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### **NEDA XI Generates Support from Davao Stakeholders for the AmBisyon Natin 2040**

*Davao City, 22 November 2016* - The National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) XI conducted a Multi-stakeholder Summit on the AmBisyon Natin 2040 on November 22, 2016 at the Grand Regal Hotel, this City. The summit was Davao Region's grand launch of the country's long-term vision, with the theme: "Ambisyon Mo, Misyong Nating Lahat!" This was attended by an estimated 250 participants, comprising of members of the Regional Development Council XI, local chief executives, development planning coordinators, representatives of national government agencies, civil society, non-government organizations, academe, and business groups, public and private media practitioners and basic sector representatives from the youth, IPs and persons with disabilities.

According to NEDA XI Regional Director Maria Lourdes Lim, the Summit was conducted to promote widespread awareness of the Long-term Vision and generate support for its realization. Likewise, the outputs generated during the summit shall be used as inputs in the formulation of the successor Regional Development Plan.

NEDA Assistant Secretary Carlos Bernardo Abad Santos shared the highlights of the results of the AmBisyon Natin 2040 study, which was conducted by NEDA in 2015. He said that the Filipinos' AmBisyon is a "matatag, maginhawa at panatag na buhay para sa lahat" (a strongly-rooted, comfortable and secure life for all). During the summit, resource persons shared on their take on the AmBisyon. Governor Anthony del

Rosario of Davao del Norte Province shared his brand of local governance “Abilidad at Malasakit (AMA)” (competence and compassion). In line with the theme “Ligtas at Panatag na Pamayanan”, he shared on the role of LGUs in helping attain the peace agenda and socio-economic development goals of the national government. Director Pamela Salvan of the OPAPP likewise shared on the government’s efforts on peace and security, focusing on the 6-point Peace Agenda. On “Matatag at Maunlad na Pamumuhay”, Mr. Gatchi Gatchalian, President of the Davao Tourism Association (DATA), stressed that having a simple and comfortable life as desired by Filipinos is highly attainable based on his experiences as a businessman from humble beginnings. He emphasized, however, that the good life does not come without sacrifice; hence embracing risks and challenges are part of the journey to success. On the theme “Maginhawa’t Balanse na Buhay”, Mr. Naphrey Almario, a PWD and President of the Association of Differently-abled Persons and current Happiest Pinoy Ambassador, shared that a life of a PWD may be difficult but one has to rise above his weaknesses and find his strength amidst it all. Hence, his advocacies not only focus on the rights of PWDs but on helping others and giving back the goodness of life to those in need which is the mission of the volunteer group he founded, Behind the Rolling Chair.

The summit was capped with a workshop which provided participants the opportunity to internalize on their possible contributions for the achievement of the AmBisyon. Likewise, the participants inked their commitment by signing on the AmBisyon pledge wall “We shall make AmBisyon Natin 2040 a reality for Filipinos”.

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