



Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF BOHOL
City of Tagbilaran

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Message

I am very pleased to inform our people of Bohol of the completion of our Medium-term Development Plan (MTDP) covering the period CY 2004-2009. This plan takes off from the MTDP of CY 1998-2003 where we spelled out our thrusts and development in eco-tourism and agri-industrial development where we have competitive advantage.

This MTDP is dovetailed to the national thrust of poverty reduction that is among the 10-point Agenda that Pres. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo has committed to pursue during her term of office.

Under this Plan, we are taking bolder and decisive steps to address the problem of poverty that has placed the province of Bohol at No. 16 among the top 20 poorest provinces in the country. The MTDP seeks to contribute to the overall provincial goal of reducing poverty incidence in terms of households from the current 47.3% to 23% by 2015 through various socio-economic and infrastructure interventions. Unless we are able to address the problem of poverty, we shall always be haunted by perennial problems on peace and order, low productivity, environmental degradation, and unemployment.

The Plan is a result of months of consultations and planning sessions among the different sectors and stakeholders of Bohol. It is thus a result of our collective views and efforts on how we should march together towards progress.

What is left now that we have spelled out our direction and the strategies of going there is for everyone to contribute his share in the tremendous task of realizing our goals. Government alone cannot do it. We need everyone as we have each our responsibility to our generation and the future generation of Boholanos.

ABANTE BOHOL!



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