



FIRST NATIONAL COVENANT ON EDUCATION
Summary Proceedings

Synergeia Foundation had its First National Covenant on Education on 29 June 2005 held at the JV del Rosario Room, Asian Institute for Management (AIM), Makati City. Mayors and governors from all over the country graced the event for the signing of education covenant with Department of Education (DepEd) headed by Secretary Florencio Abad.

The event formally started at 9:30 am with the welcome remarks from PA Rafael Coscolluela, a Trustee of Synergeia Foundation. A brief talk on the topics Building a Learning Community and Reinventing Local School Boards were given by Bulacan Governor Josie Mendoza-Dela Cruz and Naga City Mayor Jesse Robredo, respectively. It was then followed with a speech from Sec. Abad on local governments, local communities and basic education.

The signing of education covenant became the highlight of the event. The said covenant defines the commitment of local governments and DepEd in transforming the local school boards as a primary mover of the community in providing quality basic education to children. A workshop succeeded the covenant signing where the local officials had a review of the proposed Local Executive Order and sharing of experiences and suggestions in spreading the education governance fever. Furthermore, the Tiwi Initiative of the LGU of Tiwi, Albay, UNOCAL and Synergeia was launched. The event ended with a closing remark given by Asec. Austere Panadero, the Managing Trustee of Galing Pook Foundation.