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Pag-IBIG Fund Acting Senior Vice President Benjamin R. Felix, Jr. (fifth from left) lead the ground-breaking of the teachers village. With him are (from left) Pag-IBIG Fund's Acting Vice President Engr. Elmer Gabriel D. Tugade, Manager Ms. Nanette T. Abilay; Hauwei Builders & Development Corporation (HBDC)'s Vice Presidents Mr. Edison Tan and Mr. Arnel Meily, Chairman Mr. William Young, Caloocan North Mentors Ville Association, Inc. (CNMVAI) President Ms. Ma. Luisa S. Dannug; HBDC's Managing Directors Mr. Sam David Young and Mr. Wan Ming; Department of Education Supervisor Dr. Connie Bunag; Barangay Chairman Mr. Ruben Dela Cruz; LGU Caloocan's Special Assistant Ms. Angeles Basconcello; and Ms. Mary Rose S. Barrios of ISWEAR.

Pag-IBIG Fund, Caloocan North Mentors Ville Association Inc., and Hauwei Builders team up for Caloocan North teachers' housing project

Pag-IBIG Fund and Caloocan North Mentors Ville Association Inc. (CNMVAI) recently led the ground-breaking ceremony of the "Mentors Ville 1" housing project. The project is located at Palmera Spring Ville, Camarin Road, Caloocan City. There will be 173 houses to be built on the 10,147 sq.m. lot.

"This is Pag-IBIG's first housing project in Caloocan in partnership with a developer specifically for teachers. The beneficiaries have already been identified for the housing project and we hope that this will be an inspiration to provide more housing for teachers," said Pag-IBIG Acting Deputy CEO for Home Lending Operations Cluster Marilene C. Acosta.

According to Pag-IBIG Acting Senior Vice President for Business Development Sector Benjamin R. Felix, Jr., there will be regular townhouse units and other units with firewall. Each unit has a lot area of 35 sq.m. and a selling price of PhP1.2 Million. “The housing project’s beneficiaries can avail of the units through Pag-IBIG’s End-User Home Financing program,” he explained.

CNMVAI President Ma. Luisa S. Dannug thanked Pag-IBIG and project developer Hauwei Builders & Development Corporation (HBDC) for helping realize the long-time dream of teachers of having their own home and said, “*Tayo ay pinagpala sa araw na ito dahil binigyan tayo ng pagkakataon na matupad ang mga pangarap nating mga guro.*”

DepEd Division of Caloocan Supervisor Ms. Connie Bunag also thanked both parties for giving teachers the opportunity to own a house.

Pag-IBIG signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Education (DepEd) as early as December 2, 2011 to give DepEd employees and teachers access to housing services such as housing loan counselling and pre-qualification screening, among others.

Formed on September 2014, CNMVAI is composed of 1,600 teachers from various public schools in North Caloocan. Through the organizational expertise of ISWEAR (*Institute for Social Welfare of Educators And Researchers*), it was created purposely to have a group focused on working towards the provision of housing to member-mentors of the government.

Last September 2015, in coordination with the DepEd Central Office, Pag-IBIG met with CNMVAI to further discuss the proposed housing project for teachers. Since then, Pag-IBIG has assisted CNMVAI in finding a potential partner-developer/proponent willing to undertake a housing project that is superior in terms of design but more affordable than the regular inventories offered by developers. Pag-IBIG also provided briefings on its programs to CNMVAI’s identified potential contractor/developer, conducted prequalification services to CNMVAI members, and used the data as basis for the type of housing units and package price that should be adopted.

CNMVAI finally found a partner in HBDC which accepted the challenge of offering an in-city housing project that will provide higher-quality housing units that are very affordable to the teachers in North Caloocan. HBDC used to be a DepEd-accredited contractor for school buildings and acquired the one-hectare property for this project.

After a series of discussions on the unit design and package price, a partnership among HBDC (developer), CNMVAI (teachers-beneficiaries), and ISWEAR (mobilizer) was sealed last January 16, 2017. (END)