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## MEDIA RELEASE

### **Calamity-stricken areas in Visayas to start enjoying fully furnished Philam Paaralan classrooms**

Philam Foundation, the corporate citizenship arm of the Philam Life Group, has recently completed a batch of Philam Paaralan classrooms in calamity-stricken areas in the Visayas region.

Schools in Typhoon Yolanda-ravaged areas in Leyte and Eastern Samar, and earthquake-stricken Cebu and Bohol are the recipients of fully furnished classrooms built in partnership with different organizations by Philam Paaralan, Philam Foundation's flagship program.

Philam Foundation Executive Director Max G. Ventura said, "Education has always been an important engine to a nation's development. We at Philam Foundation are here to help ensure that rebuilding of schools also gets prioritized during rehabilitation efforts in the wake of a natural disaster."

Two classrooms built in partnership with Give2Asia, Philippine International Aid and Commune Hotels & Resorts were turned over to San Jose Central Elementary School in Tacloban City, Leyte. Three classrooms each, built in partnership with Happy Hearts Fund, were turned over to Marasbaras Elementary School in Tacloban City and Manlilisid Elementary School in Javier, Leyte.

Turned over to Pastrana Central Elementary School in Pastrana, Leyte were three classrooms built in partnership with Philam Life Agency Sales Group and Premier Agency, Philippine American Cultural Foundation, Watt Samakki-Dhammikaram, Inc. and MDRT Foundation.Inc. In Guiuan, Eastern Samar, Philam Paaralan turned over two classrooms in Cantahay Elementary School in partnership with Give2Asia and Seagate Technology, while Salug Elementary School also received two classrooms in partnership with the National Museum.

Two classrooms each built in partnership with the Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE) Foundation and the US Philippines Society were also turned over to Sta. Fe Central Elementary School in Sta. Fe, Bantayan Island, Cebu and Medellin Central Elementary School in Medellin, Cebu. Two more classrooms built in partnership with the National Museum were handed over to the Loon South Central Elementary School in Loon, Bohol.



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Most of these Philam Paaralan classrooms will use the chairs donated by Isla Lipana Foundation, Inc. through its Seat of Hope program.

These classrooms comprise the first batch of classrooms that Philam Paaralan started building as Philam Foundation's response to the rehabilitation of the areas affected by Typhoon Yolanda and Bohol Earthquake. Sixteen more classrooms, also constructed with the support of like-minded organizations, will have been completed and turned over by the end of October this year.

In partnership with the Department of Education (DepEd), Philam Foundation launched Philam Paaralan in 2012 to empower more Filipino youth through a healthy education. Philam Paaralan is building classrooms in existing schools located in calamity-stricken areas, and deemed by DepEd to have a high need for a "healthy education."

Each Philam Paaralan classroom comes complete with chairs, blackboards, fans, and lighting equipment. As part of its vision to give students a "healthy education," Philam Foundation also integrates the WASH (Water Sanitation and Hygiene) program in each Philam Paaralan. Under this program, a Philam Paaralan classroom comes with a toilet room dubbed the WASH room.

"Philam Paaralan classrooms are designed in a way that students will be able to study in an environment that is truly conducive to learning. Students study in classrooms for hours in a day, and having clean comfort rooms make it more convenient for them to carry out their daily school routine," said Ventura.

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