The 2017 – 2022 Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) of the City of Calapan shall be the basis for other plans that set the tone of the city’s development direction in the next six (6) years. This output can be said to be rightfully claimed by its framers who necessarily came from various sectors and laboriously worked so that this end might be achieved. Given the funding and legislative requirements, it can be translated into a package of Programs, Projects and Activities (PPAs) intended to facilitate socio-economic development to the people as its main beneficiaries.

The planning process appeared to be as tedious as it was expected to be. The Planning Team was first organized and eventually mobilized. Its roles were defined as to how they will get themselves into the various tasks required of the activity itself. One characteristic that distinguishes this planning activity away from the others is that this was essentially participatory. The term signifies the involvement and active engagement of individuals representing various sectors in the academe, business, farmers, fisherfolks, cooperatives, youth, church and religious organizations, civil society and the rest of private individuals who certainly have their own stakes to be upheld in this all-important convergence of brilliant and progressive ideas. Indeed, the consultations proved to be a utilitarian one since it made everyone speak out his/her own observations about how the city is being governed.

In a series of forum with stakeholders, issues pertaining to each sector of social, economic, infrastructure and physical, environmental management and institutional development were discussed in detail. Participants were apparently keen on pointing out each issue as needed to be addressed with a sense of urgency. The proceedings turned out to be so efficiently done that every sector might inwardly and outwardly felt that sense of approval.

Among the issues identified was still the perennial situation of poverty in the locality. At a glance, it may seem to be social in nature, but giving it a deeper analysis, it crosses other sectors such as economic when the concern is all about how to boost one’s capacity to provide his basic needs; it can also be related to an issue of infrastructure when it deals about facilities that would relieve the poor from the distress of informal settling. In the case of Calapan City, the local government sees to it that each issue is addressed not as independently of the other but is taken holistically.

Thus, the crafted vision “METRO CALAPON 2026: MIMAROPA’s Premier Center of Investments and Agro-Industry” fittingly describes the City of Calapan’s significant role in the economic development not only in the region but in the entire country as well. Built on a dynamic leadership coupled with a sense of pride and integrity in governance, the city continues to reap what was sown in its soil more than a decade ago when it assumed the role of becoming the first and only city in the entire Mindoro Island. The risks and challenges were there, but Calapan City emerged victorious amidst all these. Thanks to those personalities who braved and endured the pains while the city undergoes the process of socio-political and economic transformation.

Now that City of Calapan assumes a relatively new role in the region’s drive towards economic maturity, it nonetheless is complacent about what it had attained insofar as growth and development is concerned. Based on the Provincial Development and Physical Framework Plan (PDPFP) 2016-2025, the capital town is the center of education, trade and commerce of the entire province. It is also the seat of regional administration/government operations, and the center for higher level social and economic
services and urban amenities. Summarily, in the level of urban hierarchy, City of Calapan is considered Primary Urban Center B.

With the rising new trends in development planning, it will just be a matter of how well a particular LGU adapts and responds to the challenges at hand. In the case of Calapan City, the matter lies in the hands of its leaders and the people as well.
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