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Power firm spearheads drive to attain zero-gap in student-chair ratio

Villanueva, Misamis Oriental - STEAG State Power Inc. (SPI), in cooperation with the Department of Education (DepEd) and the Local Government Unit of Villanueva, Misamis Oriental launched recently a “zero-gap” drive that will attain a 1:1 ratio between student population and study chairs in all public schools in Villanueva.

In his speech during the initial turn-over of 300 study chairs at the Villanueva National High School recently, SPI Power Plant Manager Peter Just said the company is supporting government’s thrust of alleviating the condition of public schools in its host communities and contribute meaningfully in the improvement of the quality of education.

Reports from DepEd indicate a shortage of some 1,800 chairs vis-à-vis the total student population in 11 public schools in Villanueva. This figure has been substantially reduced starting last year when SPI initially donated more than 500 study chairs. *“We will mobilize internal and external resources to produce the 1,800 chairs so that this gap will be closed for the current school year”* Peter Just added.

Meanwhile, Villanueva Mayor Juliet Uy lauded SPI for its magnanimity as she cites the various social development programs initiated by the company in the area. Uy said the school chairs project clearly manifests the company’s concern on the welfare of the people. Uy also echoed her call on other private and business groups to help government in alleviating the condition of the public education sector.

“Government certainly needs the support of the private sector in making basic and quality social services more accessible to the public” Uy concluded.