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HON. ROBERT L. SU



VG Oyo leads launching of DSWD satellite office in Kapalong

By: Jan Fhore Andrey L. Cagalitan

Together with the Department of Social Welfare and Development - Field Office XI Regional Director Atty. Vannesa Goc-ong, Vice Governor De Carlo "Oyo" L. Uy spearheaded the launching of the new DSWD Satellite Office in Kapalong last August 15, 2023.

The strategic placement of DSWD services in the heart of the community makes a significant difference in the lives of less fortunate individuals. The time and expense associated with each trip to the DSWD office in Tagum City is expected to be lessened due to the establishment of the DSWD Satellite Office in the municipality of Kapalong.

Moreover, having satellite offices in various locations allows for a more localized approach to public service. This satellite

office would do more than merely enhance convenience by actively addressing the problems and grievances that the town faces. This enables the DSWD to better understand and address the unique needs and challenges faced by each municipality/city.

This project comprises many forms of aid from the DSWD, such as healthcare services, social welfare programs, and programs for sustaining a living. In the meantime, plans are being made to extend the same effort to neighboring cities/municipalities. The development of these satellite offices offers a number of benefits, particularly in delivering prompt and localized public services for the community's underprivileged residents.

On the same day, over two million pesos were distributed

to more than a thousand beneficiaries, receiving PhP 2,000 each, through the DSWD's Assistance to individuals/families in Crisis Situation (AICS) program. The said payout was conducted by the staff from the Vice Governor's Office and DSWD.

Vice Governor Oyo Uy emphasized that this initiative is a true testament to his advocacy in bringing government services and resources closer to the people. In a Facebook post, he added, "Nagapakita lamang kini sa atong tinguha na mapalambo ang mga sumbanan sa serbisyo publiko. Usa gayud kini ka testamento sa atong adbokasiya nga mapaduol ang serbisyo ug kahinguhaan sa gobyerno ngadto sa katawhan. Kini ug alang sa padayong kalamboan sa katawhan sa DavNor!" 🇵🇭

DavNor opens new SP Building

By: Leilanie A. Degracia



The newly completed state-of-the-art two-storey legislative building of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Davao del Norte located at Provincial Government Center, Barangay Mankilam, Tagum City, was blessed and inaugurated last July 13, 2023, spearheaded by Vice Governor De Carlo "Oyo" Uy, SP Members and Staff, and the Office of the Secretary to the Sanggunian. The blessing were officiated by Monseigneur Ulysses Perandos and Father Jonathan Saavedra. A ribbon-cutting was held during the ceremony which marked and declared the official opening of the new SP building and ready to comfortably accommodate and serve the people of Davao del Norte. "Our New Home" says Vice Gov. Uy in his message during the said event.


The activity was also graced by the presence of Senator Christopher Lawrence "Bong" Go as the Keynote Speaker and also with him was the award winning actor Mr. Phillip Salvador. Present on the said event were former Governor Rodolfo "RDR" del Rosario, Former Vice Governor Victorio "Baby" Suaybaguio, Jr., Former Vice Governor, now City Mayor of Tagum, Hon. Rey T. Uy, City Councilors of Tagum and Panabo, Municipal Mayors and Vice Mayors, Department Heads and some dignitaries of the Province.

The construction of the newly opened 150 million SP building of Davao del Norte commence on the first quarter of 2020 funded through a loan from Land Bank of the Philippines and marked as one of the component big ticket projects undertaken by the Provincial Government of Davao de Norte. The appropriation was made possible during the time of Governor Antonio Rafael G. del Rosario and Vice Governor Allan R. Dujali (concurrent Representative of Davao del Norte 2nd District), while the construction was undertaken during the provincial administration of Governor Edwin I. Jubahib and

Vice Governor Rey T. Uy (now mayor of the City of Tagum).

The new building stands in a "modern architecture" and installed with structured cabling system to provide seamless connectivity and converge integration of data, voice and video for better collaboration and connection with other provincial offices, national agencies and clients as Secretary to the SP Dennis Dean T. Castillo oriented the public during its opening and enumerated a number of features of the legislative infrastructure. As to the safety status of the building it is made compliant with the safety standards, and is equipped with fire detection and alarm system to ensure that the new structure and its people are safe in case of any eventuality. The building is also installed with elevator and ramps to provide easy access for persons with disabilities.

The three SP conference halls at its ground floor are to be named in honor of the three deceased former Vice Governors of the province, namely Cecilia dela Paz, Gelacio P. Gementiza, and Atty Jose R. Caballero, based on the ordinance as proposed by concurrent Vice Governor De Carlo "Oyo" Uy. Also located at its ground floor area is the Social Action Center or the Vice Governor's Help Desk, placed at the left portion of the entrance hall, and Offices of Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members, while the 2nd floor houses the Office of the Vice Governor, the Office of the Secretary to the Sanggunian and the SP Session Hall.

Concurrent Vice Gov. Uy said that this new legislative building stands as a testament and symbol of progress, embodying commitment to democratic governance and the pursuit of a prosperous future to the Province of Davao del Norte. He assured the public that he and the SP Members will continue the legacy that their predecessors started, "maintaining the integrity of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan for the past more or less 50 years." 



Serbisyong Okey: Ang Pagpadayon sa Nasugdan Paingon sa Kalamboan

Ni: Emmy Joy Concha ug April Bascos

"Nag-edad ko ug 18 anyos, kabalo nako ug asa ko angay mamalit ug mga produkto sa Divisoria", paghandom ni Board Member Robert "Tete" So sa usa ka interview. "Pero wala ko nagdahum nga muabot ko sa punto nga ako ang mamahimong Board Member sa atong probinsya," iyang pagpadayon.

Giila sa kadaghanan nga "Tete", siya usa ka respetado nga negosyante sa Tagum. Siya nahimong konsehal sa maong syudad niadtong tuig 2002. Ug gikan sa Sangguniang Panlungsod padulong sa Sangguniang Panlalawigan, siya nahimong Senior Board Member sa Probinsya sa Davao del Norte niadtong tuig 2019. Siya napili sa iyang ikaduhang termino pagka Board Member niadtong tuig 2022. Iyang nalatas ang dinamiko ug mahagiton nga politika pinaagi sa pagpanerbisyo sa katawhan sa siyudad sa Tagum ug probinsya sa Davao del Norte sulod sa 21 ka tuig.

Kung unsa ug asa siya karon, resulta kini sa iyang kakugi ug gugma sa iyang pagpangalagad. Sa bata nga pangidaron, kinahanglang mumata si Board Member Tete ug alas kwatro sa kadlawon aron pagtabang sa pagdumala sa negosyo sa ilang pamilya. Hangtod karon, siya nagpadayon sa iyang gimbuhaton. Isip ikaduha sa kamagulangang anak lalaki, kinahanglan niyang makakat-on sa mga paagi sa negosyo. Busa, tungod sa pipila ka tuig niya nga malampusong napadagan ang Buenas Supermart, nahimo kining usa ka landmark sa lungsod sa Tagum.

"Strikto na si Sir basta trabaho hisgutanan. Gusto niya nga ang trabahoon humanon jud nimo sa tamang oras", matud pa ni Jao, staff ni BM Tete. "Pero but-an na si Sir, manggihatagon pa gyud", iyang pagpadayon.

Sa kasayuran sa tanan, si BM Tete So nahimong action officer sa nagkalain-laing espesyal nga programa sa Konseho sa Syudad sa Tagum. Nangulo siya sa daghang mga programa nga naglakip sa City Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council, Tagum City Anti-Drug Abuse Task Force, City Peace and Order Council, City Sports Council, ingon man ang City Tourism Council. Gidumala niya ang iyang oras isip negosyante ug isip City Councilor aron mahimong instrumento sa City Government of Tagum nga mahatagan sa Gawad Kalasag Award: Search for Excellence in Disaster Risk Management and Humanitarian Assistance (for Component City Category) niadtong tuig 2008 ug 2009.

Isip Miembro sa Sangguniang Panlalawigan sa Davao del Norte, aduna usab siya'y kasinatian sa nagkalain-laing komitiba. Siya karon ang nangulo sa Committee on Rules and Privileges, Committee on Trade, Commerce and Industry/Science and Technology, ug Committee on Public Works and Infrastructures, and Public Utilities. Ug isip Floor Leader sa lehislatibo, si BM Tete ang gitahasan nga mohimo ug mga lakang aron mabatunan ang hapsay nga dagan sa matag sesyon. Labaw pa niana, naghimo si BM Tete So ug mga balaodnon alang sa kaayohan sa mga huyang ug kulang sa pribilihiyo nga mga sektor, lakip ang mga kabatan-onan, kababayan-an ug senior citizens kinsa iyang gituhoan nga kinahanglang mahatagan ug igong pagtagad sa gobyerno dili tungod kay sila huyang kondili tungod kay kini ilang katungod. Nangingamut ug nagkugi gayud siya aron nga mapadayon ang iyang mga naandang aktibidades ug proyekto alang sa katawhan sa probinsya. Alang sa 94 ka mga barangay sa distrito uno, iyang ginapahigayon ang Libreng Gupit matag Araw ng Baranggay aron makabenepisyo ang katawhan ilabi na kadtong anaa sa halayong mga kabarangayan aron malikayan ang dungag gasto sa byahe aron magpaputol sa ilang buhok. Dungag pud na serbyisyo kada Araw ng Barangay ang Libreng Lugaw isip pagpahalipay sa mga lumulupyo sa barangay. Gawas niani, nasayran nga ginapadayon usab sa opisina ni BM Tete ang pagpanghatag ug dugang materyales nga gikinahanglan sa mga barangay ug pampublikong eskwelahan, sama sa mga galon sa pintura, monobloc chairs, tarpaulin, LED flashlights, electric fans ug uban pa.

Atangi ang dugang mga serbisyong pampubliko ni Board Member Tete So sa katawhan sa probinsya sa Davao del Norte pinaagi sa "Serbisyong Okey: Handog ni Board Member Tete So". Kini nga iyang inisyatiba ug hiniusang paningkamot nagpalig-on sa panagtambayayong tali sa gobyerno ug komunidad, paghatag gahum sa mga residente ug pagpasiugda sa mas inklusibo ug progresibong palibot alang sa kalamboan sa 1st District sa Davao del Norte. 

APPROVED RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES CY 2022-2025

HON. DE CARLO L. UY, MBA - The Regular Presiding Officer

JUNE 26, 2023
RESOLUTION NO. 718

AUTHORIZING THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF DAVAO DEL NORTE IN IMPLEMENTING AND PURSUING INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR STANDARDIZATION (ISO) CERTIFICATION FOR ENHANCED EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT

AUTHOR: So
SPONSORS: Amit, Silutan, Catalan, Tanong-Maboloc, Lu, Aala, Pamisaran, Parangan

JUNE 26, 2023
RESOLUTION NO. 719

APPROVING MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 298, SERIES OF 2023, OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF TALAINGOD, THIS PROVINCE, "AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS AND OTHER PLACES AND COMMERCIAL SPACES TO INSTALL VIDEO SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS OR CLOSED-CIRCUIT TELEVISION AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

SPONSORS: Aala, Catalan, Suaybaguio, So, Silutan

JUNE 26, 2023
RESOLUTION NO. 723

AUTHORIZING HONORABLE EDWIN I. JUBAHIB, GOVERNOR, THIS PROVINCE, TO SIGN THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO BY AND BETWEEN THE DANGEROUS DRUGS BOARD, 3F, DDB-PDEA BUILDING, NATIONAL GOVERNMENT CENTER, NIA ROAD, QUEZON CITY, REPRESENTED HEREIN BY ITS CHAIRMAN, SECRETARY CATALINO S. CUY, CEO VI, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE "FIRST PARTY" AND THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE, GOVERNMENT CENTER, MANKILAM, TAGUM CITY, THIS PROVINCE, REPRESENTED HEREIN BY THE HONORABLE GOVERNOR, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE "SECOND PARTY", RELATIVE TO THE FORMER'S GRANT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF TWELVE MILLION PESOS (₱12,000,000.00) TO THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF DAVAO DEL NORTE TO

PURSUE THE PHILIPPINE ANTI-ILLEGAL DRUGS STRATEGY (PADS) WHICH WAS FORMULATED BY THE DANGEROUS DRUGS BOARD (DDB)

SPONSORS: Catalan, Tanong-Maboloc, Suaybaguio, Amit, Lu, So, Pamisaran, Aala, Remitar, Parangan, Silutan

JULY 03, 2023
RESOLUTION NO. 727

APPROVING MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 302, SERIES OF 2023 OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF TALAINGOD, THIS PROVINCE, "AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING JOBS FAIR AND SKILLS ASSESSMENT EVERY MONTH OF SEPTEMBER OF THE YEAR TO ALL POTENTIAL WORKFORCE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF TALAINGOD AND PROVISION OF APPROPRIATION THEREOF"

SPONSORS: Estabillo, Suaybaguio, Silutan, Remitar

JULY 10, 2023
RESOLUTION NO. 740

AUTHORIZING HONORABLE EDWIN I. JUBAHIB, GOVERNOR, THIS PROVINCE, TO SIGN THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO BY AND BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE-REGIONAL FIELD OFFICE XI, F. BANGOY ST., DAVAO CITY, REPRESENTED HEREIN BY ITS REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DIR. ABEL JAMES I. MONTEAGUDO, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS "DA-RFO XI" AND THE PROVINCIAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF DAVAO DEL NORTE, GOVERNMENT CENTER, MANKILAM, TAGUM CITY, DAVAO DEL NORTE, REPRESENTED HEREIN BY THE HONORABLE GOVERNOR, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS "PLGU-DAVAO DEL NORTE", RELATIVE TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRICHODERMA HARZIANUM PROJECT UNDER THE HIGH VALUE CROPS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM CALENDAR YEAR (CY) 2023 FUNDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE IN THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE WHEREIN THE FORMER WILL TRANSFER FUNDS TO THE LATTER FOR THE SAID PROJECT, WITH AMENDMENT

SPONSORS: Catalan, Pamisaran, Amit, Estabillo, Jumamil

JULY 24, 2023
RESOLUTION NO. 777

APPROVING BY OPERATIONS OF LAW IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 56(D) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2023-03 OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF SAN ISIDRO, THIS PROVINCE, "THE REVISED CHILDREN'S WELFARE CODE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN ISIDRO, DAVAO DEL NORTE"

SPONSORS: Tanong-Maboloc, Aala, Lu, So

JULY 24, 2023
RESOLUTION NO. 778

APPROVING CITY ORDINANCE NO. 17-2023 OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF PANABO, THIS PROVINCE, "AMENDING SECTIONS 2 AND 4 OF CITY ORDINANCE NO. 05-19, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'MATERNAL BENEFITS PACKAGES ORDINANCE OF PANABO CITY'"

SPONSORS: Lu, Tanong-Maboloc, Aala, Amit, So, Pamisaran, Parangan, Jumamil

JULY 24, 2023
RESOLUTION NO. 788

APPROVING THE ENHANCED LOCAL CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN (LCCAP) CY 2023-2027 OF THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE

SPONSORS: Jumamil, Aala, Remitar, Suaybaguio, So

JULY 24, 2023
RESOLUTION NO. 789

APPROVING THE DAVAO DEL NORTE PROVINCIAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (PDRMC) STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES (SOPG) OF THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE

SPONSORS: Jumamil, Aala, Remitar, Suaybaguio, So

JULY 24, 2023
PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE
NO. 2023-010

HONORING AND GRANTING

**APPROVED RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES CY 2022-2025**

HON. DE CARLO L. UY, MBA - The Regular Presiding Officer

CASH INCENTIVES TO DABAONON CENTENARIANS IN THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

AUTHOR: Catalan
CO-AUTHOR: Amit
SPONSORS: Pamisaran, Aala, Parangan

JULY 31, 2023
RESOLUTION NO. 798

APPROVING BY OPERATIONS OF LAW IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 56(D) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, RESOLUTION NO. 2023-55 OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF BRAULIO E. DUJALI, THIS PROVINCE, "APPROVING THE MUNICIPAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT (MDRRM) FLOOD CONTINGENCY PLAN INTEGRATING COVID-19/ EMERGING AND RE-EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASE (EREID) OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BRAULIO E. DUJALI, DAVAO DEL NORTE", SUBJECT TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS HEREIN STATED

SPONSORS: Jumamil, Remitar,
Catalan, Aala, Silutan

JULY 31, 2023
RESOLUTION NO. 806

AUTHORIZING HONORABLE EDWIN I. JUBAHIB, GOVERNOR, THIS PROVINCE, TO SIGN THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) ENTERED INTO BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF PANABO, NEW CITY HALL BUILDING, BARANGAY J.P. LAUREL, PANABO CITY, DAVAO DEL NORTE, REPRESENTED HEREIN BY ITS MAYOR, HON. JOSE E. RELAMPAGOS, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE "SERVICE PROVIDER" AND THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE, GOVERNMENT CENTER, MANKILAM, TAGUM CITY, DAVAO DEL NORTE, REPRESENTED HEREIN BY THE HONORABLE GOVERNOR, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE "REFERRAL HOSPITAL", FOR THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF DAVAO DEL NORTE TO CATER IN THE DAVAO DEL NORTE HOSPITAL-CARMEN ZONE THE REFERRALS FOR OBSTETRICS/ GYNECOLOGIC/ NEONATAL/ EMERGENCY CASES OF THE CITY OF PANABO-EMERGENCY CLINIC AND SAFE

BIRTHING FACILITY

SPONSORS: Catalan, Amit, Tanong-
Maboloc, So, Pamisaran, Jumamil

JULY 31, 2023
RESOLUTION NO. 807

AUTHORIZING HONORABLE EDWIN I. JUBAHIB, GOVERNOR, THIS PROVINCE, TO SIGN THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO BY AND BETWEEN THE DAVAO DEL NORTE STATE COLLEGE (DNSC), BARANGAY NEW VISAYAS, PANABO CITY, DAVAO DEL NORTE, REPRESENTED HEREIN BY ITS COLLEGE PRESIDENT, DR. JOY M. SORROSA, PHD, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS "DNSC" AND THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF DAVAO DEL NORTE (PGDDN), GOVERNMENT CENTER, MANKILAM, TAGUM CITY, THIS PROVINCE, REPRESENTED HEREIN BY THE HONORABLE GOVERNOR, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS "PGDDN", RELATIVE TO THE PARTNERSHIP OF THE AFOREMENTIONED PARTIES TO ENSURE COLLABORATIVE ENDEAVORS IN AREAS OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL TRAINING, RESCUE EQUIPMENT AND TOOLS, RESEARCH, FORA, AND OTHER SIMILAR ACTIVITIES OF COMMON INTERESTS TO DNSC AND THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF DAVAO DEL NORTE

SPONSORS: Catalan, Aala, Amit,
Pamisaran, So, Jumamil

JULY 31, 2023
RESOLUTION NO. 808

AUTHORIZING HONORABLE EDWIN I. JUBAHIB, GOVERNOR, THIS PROVINCE, TO SIGN THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO BY AND BETWEEN THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA), 616 INT. 2, RIMAS ST., AQUINO SUBD., J.P. LAUREL AVENUE, DAVAO CITY, REPRESENTED HEREIN BY ITS REGIONAL DIRECTOR, DIR. ASHARY A. BANTO, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS "FIRST PARTY" AND THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF DAVAO DEL NORTE, GOVERNMENT CENTER, MANKILAM, TAGUM CITY, DAVAO DEL NORTE, REPRESENTED HEREIN BY THE HONORABLE GOVERNOR, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE "SECOND PARTY", TO FOSTER COOPERATION BETWEEN THE

ABOVEMENTIONED PARTIES TO INTENSIFY JOB CREATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF WORKERS THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PROVINCIAL TRAINING CENTER AT THE CAPITOL COMPOUND, GOVERNMENT CENTER, MANKILAM, TAGUM CITY, THIS PROVINCE

SPONSORS: Catalan, Estabillo, Amit, So,
Pamisaran, Remitar, Jumamil

JULY 31, 2023
PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE
NO. 2023-011

INSTITUTIONALIZING GAWAD PARANGAL SEARCH FOR MOST OUTSTANDING COOPERATIVES IN THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE, PROVIDING MECHANICS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF

AUTHOR: Pamisaran
SPONSORS: Amit, Remitar, Jumamil,
Silutan

JULY 31, 2023
RESOLUTION NO. 812

EXPRESSING PROFOUND GRATITUDE TO COCA-COLA PHILIPPINES, CITY GOVERNMENT OF TAGUM, THIS PROVINCE, TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) DAVAO DEL NORTE AND TESDA WOMEN CENTER-CENTRAL OFFICE FOR THEIR INVALUABLE SUPPORT TO THE WOMEN SECTOR OF THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE

AUTHOR: Catalan
SPONSORS: Tanong-Maboloc,
Suaybaguio, Estabillo, Amit, Lu, So,
Pamisaran, Aala, Remitar, Parangan,
Jumamil, Silutan

AUGUST 07, 2023
RESOLUTION NO. 803

APPROVING CITY ORDINANCE NO. 1023, S-2023 OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF TAGUM, THIS PROVINCE, "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2023 ECONOMIC ENTERPRISES CODE OF TAGUM CITY", SUBJECT TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS HEREIN STATED

SPONSORS: Catalan, So, Tanong-
Maboloc, Lu, Pamisaran



BM Aala pushes public school's transformation and upliftment of students' academic performance in the province

By: Felix Sayon Jr.

As the bustling province of Davao del Norte anticipated the dawning of a new school year, 1st District Board Member Shirley Belen R. Aala is determined to make a positive impact on the opening of classes for the school year 2023-2024. Being a retired educator who was known for her unwavering dedication to education and the betterment of public schools, Hon. Aala had recognized that certain public schools in the province were in need of a facelift and their facilities yearning for a touch of color and vibrancy. With her heart set on uplifting the spirits of the students and teachers, she decided to donate paints and other materials for the beautification of public schools.

Collaborated with the DepEd and together with School Administrators, Board Member Aala identified a number of public schools in the 1st District of the province who are in dire need of her assistance. Thus, at the start of the Brigada Eskwela on August 14, 2023 a week before the opening of classes, the office staff of Board Member Shirley Aala arrived at Palma Gil Integrated

School at Talaingod Davao del Norte. Finding out that the school's exterior had worn a dull and in weathered appearance, their week long active participation and support created a wave of the school's transformation. The once drab building now boasted a fresh coat of paint, symbolizing a renewed sense of pride and enthusiasm among the students, teachers, and community. Encouraged by the success of her initiative, BM Shirley and her dedicated team moved to other public schools. They focused on the main entrance and hallways, carefully selecting hues that would inspire creativity and foster a positive learning environment. The teachers and volunteers watched in awe as the schools quickly transformed into a vibrant space, reflecting their aspirations and dreams.

BM Shirley Aala's commitment to supporting education extended beyond the beautification projects. Before the opening day of classes, she reaffirmed her pledge to donate medals for the honor students in schools' graduation rites. Recognizing the hard

work and dedication of these students, she aimed to inspire them to continue striving for academic excellence. Her dedication to the cause of education left an indelible mark on the hearts and minds of the students, teachers, and the entire province of Davao del Norte. Her commitment to improving public schools through beautification projects and recognizing academic achievements through medal donations set a shining example for others to follow.

Excitement filled the hallways of different public schools on the first day of classes. The students' faces eventually lifted up with joy and amazement when they entered their newly painted and revitalized schools. Inspired by their fresh surroundings, they felt motivated to embrace the opportunities that awaited them in this new academic year. As the school year progressed, the colorful walls and the gleaming medals served as constant reminders of the positive change that can be achieved through the collaborative efforts of passionate individuals like her. 🙌



DavNor Officials pay homage to the late Former Board Member Providencia “Didi” P. Nuñez

By: Jane Ivy C. Magalona

The Legislative Department of this Province held a Necrological Service and paid tribute to the late Former Board Member Providencia “Didi” Pondoc Nuñez at 8:00am last August 22, 2023 at Dela Paz Hall, New Legislative Building, Government Center, Mankilam, Tagum City prior to the interment of her remains in the afternoon of the same date. The conduct of such service within the Legislative Hall is a privilege accorded only to incumbent and former officials whose names are listed in the rolls of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan (SP) of Davao del Norte.

From amongst her myriad of friends, colleagues and supporters, are officials and dignitaries who have testified about the impact that she had made in society. Tagum City Mayor Rey T. Uy spoke about her merits and recalled memories from decades past on behalf of their former SP colleagues. Hon. Shirley Belen R. Aala gave a testimonial as a peer, her fellow educator and contemporary in advocating for the empowerment of women in Davao del Norte. The esteemed academician/former Vice Governor Pedro B. San Jose also sent his sympathies as a former mentor of the late Board Member, wherein his message was read and delivered by his daughter, Ms. Arlene San Jose Aportadera. The current Head of the Legislative Department, Vice Governor De Carlo “Oyo” Uy testified on the exemplary achievements and distinctions of the former legislator which he had witnessed while growing up. Likewise, Governor Edwin I. Jubahib also conveyed his message of

condolences to the bereaved family for the loss of a distinguished and highly-respected matriarch. The late Board Member’s eldest daughter, Ms. Naxidez “Gay” Nuñez Ebarle delivered the Response from the Family, shared anecdotes and allowed the attendees to take a glimpse of the gentler side of the late official whilst at home and performing the most noble function of responsible parenthood which she excelled at even with the added challenge of raising her brood on her own following her widowhood. Another daughter, Ms. Niptalez “Jee-Jee” Nuñez Avena stated the acknowledgments to the people who had given their family love and support in their time of grief.

Initially appointed as a provincial legislator vice her late lawyer husband, former Board Member Maximo Cempron Nuñez on 1985, Former Board Member Didi Nuñez eventually won a seat in the Sanggunian on her own merit in an elective capacity for Sangguniang Panlalawigan (SP) Term 1992-1995. Subsequent to the separation of Compostela Valley Province (now Davao de Oro) from its mother Province of Davao del Norte on 1998, she was again appointed as SP Official from May to June of that year.

The late Board Member who was reunited with her Creator last August 15, 2023 was not only known for her service as a public official but also for her contributions as a former educator, as well as a leader in various socio-civic organizations in Davao del Norte. She was the charter and founding President of the Davao Province Council

of Women (now Davao del Norte Province Council of Women); key mover in organizing Municipal and Barangay Councils of Women in the twenty-two (22) municipalities of the then undivided Davao Province; initiator and implementer in the recruitment of community women for membership in the Girl Scouts of the Philippines (GSP) movement; Council Member for ten (10) years of the Provincial Development Council (PDC); task force member of Provincial Inter-Agency Council on Anti-Trafficking and Anti-Violence Against Women and their Children representing the Women’s Sector; Council Executive Board Member of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines (BSP) Davao del Norte Council; benefactress of the Gloria Christi Regis Home for Street and Abandoned Children; volunteer in the Philippine Red Cross Davao del Norte Chapter; adviser in the Davao del Norte Kawan Advisory Council; member of Alay Davao Foundation, Inc., and former member of the Provincial Board Members Association of the Philippines.

Born on May 3, 1939 in De la Paz, Cortes, Bohol, the Boholana intellectual who graduated with Latin honors in both her degrees in Associate in Arts and Bachelor of Laws from Rafael Palma College (now University of Bohol), had spent most of her life in the service of the people of Davao del Norte. She served as an inspiration and passed on her legacy of excellence to her progeny: Naxidez, Nemesez, Niptalez, Nomitz and Nutz, as well as their children, who became achievers in their respective fields and areas of interests.



Cong. Aldu visits SP’s new home

By: Iris P. Temperatura

Davao del Norte’s 2nd District Representative, Congressman Alan “Aldu” Ruales Dujali, visited the new legislative home of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan (SP) of Davao del Norte last August 07, 2023. On the adjournment of the 32nd Regular Session for Calendar Year 2023 held on the same day, the distinguished SP Members for Term of Office 2022 to 2025 headed by the debonair and dynamic Vice Governor De Carlo “Oyo” L. Uy warmly welcomed the hardworking and veteran Congressman, along with the familiar faces of the Legislative Department’s working staff.

With deep gratitude and great delight, Vice Governor Oyo Uy toured the good Congressman around the building which shelters the three different offices of the Legislative Department: the Office of the Vice Governor, the Offices of the Board Members, and the Office of the Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan. He also presented to Congressman Aldu the three conference halls which will be named after the deceased Vice Governors of the Province of Davao del Norte, to wit, “Cecilia A. dela Paz Hall”, “Gelacio P. Gementiza Hall” and “Jose R. Caballero Hall,” upon the enactment of the proposed ordinance authored and filed by the Honorable Vice Governor, which was calendared for First Reading during the maiden regular session held at the SP’s

new corridors of power on July 17, 2023.

The state-of-the-art facility is a product of the collaborative efforts and initiatives of their predecessors, including the time when Congressman Aldu was the Head of the Legislative Department for Term of Office 2016 to 2019. This was highlighted by the SP Secretary, Mr. Dennis Dean T. Castillo, MPA, on his welcome remarks during the noteworthy blessing and inauguration ceremony of the said structure last July 13, 2023, to quote in toto: “This new SP building is the new separate building occupied by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan since the enactment of the Local Government Code of 1991... Funded through a loan from Land Bank of the Philippines, as one of the components of the big ticket project undertaken by the Provincial Government of Davao del Norte, this edifice was earmarked with One Hundred Fifty Million Pesos (PhP150,000,000.00) excluding variations through private contracting which construction commenced in the first quarter of 2020. As a background, the appropriation was made possible during the incumbency of Governor Antonio Rafael G. del Rosario and Vice Governor Alan R. Dujali while the construction was undertaken under the administration of Governor Edwin I. Jubahib and Vice Governor Rey T. Uy.”

“WELCOME HOME CONG. ALDU!” yells

the officials and personnel of the new SP building, delighted in the good Congressman’s visit in spite of his hectic schedule and grateful for giving time to blend with friends in the office he once headed as Vice Governor in the year 2016 to 2019. He cherished the vast transformation in the structure and system in the SP initiated by the current Vice Governor Oyo Uy and his father, former Vice Governor and now City Mayor of Tagum, Hon. Rey T. Uy. He also thanked the present and the former Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members for their untiring effort of making this new SP building a dream come true. Cong. Aldu initially intended to deliver his “Congressional Address” during the 32nd SP Regular Session on the same date of his visit, but did not make it through due to other equally important program he had to attend to; but he later came around and reached out to officials and personnel of the department.

“Daghang salamat sa pagbisita sa among bag-ong katukuran. Isip kanhing Vice-Governor sa atong probinsya ug kasamtangang Congresista sa Distrito Dos, saludo gayud kami sa imong kahanas ug kakugi dili lang sa pagmugna og balaod, kundili lakip na ang imong pagpahigayon ug mga mahinungdanong programa ug inisyatibo along sa katawhan sa Davao del Norte,” matud pa ni Vice Governor Oyo Uy kauban ang mga Myembro sa Sangguniang Panlalawigan.



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