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**City to build new
social dev't center**
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Bacolod Vice Mayor Jude Thaddeus Sayson yesterday said they have already submitted a study for the proposed transfer and construction of a new Social Development Center to the Democratic Local Governance in Southeast Asia in Bacolod City.

Sayson said Mayor Evelio Leonardia is planning to put up the new SDC on a two-hectare lot at the Vista Alegre relocation site because the present site at the Bacolod City Police Office Compound is too small.

Hopefully, they will be able to implement the transfer of the SDC to the Vista Alegre relocation site next year, he said.

The DELGOSEA in Bacolod City has identified the construction of a "Youth Home" for children in conflict with the law as one of the possible projects to adopt.

The Bacolod City government, through the Local Government Development Foundation, is teaming up with the Partnership for Democratic Local Governance in Southeast-Asia to replicate local governance best practice on People Private Public Partnership from Cambodia.

Bacolod City is the pilot city in the Philippines joining the DELGOSEA Project, after the province of Misamis Oriental that signed the memorandum of understanding on Aug. 14, 2010.

Cresencio Doma Jr., DELGOSEA national coordinator, had earlier, said they are looking at the youth section, especially the children being in conflict with the law, as a priority issue that should be addressed.

This was based on a news report that came out wherein

the regional director of the Women and Children Concern Desk of the Philippine National Police had observed that there really is a great need to look into the current situation of CCWL being housed or taken cared at the SDC, he said.

The DELGOSEA Project has prepared 16 Best Practices from five participating countries – Indonesia, Thailand, Philippines, Cambodia, Vietnam, on the following themes: People’s Participation, Institutional Governance, Urban Development, and Fiscal Management.*CGS