

# **STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS 2010**

**By the**

**Honorable German P. Saraña, Jr.**

## I. GREETINGS

*To the Honorable members of this August Body, concerned citizens, distinguished guests, department heads, friends: A pleasant good afternoon!*

## II. MESSAGE

*Too much has been said about climate change, but too little has been done and quite late. The impact of the prevailing situation of global warming and climate change has reached the critical stage. The economic recession that has plague the US and other countries, is now being felt with the prohibitive cost of staple and food products.*

*Urgent measures need to be undertaken and this calls for a drastic change in our life styles and more importantly the regulation of population growth which is the major culprit of global warming. Human activity has and is taxing the earths' resources to its' limit, towards a point of degradation and depletion that may no longer support and sustain the healthy existence of man or other living things on this planet in the near future. We must urgently take measures to mitigate and adapt to the effects of global warming to save this planet, our home, home of the future generations.*

*Beyond The Limits, by Meadows, Meadows and Randers quoted the World Commission on Environment and Development (sourced from Our Common Future, Oxford University Press, 1987, p.8): "Many present efforts to guard and maintain human progress, to meet human needs, and to realize human ambitions are simply unsustainable – in both the rich and the poor nations. They draw too heavily, too quickly, on already overdrawn environmental resource accounts. . . . They may show profits on the balance sheets of our generation, but our children will inherit the losses."*

*The Philippines, being among the Highly Vulnerable Countries is prone to suffer the effects of what maybe irreversible damage or irreparable injury as a result of unsustainable activities. Last year we saw extensive destruction caused by floods in many parts of our country. Its' devastating effects, by and large, maybe considered minimal but definitely felt, and unfavorable weather conditions has resulted to diminished farm income and low productivity, and has hampered the implementation of several infrastructure projects.*

*The City government responded to the call of the times, over and above its regular business and primary functions. A few years ago, we experienced flooding and so we built flood prevention structures to avoid a recurrence. Our advocacy and local interventions on environmental sustainability, and disaster risk management has been heightened along with our poverty alleviation strategies and initiatives to address social concerns.*

*In these difficult times, adhering to our core values is a test of resiliency of a responsive government striving to deliver excellent government services.*



*While the challenges are daunting, we keep on track to our direction with greater community participation to make our city, the City, as we envisioned it to be. The "Agriculture Capital of the Province"! A city with Character!*

### **III. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

It is with great honor that I present to this Honorable August Body, the highlight of accomplishments for Calendar Year 2009.

We have consistently invested in the promotion of good governance and public service excellence. Our programs and projects support and align with the Millennium Development Goals of the United Nations. We have consistently stressed advocacy and interventions for the effective and efficient disaster risk management and cultivate responsive agricultural practices to locally address the very critical situation of global warming resulting to climate change. Our direction to gradually divert to renewable energy to significantly reduce our dependence on fossil fuel has drawn the attention of people from other LGUs and other agencies and visited our biodiesel plant.

My sincere appreciation and commendations to the LGU work force who contributed to the accomplishments for year 2009. The leadership and dedication of the Department Heads, the efforts, cooperation and the "extra miles" of the city employees, coupled with the enthusiasm and cooperation of civic oriented Bayawanons, made these accomplishments possible.

### **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR 2009 ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

#### **1. GOOD GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

##### **A. Public Governance System**

Enrollment for accreditation to the Public Governance System espoused by the Institute of Solidarity of Asia (ISA) has provided for us an avenue for mentoring and exposure to the best practices of other accredited LGUs and organizations. The accreditation process enabled us to define our core values and introduced the balanced scorecards as a productivity tool. Bayawan City was conferred the status of Compliant as of November 2009 for having demonstrated our commitment to make PGS work for local development with the involvement of a multi-sectoral coalition committed to responsible citizenship on the precept that governance is a shared responsibility.

##### **B. Citizens' Charter and Business-One-Stop Shop (BOSS)**

The Citizen's Charter of frontline offices of the LGU is posted at conspicuous places in the City Hall compound and offices. It describes the steps and procedures on how to avail a specific government service identifies the employee responsible for the service and indicates the estimated time for accomplishment. This is a



mechanism to ensure transparency and accountability in government service delivery.

The Business-One-Stop Shop was conducted from Monday to Saturdays for the whole month of January 2009 at the Annex Function Hall.

Customer Service Training was conducted to enhance customer service skills of the employees through different techniques and tools in handling customers. Emphasis is on courtesy, promptness of service and adequate knowledge to perform one's job and to guide clients as determining factors that enhance customer satisfaction.

Bayawan City received a Presidential citation for Best Practice in creating a Business and Investment Enabling Environment for implementing the Simplified procedure for Business Permits and Licenses (BPL) Renewal Project on July 8, 2009 during the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise Development Week Celebration at Mandaluyong City.

#### C. Performance and Management System – Office Performance Evaluation System (PMS-OPES)

We adopted and were oriented by the CSC with a new system of evaluation which evaluates the performance of the whole office/department as well as the employees. The system works on the premise that an organization either succeeds or fails based on the attainment of the goals of the office and the performance of its personnel.

#### D. CF! Bayawanihan Program

The program has evolved from a mere productivity tool to responsible citizenship awareness movement with the launching of the drive for 10LB and Ten Little Things. Stronger multi-sectoral partnership and cooperation of the CF! Bayawanihan sectors now referred to as the CF! Bayawanihan Coalition has been forged. The CF! Faith Community sector, the CF! Academe, CF! Youth, CF! NGO/PO, CF! NGA, CF! Transpo, CF! LGU are the key players in the integration of the character development for the to enhancement of public service to the various development initiatives of the city.

Social Artistry was introduced as a creative strategy to enhance transformative receptiveness of the community for social consciousness and responsibility. "Sikat Ka Bay" (Sining at Kamalayang Tanghalan ng mga Kabataan sa Bayawan) was organized by the CF! Bayawanihan Youth. We have established partnership with the Bagong Lumad Artists Foundation, Inc. introducing Sining Bayan framework. An Eco-Forum Presentation was made possible with the training of 63 social artists.



To institutionalize the CF! Bayawanihan Program the CF! Bayawanihan Ordinance was endorsed as drafted by the CF! TWG and CF! Bayawanihan NGA to the Sanggunian Panlungsod for their favorable consideration and action.

## 2. FISCAL ADMINISTRATION

### A. Resource Generation

Our Taxable Assessment for CY 2009 increased by Php 6,818,363.00 or 1.5% from Php 454,332,751.00 of 2008 to Php 461,151,114.00. Tax mapping and cleansing of our records is a continuing activity of the City Assessor's Office. All 28 barangays are now covered by the eRPTAS Computerization Program which could electronically generate reports relating to Real Property Taxation.

We are now on phase II of the CLAIMS project for Systematic Adjudication and Tax Mapping. Phase I covering Barangays Maninohon and Nangka adjudicated and tax mapped a total of 1,021 lots and facilitated the registration of 165 lots. Phase II covering barangays Suba, Boyco and Tinago was started last October and has adjudicated 716 lots and is working on 626 applications.

On tax collection, the City Treasurer' Office has consistently proven their efficiency in the collection of our local revenues as shown:

1. Real Property Taxes	Php 9,183,532.16	with	3.72% Increase
2. Business Taxes & Other Taxes	10,886,601.66	with	13.41% Increase
3. Fees and Charges & Other Income (Including IBC Rentals P451, 778.40)	10,218,558.84	with	40.79% increase
4. Economic Enterprise: (Public Market, Slaughter House & Cemetery)	4,032,488.71	with	(1.66%) decrease

Ms. Evelyn T. Taleon, the City Treasurer was conferred a Certificate of Recognition by the Department of Finance, BLGF Region VII as Regional Awardee, 3<sup>rd</sup> Placer for Economic Enterprise Collection for CY 2008 in July 4, 2009.

Actual Internal Revenue Allotment Share collected for 2009 was Php 498,673,751.00 indicating an increase of 27.31% from Php 391,683,609.00 of 2008.

### B. Budget Allocation and Fund Utilization

Our City Budget Office consider the year 2009 as "the year of bountiful blessings." attributed to the unexpected increase of our Internal Revenue Allotment



which comprise 90% of the total income of the city and correspondingly increased the total current budget for 2009.

The Comparative Current Budget of 2008 and 2009:

Expense Classification	CY 2008	CY 2009
<b>General Fund:</b>		
Personal services	Php 157,251,661.08	Php 171,708,945.00
Maintenance & Other Operating Expenses	187,992,549.82	222,569,985.72
Financial Expenses	150,000.00	300,000.00
Capital Outlay	37,530,234.88	93,077,988.91
Economic Development Fund	80,806,469.80	104,042,455.79
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>Php 463,730,915.58</b>	<b>Php 591,699,375.42</b>
<b>Economic Enterprise:</b>		
Personal Services	Php 4,104,823.00	Php 4,321,799.21
Maintenance & Other Operating Expenses	1,833,000.00	1,721,511.00
Capital Outlay	35,000.00	52,300.00
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>Php 5,972,823.00</b>	<b>Php 6,095,610.21</b>

The Accounting Department conducted a physical count and reconciliation of supplies and materials for the first time. This joint activity with the General Services Office had long been recommended by the Commission on Audit to validate the supporting records of the city's financial statements. The reinstatement of pre-audit of selective disbursement was also implemented in 2009.

The total assets of the City Government have grown to Php 1,158,710,758.26 from Php 1,115,861,611.21 of CY 2008. Our liabilities mainly incurred to finance long term projects are Php 350,605,789.59 from Php 216,745,497.63 of CY 2008.

As of February 1, 2010, the City Accountant certified a Total Surplus in the amount of ONE HUNDRED FIVE MILLION TWO HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY NINE & 87/100 PESOS (Php 105,210,539.87) from operation of CY 2009, broken down as follows:

General Fund - Proper	-	Php 78,889,077.22
General Fund – EDF	-	<u>26,321,462.65</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>Php 105,210,539.87</b>

C. Economic Enterprise Operation

Public Market Operation - The City Treasurer's Office was recognized as Regional Awardee for Economic Enterprises Collection for CY 2008 by the Department of Finance, Region VII.



The Integrated Business Center operation is under the care of the Interim Integrated Business Center Management Office. From its operations for 2009, the IBC Hotel and Function hall had an earning of Php 451,778.40.

### 3. MDG ALIGNED PROGRAMS

#### A. 1. To Eradicate of Extreme Poverty

For the year 2009, a total of 2,355 stakeholders were trained in various skills for enhanced capability that will lead to self-reliance and independence. A total of 408 participants graduated from basic trainings adhering to the global standards set by TESDA.

Trainings for fashion Jewelry making out of old newspaper and plastic flower making from empty plastic soft drinks bottle were conducted to demonstrate the Re-use, Re-cycle & Recover principle to generate family income.

Passport processing and renewal of professional licenses was among the most popular services during the *Halad Katawhan*. 257 passport, a majority of which was for work purposes abroad were issued and 450 professional licenses were renewed or applied. The City Cooperative and Manpower Development Office spearheaded the activity.

For the LGU Scholarship Program, a total of 884 scholars were granted scholarship for Tertiary education at the Negros Oriental State College, Bayawan – Sta. Catalina Campus to support the poor but deserving students to pursue their college education. The program has so far turned out 102 professionals.

Self-Employment Assistance Kaunlaran (SEA-K) Program implemented by the City Social Welfare and Development Office focus on building entrepreneurial skills of the partner beneficiaries and strengthening of the SEA-K associations as stakeholders to become self-reliant members of the community.

#### A.2. Food Production Programs to Combat Hunger

The City Agriculture Office is headed by Mr. Cornelio Muralla, City Agriculturist implements our Food Production initiatives.

**Under our Field Crops Program**, our corn areas produced 7,383 tons. Our rice production was at 8,920 tons. The city provided seeds and seedlings and distributed 913 bags at 50kg/bg. of GMA rice seeds. Organic fertilizer support for rice and corn was also provided. The area devoted to vegetable production was 92.4 hectares which supplied 51 tons of vegetables for consumption.



Mr. Constancio Hisona, “retired but not tired” from the Regional DA Office is assisting us in the implementation of our rice and corn production program and in the formulation of the City Agriculture and Fisheries Development Plan

**For our Permanent Crops Program**, the cumulative area planted to Rubber Trees is now at 510.35 hectares more or less. For 2009 the total rubber tree seedlings planted was 15,690 in an area of 31.38 hectares. Technical assistance was extended to 21 farmers interested in rubber tree propagation. We have a total of 245,804 seedlings at the nursery, 21,031 of which are available and ready for planting. The planting of Coconuts, Coffee and other permanent crops are also being promoted

For **Fishery & Livestock**, the recorded fish catch is at 793 tons (Tuna 316; others 477). 88,490 Tilapia fries were dispersed to a total service area of 2.4 hectares.

50 heads of native chickens were maintained, with 40 ready for dispersal. 206 sows farrowed 1,822 piglets by AI and a total of 78 heads of cattle and carabaos were dispersed.

**Biotechnology** is also adopted to promote productivity. The Bio-N project produced 11,583 packets out of which 6,366 packets were sold. For Trichogramma, 73,873 strips were produced which protected an area of 140 hectares planted to vegetable crops.

The promotion of **Organic farming technology** undertaken under the Dasig Project had a total area of cultivation of 13.0 hectares. Trainings and Seminars were conducted 16 times for 2009 on Organic Farming.

A **Demo Apiary** was established at the government site, in Cabcabon with 2 colonies. Our City Agriculturist recommends that it be relocated to Danapa for spatial advantage.

Our FITS copped the “**Outstanding FITS Award**” for Region VII for 2009.

#### B .To Achieve Universal Primary Education

The Bayawan City Division under the leadership of Ms Victoria O. Galgo, is composed of two districts with 24 schools in the East and 29 schools in the West. It has a total of 53 elementary schools and 16 secondary schools

As of June 2009, 17 more schools offered preschool to make a total of 40 elementary schools with Pre-school classes enrolling a total of 2,288 children. Four elementary schools for the West District and the Bayawan City Science and Technology Center for the East were opened. Four secondary schools in barangays Lapay, San Jose, Villasol and Minaba now have complete secondary schools. Technical-vocational classes are also being offered at Bayawan National High School.



We have 459 elementary and 137 secondary regular teachers, 8 of which are city paid. A total of 12 teacher Aides are also paid by the city.

The Mobile Teacher program with 3 mobile teachers headed by the District ALS Coordinator and a SPED Teacher has organized nine (9) classes for elementary, secondary, literacy com Livelihood and Basic Computer Literacy Program.

A total of eleven (11) buildings providing 18 classrooms were completed for the year 2009.

Through the GK "Sibol" Program, basic education for social development following formal curriculum in partnership with the DepEd is delivered to the poor and underprivileged children of the GK Village. Three teachers are assigned to handle classes and deliver special education.

#### C. Promotion of Gender Equality and Women Empowerment

The Katipunan Ng Liping Pilipina (KALIPI) was organized under the auspices of the CSWDO, is the banner bearer of the womens' organizations of the City. The organization actively participated in the advocacy and activities that promote the Character First program particularly concerning women and children.

The Women's Welfare Program implemented by the City Social Welfare and Development Office spearheaded the celebration of the Women's Day on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and whole month of March as National Women's Month. The activities focused on creating a gender-responsive environment to encourage and support women to venture into high value and more meaningful economic activities and enterprise development.

#### D. Reduction of Child Mortality, Improve Maternal Health and Combat of Diseases

On our **Maternal and Child Care program**, we have established extension lying-in areas in barangays San Roque, Villareal, Ubos, San Jose, Baisan and Suba with Barangay funding. Doctors are now available 24 hours to attend to referred obstetrical cases. The child care immunization rate is at 89%.

The Nutrition Council oversee the implementation of the **Nutrition Program** Our Milk Feeding Program was facilitated in coordination with the City Veterinary Office who assisted our local dairy farmers to provide 10,751 pouches of fresh milk to underweight children in three (3) Barangays with an equivalent cost of Php 96,759.00. Fresh milk which was sold for public consumption amounted to Php 126,810.00

Our **Family Planning Services** which is of primordial importance to maternal and child care, has more takers with 63% Contraceptive Prevalence Rate (CPR) for 2009. We implemented the *Popcom* program to include Pre-marriage, adolescent



and youth development counseling. A new Family Planning/Counseling Office and TB Dots facility was constructed with LGU funds.

As reported by Ms. Virginia Sadiasa, the City Civil Registrar, our birth registration is at 2,622 with 446 registered marriages and 568 registered death was recorded for 2009. It is imperative that we undertake an effective Family Planning Program to regulate increase in population growth so as to avoid further stress on our environment

Our Healthy Barangay and Healthy Lifestyle Program is on going as a regular health promotion program to combat lifestyle related diseases. Dr. Fedencio Aurelia, retired from DOH, is lending assistance to the program.

#### E. To Ensure Environmental Sustainability - Advocacy and Initiatives

Our advocacy and initiatives for the restoration and sustainability of the integrity of our environment has come to a level of national attention. Your City Mayor had numerous opportunities to share our experience on the interventions we have implemented to address climate change and global warming issues, environmental sanitation concerns and on renewable energy initiatives. We strongly support the intent of other LGUs to replicate our practices and willingly shared technological knowledge available to assist and motivate other LGUs to join the global effort of making our environment sustainable.

##### 1. Forest and Forestland Management (FFM)

In 2009, we distributed 2,386 seedlings at no cost to the stakeholders for the riverbank stabilization. The city acquired additional lots for watershed management purposes within the Danapa watershed area. Within this area, LGU employees conduct their regular tree growing. It has also become a popular destination for tree growing activities of other government agencies, NGOs and schools.

For the development of Water Production Areas, an aggregate area of 190 hectares more or less was planted with permanent crops like coconut, banana, coffee, rubber and various kinds of fruit trees.

Tree planting activities support economic stability. The implementation of our Forest Land Use Plan is not only carried out by the CENRO alone, but by the total work force of the City Hall. Each Department participates in the tree planting activity and this has been integrated in each performance target of all employees.

##### 2. Urban Environmental Management

###### a. Solid Waste Management (SWM)

Enforcement of Ordinance No. 63 has resulted to increased apprehensions after the enforcers were instructed by the Waste and



Pollution Management Board to strictly enforce the policy on segregation, sticker system and scheduled collection of types of waste. Income generated for 2009 from the sticker system and penalties amounted to Php 243,142.

b. Composting

For 2009, compost production out of biodegradable waste collected increased by 50 tons to 96,823 kilograms from 49,988 kilograms of 2008 through vermin and windrows composting.

A composting facility was constructed with the assistance of the DED at the vicinity of Sto. Thomas Villanueva Church for the proper management of biodegradable wastes generated within the area.

c. Ecological Sanitation (ECOSAN) - the Urine Diversion and Dehydration Toilet (UDDT)

A total of 26 units were formally turned-over to acceptors, 21 of which were constructed at the relocation site in Sitio Dita, BArangay Tabuan. The rest are in various school sites and at the Danapa Watershed.

d. Wastewater Treatment Facility

Periodic effluent analyses were conducted by the personnel of Bayawan Water District (BAWAD). Results show that effluent is still within the acceptable standard set by DENR.

*Galing Pook 2009 Award* was conferred to Bayawan City on December 4, 2009 at Malacanang Palace by the Galing Pook Foundation in recognition of our wetland wastewater treatment project at the fishermen's GK Village, and the urine diversion & dehydration toilets having acceptors in homes, schools and public facilities. These programs were assessed to depict our method of confronting and addressing the problem of sanitation with basic tools commonly employed such as: knowledge, political will, and people's involvement ... plus a good measure of creativity and innovation.

Our sanitation facilities/projects were visited by many LGUs and agencies, as subject of *Lakbay Aral* for study and possible replication in their localities.

F. On Development of Global Partnership for Development

Bayawan City is fortunate to be the recipient of grants and technical assistance from international agencies as partners in development.

The Australian Government has provided a grant facility to continue the implementation of the LAMP 2 second phase project.



We appreciate the continued consulting services of Mr. Jouke Boorsma of DED and the expertise of Ms. Evren Sinar, a DED Junior Expert for Solid Waste Management who joined us last February from Germany. She is a big help especially in IEC and Composting.

I was granted the opportunity to attend the SWM study tour for decision-makers with Engr. Antonio Aguilar, SLF Officer-in-charge for the operation of our sanitary landfill for SWM training at the Waste Management Center, "Pohlsche Heide", Hille, Minden, Germany.

Engr. Erick Torres, of the City Engineering Office had the opportunity to learn and share at the Expert Group Meetings "*Technical Cooperation for Sustainable Development in the Asia-Pacific Region*" in Japan. By invitation of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT).

Ms. Faith Napigkit our Senior Aquaculturist was granted post graduate studies on Master of Science in Tropical Coastal Management under the auspices of the Ford Foundation International Fellowships Program to the United Kingdom.

#### **4. DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT**

Relocation Site at Sitio Dita, Barangay Tabuan:

In utilization of the Calamity Fund, the City Engineering Office undertook the site preparation and development of the relocation site at Sitio Dita, Barangay Tabuan for the residents coming from the landslide prone areas. 43 units of houses were constructed, a water system established and a 4-CL School Building was also constructed within the vicinity of the relocation site.

Family and Community Disaster Preparedness Seminars were conducted in Barangay Malabugas, GK Village - Barangay Villareal, Cambulo, Barangay Banga and at the Dita Relocation Center with a total of 269 participants.

The Gawad Kalasag Award was accorded by the National Disaster Coordinating Council to our Disaster Coordinating Council as Best Component City Disaster Coordinating Council in recognition of exemplary performance, commitment and consistent efforts to pursue disaster risk management initiatives toward a safer, prepared and more resilient community on August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at Malacanang Palace, Manila.

#### **5. PEACE AND ORDER**

Bayawan City with a population of 110,250 has only 33 PNP personnel policing our area of jurisdiction against terrorism and criminal elements. It is the only LGU in the Province and in the whole Region with an organized and equipped



Police Auxiliary Units (PAU) of 148 personnel, as force multiplier supervised by the PNP as cadre. The establishment of the Police Community Precincts in the barangays has significantly shortened the response time to calls for police assistance.

We have provided logistical support such as firearms, vehicles, communication equipment and supplies to our local PNP and the PAUs to augment it's capability of maintaining the peace and order in the city.

The effective implementation of the Plans and Programs of the Peace and Order Council (POC) afforded Bayawan City a low crime rate compared to other cities.

## **6. INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT**

I, congratulate the City Engineering work force, under the leadership of Engr. Michael Mananquil for their accomplishments despite the challenges given the unpredictable weather and constraints in the procurement of materials.

The following are among the significant accomplishments:

For Roads and Bridges: Completed the concreting of 6 FMR projects with a total of 1,080 L.M.(180 L.M. x 6),

Also completed the construction, as follows:

- a) 1-storey 2-CL School Building at San Miguel Elementary School by CEO, 4 SEDIP-School Buildings Construction;
- b) Construction of the Youth Rehabilitation Center;
- c) Completed the Construction of the Technical Skills Training Center;
- d) Construction of the Mandua, Tayawan, Kalumboyan and Tayawan Detachment.

There other on-going projects being undertaken by the CEO by administration, including among others the construction of the Coastal Road, the Seawall, etc.

## **7. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT**

### **A. Renewable Energy – Biodiesel Production**

Primarily conceived for environmental sustainability by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and air pollutants, it also serves to promote the development of small-scale industries, promotion of permanent crops, and self-reliance on renewable energy resources. We have produced 16.5 liters Biodiesel samples from *Jatropha curcas* oil and 19,352 liters from coconut oil as raw stock



The Isuzu D-Max service vehicle of the City Mayor logged a total of 31,795.6 kilometers fueled by 100% Biodiesel blend. It has made 2 round trips to Manila and another trip to Zamboanga City via the Nautical Highway aside from its' regular trips within and outside the city. To date, no major engine maintenance problem has been encountered. Most recent Smoke Emission tests results further decreased from 0.45 of last year to 0.35 opacity.

#### B. Promotion of Village Scale Industries

Studies are also conducted on the production of essential oils and edible oil, soap production, coco-sugar and jam, vinegar and activated carbon: from coco shell. These various related studies were tried and promoted to enhance manpower technical capability on the different processes. Equipment design development and fabrication were conducted for operation in the barangays at the household level.

### IV. THE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Our Sangguniang Panlungsod, with City Vice Mayor, Hon. Rene G. Gaudiel at the helm has conducted 46 sessions, adopted 683 Resolutions and enacted 36 Ordinances in 52 weeks, for the year 2009.

Public hearings were held for public consultation. The SP Session Hall has been renovated to afford convenience and public view. In the late part of the year the members of the Sanggunian Panlungsod were provided with the services of a secretarial staff to assist them in the exercise of their legislative functions.

Among the significant accomplishments of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, are the following legislative acts:

1. SP Resolution No. 23, authorizing the City Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with ASEC Development Corporation for the construction of a 2-storey Library Building in the city owned lot and the subsequent donation of the said building by the latter to the city government.
2. SP Resolution No. 229, authorizing the City Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement for and in behalf of the city government of Bayawan and the German Development Service (DED) representative Dr. Ute Hubner, Country director, German Development Service (DED) relative to the financial support of the latter to the "Solid Waste management Project".
3. SP Resolution No. 243, authorizing the City mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement for and in behalf of the City Government of Bayawan and with the DENR – land Administration and management Project



2 (DENR-LAMP 2), represented by its Regional Director, Hon. Samuel Penafiel, LAMPP2-PCO Executive Director of the Innovation Support Fund (ISF), a grant facility from the Australian Government under the LAMP2 represented by Mr. Ian David Lyod, LAMP 2 Technical Assistance Team leader relative to the Second (Expansion) phase of the Innovations support Fund Grant Facility under the land Administration and Management Project Phase 2.

4. SP Resolution No. 282 authorized the City Mayor to enter into a Loan Agreement with the following Government Banks to finance the various projects herein for mentioned, to wit:

<b>DBP</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Concreting of Kalumboyan-Manduaog Road	150,000,000.00	
2. Multiple Barrel Box Culvert for Kalumboyan River	10,000,000.00	
3. Purchase of equipment for the opening and maintenance of FMR in various hinterland Barangays	35,000,000.00	
		Php 195,000,000.00

<b>LBP</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Housing for Employees & Informal Settlers	50,000,000.00	
2. Bulk Water Supply	50,000,000.00	
3. Farmer's Market Near IBC	25,000,000.00	
4. Sea Wall Construction along Coastal Road	20,000,000.00	
5. Public Market Wastewater Treatment Facility	17,000,000.00	
6. Bayawan Communal Irrigation Project-lateral Canal Construction	15,000,000.00	
7. One-Stop-Shop/Land Administration Bldg. Construction	8,000,000.00	185,000,000.00
		Php 185,000,000.00
<b>OVER-ALL TOTAL</b>		<b>Php 380,000,000.00</b>

5. SP Resolution No. 614 authorizing the City Mayor to sign for and in behalf of the City Government of Bayawan for the availment of KFW-CBFMMP grants and loan financial package to wit:

1. Subsidy loan agreement with LBP for loan component;
2. Agreement on Grant Reforestation Subsidies with DENR for the grant component of the project.

Further, expressing the commitment of the city for financial allocation for equity as required in the said grant and loan financial package of which the estimated amount of LGU equity is spread out in a 5-year period.



6. SP Resolution No. 654 authorizing the City Mayor to sign for and in behalf of the Local government Unit the Financing Agreement relative to the availment of the foregoing GTZ-ENRD grant of up to Php 6,300,000.00 and the opening of a bank account for the implementation of the foregoing project.

Bayawan City was adjudged First Place for the Provincial Legislative Award 2009 for Component cities Category.

My thanks and appreciation to the Sangguniang Panlungsod for favorably acting on my endorsements and for your legislative support.

## V. MAJOR PLANS AND PROGRAMS FOR 2010

1. Implementation of various projects to be funded by loans from the Development Bank of the Philippines and Land Bank SP relative to Resolution No. 282;
2. Operation of the Youth Rehabilitation Center at Cabcabon, Government Center;
3. Operation of the City Waste Management and Ecology Center and to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with Silliman University for the monitoring of the operation of the center;
4. The construction of the Library Hub at the Bayawan City East Central School;
5. Continue the concreting of the access road to the Danapa Watershed
6. Acquire additional expeller to ensure sufficient raw oil supply for Biodiesel production and to put up convection dryers and solar dryers for white copra processing for cooking oil production
7. Implementation of the Agro Forestry project funded of KFW- CBFMMP grants and loan financial package anent SP Resolution No.614;
8. Implementation of the GTZ-ENRD funded project anent SP Resolution No. 654 for NRM projects;
9. Transfer to Cabcabon of the Regional Trial Court (RTC) and Municipal Trial Court in the Cities (MTCC);
10. Construction of the Waste Water Treatment Facility at the Bayawan District Hospital.

## VI. EPILOGUE

*Time is of the essence! To do what is urgently and locally doable, what is necessary to try to restore the atmospheric balance to that point before it was fouled up by the advent of industrialization, is everybody's moral and legal obligation.*

*To our development planners and policy makers, I recommend that we adopt the suggestion of Herman Day, a World Bank economist (***Beyond the Limits***, Chelsea Green Publishing Company, p. 46) to observe and consider these three (3) simple rules to help us understand the ultimately sustainable limits to throughput or the flow of energy and /or material from the original sources, through a system (where it may be transformed),*



and out to the ultimate sinks (the ultimate destination of material or energy flows used by a system):

- For a renewable resource – soil, water, forest, fish – the sustainable rate of use can be no greater than the rate of regeneration. For example, fish are harvested when they are caught at a rate that can be replaced by the remaining fish population.
- For a nonrenewable resource – fossil fuel, high-grade mineral ore, fossil groundwater- the sustainable rate of use can be no greater than the rate at which a renewable resource, used sustainably, can be substituted for it. Example, an oil deposit would be used sustainably if part of the profits from it were systematically invested in solar collectors or in tree planting, so that when the oil is gone, an equivalent stream of renewable energy is still available.
- For the pollutant the sustainable rate of emission can be no greater than the rate at which that pollutant can be recycled, absorbed, or rendered harmless by the environment. Example, sewage can be put into a stream or lake sustainably at the rate at which the natural ecosystem in the water can absorb its nutrients.

And as it is the season for political exercise, I appeal to the conscience of our local politicians. The political arena could be very cruel if we allow it to rule over our sincere desire to be of service to our people. May our agenda be for public service of the highest order, always pursuing the general welfare and public good, for the realization of our city vision to become the “Agriculture Capital of the Province,” a livable and progressive city.

Someone said: Bayawan City is a “City of Charm and Character!.” It might as well be just a compliment but it spells a tenor of truth, that the little or big things you have done as responsible citizens has made this city what people perceive it to be.

I thank you all for the honor of working with you for a full three (3) terms as your City Mayor. Your faith in my leadership and the trust and confidence you have bestowed in the office had been my steady inspiration. I extend my appreciation to the city officials and employees who exemplified excellent public service. Without the labor and grit of the total working force, we could not have surmounted the challenges and obstacles in government service, much more the accomplishments for the year 2009.

Foremost, may I recognize with gratitude, God’s spiritual guidance and grace that carried us through the years. All that we asked for were not necessarily granted but surely, all that we needed were basically provided.

*Daghang Salamat! Mabuhay ang BAYAWANIHAN ! Mabuhay Bayawan City!*

**GERMAN P. SARAÑA, JR.**  
City Mayor  
City of Bayawan  
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