



CATHOLIC EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE PHILIPPINES

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My Dear Colleagues in CEAP,

"Where there is no vision, the people perish". (Proverbs 29:18) As I reflect on this, I cannot help but admire the visionary founders and pioneers of CEAP. Seven decades ago, handful of Catholic leaders planted the seed of an educational association that would assist in the transformation the country. Today, 72 years later, this seed has grown into a huge tree with more than 1,400 member schools and 120 Catholic school superintendents nationwide. We are in the forefront of transforming the country as we continue to engage with national educational stakeholders in shaping the future of education.



In line with our vision and drawing from our individual and collective strengths, we want to embark on some programs to address some of the concerns raised during the regional assemblies.

Early this year, the CEAP, together with FAPE, is organizing a series of **Conferences on K to 12 Transition**. This will be brought to three regional centers. I encourage you to attend and actively participate in these conferences to be updated on K-12 especially on transition concerns.

The **2013 CEAP National Convention**, scheduled on **September 25-27, 2013** in **Cebu City**, shall focus on the youth. We would like to invite your student leaders to attend a **Youth Congress** on **September 27-28, 2013** in **Cebu City**. Details of these simultaneous events will be released on February 2013.

Likewise, CEAP is supporting the **1st Philippine Conference on Evangelization** which will be held on **October 23-25, 2013** at the **University of Santo Tomas**. This will take the place of the annual Benedict XVI Summer Festival on Catechesis and Christian Formation. We would like to invite everyone who is engaged in Religious Education, Campus Ministry, Youth and Outreach Ministries to participate in this congress spearheaded by the National Commission on Christian Formation.

Finally, I wish to inform you that we have blessed the new **CEAP National Office** and our secretariat has moved into that building last month. I want to express my appreciation to all those who have sent their contribution to the Solidarity Fund for this building as well as to all our donors and partners. May I invite you to come and visit the building—our new home and repository of our association's history.

On behalf of the EXECOM and the CEAP National Board of Trustees, allow me to thank you all once again. I will not tire in saying that your commitment and support for the association warm our hearts and inspire us to work harder as your leaders to pursue the vision our founders have set 72 years ago.

Sincerely yours,

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