

RDP, 2017-2022, LAUNCH EVENT SETS DAVAO REGION'S DEVELOPMENT PLAN IN MOTION



Top: RDC XI Chair Anthony del Rosario and Vice-Chair Maria Lourdes Lim lead the unveiling of Plan documents together with local chief executives; *Middle:* RDC XI Chair calls for unity among Davaoeños, Tagum Chamber chorale renders intermission number; *Above:* Press conference panel (L-R) PIA ASec Efrén Elbanbuena, MFC Chair Raymundo Agravante, SDC Chair Florie May Tacang, ASec Mercedita Sombilla, RDC XI Chair del Rosario and RDC XI Vice-Chair Lim.

Davao City- Over 500 stakeholders from local government units, public and private sectors came to witness the RDC XI's official launching of the Davao Regional Development Plan at the SMX Convention Center on 7 July 2017. The event's slogan '*Committing to Sustain Change*' attests to the Davaoeños wholehearted support to President Duterte's call for transformation for a better Philippines.

The RDP Launch was preceded by the Philippine Development Plan Roadshow earlier in the day, which was highlighted by a motorcade from the Davao City People's Park to the SMX Convention Center, carrying the slogan "*Tara Na! Ambisyon, Aksyunan Nato Karon!*" A press conference with RDC XI Chairperson

Anthony G. del Rosario, ASec Mercedita Sombilla, Vice-Chair Maria Lourdes Lim and RDC XI sectoral committee chairpersons ushered in the RDP launching event.

“I say that complacency has no place in the Plan, let us be one, for ours should be a collective effort in making Davao Region a safe, peaceful, productive and well-developed region,” the RDC XI Chair said. He urged all sectors to be proactive and step up on their respective roles and mandates to ensure the Plan’s implementation to reduce poverty and usher growth.

In her Keynote message, ASec Sombilla urged the Davaoeños to actively pursue their aspirations as these are now within reach. Davao Oriental 1st District Representative Corazon Malanyaon, Compostela Valley 1st District Representative Maria Carmen Zamora and Davao City Chamber of Commerce and Industry President Ronald Go also conveyed their messages of support based on the DRDP pillars of *Malasakit*, *Pagbabago* and *Patuloy na Pag-unlad*. At exactly 12:00 o’clock noon, the participants joined the whole nation in reciting the Prayer for Peace in the Philippines.

The program culminated with the unveiling of the DRDP and accompanying documents by the RDC XI Chair and Vice Chair, witnessed by Davao Region’s Congresspersons and local chief executives. Participants signed the Pledge Wall bearing key action points based on the RDP pillars. The RDP Launch also featured booths and exhibits showcasing the products, plans, programs and services of local government units and national government agencies.

The DRDP framework closely dovetails that of the Philippine Development Plan, with each strategy focusing on the needs of Davao Region. By 2022, the Region’s economic growth rate is set at 11.5 percent. Overall poverty rate is targeted to decline from 16.1 percent in 2015 to 13.6 percent by 2022

Contact: Felicidad M. Rabe
DRD, NEDA XI
(082) 296-0161(local 113)
nedaroxi@nedaxi.net

###