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Social welfare and Development Secretary Esperanza I. Cabral ( 3rd from left) presents a plaque of appreciation to Ms. Nichole Blackburn ( 2nd from left), an artist and painter, who did a mural painting (set as background of this photo) at the Nayon ng Kabataan (NK), a DSWD-run center for streetchildren, victims of child labor, orphaned, abandoned, neglected, exploited and physically abused children, 7 to 17 years old. Nayon ng Kabataan is located in Welfareville, Mandaluyong City. Aside from the mural at NK, Nichole also donated a 15-foot mural to a Foundation for troubled children and teens in Los Angeles, U.S.A. The opportunity to donate a mural for the Filipino children is an honor, Nichole stated. Also shown in photo are (left to right) Ms. Evangelina Lawas, NK Head Social Worker and DSWD-NCR Director Thelsa Biolena.