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DILG, CIDA TO LAUNCH LGSP-LED

INTERIOR and Local Government Secretary Ronaldo Puno will lead the launching of the Local Governance Support Program for Local Economic Development (LGSP-LED), an eight-year collaborative project of the Governments of Canada and the Philippines aimed at fostering efficient, responsive, transparent and accountable governance at all levels.

The launching of LGSP-LED will take place on June 22, 2009 at the Ayala Museum in Makati City starting at 12.00 Noon and will coincide with the National Forum on Local Economic Governance hosted by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and the LGSP-LED.

Canadian Ambassador Robert Desjardins is expected to keynote the launching of LGSP-LED on the theme “Canada’s Commitment of Support to Economic Governance in the Philippines.”

“The National LED Forum and the LGSP-LED Launch is intended as venue to create awareness, build support and advocate for sustainable economic governance among the key national government agencies, private sector, LGU leagues and international donor community,” says a briefer prepared by the LGSP-LED Program Management Team.

It is also intended to enable an effective national policy and program environment and improving the prospects for local economy in the local governments, the briefer adds.

LGSP-LED seeks to reduce poverty by strengthening local governance and supporting sustainable local economic development (LED).

LGSP-LED is a program of DILG and CIDA, and implemented by the Canadian Executing Agency (CEA), a consortium composed of the Canadian Urban Institute (CUI) and the Association of Canadian Community Colleges (ACCC).



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The national launch will be highlighted by the signing of the Statement of Commitment and among DILG, the CEA and the four participating LGU alliances selected from at least 50 applicants.

The four participating LGU alliances include the Province of Guimaras Agri-Tourism Development Alliance, the Dapitan-Dipolog-Polanco-Katipunan-Pres.M.Roxas-Manukan (DDPKaRoMa) Growth Corridor in the province of Zamboanga del Norte, the One Pangasinan Alliance of LGUs (OPAL) in the province of Pangasinan, and the Bohol Integrated Area Development Cluster V in the province of Bohol.

To sign the Statement of Commitment with Ambassador Desjardins and Secretary Puno are Mayor Hernani Braganza of Alaminos City and chairperson of OPAL, Governor Felipe Hilan Nava of Guimaras, Governor Erico Aumentado of Bohol, and Governor Rolando Yebes of Zamboanga del Norte and chairperson of DDPKaRoMa.

The four participating LGU alliances have already conducted their respective project launch in order to generate greater public awareness and stakeholder commitments in pursuing their priority local economic development initiatives in agri-business development, agri-tourism, sustainable agriculture and micro, small and medium scale enterprise development.

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