



The League of Provinces of the Philippines sincerely congratulates the people behind the organization of the 9th CBMS-Philippines National Conference as this truly reflects the status of the community development along countryside rural and urban areas.

The Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS) performs the most significant and reliable basis for tracking the progress we make as leaders and local managers. The CBMS faithfully benchmarks the real performance of the local government and reflects the true picture of the communities in the grassroots level, avoid political masquerading, and cosmetic faking for the purpose of trying to create pretended development in areas of responsibility.

Thanks to the CBMS, we have this honest to goodness system of evaluating local government performance directly from the views of the people experiencing the victories and failures of government projects for communities. Hence, the dedicated public servants in the government could easily address and identify the poorest among the poor that supposedly must be the target beneficiaries of the government for anti-poverty alleviation programs. Using CBMS as basis in local planning, budgeting and local implementation, poverty monitoring, disaster risk reduction management and climate change adaptation, we can

now take off by taking the right track gearing towards "Tuwid na Daan."

Oriental Mindoro, for one, is among a number of local government units in the country that took the lead in doing best practices. One of them is the launching of the Strategic Intervention Community-Focused Action Towards Development (SICAD), a convergent delivery of a package of interventions to communities coming from different concerned government agencies including its partnership with the private sectors. Just recently, this strategy brought yours truly to be one of the Bayanihan Awardees. Members of Armed Forces of the Philippines used to be with us in the regular implementation of our "Serbisyo Ora Mismo" program in different remote barangays.

Let us keep transforming the lives of our constituents. Let's support the CBMS that truly gives hope to our poorest kababayans.

Mabuhay!

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