

Fourth shipment from Oregon

Laoag Rotarians jumpstart opening of SY 09-10 with PCs, textbooks

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IN time with the opening of Schoolyear 2009-2010, the Rotary Club of Laoag started first week this June its distribution anew of computers, textbooks and other educational materials to schools in Ilocos Norte and Laoag City, from its fourth shipment of donated goods from Oregon, USA.

Dubbed Project Laoag II, the donation, which arrived in Laoag May 1, includes assorted hospital, medical and dental facilities collected by the Rotary Clubs of Greater Corvallis and Greater Albany of R.I. District 5110 Oregon, the two international sponsor Rotary clubs.

As in the previous shipments – Operation Textbook (2003), Medical Textbooks Manila (2005) and Project Laoag (2008) – the provincial government, through Gov. Michael Keon as consignee of this year's shipment, paid for the value added taxes of the goods. The Bureau of Customs pegged the cargo's VAT at P55,180. The international sponsors covered for the shipping and import processing costs amounting to some P150,000.

The donors tasked Laoag Rotary to determine and distribute the beneficiaries of the goods.

Shipped from Oregon on a 40-foot high cube container, the hospital, medical and dental goods include, among others, a defibrillator, fetal monitor, dental chairs, hospital beds, operating room gurney, patient body lifters, wheelchairs and crutches, hospital patient gowns, bedsheets, pillow cases and towels.

At least 75 boxes of unused National Geographic hardbound science books from the University of California (Berkeley) were also part of the shipment aside from the assorted

textbooks and other reference materials from Oregon's public schools. The computer sets were donated by private and government entities that have upgraded their computer hardware facilities.

The Laoag Rotary's distribution of this year's donation gives preference to schools and other beneficiaries that have not received from the three previous donations.

The distribution continues until August this year.



40-foot container van arrives May 1



Sr. citizen wheelchair



Paoay Municipal Police Station



INNHS Special Science Class



San Mateo Elementary School, Laoag



Naguirangan Elem. School, Batac



Pasquin Central Elementary School



Mariano Marcos Memorial Elem. School



Malampa Elementary School, Vintar.



Magnuang Elem School, Currimaog



Pasquin Central Elementary School



Mariano Marcos Mem. Elem. School, Batac



Santiago Elementary School, Solsona



From left, clockwise – defibrillator, fetal monitor, hospital gurney, dental chair, computer sets - turned over to the provincial government's General Services Office for proper disposal.



Payao Elem. School, Batac



Municipality of Adams, Ilocos Norte