

## Big Books delivered to Read Aloud Project, Manila.



Very happy teachers receive the 'Big Books' at the 4<sup>th</sup> Read Aloud Workshop held in Pasay City Manila, 2 July 2016. (RHS RC Makati-Rockwell 2016/17 President Kris Dancel)

The Philippines Teacher Literacy Enhancement Project (aka. Read Aloud Project) is a AU\$65,000 Global Grant project funded by 5 Rotary Clubs (Rotary Clubs of Manningham, Calcutta Metropolitan (India), Culver City (USA), Croydon, Clayton, Mont Albert & Surrey Hills and Bentleigh-Moorabbin; supported by our international Host Club, RC Makati-Rockwell D3830.

The project involves training 141 Grade 2 Teachers from 19 schools in the Pasay City Schools District how to more effectively teach English reading and writing skills, reaching 5,500 students across the 19 schools. The first project workshop was held in November 2014 and recently, the fourth Workshop was conducted in July 2016 over two Saturdays. The image below shows the first Workshop participants (half of the schools).



Grade 2 Teachers and their Principals, plus School District Senior Management attend the 4<sup>th</sup> Read Aloud Workshop, Saturday 11 July, 2016

The Cooperating partner, the Reading Association of the Philippines supplies three facilitators each Workshop to assist the Project Director (Filipino born Victoria Maria Lagoutte a.k.a. Chona). The facilitators provide invaluable assistance not only at the Workshops but through their visits to schools to monitor the implementation of teaching methods taught at the Workshops.



The project has the strong support of the Department of Education including District Supervisor Mrs Imelda Boquiren, Mr Librado Torres (Program Supervisor, Curriculum Implementation Division), and Dr Evangeline Ladines (Schools Division Superintendent). The Project Director briefed the School District Leaders and Principals (image below) following the 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2016 Workshop on the support required for the teachers over the next 12 months; as well as the next round of student reading assessments. After the first full year of implementation, the statistics show a strong improvement in student reading skills across the majority of schools.



RC Manningham gives special thanks to AceFilters (David Rosenwax/Mick Conway) for facilitating the shipping of the 29 boxes of Big Books from Adelaide to Melbourne; and then Melbourne to Manila, together with the support of Rtn Perry Dimarucut in organising the customs clearance and delivery of the books to Pasay City Department of Education Divisional Office – just in time for the Workshop on 2 July 2016.



Rtn / AceFilters Philippine Agent Perry Dimarucut (right); together with Rtn David Chandler (RC Upper Yarra); - with the shipment of Big Books from Australia (over 250 kg).