

## THE 2012 BUDGET MESSAGE OF THE LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE

### *Excellent Local Governance for Sustainable Development of the City of Valenzuela*

In the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) - 2010 Local Governance Performance Management System (LGPMS) Report, Valenzuela City scored high at 4.9150, leading by a broad margin other top-performing highly urbanized and independent component cities in the country.

The Report is a measure and assessment of the performance of local government units (LGUs) in key governance areas; such as, administration, health and social services, economic development, and environmental management to determine their capabilities and limitations in the delivery of essential public services.

Governance has been defined diversely in various societies. The United Nations Development Program (UNDP) describes it as a striving for rule of law, transparency, responsiveness, participation, equity, effectiveness and efficiency, accountability, and strategic vision in the exercise of political, economic, and administrative authority.

Excellent governance distinguishes successful cities from those which do little for their people. For this reason, in Valenzuela City Government's parlance, it is, likewise, defined as "the management of the City for and by its constituency."

As such, Valenzuela City's 2012 Budget is geared towards upholding projects and programs evaluative of good governance for the benefits of the people who truly run the City, advocating Valenzuela City's PPP of Good Governance: People, Peace and Order, and Pupils.

In 2012 and the years to come, sustained economic growth of the City shall be the utmost priority, henceforth, transparent, accountable and participatory governance shall be upheld in aim of addressing the indigency incidence and to empower the poor and the vulnerable. The City shall put a stronghold on its status as one of the business-friendly cities in the country. Programs which promote the City as a prime entrepreneurial destination shall be maintained and continually improved.

This includes investment in automation systems for accuracy, efficiency and effectiveness in enhancing quality of service to facilitate speedy processing of business-related transactions, with end results of preserving taxpayers' high confidence and increasing tax-collection efficiency which shall be used to fuel programs and projects for the people.

Livelihood and Micro-Finance Programs for small-scale and medium-scale local entrepreneurs shall accordingly be given attention to encourage self-sustenance of the underprivileged and to give them ample opportunities to become more assertive contributors and prime movers to the progress of the City.

The City will still put emphasis on the efficient realization of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) through effective and practical allocation and mobilization of resources, improved policies and programs, and taking advantage of local and international alliances to further boost the delivery of basic services to the people.

Current effective health and social welfare programs shall be upheld incessantly, such as the VC Cares Program, the City's comprehensive health and social welfare program for fellow-Valenzuelanos, which guarantees timely and dynamic delivery of services. Release of social welfare assistance to residents shall be fast-tracked even better, including widening the coverage of City-sponsored PhilHealth Insurance for indigent residents and the soon operation of the now under construction, Valenzuela West Emergency Hospital and Dialysis Center, among others.

All other health and social welfare programs shall be upheld for the holistic enrichment of the well-being of all Valenzuelanos, from infants to the elderly; such as, the Supplementary Feeding Programs being conducted at our Day Care Centers and indigent communities through the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO) and the City Health Department, the *Dalaw ni Dok Kay Lolo at Lola* Program, a house to house visitation method to extend medical assistance to our frail senior citizens who cannot leave their homes to visit their doctors, and the construction of a half-way house for the Abused & Neglected Children and Children in Conflict with the Law (CICL), among others.

The City shall also help in the realization of the dream of Valenzuelano informal settlers to have a safer home and community to call their own. More supports shall be endowed for the continued development of the only housing project for the Typhoon Ondoy victims, the *Disiplina Village*. Other housing options and program of the national agencies shall also be cascaded down to the constituency through the City's Housing and Resettlement Office (HRO).

The City's "*Good Education is Good Governance*" stance shall be reinforced further through the *WIN ang Edukasyon* Program, with the latest achievement of being Number 1 for NCR in the National Achievement Test (NAT) for Elementary for School Year 2010-2011.

Through the 2012 Budget, we can sustain building an average of 100 classrooms a year, we can continue distributing free Mathematics and English worktexts, notebooks, lesson planners, and kinder and Day Care children learning materials, we can send teachers to more advanced trainings to adept them with the latest instruction trends and practices, and we can provide more Computer Laboratories with complete multi-media systems to high school students to help them graduate with competitive advantage in ICT knowledge. All these, for the commitment to "building futures through education."

The City, as an advocate of lasting peace and order, shall continue its logistic and financial supports to the Valenzuela City Police Headquarters through the "*Valenzuela Police Station Capability Enhancement Program.*"

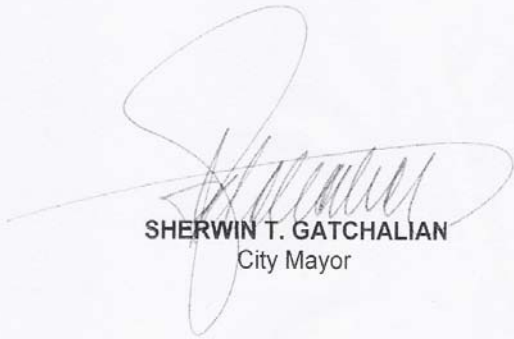
The City shall invest more on the City Police Force's mobilization and visibility, as well as, on their capacity and capability trainings to protect Valenzuelanos from any threats to life and property.

The justice system shall also be safeguarded, with the continual advocacy of children and women's rights, as well as, all other laws pertaining to equal access to justice for all, through the continued support of the MTC and RTC branches in the City

Pollution control and proper solid waste management will also be given priority in the 2012 Budget in order to better safeguard the health and environment integrity.

Funds for Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Program shall also be allotted to prepare the constituency from further threats of natural calamities, as well, as to investment on infrastructure, to control and mitigate the City's frequent predicament of flooding.

In general, the 2012 Budget of PhP2,005,705,046.00 shall be instrumental for Valenzuela City to maintain its commitment to excellent governance and for the continuous upliftment of the condition of its constituency.



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