral Project



Participants of the 2nd Gabay Mag-aaral Project Workshop, a civic project of the HomecomingsaKonsulado, held at the Philippine Center on 23 March 2019.

New York, 23 March 2019 – Members of the different alumni associations in New York and interested volunteers attended the 2nd Gabay Mag-aaral Workshop organized by the Philippine Consulate General New York which aimed to review lessons learned and best practices in the implementation of the first Gabay Mag-aaral Project (GMP) and to plan for this year's implementation of the GMP.

The Gabay Mag-aaral Project is an outcome of the Homecoming saKonsulado designed to mobilize US-based mentors and volunteers to reach out to public elementary schools in the Philippines and conduct a student assembly among Grade 5 and 6 students to inspire and motivate them and to share how to achieve their dreams based on time-honored values of honesty, integrity and discipline.

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Consul Arman Talbo welcomed the participants of the Workshop and recalled the history of the GMP. He facilitated the discussion on the priorities and thanked the three resource speakers who volunteered to implement the GMP in three public schools last year.

Dr. Nerissa Calub of San Carlos University Alumni Association, Dr. Roxanne Cajigas of Centro Escolar University Alumni Association and Ms. Nelsie Parrado of University of the Philippines Alumni Association of America, Inc. shared experiences and challenges of their meeting with Grade 6 students, teachers and administrators in their respective towns during the first-ever Gabay-Magaaral Project launch in San Jose Elementary School in Tacloban City, Maybocog Elementary School in Maydolong, Eastern Samar and Tibungco Elementary in Davao.

Ms. Chiara Abaquin, Master's candidate of Harvard School of Education and a graduate of Elementary Education and Applied Psychology and Human Development from Boston College, served as reactor during the Workshop and gave additional tips and recommendations in building connections and improving communication with the students.

The participants of the 2nd GMP Workshop agreed to further improve the procedures, programs and guidelines, accelerate coordination with the Department of Education, and establish feedback mechanism.

After the Workshop, some participants planned to undertake GMP in their respective towns in 2019 in Ilocos Sur, Batangas, and Leyte. A group of volunteers plan to go back to San Jose, Tacloban City and further engage the students in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) development in coordination with the teachers and school administration. Carol Tanjutco, a community leader in New York, will incorporate the GMP in her projects in Mindoro this year.

To know more about the programs, please send email to newyorkpcg.cultural@dfa.gov.ph.
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Consul Arman Talbo of the Philippine Consulate General New York (2nd from L) led the Workshop of the Gabay Mag-aaral Project. Resource speakers included Ms. Nelsie Parrado (1st from L), Dr.

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Joie Calub (1st from R) and Dr. Roxanne Cajigas (not in photo). Chiara Abaquin (2nd from R) reacted to the presentations.



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