



MAYOR ZAMORA, DOH REGIONAL DIRECTOR LEADS LAUNCH OF SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH DRIVE IN SAN JUAN CITY

In a joint effort to combat childhood malnutrition and promote preventive healthcare among schoolchildren, San Juan City Mayor Francis Zamora and Department of Health - Metro Manila Center for Health Development (DOH-MMCHD) Regional Director Dr. Lester Tan led the kick-off of “Eskwela Kalusugan: Bawat Bata Malusog sa NCR” on July 21, 2025 at Pinaglabanan Elementary School.

The event, organized by DOH-MMCHD, is part of the 2025 Nutrition Month Celebration. It featured a comprehensive school-based health assessment program for Kindergarten and Grade 1 students, alongside free medical, dental, and nutritional services.

Mayor Zamora delivered the welcome remarks, affirming San Juan City's commitment to safeguarding the health and well-being of its young citizens. Dr. Tan served as the keynote speaker, highlighting the national government's efforts to reduce childhood stunting and prioritize early health interventions as a key investment in the country's future.

San Juan Lone District Representative Ysabel Maria “Bel” Zamora, along with key officials from the Department of Health and the Department of Education-NCR, also graced the event.

More than just a ceremonial gathering, the event offered a full day of health services, including nutritional and risk assessments, school-based immunization, dental check-ups, PhilHealth registration, and distribution of health kits to students and parents.

The Eskwela Kalusugan campaign reflects the Department of Health's goal to bring down child stunting from 27% to 13.5%, emphasizing the critical role of nutrition and healthcare during early childhood in shaping cognitive development and school performance.

San Juan City remains a model LGU in aligning with national health objectives, continuously advancing accessible and community-based healthcare programs.