

Foundation Unveils 'DELGOSEA' Project

The "Partnership for Democratic Local Governance in Southeast-Asia or DELGOSEA" is a network of local Government Associations LGAs, local authorities, non-government organizations and academic institutions in Cambodia, Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam. Through its Philippine partner organization, the LOGODEF, recently unfolds its national workshop on 'Policy recommendation'.

In the current press briefing, Antonio Avila Jr., national coordinator said that 'DELGOSEA' aims to share knowledge and replicate best practices on good governance. "This project will contribute to the betterment of living conditions of disadvantage groups in Southeast-Asia by helping increase their participation in local planning and decision-making," Avila said.

The workshop focuses on issues faced by the disadvantaged groups, such as poverty, equal access to public services, information, and economic welfare would be better addressed when local governments and community members engage in dialogue and participatory decision making.

This noble mission encourages lessons-learned sharing to better the quality of local government services for the public, as well as recognizes different cultural, social and political settings. It is also a way to achieve sustainable development in decentralised context.

Mr. Avila mentioned that the four selected areas of best practices are: People's Participation in planning and Decision-Making; Institutional Governance; Urban Environment; and Fiscal Management & Investment Promotion.

DELGOSEA has selected 16 good governance Best practices from partner countries and would facilitate the transnational transfer and replication activities of selected Best Practice by pilot cities.

The project runs until August 2012. At the end of the project, the vision is to expect Best Practices' transfer and replication by pilot cities' partners continue to deliver real impact for the people. For more info log on to www.delgosea.eu