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NCR principals gather in HSBC Principals LEAD conference

HONGKONG and Shanghai Banking Corp. (HSBC) recently brought together select elementary school principals in the National Capital Region for a two-weekend Leadership Enhancement and Development Program at the Ateneo de Manila University (ADMU).

Education and management gurus were invited to help the participants in rekindling their passion to lead their respective schools.

Former ADMU grade-school headmaster Tito Caluag, S.J., discussed leadership as a vocation during

the first day of the workshop series.

"It makes you feel that you can follow your dream, that you can go back to it. We were able to reconnect to our personal stories on how important being an educator is," said Ligaya Capco of Capt. H. Francisco Elementary School on the opening day of the summit.

On the second day, Dr. Fe Hidalgo, former Department of Education officer in charge, challenged the principals to rethink their school purpose and guided them in formulating mission-vision statements and core values.

Director of Ateneo Teacher Center Dr. Ma. Celeste Gonzales spoke on "Leading the Way: Creating a School-Based Training Plan" and "Instructional Leadership," while Prof. Mario Antonio Lopez from the Asian Institute of Management discussed "Steps Towards Leadership: Managing Your School" in the second half of the conference.

HSBC has engaged Sa Aklat Sisikat to implement this project.

Both organizations have been working together to uplift the quality of Philippine education through book donations, reading programs and teacher training to public schools since 2003.