



CENTER OF EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC ELEMENTARY EDUCATION > OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS



AYALA FOUNDATION'S CENTER OF EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC ELEMENTARY EDUCATION ACHIEVED A MILESTONE IN 2005 WHEN ITS FIRST BATCH OF STUDENTS GRADUATED FROM THE SCHOOL.

Seventy-one pupils graduated in commencement exercises attended by parents, teachers, and executives of Ayala group companies. The graduates were the first pupils to enroll in CENTEX Manila back when the school was established in 1998. The graduates were accepted in some of the country's most prestigious high schools—a testament to the quality of education in CENTEX.

Underscoring the importance of sustaining the proper intellectual and character development of its students, CENTEX endeavored to continue supporting its first batch of graduates as they moved on to high school. This resulted in a unique partnership between the school and the College of the Holy Spirit, Manila. The creation of the CHSM-CENTEX

High School, two in Manila Science High School, one in the University of Santo Tomas High School, and three in other public high schools.

CENTEX believes in the total development of its students. As such, teachers and parent volunteers organized various student clubs and organizations in the Tondo and Batangas schools. Since then, school afternoons have become more fun and productive.

Election of officers for the student council, clubs, and individual classes also took place in 2005. This exercise proved to be a great learning experience for the students because they took part in the entire electoral process—from the *miting de avance*, to the casting and



High School spurred the two academic institutions to formulate a new and unified mission and vision.

CHSM accepted CENTEX graduates who chose to enroll as scholars in what is now called the CHSM-CENTEX High School. Out of the 71 graduates, 63 enrolled in CHSM-CENTEX, two in Philippine Science

counting of ballots, to the proclamation of winners. The student leaders of CENTEX Batangas spent a weekend undergoing leadership training, while the student leaders of CENTEX Manila launched several innovative projects such as Scrap in a Box, Kindness Bank, and Cleanliness Drive.

Mission: CHSM-CENTEX is a coeducational college preparatory high school that respects the dignity of difference in a diverse economic environment and harnesses intellectual giftedness. Our vibrant community celebrates diversity, nurtures spirituality, encourages expressions of divergent thinking, and prepares the next generation for leadership and service towards the promotion of justice. The age-appropriate, issues-related, values-based, and life-enhancing curriculum of CHSM-CENTEX was created by volunteer educators and professionals to help mold students into good citizens and servant leaders.

Vision: We believe that Catholic education is key to preparing graduates who transform socio-economic inequalities when it instills in them the value of servant leadership and the practice of equitable distribution of resources. CHSM-CENTEX High School education is key to the formation of a culture of peace in a seamless society of God-loving, service-oriented, and civic-minded citizens.