

# Davao City's Central 911 semi-finalist in CSC's Honor Awards

The Civil Service Commission Regional Office XI conferred the Certificate of Recognition to Davao City Central Communications and Emergency Response Center (Central 911), who made it as semi-finalist for the 2014 Honor Awards Program (HAP) of the Commission.

The Davao Central 911 links residents with the emergency resources of the government - the police, firefighters, medical workers and rescue services. It functions as both a call center and a dispatch center that efficiently gives assistance to citizens through its very own Emergency Medical Services Unit, Urban Search and Rescue Unit, Fire Auxiliary Service Unit, and K-9 Unit.

Certificates of Appreciation were also conferred to the officials and employees (individual or group category) who joined the prestigious annual search in the region.

The Certificate of Recognition to Central 911, Certificate of Appreciation to the nominees of the HAP and the CSC Seal of Excellence Award, together with the cash reward of P100,000 to LBP Bansalan Branch and PAO Mati City District, were conferred by no less than CSC Commissioner Robert S. Martinez, who was also the guest speaker of the event.



# Davao City Most Competitive in 2014 CMI Infra Category

The National Competitiveness Council of the Philippines awarded Davao City as the most competitive city in the infrastructure category of the 2014 Cities and Municipalities Competitive Index (CMCI).

With a total score of 16.29 in the infrastructure category, the city topped other industrialized metropolis like Cagayan de Oro, Marikina City, Makati City and Cebu, which ranked second, third, fourth and fifth respectively.

The CMCI measures competitiveness at the local government level using 28 indicators grouped into three equally-weighted pillars: Economic Dynamism, Government Efficiency, and Infrastructure. Scores on each pillar were combined to form the overall score used to rank cities and municipalities.

According to the website of the NCC ([www.competitive.org.ph](http://www.competitive.org.ph)), infrastructure scores were in accordance to the figures on existing road network, distance from city/municipality center to major ports, Department of Tourism-accredited accommodations, health infrastructure, education infrastructure, basic utilities, infrastructure investments, ICT connection, ATMs and public transportation.

Meanwhile, economic dynamism results were based on statistics on the size and development of the city's economy and measured through business registrations, capital, revenues and occupancy permits. It was also measured through the capacity to generate employment, cost of living, cost of doing business, financial deepening, productivity and presence of business as well as professional organizations.

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### Top 10 Overall Competitiveness

Cities Ranking

Overall		Local Government	Province	Region
Rank	Score			
1	53.242174	Davao City	N/A	National Capital Region
2	49.362393	Cagayan de Oro City	Misamis Oriental	Region X - Northern Mindanao
3	48.075188	Taguig City (NCR)	Cominas Sur	Region IV - Iloilo Region
4	47.716751	Davao City	Davao del Sur	Region XI - Davao Region
5	45.485443	Manila City	N/A	National Capital Region
6	45.025945	Iloilo City	Iloilo	Region VI - Western Visayas
7	43.686455	Cebu City	Cebu	Region VII - Central Visayas
8	42.117937	Quezon City	N/A	National Capital Region
9	43.021361	Valenzuela City	N/A	National Capital Region
10	42.772676	Pateros City	N/A	National Capital Region

## January wants barangay workers enrolled with PhilHealth



The President of the Liga ng mga Barangay in Davao is pushing for a program that will provide free health insurance to barangay functionaries.

Barangay Captain January Duterte of Catalunan Grande, Council representative of the Liga said, she wants all barangay-paid workers in Davao City to become PhilHealth members.

Duterte said she will propose this to all barangay captains of the city during the Barangay Development Summit in October, stressing that the income of barangay functionaries is barely enough for their daily needs and not for medical emergencies.

"Kung magkasakit ilang pamilya o sila, dili sila makakuha dayon og medical assistance," she said.

Duterte said she has already implemented this in her barangay. She however added that if some barangays cannot afford the extra cost, she will have to look into the coffers of the local Liga and maybe allocate a certain amount for the PhilHealth payment.

## City scholars top board exams

Two beneficiaries of the Scholarship on Tertiary Education Program (STEP) of the City Government of Davao topped their respective board exams this year.

Honey Bacus placed first in the Social Work Licensure Exam while Abygail Mae Dalipe placed seventh in the Licensure Examination for Teachers. Both are graduates of the University of Mindanao.

Because of their achievement, the City Government of Davao commended the two, along with other STEP scholars who also excelled like Serald Ang, who placed ninth in the October 2013 Certified Public Accountant Licensure Exam and Graciele Enobio, who ranked sixth place on the July 2013 Nutrition and Dietetics Licensure Exam. Both are products

of the University of the Immaculate Conception.

STEP is a scholarship grant under the Educational Assistance Program (EAP) of the local government. Created by Mayor Rodrigo Duterte in 2008, the program aims to provide financial support to underprivileged college students.

The STEP Office has recorded 279 academic scholars who have graduated. Out of these, 42 were cum laudes, while 9 were magna cum laudes. For School Year 2014 – 2015, STEP has 696 scholars, who are currently enrolled in different universities and colleges.

The City Government also granted financial educational assistance to 299 who are taking up vocational and other courses.

## Body formed to attend to complaints of senior citizens

In its commitment of giving importance to the elderly, the City Government of Davao has created a body that would address problems and concerns of the senior citizens, specifically matters related to the violation of Republic Act 7432, a law that grants benefits and privileges to the elderly in the country.

By virtue of Executive Order No. 35, Series of 2014, Vice Mayor Paolo Z. Duterte, then acting City Mayor, formed the Office of the Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) Complaint Board.

According to the Vice Mayor, there are individuals who still deny the privileges given to senior citizens, hence prompted the Davao City local government to create the complaint board.

"There are persons, natural or juridical, who refuse to honor the Senior Citizens Card and to comply with the grant of special disbursement privileges under RA 7432 as amended," the young Duterte disclosed in the EO.

"There is a need to create the OSCA Complaint Board to address all concerns pertaining to the aforesaid violators and to provide additional services to Senior Citizens," he added.

The Board, headed by the City Mayor, is composed of the City Legal Officer, City Social Services and Development Officer, City Health Officer and the President of the Federation of Senior Citizens Association or their



authorized representative.

The Board is tasked to act on the complaints charged against any persons who violated RA 7432. The Board is mandated to take action within five days upon receipt of complaint.

Moreover, they are also required to present a quarterly report to the City Mayor, "furnishing copy to the Department of Social Welfare and Development Office on all complaints filed before the OSCA".

The OSCA, on the other hand, shall serve as the secretariat for the group and shall provide necessary support.

## Comprehensive Land Use Plan a boon to city's economy

The City Council of Davao is optimistic the amended Zoning Ordinance will further boost the city's economy.

The Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP), according to Councilor Bernard Al-ag, the newly installed Majority Floor Leader of the 17th Council, will be bringing in more investments, as developers are only waiting for the law to be published for them to also implement the development in their respective properties.

"We are expecting once this will be published, *siguro kung dili mag double, ma-triple pa ang investments sa Davao City* because this ordinance is pro development," Al-ag said.

Major provisions of the amended zoning ordinance that would encourage investors include: the increased size of the housing zones and commercial zones and the inclusion of the new zone called township project, in which commercial and residential zones are in one area.

The Davao City Comprehensive Land Use Plan 2013-2022 has identified a total area of 15,387 hectares of land for residential areas. A

total of 7,005 hectares have been added to the current 8,382 identified by the 2011 CLUP. The CLUP categorizes the residential land use to four classifications: Low Density Residential (LDR), Medium Density Residential (MDR), High Density Residential (HDR), and Socialized Housing.

While 2,624 hectares have been identified for commercial land use. The total land area identified for city's commercial use grew by 1,041 hectares from 1,583 hectares registered in the previous CLUP in 2011.

The CLUP requires all development on properties must be in accordance to the land classification of a certain area in the city.

Also included in the amendment is the identification of protected environmental areas, which also makes the new law pro environment.

"This law protects the environment, but also gives enough space for businessmen to pursue their development in Davao City," he said.

The publication of the law, which is a requirement before the CLUP becomes effective, is one of the top priorities of the 17th City Council.

## Davaoño bags Ramon Magsaysay Award



Another Dabawenyo has brought prestige and honor to the city. 32-year-old Randy Halasan, a teacher from Pegalongan Elementary School, was conferred this year's Ramon Magsaysay Award for Emergent Leadership.

The only Filipino included in this year's prestigious award, Halasan, was cited for going the extra mile in helping not only his Matigsalog students but as well as the Matigsalog community.

Thru his initiative he was able to establish the Pegalongan Farmers Association and a cultural-minority high school.

"Sa asosasyon natagan mi ug durable crops, *nasugdan mi ug greening program, nabutangan mi ug galingan, so dili nami magpagaling sa layo kaayo,*" he said. "*Sa edukasyon kay natukuran namo sila ug highschool, ang eskwelahan namo karon nindot na sya mura na daw syag syudad, lima ka classrooms unya semento tanan, ug sa mga bata dili na gyud sila ma-engage sa early marriage kay maka eskwela na gyud, so ang akong hangyo kay mabutangan gyud ug vocational courses,*" Halasan added.

The RM awardee also laid down his future plans for Pegalongan. "Main purpose *namo ron kay agriculture, this October i-present namo ang "Kain sa Bawat Mesa", mao na ang akong concept para sa Pegalongan. Sa 2020 ang Pegalongan di na gyud sya magutman,*" Pegalongan said.

Meanwhile, Davao City Mayor Rodrigo Duterte lauded the hardworking teacher for his exemplary public service. "I would like to congratulate Mr. Randy Halasan, he is a Dabawenyo and the only Filipino to win the Magsaysay Award this year and has brought honor not only to the country but to the city, and we are really proud of you, he won the award because of his human sacrifice and the care for every human being *dire sa kalibotan,*" Duterte said during his personal meeting with Halasan where the latter requested the Mayor to put up 2 bridges over the Sinod River and the Davao River.

## TMC given new equipment

The Traffic Management Office (TMC) has been given brand new vehicles and communication equipment in the advent of the worsening traffic congestion problem in the city.

The office was given four brand-new patrol cars, 45 motorcycle units and 3 base radios.

TMC Chief Rhodelio Poliquit said the new motorcycle units and vehicles will boost the morale of the TMC personnel as they continue to go after habal-habal drivers. As for the radio units, Poliquit said these will help in the communication of those in the field.

"*Dakong tabang kining mga bag-ong sakyanan sa TMC kay aduna na kitay magamit nga mga sakyanan ug kahimanan sa pag-gukod sa mga driver nga malapason sa balaod,*" Poliquit said.

The TMC's campaign against habal-habal drivers has been on going since early last year when Mayor Duterte observed the continued violation of the imposed speed limit, especially by these illegal motorcycle drivers.

"The newly acquired equipment will help the traffic enforcers to fully implement the law," Duterte said during the turn over of the said equipment.



## Osmeña Park now open to the public



Osmeña Park has been re-opened to the public since its rehabilitation started a few months ago.

Located just adjacent to the Sangguniang Panlungsod, the second most visited park in Davao City now has new amenities such as an activity area, a senior citizens area, a children's park, an area for people with disabilities and a chess and dama area.

Elisa Madrazo, head of the City Environment and Natural Resources Office said, the city spent P500,000 for the rehabilitation of the said park.

Madrazo also said that new park rules are now also being implemented to maintain peace and orderliness of the park.

"*Daghan bawal dire, of course bawal na matulog, magsugal, manigarilyo, maligo ug manglaba dire as in murag ilahang balay,* because the government is spending *para sa tubig ug sa maintenance,*" Madrazo said.

The park is open from 7 in the morning until 11 in the evening. Guards are now posted at the gates of the park for security purposes.

Madrazo revealed that only a few more tweaks are needed to make the park 100% complete. "*Tiwason na lang ang fence and repainting pud sa pavewalks,*" she said.

Councilor Al Ryan Alejandre, head of the SP Committee on Tourism and Beautification expressed his delight in the re-opening of Osmeña Park. "*Kami sa Davao City Parks Board, we are very happy na okay na ang atong Osmeña Park for the reopening, we also thank our sponsors and donors for helping us to rebuild ang atoang nindot na Osmeña Park para sa atong katawhan para sa ilang recreational use,*" Alejandre said.

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Government efficiency scores, on the other hand, were calculated based on the data on transparency scores, economic governance scores, local taxes and revenues, local competition-related awards, business registration efficiency, investment promotion, compliance to national directives, security, health and education.

City Administrator Atty. J. Melchor Quitain received the award on behalf of the city during the Regional Competitiveness Summit held last August.

Overall, the city ranked 4th as the most competitive city in the country behind Makati with 53.242174 points, Cagayan de Oro City with 49.363393 points and Naga City with 49.075166 points.

Launched for the first time in 2013, CMCI is a yearly award system ranking cities and municipalities in the country. This year, CMCI is composed of 136 cities and 399 municipalities.

"The CMCI was designed to encourage local governments to regularly track data and eventually benchmark performance against other cities in the ASEAN to better manage their regions," the website reads.

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