



Philam Life chief executive officer Ariel Cantos shakes hand with Vice President and Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDDC) Chairman Leni Robredo, with Philam Foundation president Max Ventura.

Philam Paaralan gives access to education

Proximity to a school is a factor that hinders Filipino children in far-flung areas from acquiring and pursuing the education that they dream of.

Such is the case for the youth in the remote community of Barangay Burabod, Camarines Sur, where students had to walk for approximately five kilometers in order to reach the nearest high school establishment.

Some students even had to pass by an unstable rope bridge just to get to school.

To address this problem, Philam Foundation responded to the request made by then Camarines Sur Congresswoman and now Vice President Leni Robredo to build two new classrooms in the said Barangay.

The classrooms were showcased during the recently concluded classroom turnover at the Severo High School.

Thanks to the help of Philam Foundation, Vice President Leni Robredo, and the local

government, the students, as well as their parents, now have a renewed sense of hope of reaching their dreams as they continue their educational journey aided by their new classrooms.

The Philam Paaralan classrooms that can accommodate 100 students, are fully-furnished, well-lit, ventilated, and complete with restrooms and water sanitation and hygiene (WASH) facilities. They are calamity-resilient and can withstand up to 300kph of typhoon strength.

Philam Paaralan is Philam Foundation's flagship program, which aims to build classrooms in calamity-stricken and underserved communities around the country in partnership with the Department of Education.

From its original target of building 65 classrooms in five years, Philam Paaralan is set to complete 121 classrooms, almost double its target in just four years.