

**Catholic education is getting more and more innovative in the Philippines.**



This is after CEAP entered into a formal agreement with Google to provide free access of Google Apps for Education to all member-schools. The agreement was forged in December 11, 2012.

In using Google Apps for Education, schools could adopt an internal email system among its administrators, teachers and students for free.

According to Janet Yoon, head of Google Apps Supporting Program for the Philippines (GASP), Google commits to provide CEAP member-schools with their own domain name, trainings for IT team, and free use of Apps and other services.

Yoon added that under the GASP, “Google will provide free deployment support, technical consulting, and training for schools interested in adopting Google apps for education as part of its strategy to develop accessible, reliable, and sustainable Internet ecosystem.”

For CEAP’s part, Vice President Fr. Antonio F. Moreno, SJ, lauded Google for its initiative to help schools communicate with its students, faculty and administrators without the traditional cost associated with corporate email solutions.

“We are glad to let Google do what it does best: provide us with innovative technology, so we can do

what we do best: educate and form our students,” Moreno said.

Moreno added that the CEAP National Office will organize a CEAP IT Committee to oversee the rollout of the project with Google.

Initially, at least 10 CEAP member-schools will enlist with Google for training this month. The first batch of deployment is targeted to start at the beginning of School Year 2013-2014.

“We expect the schools who will sign up to give its full commitment, in terms of leadership support and time, for the success of this project,” he added.

Google Apps for Education is being used by internationally acclaimed schools such as the University of Notre Dame in the United States of America, ESSEC Business School of Singapore, and the University of Westminster in the United Kingdom, among others. (YouthPinoy)

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