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Bacolod City Teams Up with DELGOSEA to Replicate People Private Public Partnership Best Practice

The Bacolod City government in the Philippines, through Local Government Development Foundation (LOGODEF), teams up with the Partnership for Democratic Local Governance in Southeast-Asia (DELGOSEA) to replicate local governance best practice on People Private Public Partnership from Cambodia. This joint, trans-national, effort in replicating this best practice is further consolidated through the signing of Memorandum of Understanding between the Bacolod City government and the DELGOSEA Project in Bacolod New Government Center on September 6, 2010.

Bacolod City Mayor Evelio R. Leonardia is optimistic to adapt and utilize best practice model from the Toul Sangke Sangkat Council in Cambodia, therefore improving people participation and collaboration with government in public services management.

The People Private Public Partnership model from Toul Sangke Sangkat is focused on engaging all members of local communities, government constituents and public institutions in the planning, funding, and building of infrastructure such as the roadwork and inland waterways. It also emphasizes its key success on management transparency and outreach activities to all parts of the community, regardless of their status, political affiliations, and culture.



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“Bacolod City is determined to involve the people and government elements so we could better address local needs and utilize local and external resources throughout all steps of public services’ development and improvement. We are honored to join this partnership with DELGOSEA and to learn from our colleagues in Toul Sangke Sangkat Council in Cambodia,” said Mayor Leonardia.

Widely known as the City of Smiles and also cited as Most Business Friendly City, the gateway to Negros Occidental province in Central Philippines, Bacolod City has thriving business and investment opportunities. Bacolod City is the 3rd pilot city in the Philippines to join DELGOSEA Project, following the province of Misamis Oriental, which signed MoU on August 14 and the municipalities of Pangasinan within the One Pangasinan Alliance of LGUs (OPAL) on September 2, 2010.

DELGOSEA Project has prepared 16 Best Practices from five participating countries – Indonesia, Thailand, Philippines, Cambodia, Vietnam, on the following four democratic local governance themes: **People’s Participation, Institutional Governance, Urban Environment and Fiscal Management.** The selection of best practice is trans-national in nature, which allows pilot cities having expanded options on choosing the most suitable governance practice from other countries and be able to adapt and replicate the model according to their own condition.

Following the selection of best practice by pilot cities, the DELGOSEA Project will facilitate a capacity development workshop to equip pilot cities in transferring and adapting best practice model.



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