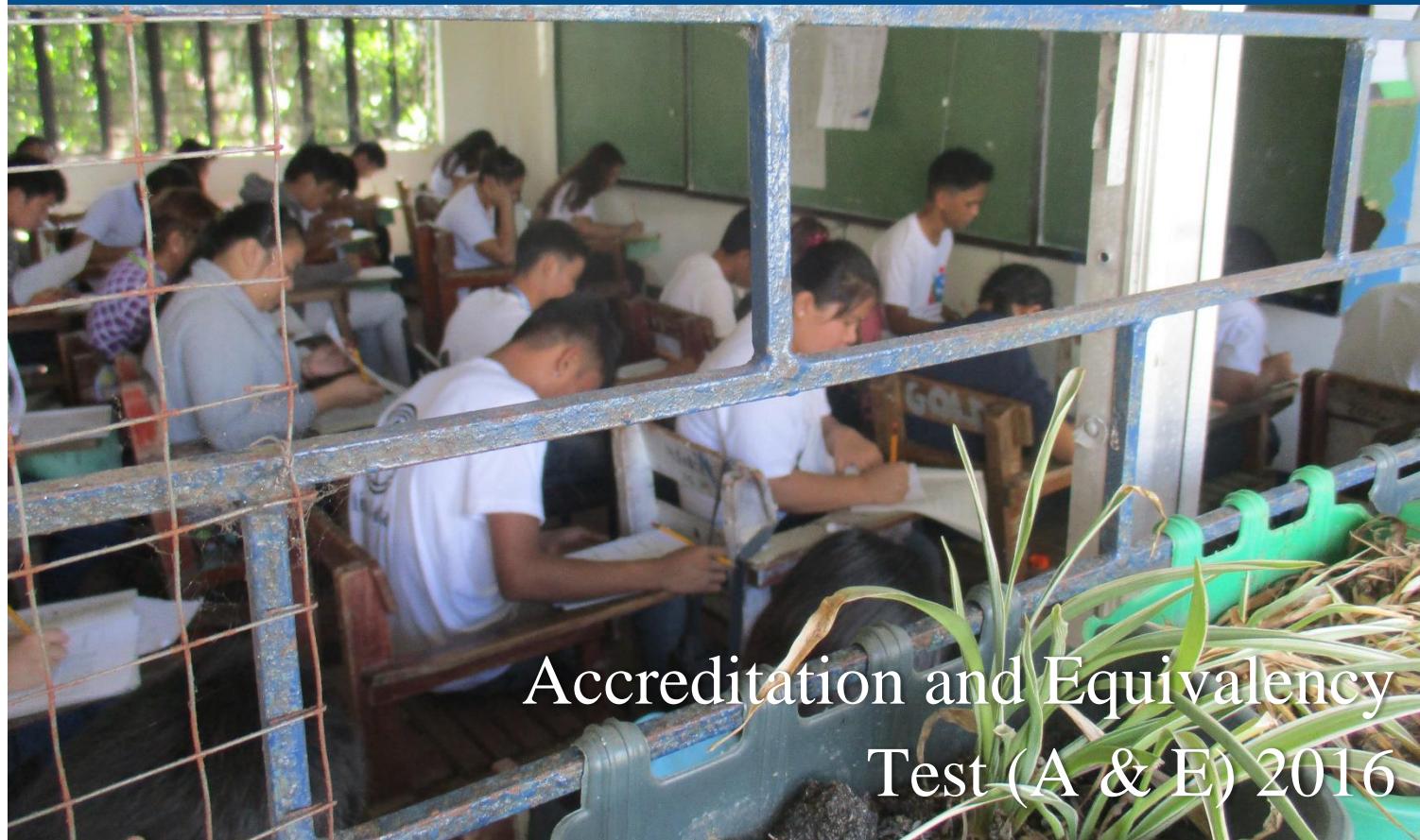


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Accreditation and Equivalency
Test (A & E) 2016

NEWSLETTER

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The Alternative Learning System Accreditation and Equivalency (ALS A&E) Test, formerly known as the Non-formal Education A&E Test, is a paper and pencil test designed to measure the competencies of those who have neither attended nor finished elementary or secondary education in the formal school system.

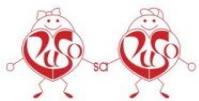
Passers of the A&E Test are given a certificate/diploma, bearing the Department of Education (DepEd) seal and the signature of the Secretary, certifying their competencies as comparable graduates of the formal school system. Passers are qualified to enroll in secondary and post-secondary schools.

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Kick-off Orientation for Payatas Charity Event 2017
(October 12, 2017)



Last year (2016) marks the first ever Charity Event of 4th batch learners and it turned out successful and fruitful. It leaves so much affirmative emotions to the hearts of their beneficiaries and as well as to the learners who put undying efforts to raise funds for this event.

For this year, this unconditional task is now at the hands of 5th batch learners of all levels. Last October 10, 2017, with the help of our Livelihood Coordinator, Ms. Lucita Lachica and staff of Payatas center, learners were oriented about this noble event of gratitude and love.

To give them more inspiration and glimpse of what will happen to this event, photos and videos from the last year's event were shown to them. Some learners from 4th batch shared also their experiences and stories.

After the orientation, all levels from 5th batch are grouped into 5 and they had the chance to talk with each other and formulated their initial plans to raise fund. Consideration of their skills and initial budget are discussed as well by the groups. Reporting follows and based on their agreed plans, most of the groups chose to make and sell doormat. Other livelihood activities includes making sweets, and dishwashing liquids.

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Ma'am Lachica and Sir Edwin facilitating the orientation



Groupings and reporting of 5th batch learners



Livelihood Program Orientation for New Batch
(October 12&13, 2017)



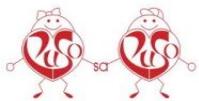
Last October 12 and 13, 2017, new batch of learners in both center of Payatas and Parola undergone orientation about the Learning Strand 3 (sustainable use of resources and productivity) and Livelihood Program. The orientation is about the interconnection of the program and Learning Strand 3 under the Alternative Learning System Curriculum.

This orientation will help the learners to prepare themselves in Senior High School wherein some of the skills training given in the livelihood program will be useful to them if they had plan to pursue their studies after passing the Accreditation and Equivalency Test. In addition, the integration will make the said program more meaningful and direct application of what they will learn under this strand.

Above all, the learners will lead to truly understand the importance of livelihood program and the skills training that they will learned.



5th and 7th Batch Learners of Payatas and Parola during the Orientation.



Dental Check-up and Services 2017
(October 17-20, 2017)



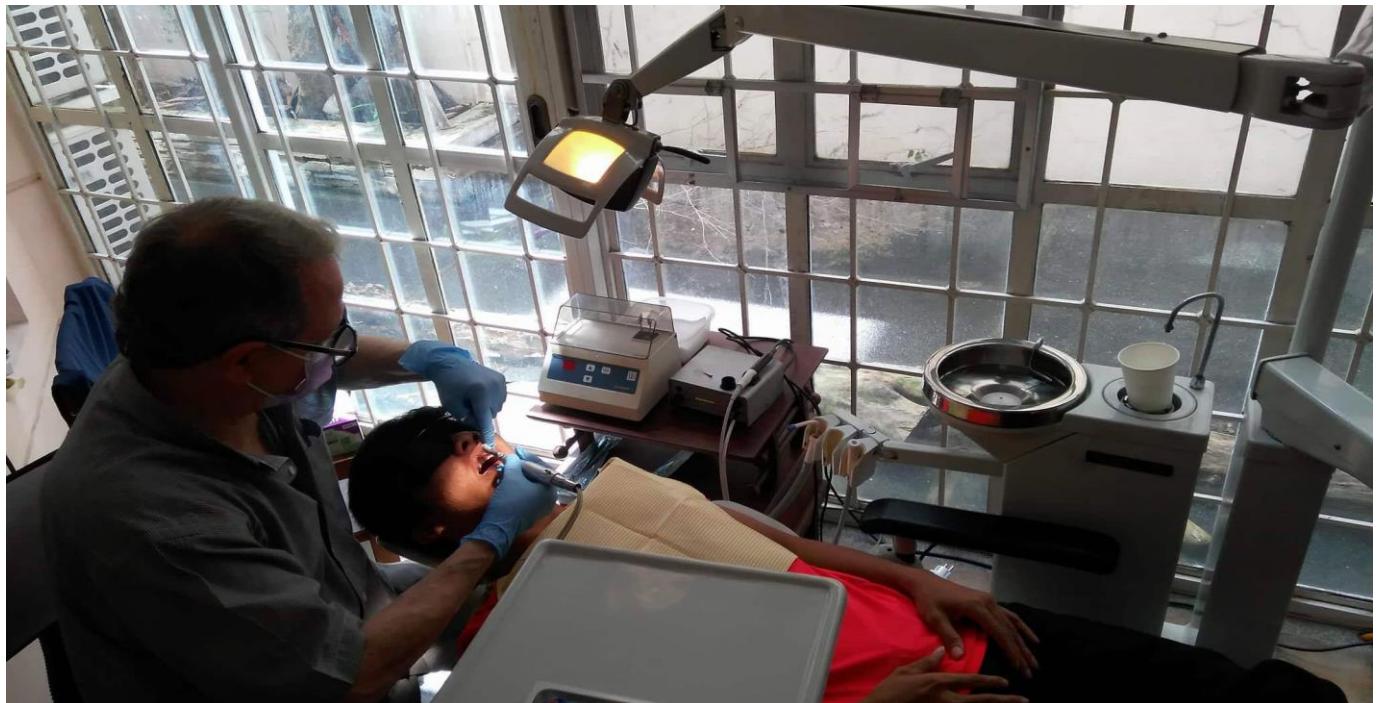
Last October 17-20, 2017 a free dental check-up and services was recently organized at #11 St. Salvatorian House, Gilmore, Quezon City. Dr. Anthony Poli, an Australian, Senior Specialist Dental Surgeons and with the help of a Salvatorian brother carried out a comprehensive dental checkup on thirty (30) students of ALSA BUHAY Parola Center (elementary, secondary & scholars). Aside from giving free dental check-up, Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc. provided also the transportation, free meal and snacks as well as the medicines for them.

On completion of the dental services, each student was given a Patient Card, a report summary of the diagnosed problem and the recommended dental treatment plan.

Sr. Frances Mangabat SDS, Puso Sa Puso Coordinator and Sr. Mila P. Singap, FLP, Parola Supervisor thanked the dental surgeon, and for Br. Michael for rendering moral and selfless service to the institution.



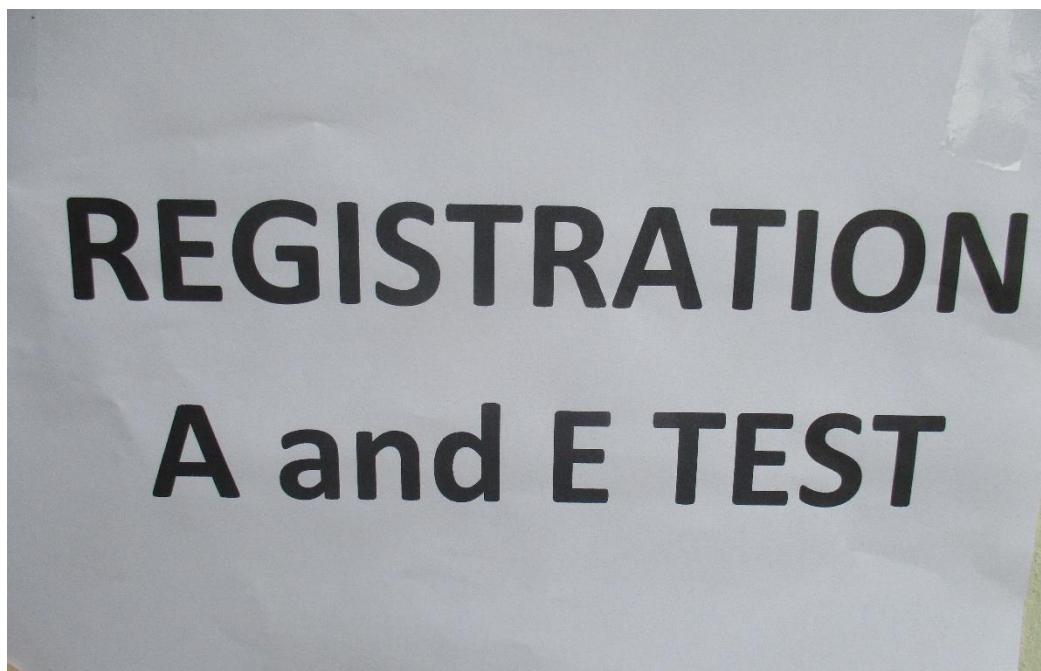
This photo was taken during the last day of Dental check-up of Dr. Tony with the Supervisors and the PSPEI scholars.



This photo was taken during the dental operation with the ALSA BUHAY, secondary learners.



A & E Test Registration
(October 21 & 25, 2017)



The long wait is over! The Department of Education (DepEd), through the Bureau of Education Assessment (BEA), announces the registration period for and administration of Accreditation and Equivalency (A&E) Test.

All of the qualified A&E Test applicants may register from October 2-25, 2017 at School Division Office (SDOs) or district offices (DOs) identified by the school division superintendent as registrations.

Pursuant to the DepEd Order No. 44, s. 2017 entitled Guidelines on Updating Status of Learners of the Alternative Learning System in the Learners Information System as of the End of Calendar Year 2016, the ALSA BUHAY Payatas and Parola staff screened their old and new batch of learners to qualify for registration. As the new policy implemented, only Instructional Managers are allowed to go to the registration centers with the complete files and requirements of the learners. Registration requirements include a duly filled-up registration form with attached ID photo, proof of identity or birth certificate, and Certification of ALS Program Completion.

A total of 50 learners from our institution in Payatas completed and successfully registered for the A&E Test this coming November 19th. This comprise 11 learners from Elementary, 25 learners from Secondary, and additional 14 learners from 5th batch. It was completed at Lagro High School in Fairview, Quezon City.

Meanwhile, a total of 77 learners from Parola successfully registered and qualified to take the exam; 10 learners from elementary and 28 learners from secondary of 6th batch, and 8 learners from elementary and 31 learners from secondary of 7th batch. The registration was completed at Padre Gomez Elementary School in Manila.

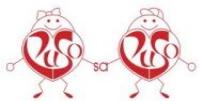
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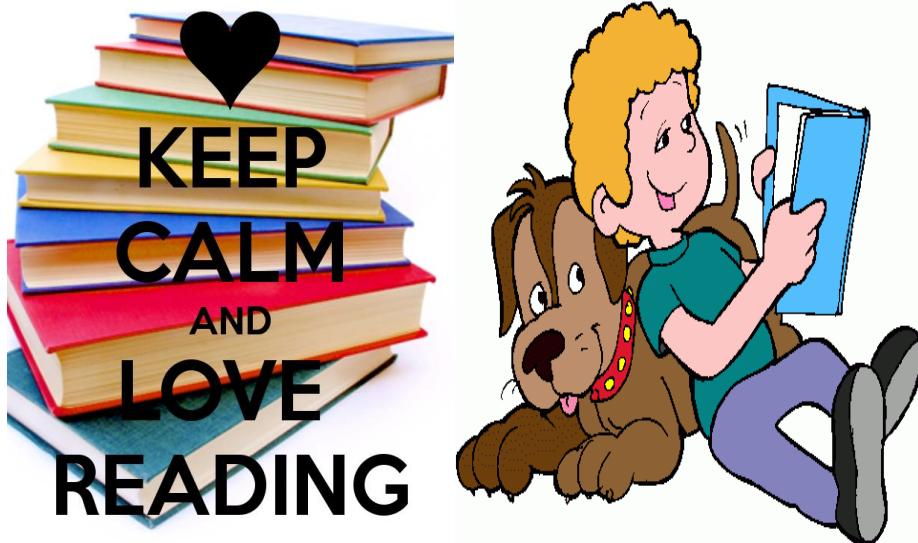
4th batch test takers filling up their registration forms and completing the other documentary requirements with the help and guidance of Payatas staff



Payatas and Parola staff registering the learners in two registration centers



"Teaching Reading For the BLP Learners"
(October 24, 25 and 26, 2017)



The Division Office of Quezon City, in collaboration of Senior Education Program Specialist (EPS) and EPS per Congressional District of Quezon City organized an Enhancement Training for Teaching Reading for the BLP Learners. It was held at Quezon City Science Interactive Center last October 24, 25, and 26, 2017. It was attended by two Instructional Managers of our institution namely Mr. Darren Ilarina (Parola) and Mr. Edwin Guevarra (Payatas).

Several topics has been discussed such as the Importance of Teaching Reading for the Basic Literacy Program (BLP), Reading Assesment of Basic Literacy (ABL), and Marungko Approach.

The Marungko Approach is one of the strategy in reading. This approach provides materials to the success in teaching reading. Hand signs of different letters in the alphabet are being taught in this technique. Letters and sound of the letters are introduced in songs and poems. Hence, the pupils would have fun singing and reciting the poems and at the same time they would be able to recognize or read the word easily.

The ABL on the other hand are used to guide users in administering, scoring and interpreting the test instrument for the Assessment for Basic Literacy (ABL) Test.

It was spearheaded by various experienced and competent speakers such as Mr. Juan C. Obierna, Mr. Mark Padilla, Ms. Jenelyn Ching, Ms. Mayete Caballerro, Mr. Erik Santos, and Mr. Dennis Mano, EPSA.

The three days seminar is so successful, meaningful and fruitful to all the participants. We are all strengthen and enlighten to do our part as a teacher and an educator.

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Performance of every group in the activity



Our esteemed speakers for the three days seminar



Different groups making their lesson plan following Marungko Approach

Recreational Trip for Home Based-Tutorial Kids
(October 25, 2017)



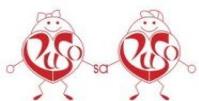
Last October 25, 2017, the MCSPA (Missionary Community of St. Paul de Apostle) brothers conducted a recreational activity for the home-based tutorial kids of Gate 1 Parola, Tondo, Manila at Children's Playground in Luneta, a marvelous place that kids will enjoyed. It was participated by 17 kids aged 3 to 6 yrs. old and 8 parent-leaders together with the International volunteer-teacher from Germany and two Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc. staff.

We arrived at 10am at Children's Playground. The Kids enjoyed the simple amenities of the place. The kids and their parents running around the place, and going in and out of many attractions in the playground. After the energy-draining activities, everyone enjoyed and shared the lunch to replenish their strength.

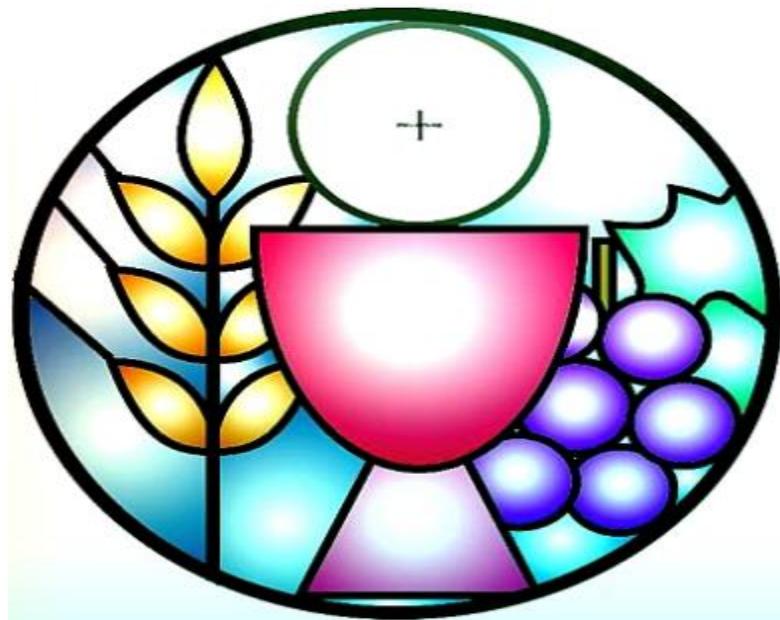
It was fun and wonderful day especially to the kids seeing their smiles in their faces. The activity ends up around 1pm.



Kids enjoying their trip together with the staff, volunteer, and organizers



Holy Mass Celebration for the Month of October 2017
(October 26&27, 2017)



Parola center held a thanksgiving mass on 26th day of the month at Our Lady of Peace and the Good Voyage - Tondo Manila. It was attended by the learners of ALSA BUHAY both elementary and secondary, their parents and parents from home-based tutorial program. The mass was officiated by Rev. Fr. Steven, MCSPA.

On the 1st part of the mass, the liturgy father Steven started his homily in two questions. Questions that led him into a deep thought and brought him on his sermon. First question is "are you good? "and the second one is "who among you are not feeling good?". After that, he immediately interred to his message. "Sometimes we come to the point that we need to decide on something, and that decision affects us or our neighbors. There will be a time that our decisions might hurt our love ones, and when that time comes, we must stand on what is right, no matter what." Fr. Steven said. "Like how the gospel trying to teach us, we will be divided and fight with each other. And Jesus will come not to stop us but to show us the will of the Father. "He added. "Now as children of God, let us decide according to His will and always stand on what is right, seek justice and promote equality. "He continues.

Last October 27, 2017 at exactly 10:00 in the morning. Fr. Roland Jalug, Parish Priest of Kristong Hari headed the mass at ALSA BUHAY Payatas Center. Learners from 4th and 5th batch attended the mass.

The homily focused on the different gifts and talents that God gave to us, that we as a manager of it are responsible to use it wisely and shape it for better growth. Every talent we receive from god is not ours alone. God gave them to us for a purpose of serving him and other people, if we use it just to make money, we end up with a miserable life. But if we use it according to what God want to us, it will bring more fulfillment into our lives. At the end it does not matter whether we have been given great talent, or very little. What matters to God is if we make good use of it.

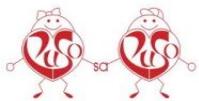
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Highlights of the mass held in Parola Compound.



Fr. Lando officiating the mass in Payatas



**Mass for A&E Exam
(November 8, 2017)**



The most awaiting moment of every learners of Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc. has come, the A&E examination which will be able to accelerate them to higher level of education if they pass. The learners prepared themselves physically, emotionally and of course mentally. But being prepared for those aspects is not enough without this most important preparation – the spiritual guidance.

Last November 8, 2017 (Wednesday), ALSA BUHAY Parola held a mass at Livelihood Learning Center as preparation for upcoming exam. The mass was officiated by Fr. Steven Ochieng, MCSPA and attended by the learners from secondary and elementary level.

On his homily, Fr. Steven ask the learners if they are ready to take the exam and he confirmed that the learners are really prepared for it. But what extract the learners' interest was the next statement of the priest, "you are already prepared for your written exam, but the most important exam that you should pass is yet to come. It is to love your neighbor." He said. "The main exam that you are going to face is what you can bring from the institution, to your home, and that is caring for each other. That is the exam of life which every one of us must pass." He continued.

After the homily Fr. Steven led the consecration of the Eucharist and most of the learners joined to the feast of Christ. The mass ended with a very inspiring mode which you can see in the eyes of every learners which seems understand the message of the mass for them.



Fr. Steven (left photo) and attendees of the mass (right photo)



Skills Training: Native Kakanin Making (Native Delicacies)
(November 17, 2017)



The name kakanin is derived from two tagalog words: "Kain" (to eat) and "kanin" (rice).

Last November 17, 2017 at Barangay 275 Multi-purpose Hall held the 4th skills training under the Parola Inter-Agency Network (PIAN). The training is being funded by ICTSI (International Container Terminal Services, Inc). It was attended by four (4) ALSA BUHAY learners and two (2) parents of Home-based Tutorial Program from Gate 1.

The training started with the opening prayer and was facilitated by Mrs. Emilia Jasmin Pascual under Ultima Entrepinoy Forum Center. Participants were taught 7 kinds of native delicacies that was uniquely Filipino. These are sweet munchies or sometimes dessert made from sticky rice, sweet rice or root crops or root vegetables that are slow cooked and usually made with coconut or coconut milk.

The funder (ICTSI) released the amount of P10,000.00 as initial capital that was divided equally to all participants.

The training was indeed fun and interesting because the facilitator used some old ways of cooking native delicacies that the participants don't need to buy expensive cooking utensils to cook "kakanin". Facilitator also taught the participants about costing and pricing of products.

All participants received certificate of attendance.

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Demo cooking participant was actively participating



Awarding of certificates after the training



A & E Final Coaching
(November 17, 2017)



After almost two years of waiting, ALS learners from Luzon including from the National Capital Region (NCR) are just two days away for the much-awaited Accreditation and Equivalency Test. A lot of preparation has been done in order for them to be successfully level up from junior high and take the new step for senior high school.

ALSA BUHAY Payatas learners under Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc. together with the staff, previous passers, and scholars joined together to celebrate the Final Coaching Day for 4th batch test takers. This concluding event took place at Payatas Center. As their final preparation before taking off to the test, the staff tried to boost them in most of their aspects to make their test experience easier and more comfortable.

For the spiritual aspects, Fr. Roland Jaluag of Kristong Hari Parish commenced the celebration with a Holy Mass at exactly 9:45am. As he stated, an unexamined life is not worth living. He also added that our loving God give us warning and we should take this warning to fight for life and to make it better. Listening and working for it are essential so that we will be prepared. Finally, he urged the learners to use their talents, skills, knowledge, and wisdom to hone their promising future. That God will be saddened if we don't use our life worthwhile.

On the second half of the day, the staff continued the event through final talk and sharing. This part centered in the technical preparation, motivational sharing, and power boosting. Essential topics were discussed such as Test-taking Strategies, orientation and practice in filling up answer sheet, "What to Expect during the Test", tips and messages from previous passers, scholars, and of course, their supportive staff.

The event ended in a high-note full of inspiration and confidence. All of the hard work is lifted up to God and may He returned it with a shower of blessing.

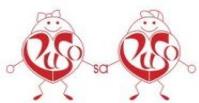
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Thanksgiving Mass presided by Fr. Roland



Scholars, passers, and staff sharing their unique and unforgettable experiences during the A&E test and motivating them to believe in their selves.



**Accreditation and Equivalency Test 2016
(November 19, 2017)**



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Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc.'s learners from Parola and Payatas joined in the said event. For Payatas, the testing center was held at Lagro High School, Quezon City. Meanwhile, two testing centers were assigned for Parola learners both situated in Manila; Padre Gomez Elementary School (secondary) and Apolinario Mabini Elementary School (elementary).

A total of 46 test takers from Payatas center comprising 10 learners from Elementary and 36 learners from Secondary. On the other hand, 61 learners from Parola center took the exam comprising 48 learners from secondary and 13 from elementary.

With the support of the institution, learners were handed over essential supplies such as pencil, eraser, and sharpener and breakfast and snacks as well. Transportation was also provided for the ease of traveling going to respective centers. After the test, learners were gathered again for final briefing and collection of examination stub for safekeeping.

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A and E Test at Lagro High School



A and E Test in Manila (two sites)