Literacy and Accreditation for Continuing Education (LACE)

Results of the Alternative Learning System (ALS) Accreditation and Equivalency (A&E) test conducted on November 18, 2017 were released in January 2018.

In LACE-ALS Parañaque City, 24 out of 59 test-takers passed, while in LACE-Bangkal, Makati City, 22 out of 47 takers passed. Another A&E Test was conducted on March 4, 2018. Results are expected to come out before April 30.

The Accreditation and Equivalency (A&E) is aimed at providing an alternative pathway of learning for out-of-school children, youth and adults who are basically literate but who have not completed the 10 years of basic education mandated by the Philippine Constitution.

Through this program, school dropouts are able to complete elementary and high school education outside the formal school system. Passers of the A&E Test are given a certificate/diploma, bearing the Department of Education seal and the signature of the Secretary, certifying their competencies as comparable graduates of the formal school system and enabling them to enroll in secondary and post-secondary schools. ■

LACE-ALS Parañaque City holds its classes at F. Serrano Sr. Elementary School, where a room has been designated as ALS Center, solely for the use of ALS program.

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Moving Up

Pre-school and Beyond

CENEP (Child Education and Nutrition Enhancement Program)

After ten months with CENEP, 186 children received certificates for satisfactorily completing SY 2017-2018.

To date, CENEP has served a total of 1,882 children in its four feeding/preschool sites (Tondo, Manila; Brgy. Highway Hills, Mandaluyong City; Soledad S. Griño Site, Project 8, Quezon City; and Brgy. Sto. Domingo, Cainta, Rizal).

The graduation programs are that enriching moment of the school year when children and their parents and guardians experience the joy of their accomplishment of completing ten months of learning.

Highlights of the ceremonies are special numbers presented by the graduating pupils, such as prepared short remarks from selected pupils, receiving their graduation certificates, and rendering their graduation songs. All these highlighted the children's talents and skills honed and cultivated *(CENEP...continued on page 2)*

CENEP Brgy. Sto. Domingo, Cainta, Rizal - March 22, 2018.

(*CENEP...continued from page 1)* through their learning experience in school. In addition, they made friends and enjoyed time with their classmates.

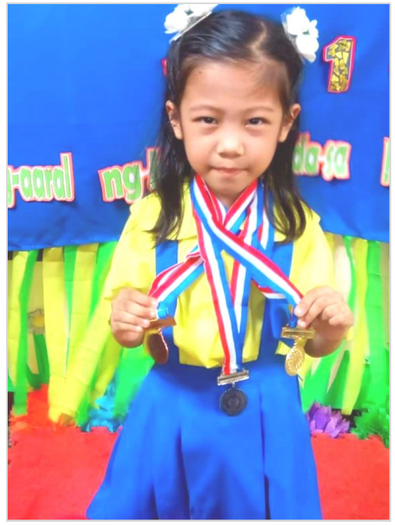
The transition from pre-school to kindergarten marks a very important step in a child's life as it prepares them to enter the "big" and formal school system.

Graduation is a time when pupils bid goodbye to their friends and teachers, although all are encouraged to stay in touch and keep us posted on the children's progress through their education. ■

CENEP Soledad S. Griño Site, Project 8, Quezon City - March 23, 2018.

CENEP Brgy. Highway Hills, Mandaluyong City - March 23, 2018.

CENEP Alumni. These are some graduates of CENEP who are now enrolled in other schools in Metro Manila, as well as in the province, awarded with recognition and honors for outstanding performance. ■



Left to right: Ashley Mercado (CENEP SY 2015-2016), Highway Hills Integrated School (HHIS) - Grade 1 (Top 3); Kianne Ashley Roque (CENEP SY 2015-2016), Cabiao Adventist Elementary School, Nueva Ecija - Kindergarten 2 (With Honors, Star Reader Award, 1st Place - Math Quiz Bee, 2nd Place - Science Quiz Bee, 2nd Place - Spelling Bee); Ashley Lao (CENEP SY 2016-2017), HHIS - Kindergarten (Top 2 overall and 2nd Honor-Literacy, out of more than 300 pupils).

Missy Shane Buraga (CENEP SY 2011-2012), HHIS - Grade 5-Section 1 (4th Honor).