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PHILIPPINE GREEN ECONOMIST REP. JOEY SARTE SALCEDA
@ALBAY2D, UN SENIOR GLOBAL CHAMPION ON #CCA_DRR, TO
UNDERSCORE ROLE OF #UPRI & #NOAH IN PHILIPPINE DEV'T
DURING LAUNCH.

GLOBAL WARMING LEADING TO CLIMATE CHANGE TURNS INTO A LOCAL DISASTER WHEN THE ROOT CAUSE IS NOT IDENTIFIED OR THE RESPONSE IS NOT APPROPRIATE TO THE THREAT. THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT LESSON WE HAVE LEARNED FROM VARIOUS EXPERIENCES.

WE HAVE LIKEWISE LEARNED THAT, MOST OFTEN, THE COMMUNITY DOES NOT UNDERSTAND THE THREAT, UNDERESTIMATES ITS IMPACTS, OR DOES EITHER NOTHING OR SOMETHING INAPPROPRIATE DUE TO LACK OF CAPACITY AND CAPABILITY TO ADDRESS THE THREAT.

WHAT ELSE HAVE WE LEARNED? THAT YEARS OF RECURRING WEATHER-RELATED DISASTERS CREATE MORE AND MORE VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES AFTER EACH EXTREME EVENT.

FINALLY, TO TOP IT ALL, WITH THE ADDITIONAL THREATS OF GLOBAL WARMING, WE CAN ONLY LOOK FORWARD TO EVEN MORE DEVASTATING EVENTS.

THESE RECURRING EXPERIENCES OF DESTRUCTION WHERE LIVES, HOMES AND LIVELIHOOD ARE LOST DRIVE HOME CONCRETE, PHYSICAL AND SCIENTIFIC LESSONS THAT SPUR HUMAN INNOVATIONS AND PROACTIVE SOLUTIONS. NEW APPROACHES, MEASURES, STRATEGIES AND OPTIONS FOR PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT AGAINST & ANTICIPATE

POTENTIAL ECONOMIC LOSSES, DAMAGES, AND DISRUPTIONS (PLDD) AND “PREVENT CLIMATE CHANGE BECOMING A MAJOR DISASTER“ ARE NECESSARILY BORNE OUT OF SUCH EXPERIENCES.

CLEARLY, THE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE WILL BE WITH US FOR A VERY LONG TIME AND THE ONLY REALISTIC THING TO DO IS TO DEVELOP THE RESILIENCE OF OUR PEOPLE TO SURVIVE ITS ADVERSE EFFECTS. THIS RESILIENCE BUILDING CHALLENGE DOES NOT ONLY REQUIRE US TO DEVELOP ANTICIPATORY ADAPTATION STRATEGIES AND MEASURES PRETTY QUICKLY BUT TO ALSO CONTRIBUTE TO ADDRESSING THE ROOT CAUSE OF THE CLIMATE CHANGE PROBLEM IN A WAY THAT OUR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IS NOT HINDERED.

THE MORE COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE PHILIPPINES, EMIT GREENHOUSE GASES (GHGS), THE MORE INTENSE THE IMPACTS WE WILL ALL EXPERIENCE, ESPECIALLY VULNERABLE COUNTRIES LIKE OURS.

IT MUST ALSO BE NOTED THAT THE MORE DEVELOPED A COUNTRY, THE BROADER ITS OPPORTUNITIES AND MITIGATION OPTIONS FOR SURVIVAL AND RESILIENCY.

THIS IS WHY WE SHOULD TAKE OUR MITIGATION COMMITMENT TO THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY SERIOUSLY.

HENCE, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, NOT ONLY ADAPTATION SHOULD BE OUR GOAL. AND THESE SUSTAINABLE PROGRESSIVE DEVELOPMENT ASPIRATIONS ALSO REQUIRE THAT WE ADDRESS THE MAJOR DRIVERS OF OUR INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC AND SUSTAINABLE GROWTH WHICH, UNFORTUNATELY, MIGHT GENERATE A LOT OF GREENHOUSE GASES IF NOT PLANNED OUT WELL IN ADVANCE.

MITIGATION OF THE COUNTRY’S CURRENT AND FUTURE EMISSIONS IS NOT AN OPTION. IT IS A INEVITABILITY THAT CAN BE AFFECTED WITH LITTLE, OR NO, NEGATIVE EFFECT ON OUR SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. IT IS IMPERATIVE, HOWEVER, TO CLARIFY AND ACT ON OUR OPTIONS NOW AND NOT LATER, WHEN OUR CHOICES HAVE BECOME MOOT AND ACADEMIC.

WHAT IS EMERGING IN THE PHILIPPINE DEVELOPMENT PLAN (PDP) 2017-2022 IS THE INVOLVEMENT OF ALL SECTORS IN AN INTEGRATED SUSTAINABLE APPROACH AND EXECUTION FOR RESULTS, A “WHOLE-OF-SOCIETY”, “WHOLE-OF-GOVERNMENT” APPROACH, CONVERGING ON THE CLIENTELE IN THE FRONTLINES: OUR PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES.

MAY KATANGIAN AT KAKAYAHAN ANG UP UPANG MAGBIGAY PAKINABANG SA BUONG BANSA SA PAMAMAGITAN NG DALAWANGPU NITONG KAMPUS AT KAKAIBANG LAWAK NG KAKAYANAN. ITO ANG KAILANGAN SA PAGTATAGUYOD NG AKSYON PARA SA AMBISYON PARA SA PAG-UNLAD NG ATING BANSA SA PAMAMAGITAN NG TAMANG PAG-PAPLANO.

KAYA NGA BA ANG UP RESILIENCE INSTITUTE O UPRI, AY MAKAKATULONG SA PAG-TUKOY NG MGA TAMANG SOLUSYON SA PAG-PAPLANO NG BAWAT KOMUNIDAD UPANG MAGING MATATAG, MAPAYAPA AT MAUNLAD.

KANLUNGAN ANG UP NG MGA DALUBHASA SA IBA'T IBANG SECTOR, KATULAD NG UP MANILA SA KALUSUGAN, UPLB SA AGRIKULTURA AT KALIKASAN, UP VISAYAS SA YAMANG DAGAT AT PANG-IISDA, AT UP DILIMAN SA ECONOMIYA, INDUSTRIYA, TRANSPORTASYON, EDUKASYON AT IBA PA.

SASABAYAN ITO NG MALAWAKANG PAGGAMIT NG MATAAS NA RESOLUSYON NG DATOS, BAGONG KAGAMITAN AT TEKNOLOHIYA, AT SUBOK AT WALANG BAHID NA SERBISYO MULA SA HUKBO NG MAGIGITING NA SIYENTIPIKO SA PANGANGATAWAN NG UP NOAH CENTER.

IPAMAMAHAGI NG NOAH CENTER ANG EKSPERTONG KAALAMAN AT ANG KANILANG “PROBABILISTIC HAZARD MAPS” UPANG MATURUAN SA TAMANG PAGGAMIT NG BAGONG KAALAMAN ANG MGA LOKAL NA GOBYERNO (LGUS), MULA SA MGA PROBINSYA, SIYUDAD AT MUNISIPYO NG PILIPINAS, AT SA LAHAT NG AHENSIYA NG GOBYERNONG AT MGA LOCAL NA TAGAPAMAHAGI (STAKEHOLDERS & NGOS) TUTULONG SA MGA COMUNIDAD.

TUNAY NA MAY ANGKIN AT NATATANGING KAPASIDAD O KAKAYAHAN ANG UP NA DAPAT MAPAKINABANGAN NG ATING BANSA. KAAKIBAT NG MANDATO SA PANANALIKSIK AT SERBISYONG BAYAN, O “PUBLIC SERVICE”, ANG PAGTUTURO SA

MGA “ISKOLAR NG BAYAN” SA MATAPAT AT MAHUSAY NA PAGSISILBI SA TAONG BAYAN.

DAPAT SANA’Y NOON PA NAPAKINABANGAN SA CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION AT DISASTER RISK AT VULNERABILITY REDUCTION (CCA-DRVR) ANG KAKAYAHAN NG UP. LUBOS AKONG NAGAGALAK AT MANGYAYARI NA ITO... DITO SA ATING SALU-SALO... NGAYON.

WAGAS ANG AKING SUPORTA AT PASASALAMAT SA PAGKAKA-ISA NG UP RESILIENCE INSTITUTE (UPRI) AT NOAH CENTER UPANG MABUO ANG MALAKAS, KARAPAT-DAPAT AT TAMANG KAAKBAY SA TUNAY NA AKSYON PARA SA AMBISYON NG ATING BANSA AT LUBOS NA PATIGAN NG ATING MGA AHENSYA GAYA NG CLIMATE CHANGE COMMISSION NA IPINAPADALOY ANG FINANCIAL RESOURCES SAPAG PRODUCE NG SCIENTIFIC DATA GAYA NG UP NOAH CENTER, RESILIENCE INSTITUTE.

KATUWANG NATIN SILA SA MATATAG AT TULUY-TULOY NA PAG-UNLAD SA KABILA NG SUNUD-SUNOD NA PAGSALANTA SA ATING MGA KABABAYAN.

MABUHAY PO TAYONG LAHAT!