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RDC XI Chairperson Gov. Antonio Rafael G. del Rosario as he presides over the RDC XI 1st Quarter Full Council Meeting.

RDC XI CHAIRPERSON ANTONIO RAFAEL G. DEL ROSARIO PRESIDES OVER CY 2017 FIRST QUARTER COUNCIL MEETING

Newly installed Regional Development Council (RDC) XI Chairperson Gov. Antonio Rafael G. del Rosario of Davao del Norte presided over the CY 2017 RDC XI First Quarter Full Council Meeting on March 8, 2017 at the NEDA-RDC XI Center, Davao City.

Gov. del Rosario was appointed as RDC XI Chairperson for the term 2016-2019 on February 21, 2017 by President Rodrigo R. Duterte. The 3-year term coincides with his

regular term as local chief executive of the Province of Davao del Norte. He succeeded his father, former Gov. Rodolfo R. del Rosario, who held the Council's Chairpersonship for the term 2013-2016.

In his opening message, Gov. del Rosario encouraged the Council members to work together in achieving a high-trust and resilient society, as well as a globally-competitive Davao Region, and making sure that all the efforts of the Council are translated to better income levels of the constituents to ensure that Davao Region's economic growth shall be truly inclusive.

"There are two things that need to be effectively carried out in this Council. *First* is that we should ensure that we get a bigger budget or appropriation for our Region. We need to work closely with our congressional representatives to ensure that the budgetary level which this Council endorses to agency central offices every year get higher batting averages in terms of the amount of budget that finally gets approved in Congress; *Second* is that our proposals or recommendations to Congress are seriously considered. Again, lobbying for our congressional representatives' support for these bills is crucial to ensure that all our proposals are integrated in the approved legislations," Gov. del Rosario further said.

Discussed as business agenda were the updates and proposed enhancements to the Davao Regional Development Plan (DRDP), 2017-2022; updates on the Davao Region Development Investment Program (DRDIP), 2017-2022; results of the FY 2018 RDC XI Budget Review and Consultation; proposed top 10 major programs and projects of Davao Region for FY 2018; Davao Region performance on the CY 2016 targets in the Davao Region Development Plan, 2014-2016 Results Matrices; as well as the RDC XI sectoral/special committee concerns that were elevated to the Council. These resulted in the passage of thirty (30) RDC XI Resolutions.

The Council also presented during the meeting the CY 2016 Davao Region Excellence Awards in Project Implementation (DREAPI) for the governance sector awardees, viz: Provincial Government of Davao del Norte for the Provincial Road Management Facility Program and the Department of Science and Technology XI – Food Processing Innovation Center Davao. (*EDS II Ruth C. Lasquite*)