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Galing Pook 2021 Activities



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2021 Galing Pook Awards

In February, we kicked off the 2021 Galing Pook Awards Search with the theme “GobyerNEW: Magagaling na Programa mula sa Magagaling na Pook,” in partnership with SM Prime, DILG, and LGA.

Former Galing Pook Awardees BM Carolyn Fariñas of Zambales and Mayor Allan Rellon of Tagum City, Davao del Norte shared their Galing Pook experiences. Local Chief Executives from Luzon and Mindanao also sent their messages of support for this year’s awards program.



This is to help interested applicants in preparing their programs and filling out needed forms. In our first session held on May 6, there were 253 participants from 104 LGUs who attended the event, while 42 participants joined in the second session last June 25, 2021.



MOA Signing with SM Prime

In July, Galing Pook Foundation and SM Prime Holdings, Inc. officially signed a five-year memorandum of agreement for the annual awards presentation.

Information Session

Galing Pook also launched a two-part information session for the 2021 Galing Pook Awards.

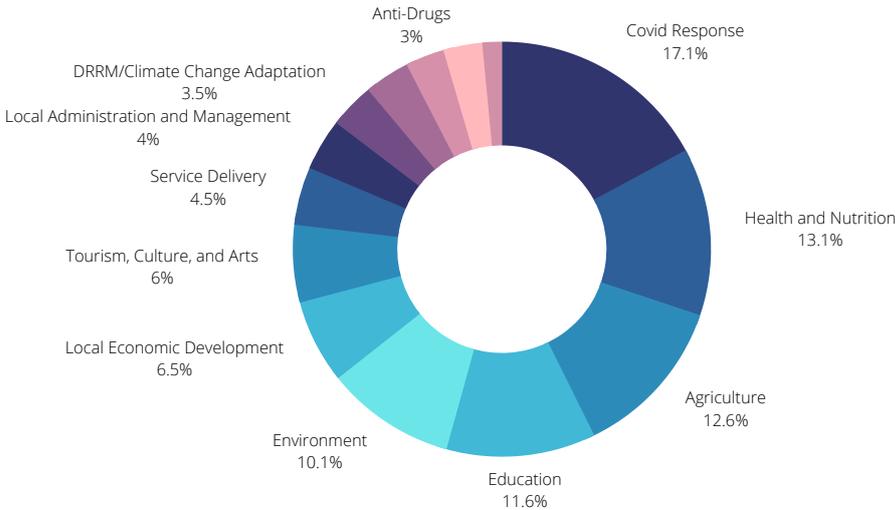
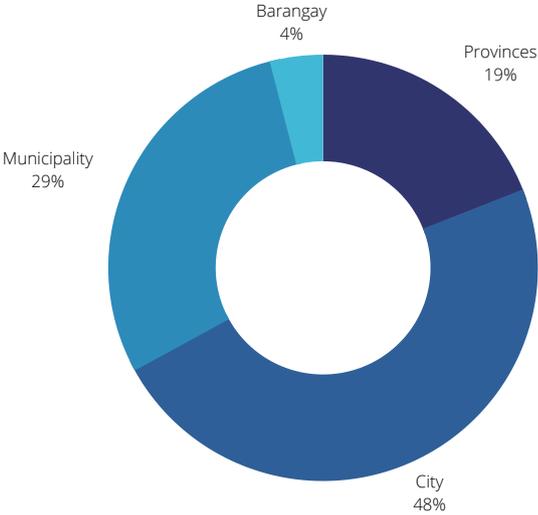
For the 2021 awarding ceremony and in the years to come, SM Prime is now the private sector institutional partner of the Galing Pook Awards, co-presented by the DILG-LGA.



Present during the virtual MoA signing were former DILG Secretary and GPF Board Chairperson Mel Sarmiento; GPF Board of Trustees members Chito Sobrepeña and Austere Panadero; GPF Executive Director Georgina Hernandez-Yang; DILG Local Government Academy Executive Director Thelma Vecina; SM Prime Holdings President Jeffrey Lim; SM Supermalls Vice President for Corporate Compliance Engr. Liza Silerio; and ARISE-Philippines Co-chair and Consultant VAdm. Alexander Pama.

Profile of Applications

Galing Pook received 206 applications from 129 local government units. Only 199 programs were eligible for the screening, 52 programs were shortlisted for validation, and 22 made it to the finals.

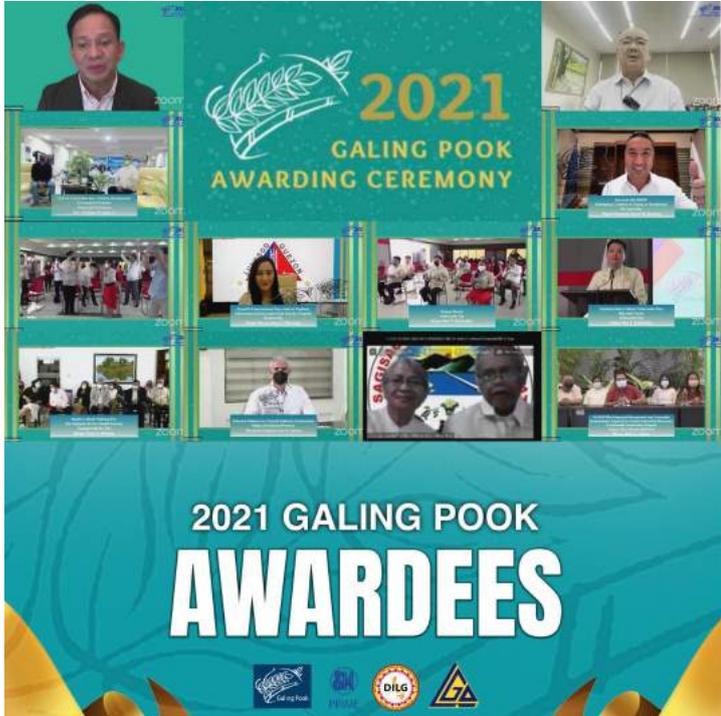


Common program themes are as follows: COVID Response; Health and Nutrition; Agriculture, Education; Environment; Local Economic Development; Tourism, Culture and Arts; Service Delivery; Local Administration and Management; DRRM/ Climate Change Adaptation/ Emergency Response; Social Welfare; Anti-Drugs; Youth Development; and Peace and Development/ Peace and Order.

The National Selection Committee co-chaired by Dr. Milwida Guevara and Mr. Miguel Dominguez rigorously evaluated all the programs. Validation was supported by a team from the Philippine Society for Public Administration, as well as other support staff.

The 2021 Galing Pook Awarding Ceremony

In October, a virtual awarding ceremony was held to recognize ten outstanding local governance programs.



Awardees include Province of Agusan del Sur's Upland Sustainable Agri-forestry Development (USAD) Convergence Program; Alabat, Quezon's Coco Sugar: Making the Lives of Coconut Farmers Sweeter; Cagayan de Oro City's Health is Worth Fighting For, the Cagayan de Oro Health Journey; Province of Negros Occidental's Network of Alliances for Coastal Wetlands Conservation; Quezon City's GrowQC: Kasama ka sa Pag-unlad sa Pagkain, Kabuhayan, at Kalusugan Food Security Program; San Juan City's KALINGAP: Kaagapay, Lingkod at Gabay sa Pandemya; Tagum City's I'M SEACURE: Integrated Management and Sustainable Environmental Approach to Coastal and Underwater Resources; and Valenzuela City's Paspas Permit, Tagalag Fishing Village: Valenzuela's Best Kept Secret, and Valenzuela Live: The Valenzuela City Streaming School.

Promotion of Best Practices

To further strengthen promotion and replication of best practices of each LGU, digital interviews with Galing Pook awardees Cagayan de Oro City Mayor Oscar Moreno, Agusan del Sur Governor Santiago Cane, Jr., and Valenzuela City Mayor Rex Gatchalian were set-up on DWBL's OKS with Teddy Pereña, ANC, and Politiko Live's Balitang Sapol with Jun Mendoza and Karol Di.



Galing Pook Foundation General Assembly

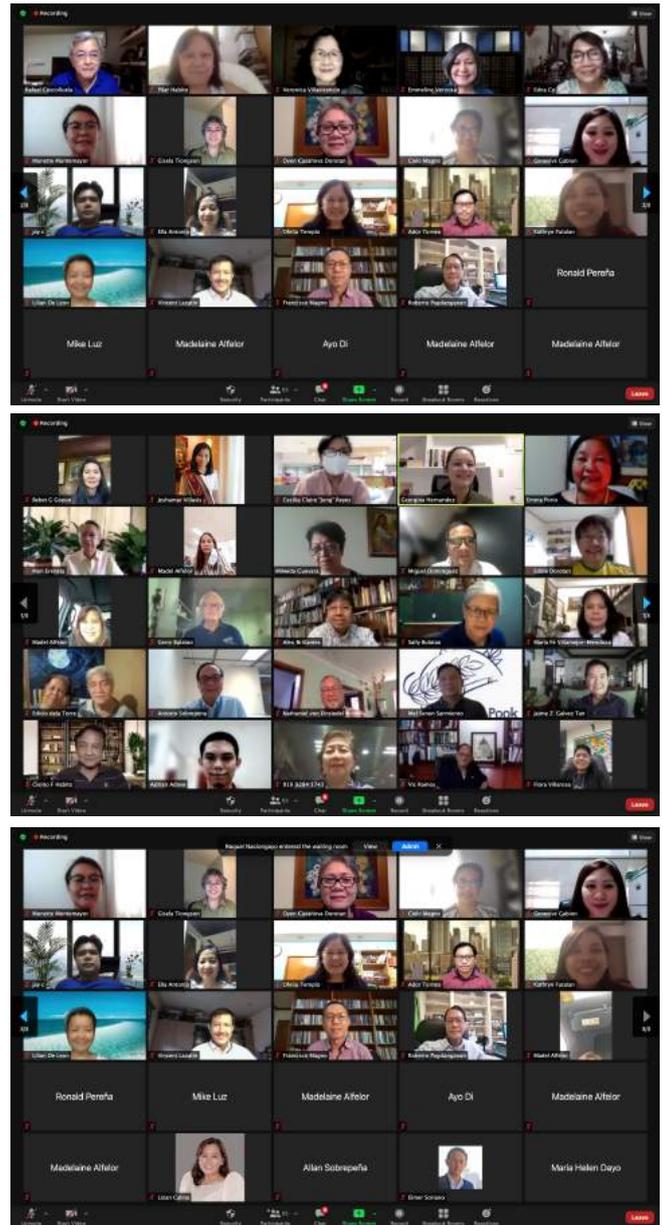
In May, Galing Pook Executive Director Ms. Georgina Ann Hernandez-Yang officially opened the 2021 General Assembly of Galing Pook Foundation. She expressed her admiration to the organization and her gratitude to the Board Members for giving her the opportunity to now lead the Foundation.

The General Assembly also approved the proposed amendments to the Galing Pook Foundation by-laws and articles of incorporation, subject to the approval of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The Foundation also elected three new members of the Board of Trustees to replace outgoing trustees Mr. Rafael Coscolluela, Mr. Gerry Bulatao and Dr. Edna Co. The three new trustees elected were Mr. Aniceto Sobrepeña, Dr. Maria Fe Villamejor-Mendoza, and Ms. Gladys Sta. Rita.

Forum on Adaptive Innovations at the Local Level

Part of Galing Pook's General Assembly was the Forum on Adaptive Innovations. Two local chief executives shared their city's best practices. Iriga City Mayor Madelaine Alfelor shared difficulties of leading a City usually heavily affected by natural disasters. With COVID-19 around, Mayor Alfelor felt extra challenged last 2020. But these challenges pushed her and her team to think creatively of possible solutions. They mobilized transport workers, whose livelihoods were affected, to address the local government unit's human resource limitation. They prepared a stimulus package, independent from the national government, for economic workers displaced by the pandemic. Aside from their own local sources, they were able to secure assistance from international organizations. As residents try to get back up on their feet, the City has prepared a mechanism to assist individuals who want to start their own MSMEs (micro, small, and medium enterprises).



Zamboanga City Mayor Ma. Isabelle Climaco-Salazar sent a video showcasing Zamboanga City's initiatives in dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. Aside from intensifying health protocols and allotting more isolation facilities, Mayor Climaco-Salazar also shared the City's vaccination efforts such as partnering with the malls and academic institutions (ie. Ateneo de Zamboanga University) to serve as vaccination sites.

Partnership with Amazing Philippines Digital Economy Corporation (APDEC)



The Galing Pook Foundation signed a partnership agreement with Amazing Philippines Digital Economy Corporation (APDEC) for community entrepreneurs to sell their products to the market through an e-commerce platform. This aimed to link LGUs, local entrepreneurs, and customers together—to showcase Filipino products from different areas of the country, make it more accessible to a wider scale, and increase its market potential domestically and globally.

The memorandum of agreement (MoA) signing last July symbolized Galing Pook and APDEC's commitment in pushing for adaptive and innovative solutions for local governments in support to their Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). Through the Kahanga-hangang Pilipinas, local products will be uploaded and featured on SpeedGift Ph's digital platform.

Mandanas Ruling Forum

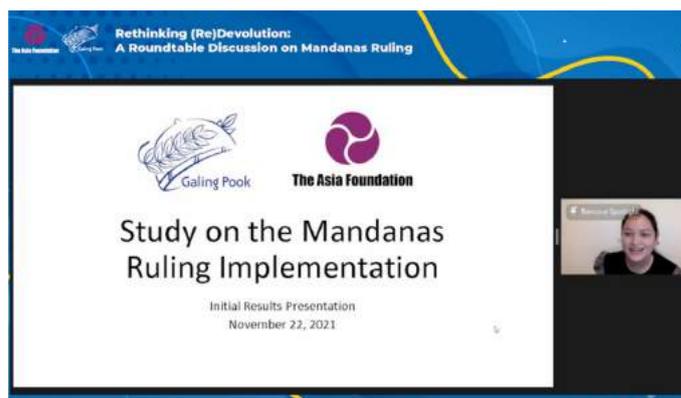
Galing Pook also held a forum on the Mandanas Ruling with Galing Pook members on June 17, 2021. The activity was moderated by Dr. Eddie Dorotan, former Mayor and former Galing Pook Executive Director. Ms. Georgina Hernandez-Yang opened the activity with a message.

Key issues and recommendations were discussed by Dr. Alex Brillantes, Jr., Galing Pook member and Professor at the UP National College of Public Administration and Governance, and Mr. Mel Senen Sarmiento, Chairperson of the Galing Pook Foundation and former Secretary of the Interior and Local Government. The members were all engaged in sharing their insights and recommendations on the matter.

Mandanas RTD

In November, we teamed-up with The Asia Foundation for a webinar "Rethinking (Re)devolution: A Roundtable discussion on Mandanas-Garcia Ruling."

Representatives from the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), Department of Finance (DoF), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Local Government Academy (DILG-LGA), Local Chief Executives (LCEs), and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) were also present in the activity, and discussed the implications of the Mandanas-Garcia ruling among our local government units.



Website on the Mandanas-Garcia ruling

<https://www.mandanasruling.ph>



Given the short runway for the preparation of the Devolution Transition Plans, and considering that not all LGUs have the same capacity to develop their plans and programs, The Asia Foundation and the Galing Pook Foundation, with the cooperation of the Department of the Interior and Local Government, developed a website that will serve as an online portal for resources and materials on Mandanas Ruling and devolution.

The site aims to provide information for government agencies particularly LGUs and NGAs in the development of their DTPs, and the CSOs and other stakeholders for a more informed and effective participation in local governance. The site is also expected to help researchers and policy makers develop policy recommendations for further improving local governance making it more inclusive, responsive, transparent and accountable.

DILG-LGA Capacity Development Accelerator Awards

Galing Pook Foundation was nominated by the Local Government Academy for the NextGen CapDev Accelerator Award for its partnership with the LGA for the Capacity Building and Recognition of Adaptive and Innovative Local Government Units for 2021.

This award aims to recognize the potential of the partner to empower LGUs and accelerate excellence in local governance. It aims to give recognition to the up-and-coming players that have the potential to foster innovation and excellence in local governance. UNDP Philippines won the award.

As a nominee, Galing Pook Foundation was presented with the Partner Appreciation Certificate which was received by Executive Director Ms. Georgina Hernandez-Yang during the Gabi ng Pasasalamat held at the Manila Hotel on December 21, 2021.



Pre-Conference Webinar on Public Health Policy and Interventions

Galing Pook, a convener of the Asian Center for Drug Policy, participated in the pre-conference webinar on Public Health Policy and Interventions by inviting General Santos City, a Galing Pook 2017 awardee, to present their program LIKAY Droga: Lingap sa Kabataang Ayaw sa Droga. Atty. Arnel Zapatos, City Administrator, gave the presentation. Galing Pook also invited Pasig City, a Galing Pook 2017 finalist, to present the Tagamasid ng Pasig and other anti-drug initiatives. Ms. Zenaida Concepcion, Head of the Anti-Drug Abuse Council of Pasig gave the presentation. Dr. Eddie Dorotan was also among the speakers.

Adapt and Innovate Webinars

Under the Adapt + Innovate program of the Galing Pook Foundation in partnership with UNICEF and ING, we launched a series of webinars on women and youth.

In February, we opened the discussion on common issues and misconceptions on Covid-19 vaccines. We also asked the youth how the 1986 People Power Revolution influenced their participation in governance.

In March, we delved into the issues of women and children in the time of the pandemic through "Usapang KKK: Kalagayan ng Kababaihan at Kabataan ngayong Covid-19."

In May, we invited youth leaders to talk about youth participation in the election and in nation building through our webinar "The Vote is Thinking: Kabataan, Hawak Natin ang Kinabukasan!"



In July, we had a back-to-back webisode on youth-led food security innovations that highlighted the importance of having a continuity plan especially in the middle of a pandemic.

In September, we talked about the Mandanas Ruling and its effect on Sangguniang Kabataan (SKs) and Local Youth Development Councils (LYDCs).

Galing Kabataan

As part of the Adapt + Innovate Session in creating public value, and through the Galing Kabataan, outstanding projects and initiatives for children and youth were recognized in different awards programs such as the YES Awards of the Provincial Government of Samar, KADASIG Awards in Northern Samar, MUGNA Awards of Dipolog City, GKAKARITI Awards in Catbalogan City, SIDLAK Awards in Zamboanga del Norte, SIRAK Awards of Catarman, Northern Samar, and Joventusismo Awards in Zamboanga City.



The awards program is part of Galing Pook's Galing Kabataan program in partnership with UNICEF Philippines, ING, National Youth Commission, SUGPAT, Positive Youth Development Network, Y-PEER Pilipinas, Siklab Pilipinas, and Youth for Mental Health Coalition, Inc.

#BotoNiJuana

In partnership with SPARK! Philippines and Czech Embassy Manila, Galing Pook Foundation joined a series of webinars on how men and women can work together to push for women's agenda and promote political participation of women. Dinagat Islands Governor Kaka Bag-ao shared her experiences as local chief executive.

Part two of the webinar focused on how young women's votes and political participation can impact and shape our country's future. Present in the session were Tuguegarao City Councilor Marjorie Martin-Chan, Dumalinao, Zamboanga del Sur Mayor Junafior "Sweet" Cerilles, Kabataan Partylist Representative Sarah Elago, Quezon City Councilor Mayen Guico, and Galing Pook Foundation Executive Director Georgina Hernandez-Yang.

COLLABDev



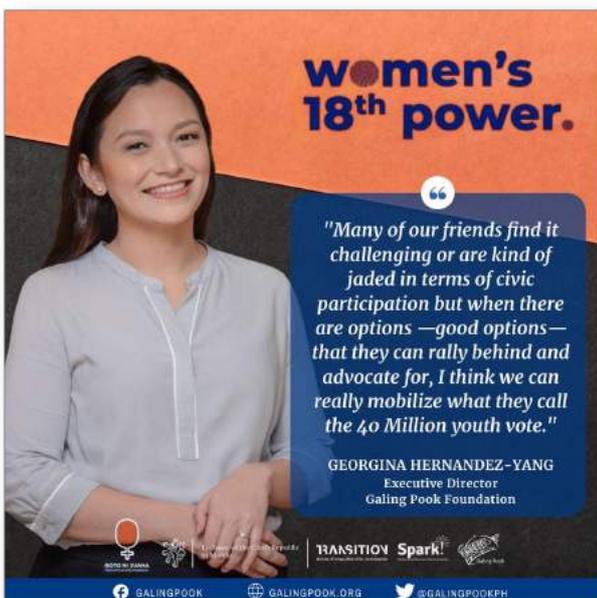
The Galing Pook Foundation joined USAID and Action for Economic Reforms' Coalescing Organizations towards Locally Led Actions to Boost Development (COLLABDev), a technical support partnership initiative that seeks to promote data-driven approaches to address local development issues.

One of its main components is the Data and Tech Alliance for Development (DATA4Dev) that aims to strengthen partnerships with relevant stakeholders both at the local and national level.

COLLABDev also launched its first Learning Initiatives for Policy and Development (LIPAD) Online Learning Series with a presentation on the Baseline Report and how essential it is to develop a culture of managing and using data for good governance.

LIPAD also discussed how the implementation of the new fiscal policy, Mandanas-Garcia ruling, will affect the delivery of agriculture, health, education, and other social services.

Roadshows were also conducted in Eastern Samar; Cagayan de Oro City; Palimbang, Sultan Kudarat; and Pilar, Donsol, and Irosin in Sorsogon.



Adaptive and Innovative Leadership Course

Galing Pook Foundation, in cooperation with the Department of the Interior and Local Government and the Local Government Academy, held an Adaptive and Innovative Leadership Course from August to December 2021 for mayors and select officials and staff of 12 municipalities.

The series of online workshops aimed to help leaders of local government units (LGU) understand the different adaptive challenges they are currently facing and to innovate towards a better normal that would lead to safe, smart, and sustainable communities. At the end of the course, they presented the following innovations:

1. Tolosa, Leyte

Tolosa's Ambisyon DOC aims to improve the lives of its residents by providing them with quality healthcare services.

2. Tubajon, Dinagat Islands

The Tubajon People's Council (TUPECO), which is the LGU's platform for people empowerment and engagement, aims to achieve its vision of a more disaster resilient, environmentally healthy and food secured community.

3. Lianga, Surigao del Sur

"Amuma Lianga" is designed to bring public services closer to communities, especially in upland areas, as a way to promote peace and to achieve lasting development in the municipality.

4. Leon, Iloilo

"Pagkaing Sapat sa Magaling na Pook, Lahat Aangat" focuses on improving the well-being of its people through developing and ensuring food security in the LGU of Leon.

5. Magallanes, Cavite

Magallanes' "Buhay Forest" is the LGU's initiative that aims to preserve its environmental resources, to promote local tourism and to foster local economic development.

6. Pagayawan, Lanao del Sur

"Kaisa sa Kalilintad" Program is Pagayawan's peace promotion initiative that provides basic services, livelihood and quality education among its community members.

7. San Fernando, Camarines Sur

The "One Million Cacao" project is San Fernando's contribution in achieving the 17 Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations by engaging farmers to plant cacao as their means for sustainable livelihood.

8. Jiabong, Samar

Jiabong's "Uswag Check" showcases the LGU's various health, livelihood and other social welfare initiatives that address the various concerns and issues during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.



From top left to bottom right: Mayor Khalida Sanguila of Pagayawan, Lanao del Sur; Mayor Novelita Sarmen of Lianga, Surigao del Sur; Mayor Raul Bantias of Concepcion, Iloilo; Mayor Joan Abejuela of Dumingag, Zamboanga del Sur; Mayor Fermin Mabulo of San Fernando, Camarines Sur; Mayor Julie Cereno of Jiabong, Samar; Mayor Lina Holipas of Leon, Iloilo; Mayor Jasmin Angelli Bautista of Magallanes, Cavite; Mayor Simplicia Pedrablanca of Tubajon, Dinagat Islands; Mayor Ofelia Alcantara of Tolosa, Leyte; Mayor Estelita Aquino of Moncada, Tarlac; and Mayor Cristina Antonio of Alcala, Cagayan.

9. Moncada, Tarlac

The Zero Waste Management Program of Moncada hits two birds with one stone! While the program addresses environmental concerns, it also serves as one of the Municipality's means to promote people empowerment and participation.

10. Alcala, Cagayan

The "Green Wall of Alcala" intends to plant vegetation shields in key areas in the LGU, and to engage farmers in more environment-friendly and sustainable agricultural practices as a means to protect the environment and prevent another deadly flood in the locality.

11. Dumingag, Zamboanga del Sur

"Oplan Amuma Towards Sustainable Peace" is Dumingag's response to address the existing insurgency problem in the Municipality through strengthening people's movement.

12. Concepcion, Iloilo

Concepcion's "Trashwalk Movement Program" aims not only to address the LGU's problems on waste and coastal pollution, but it also intends to promote physical fitness and to influence behavioral change.

Packaging of Adapt and Innovate Modules

Galing Pook hired a team of writers to develop the adaptive and innovative leadership course into a full package. The team was led by two Senior Module Writers, Ms. Salvacion Bulatao and Ms. Florencia Casanova-Dorotan who were both mentors in the first batch. They were assisted by Mr. Jay Carizo who served as Layout Artist and Research and Writing Assistant and Mr. Lorenzo Ubalde who served as Writing Assistant and Copy Editor. Dr. Eddie Dorotan served as Editorial and Art Consultant (Graphic Artist).

HEALTHGUARD: ILAGAN'S CONTACT TRACING SYSTEM

In early October 2020, the LGU of Ilagan imposed an Enhanced Community Quarantine when 42 of its 51 Barangays reported COVID-19 cases caused by community transmission. To contain the spread of the virus, the LGU employed a strategic contact tracing approach made possible by HealthGuard, a cloud-based automated contact tracing system developed by the Isabela State University in collaboration with the city government.

How HealthGuard helped stop community transmissions in Ilagan

From having 46 new cases a day, the number went down to 0 within weeks since the start of the lockdown because HealthGuard enabled the Ilagan LGU to immediately trace and isolate close contacts.

- 1 The Ilagan LGU released a city ordinance requiring the residents to register into the system.
- 2 Upon registration, app users are provided a reference number and a QR code that they present each time they enter establishments in the city.
- 3 Once an individual is tagged as a probable or confirmed case, HealthGuard's contact tracing function is activated.
- 4 The system generates a list of direct, secondary, and tertiary contacts.
- 5 A notification alert is sent to all direct contacts and are advised to stay where they are until contact tracers arrive.

Apart from enabling the Ilagan LGU to immediately respond to potential cases, information generated by the HealthGuard system also helps them identify critical zones, and build preemptive containment strategies following the memorandum of the National Task Force Against COVID-19.

We are responsive to the needs of our city relative to COVID-19 management. This system spelled the difference in limiting the occurrence to a minimum until it went down to 0 cases.

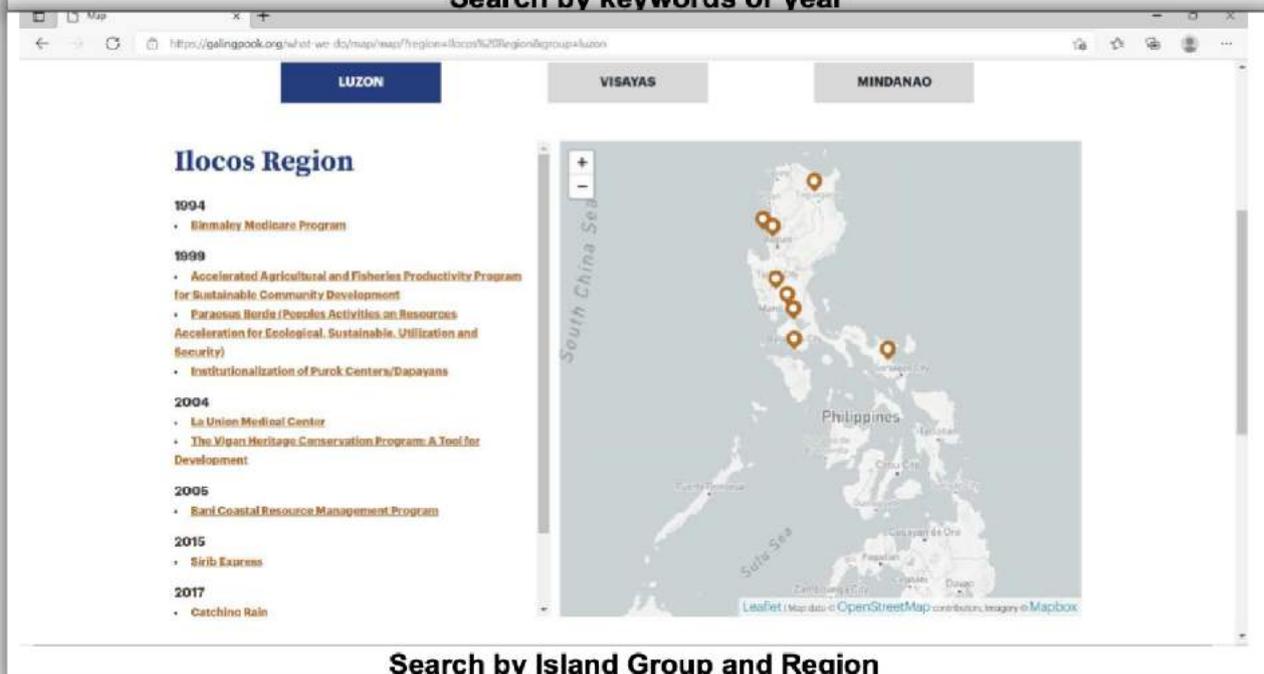
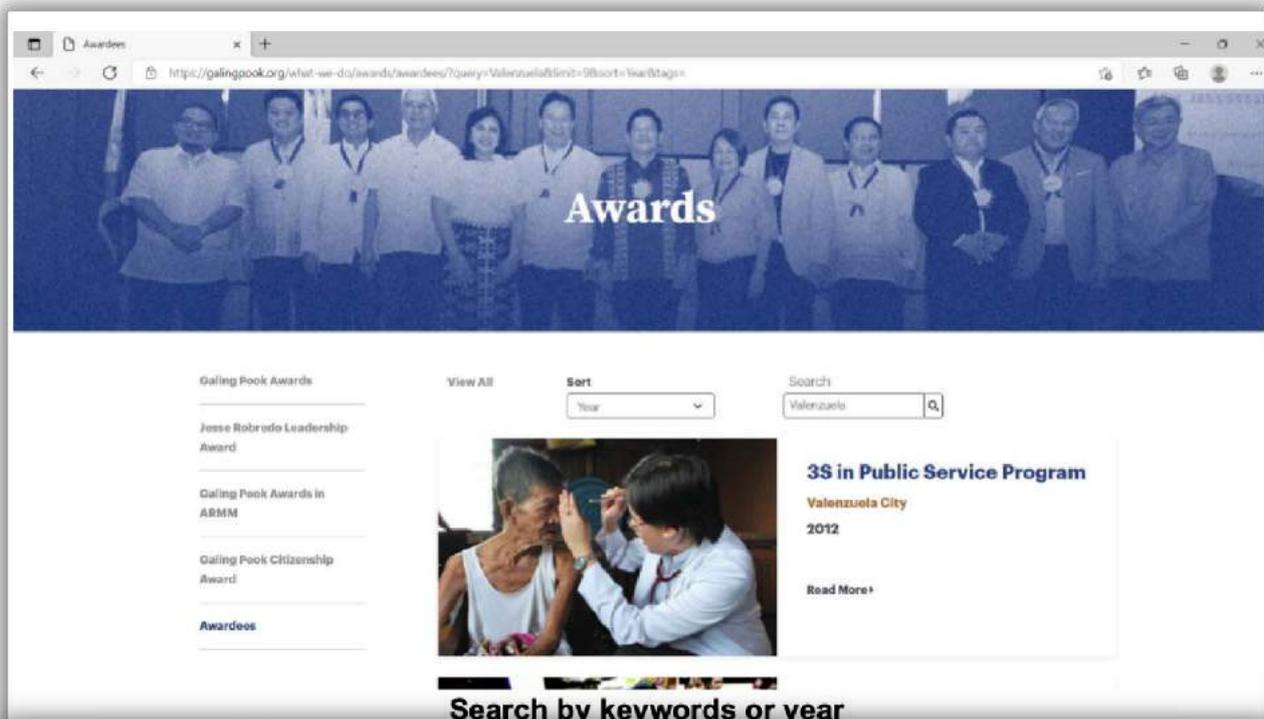
MAYOR JOSEMARIE DIAZ
Ilagan, Isabela

The team developed, enhanced and finalized the Adaptive and Innovative Leadership learning materials into the following: a course overview containing the overall program description, objectives, target participants and module description, similar to a course syllabus; 20 session guides with learning objectives, program flow, mechanics for possible workshop activity and/or structured learning exercises (SLEs), guide questions for discussion and processing, suggested references that may be used for asynchronous sessions, with links to relevant presentations, box caselets when necessary, including workbook pages for sessions, and evaluation forms. These were compiled and laid out into a guidebook. This guidebook will be used by future facilitators and training teams that will run the Adaptive and Innovative Leadership Course.

Galing Pook Alumni Network

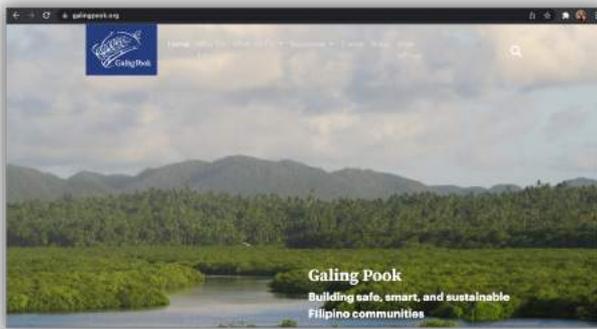
The Galing Pook Alumni Network was established through the creation of an online database of past Galing Pook Award winners and participants of the Adaptive and Innovative Leadership Program. Means of regular communication is established with the network through various platforms such as Viber, Facebook, or the website. The network was launched online on December 15. Knowledge sharing will be facilitated through the website and through virtual Galing Pook Tours.

The main aim of the network is to forge a community of leaders who demonstrate that effective, efficient, and timely delivery of services is possible through innovation and people's participation. We would also like to encourage active participation in the Network by understanding the shared experiences and common needs of its members, and provide the necessary avenues that will enable the members to sustain their commitment to promote good governance initiatives whether as current or former elected officials.



Galing Pook Website

Galing Pook's redesigned website is now more able to present best practices to interested users by giving users options to search by year, by keyword, or by island group and region. We also established a database of past Awardees as a starting point for creating a community of current and former local officials who are advocates of good governance and citizens' participation.



Galing Pook Institutional Video



The Galing Pook institutional video produced with the support of FES makes the task easier to spread our advocacy to a wider audience.

International Conference on Human Mobility and Climate Action Parallel Session:

Upskilling Environmental Migrants for Climate Resiliency and Sustainable Development in Local Communities

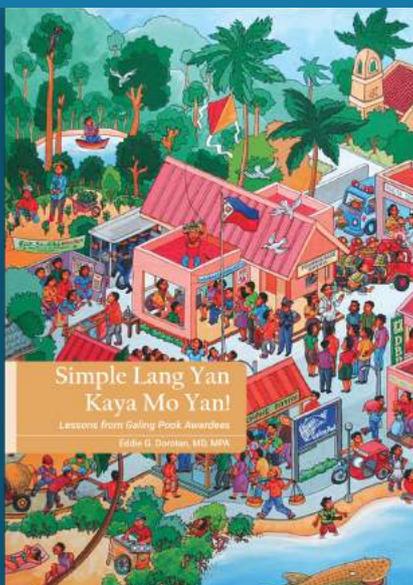
Galing Pook was tapped by the University of the Philippines - Centre International de Formation des Autorités et Leaders Philippines or the International Training Center for Authorities and Leaders (UP-CIFAL Philippines) to convene the parallel session on Upskilling Environmental Migrants for Climate Resiliency and Sustainable Development in Local Communities as part of its three-day international conference. The session was held on October 19, 2021.

Valenzuela City Mayor Rex Gatchalian presented the Disiplina Village experience, which is also a Galing Pook awardee. Dr. Emma Porio of the Ateneo de Manila University and former environment Secretary Ms. Bebet Gozun were present as reactors. Galing Pook Executive Director Ms. Georgina Hernandez-Yang moderated the event. UP-CIFAL Philippines Director Dr. Edna Co was also present during the session.

Coffee Table Book Launching

In partnership with Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Galing Pook published "Simple Lang Yan, Kaya Mo Yan! Lessons from Galing Pook Awardees" by Dr. Eddie Dorotan, former Executive Director of the Galing Pook Foundation.

This aims to promote good governance and advocate for innovative local government programs through the presentation of at least 30 lessons featuring Galing Pook Awardees, and build the capacity of LGUs in conceptualizing and implementing effective and responsive programs by learning from the featured Galing Pook lessons.



FEU-Galing Pook Public Innovation Field Lab

Transforming local governments, one young mind at a time

Banking on the potential of the youth to develop fresh ideas for social and economic change at the grassroots, Galing Pook Foundation partnered with the FEU Public Policy Center (FPPC) and the FEU Institute of Technology (FEU Tech) to connect students through an internship program with select LGUs.

For eight to 12 weeks, FEU Tech students who will undertake this internship opportunity will apply their knowledge in Engineering and Information and Communications Technology in helping Galing Pook winning LGUs solve real-world challenges.

Hello ProMDI other side

An intern's experience in breathing life to an innovative concept for Irosin farmers

Jester's journey demonstrates the potential of the Public Innovation Field Lab to address the innovation roadblock LGUs are facing, and eventually, give rise to a generation of young developers for local development.

IMAProMDI (Integrated Management of Agriculture Production and Market for the Development of Irosin)

A technology developed to manage the needs of, and opportunities for its farmers, who remain to be the main drivers of the town's economy.

Through this app, farmers are able to see the market demand based on the needs identified by potential buyers. They are also able to find which support services (soil, climate) they could access from the local government to improve the type, volume, and quality of their yield. Potential buyers, on the other hand, should see the commodities farmers are offering at a given time.

Criteria for LGUs

FPPC and the Galing Pook Foundation will select host LGUs from GP-winning LGUs—those that have demonstrated the ability to generate simple but transformative solutions to local development challenges. They will be chosen through the following criteria:



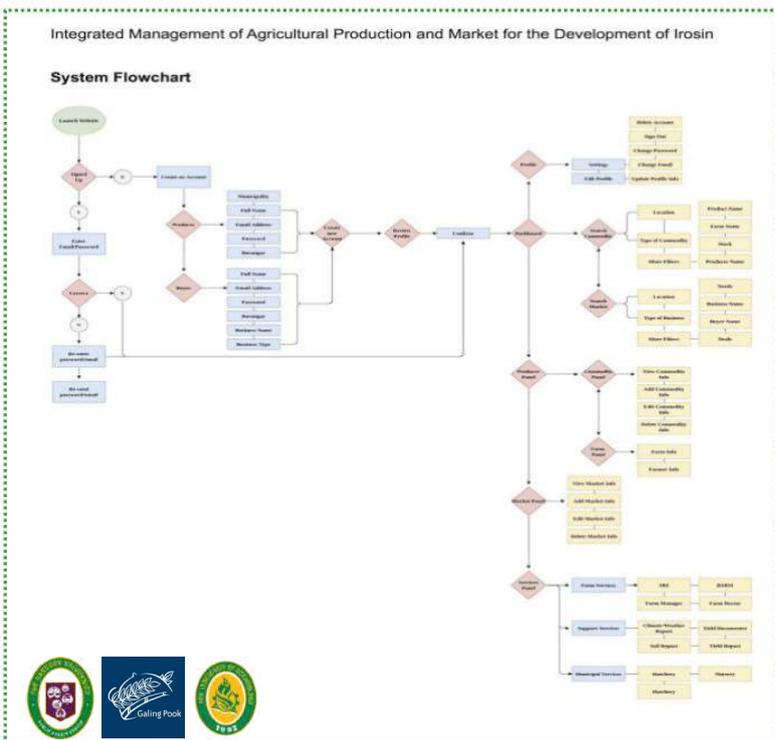
Local governments are past GP awardees or participants of GP program on Adaptive and Innovative Leadership in Local Governance.



Have existing innovative programs related to cultural heritage, education reform, urban development, public health and safety or technology.



Have sufficient time, human resources, internet connectivity, and other resources to host interns under an online and remote arrangement.



2022 CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES



MARCH

Launch/Call for Applications

JULY

Deadline/ Closing of Submissions

NOVEMBER

Awarding Ceremony



APRIL

Safe Schools Re-opening Module 1:
Social Behavioral Change Communication

JUNE

Safe Schools Re-opening Module 2:
Adaptive Leadership



MARCH

#BagoTayo Youth Governance Fair



AUGUST - DECEMBER

Adaptive + Innovative Leadership Course
Batch 3



APRIL

Fellowship and Consultation Meeting

JUNE

Sharing of Best Practices on Sustainability and
Organizational Meeting