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Megawide Foundation launches *Aklat Para Sa Lahat* CSR program

The engineering and infrastructure company rallies in support of reading by donating reading corners to partner rural public schools to cultivate curiosity and a love for learning in its young students.

Mariveles, Bataan – Just months after building over 7,000 classrooms for Phase 1 of the Public-Private Partnership for School Infrastructure Project (PSIP) with the Department of Education, Megawide Construction Corporation, through its social development arm Megawide Foundation, launched its flagship education program for 2016, *Aklat Para Sa Lahat*.

The Megawide Foundation is donating reading corners to elementary public schools in rural areas to cultivate a love for reading and learning in students at a young age. It partnered with the National Bookstore Foundation, Inc., other non-government organizations, and employee-volunteers to provide books and furnishings to schools that were part of the PPP for School Infrastructure Project under Megawide.

“Megawide and the Megawide Foundation are committed to encouraging innovation and creativity in young children,” says Megawide Foundation President Louie Ferrer. “Helping to provide reading corners and reading materials will instill a love for reading and a curiosity among kids that we hope will help develop them into engineers and innovators just like our own Megawide employees.”

The first of a series of *Aklat Para Sa Lahat* events was held at the Biaan Aeta Elementary School in Mariveles, Bataan. The school has 123 students. “We pick schools located in more rural areas with smaller student populations that receive little support for extra-learning activities and have little to no access to additional learning materials,” explains Maila Angela Ong, Megawide Foundation director.

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During the turnover of the reading materials, book shelves, and play mats, volunteers from the company spend half a day in each school with storytelling sessions and games for the students. Ong says, “We’ve already been to three schools: one in Bataan for January and two in Zambales this February. We hope to be able to do this on a more regular basis so that more schools can benefit from the program.

Megawide is known for its expertise in precast and formwork systems, introducing these technologies at a time when most Filipino construction companies still use traditional building methods. Its combined precast and batching plant, built in 2011 and located in Taytay, Rizal, is one of the largest and most advanced in Asia.

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Megawide Corporate Foundation, Inc. is the social development arm of Megawide Construction Corporation, one of the fastest growing companies in the Philippines.

The Megawide Corporate Foundation was established in 2012 purposely to provide opportunities to the marginalized and disadvantaged in the communities where Megawide Construction operates, and in areas where the Company’s expertise and resources are needed. It is committed to implementing projects that promote empowerment through education and skills development, encourage entrepreneurship and the provision of sustainable livelihood opportunities, while ensuring the well-being and safety of the people and the environment.

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