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*Gigmoto Central Elementary School*

*Re: VP inaugurates last mile school bldg. DNHS*

**VP, DepEd Secretary inaugurates  
last mile school building at Dororian NHS**

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To formally turn over the last mile school building at Dororian National High School, Vice President of the Republic of the Philippines and concurrent Secretary of the Department of Education Sara Z. Duterte graced the Inauguration and Turn-Over Ceremonies on November 23.

“Nagpapasalamat ako sa oras at oportunidad na ibinigay niyo sa akin para sa turn-over ng last mile school building ng Dororian National High School,” the Secretary said during her inaugural address.

Sec. Duterte further said that the last mile school program of DepED is a program with separate funding for identified last mile schools throughout the country which are prioritized for improvement projects in facilities.

“Ang last mile school ay programa ng Department of Education kung saan ay hinihiwalay natin ang kanilang budget dahil sila ay prayoridad ng DepEd. Ito po’yong mga lugar na GIDA areas o geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas na pina-prioritize ang pagbigay ng pondo para sa kanilang mga pasilidad kasama na ang classroom,” Duterte further clarified.

The DepED Secretary arrived at around 11:30 in the morning of November 23 accompanied by Senator Imee R. Marcos and some local politicians such as Governor Joseph C. Cua, Provincial Board Member Jan Alberto, Gigmoto Mayor Vicente J. Tayam Jr. and the barangay officials.

A modest ceremony of blessing of the last mile school building kicked off the activity upon the arrival of the secretary. The Parish Priest of St. Isidore, The Farmer, Rev. Fr. Salvador T. Rojas Jr. initiated the blessing ceremony. Afterwards, the inauguration and turn-over ceremonies immediately followed held at the school’s



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quadrangle. Over a hundred parents and community spectators attended the program.

The ceremonies highlighted the turn-over of keys to the last mile school building by Secretary Duterte which was received by Head Teacher Rico A. Trollano. Schools Division Superintendent Socorro V. Dela Rosa, Chief Education Supervisor Mary Jean S. Romero, and Division Engineer Rodger A. Matienzo also graced and assisted the turn-over ceremonies.

Aside from this, the Secretary also distributed school learning kits to all 175 students of Dororian NHS which include a bag, school supplies and hygiene kits each.

It can be recalled that the construction of the last mile school building at Dororian NHS started in June 2022 and was completed in February 2023. The project features four classrooms, spacious 7-seater comfort rooms, a stock room, a water supply facility, and the slope protection and school pathway rehabilitation.

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