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**FINALLY HOME:
Dororian National High School Reunited
to its Original Site After Five Years**
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FINALLY HOME. SDO-CID Chief Rommel G. Petajen lead the ribbon cutting ceremony as the official representative of SDS Susan S. Collano. Cutting the ribbon on the other side is Viga Councilor Joevan Balidoy, the official representative of Governor Joseph C. Cua. Other witnesses flank the ribbon cutting namely Rev. Father Laurente O. Dio, Gigmoto's St. Isidore The Farmer Asst. Parish Priest who officiated the Holy Mass Dedication and Blessing Ceremony; Gigmoto Sangguniang Bayan Committee on Education, Councilors Jake T. Tolledo and Wilbert T. Jiminez; Dororian Elementary School Principal Marino T. Pantaleon, representing Gigmoto District PSDS Henry T. Marin; Dororian NHS Head Teacher Rico A. Trollano and some of the teaching staff of the Dororian NHS. *Photo by Ger Tejada*

While many have expressed resentment when Super Typhoon Rolly hit Catanduanes on November 1, 2020, it may not have been just destructions and havoc that it left to the constituents of Barangay Dororian in the town of Gigmoto. It was a blessing in disguise of a super typhoon for Dororian National High School as it paved the way to the restoration of the original campus and the reunion of the school to its original home.



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At present, the school was freshly reinstated to its original campus at sitio Calubinhan, Brgy. Dororian last February 11, 2022 after finding temporary refuge at the Dororian Elementary School campus for the past five years. Upon the completion of the school building repair program under the Quick Response Fund following the ST Rolly last 2020, the original campus of the school had been restored with the newly renovated five classrooms, one head teacher's office, one faculty room, and four-seater comfort rooms complete with lighting and proper ventilation.

It can be recalled that the Dororian NHS was ordered by the schools division office back in 2016 to relinquish its campus due to feedbacks and reports of danger as the school site sits atop a high point in the barangay's land area. There was even a long running funny annotations baptized to the Dororian NHS as the "highest school" or much funnier in the Filipino language as "pinakamataas na paaralan" in the entire town of Gigmoto. This was because of the location of the campus which has to be traversed by climbing the 74 steps of stairways from the barangay road to the second landing or elevation of its campus where the classrooms were located.

Notably, the Dororian NHS campus boasts of its relaxing views overlooking the barangay's residential houses which are enveloped by the vast views of the Pacific Ocean and the mountains at the opposite side. The greenery of the mountain's terrain and the fresh breeze from the views of the Pacific Ocean never fail to capture the hearts of visitors. The first thing they do when they surmounted the climb to the campus is to take pictures or simply savor the relaxing vibe and ambiance of the school.

This, however, is not the only benefit to the school for having been restored to its original campus. The essence of this milestone was seen through the all-time high participation of the key community stakeholders of the school in the reinstatement of the school to the original campus. The eagerness of the parents, students, as well as the local government unit officials proved how the community revered this important event of the school as volunteerism and benevolence of the people came pouring in.

More than just a month since the historical reinstatement, the school finally came home to its original home when it held the joint ceremonies of Ribbon Cutting, Blessing and PTA Induction on March 21, 2022. Local officials from the LGU-Gigmoto graced and initiated the solemn ceremonies together with the presence of the Chief Education Supervisor of the SDO Curriculum Implementation Division, Mr. Rommel G. Pitajen who represented the Schools Division Superintendent, Dr. Susan S. Collano in the Ribbon Cutting ceremony. These joint ceremonies marked the official turnover and reinstatement of the original campus to Dororian NHS.



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On top of all these, the school revered on this significant milestone which can be considered one for the history books of the community while not forgetting the fact that it still has a deeper and more meaningful thing to restore as a sterling academic institution in the community—the spirit of volunteerism, compassion, and relevance of service delivery. As how the CID Chief puts it during his message in the ribbon cutting ceremony addressing the teaching and nonteaching staff, the parents, the local officials and the general community that, “More than the restoration of the classrooms, more than the restoration of the furniture, what we need to restore is the spirit of our school children [and] the spirit of our teachers as well as the spirit of our learners.”

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