Some 120 students of Solano East Central School and SPED Center with special needs will benefit from the program from KneoWorld Philippines. **(Photo by VICTOR MARTIN)**

N. Vizcaya, KneoWorld PH team up on new tech for SPED

The president of KneoWorld Philippines announced its partnership with the provincial government of Nueva Vizcaya and Quezon City to deliver world-class edutainment games to special needs children enrolled in Solano East Central School and SPED Center and Batino Elementary School and SPED Center.

In a statement, KneoWorld Philippines president Isabelita Perez said they "greatly welcome the opportunity to introduce its specialized and advanced learning software for use in the programs for special needs children enrolled in the Solano East Central School and SPED Center in Nueva Vizcaya, and the Batino Elementary School and SPED Center in Quezon City."

Our company has been founded to introduce its specialized and advanced KneoWorld Software too public and private schools throughout the Philippines, including those serving both the general education students, as well as all students with special needs," Perez said.

Also present at the announcement ceremony was James Kellett, chairman and CEO of KneoMedia Ltd., the Australian-based international online educational publishing company.

Nueva Vizcaya Governor Carlos M. Padilla has also welcomed the program saying it will "help our children that have special education needs at the Solano East Central School and SPED Center."

"We are very pleased to help found a new organization that will introduce the latest learning technologies to. Furthermore, our overall plan is to immediately expand this program to include the six other SPED schools in our province," Governor Padilla said.

The new program called the Assistive Technologies for Special Education Project is joining together the provincial government with a consortium of local corporations led by Vizcaya Bank, KneoWorld Philippines, and its parent organization, KneoMedia, Ltd., as well as the Schools Division of Nueva Vizcaya, and Solano East Central School and SPED Center.

In addition, Junie Fajardo, president of the Rotary Club of Quezon City has also announced a similar educational program to support students enrolled in Batino Elementary School and SPED Center in Quezon City as part of the Rotary Club's long established support effort designed to assist and advance education in countries throughout the world.

Fajardo also noted that the special project in Quezon City is designed to help children and "provide a way for us to expand the program to other schools in Quezon City."

"We hope to inspire Rotary Clubs throughout the Philippines to take a leadership role in introducing new learning technologies such as KneoWorld teaching software to support and advance all special needs students and unlock their individual potential," he said.

Rubilyn C. Gajo, principal of Solano East Central School, said they are happy to have been chosen as the initial school to participate in the said program, which will introduce the latest combination of specialized and advanced technologies and learning software to the school curriculum.

"We know that our special needs students will be greatly benefitted by being able to take part in this first-of-its-kind, advanced learning program," she said.

Overall funding for the new educational technologies program will be provided by the provincial government of Nueva Vizcaya, Rotary Club of Quezon City, Vizcaya Bank, KneoWorld Philippines, KneoMedia Ltd., and other corporate and banking sponsors.

The special education project is organized and operated by a coordinating committee made up of representatives of all operating members. Perez will serve as the chairperson thereof.

Interested organizations concerning the Assistive Technologies for Special Education Project introduced in Nueva Vizcaya and Quezon City may contact the project coordinator of KneoWorld Philippines at 0917-314-1782 or 0917-164-2341. #

A SPED teacher guides her students with special needs in the campus of Solano East Central School and SPED Center.

Ms. Perez and teachers of children with special needs guide their children as they attend school at Solano East Central School and SPED Center.

Parents of children with special needs and Ms. Isabelita Perez 9in black shirt), president of KneoWorld, guide the children as they attend school at Solano East Central School and SPED Center. **(Photos by VICTOR MARTIN)**

SPED teachers and students learn the edutainment games introduced by KneoWorld Philippines especially for children with special needs.