

Center
of Excellence
in Public
Elementary Education

OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS



The Center of Excellence in Public Elementary Education (CENTEX) continued to provide high-quality education to less privileged but deserving elementary and high school students. It registered a total grade school student population of 995 for the school year 2008–2009.

A decade has passed since the establishment of the first CENTEX School program in Manila. Corporate partners led by Ayala Land Inc. funded the creation of CENTEX Manila. Globe Telecom Inc. helped fund the establishment of CENTEX Batangas two years later. Aside from these corporate partners, the Department of Education, local governments, individual donors, other companies, and volunteers supported both schools.

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In 2008, CENTEX students and alumni began to realize the school's dream of producing public school students that are at par with their private school counterparts. CENTEX graduates emerged as leaders in several private high schools, while CENTEX students continued to succeed in different competitions and national achievement exams.

CENTEX Manila ranked first (Division of Manila) in the National Achievement Test administered by the Department of Education, and CENTEX Batangas won all awards from Grades 1 to 6 in the Mathematics Teachers' Association of the Philippines Challenge held in February (district-level competition).

CENTEX Batangas was the overall winner (district level) in the National Schools' Press Conferences Journalism Competitions and was among the top three awardees in the area-level and division-level competitions held in October. CENTEX Batangas also won first place in the Readers' Theater competition held in November (district, area, and division levels).





Amidst today's uncertainties and economic crisis, CENTEX has remained steadfast in its promise to provide quality education to bright children from marginalized families. CENTEX has remained strong by partnering with different entities and organizations. Through these partnerships, CENTEX has been able to support the needs of its students, alumni, and teaching staff. One of the fruits of these alliances is a donation of 21 brand new, top-of-the-line computers and two printers for the two CENTEX-supported public schools from Hewlett-Packard Foundation, USA.

Various individuals also pledged support for the program, including J. D. Estrella, a US-based donor, who provided four computers and two printers to CENTEX's partner high schools. CENTEX also renewed its partnerships with Balikbigay Inc., Nicanor Jacinto Foundation, and other individuals who committed to support CENTEX's continuing education program at the secondary level.

Partnerships with private high schools were established for the continuing secondary education of 423 CENTEX alumni (285 from Manila and 138 from Batangas). To date, 133 graduates of the CENTEX program have been enrolled at Sta. Isabel College, 58 at St. Bridget College, and five at the University of Santo Tomas High School. Other CENTEX graduates received scholarships from the Philippine Science High School; Manila Science High School; Makati Science High School; Berea Arts and Sciences High School, Cainta; Fame Academy of Science and Technology, Taal, Batangas; and Sisters of Mary School (Boystown and Girlstown), Silang, Cavite.

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graduates of the CENTEX program were supported through high school.



Notably, CENTEX graduate Hershey Gabi was given an overall first honor full scholarship by Stonyhurst Southville International School, Batangas, while Cyrus Bellosillo and Jenina Anos received an overall first honor full scholarship and an overall second honor partial scholarship, respectively, from Sta. Isabel College, Manila.

CENTEX also partnered with the University of the Philippines, Ateneo de Manila University, De La Salle University, Far Eastern University, Mapua Institute of Technology, Adamson University, University of the East, and University of Santo Tomas for the career orientation of its alumni.

CENTEX held a curriculum audit workshop in April to integrate the CENTEX curriculum more fully with the DepEd's Philippine Elementary Learning Competencies, and to further strengthen the curriculum used at CENTEX. Forty-one teachers from both CENTEX-supported schools attended the workshop.

