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ANNUAL REPORT



Message from the Chairperson

Over the past year, we saw how our local governments have demonstrated leadership amidst the complex transitions that we all faced as a nation. The return to in-person classes, events, workshops, and meetings finally brought back a sense of normalcy that we did not have during the Covid-19 lockdowns. These were both exciting and challenging. We knew that we were not simply going back to the pre-pandemic set-up but rather, we are building a better normal with stronger health, economic, social, political, cultural, and environmental systems. It was very timely that we also enhanced the Galing Pook Awards by introducing a new criterion: resiliency. This is an essential element for a local government program to be considered excellent and innovative. It is relevant due to the realities of climate change, and also the different challenges we face today including pandemics, market shocks, and threats to peace and security. Together with our Galing Pook Awards partners, DILG Local Government Academy and SM Prime, we will continue to advocate for more resilient local governance programs.

As an organization, we are also constantly growing and innovating. We continue to expand the reach of our advocacy for good local governance through public-private partnerships where stories of adaptive and innovative governance are featured in public spaces such as SM Malls. Partners from media also recognized the importance of giving a platform for sharing positive stories on primetime news to give hope and to empower citizens to also do their part in making government work better for the benefit of the majority. Aside from the Galing Pook Awards, we worked with various development partners to push for policy reforms that are well informed by the local government units who are immersed on-the-ground and are directly involved in frontline service delivery. Learning from the LGU experience, we are also constantly sharing our knowledge and expertise to more LGUs through our capacity development, and coaching and mentoring programs, especially through the Adaptive and Innovative Leadership Course. You will learn more about these programs in this Annual Report, and we hope that we could continue to work with more institutions and individuals like you as we look towards expanding and deepening the impact of our work in Galing Pook.

In the end, it is our goal to contribute to the realization of the government's AmBisyon Natin 2040 through our work in actively encouraging and supporting local governments to implement innovative, resilient, and sustainable programs that deliver positive results and impact.



MEL SENEN SARMIENTO
CHAIRPERSON
GALING POOK FOUNDATION



The Galing Pook Story

Galing Pook traces its beginnings in 1993 when the first Gantimpalang Panglingkod Pook was held. The Awards Program was a joint initiative of the Local Government Academy–Department of the Interior and Local Government, the Ford Foundation, and other individual advocates of good governance from the academe, civil society and the government.

The Asian Institute of Management administered the awards program until 2000. Earlier in 1998, the Galing Pook Foundation was formally established as a private awards-giving body to sustain the Awards program.

In its 30 years of existence, Galing Pook has become a trustworthy partner of local and national government as well as development partners in searching for and promoting LGU models that are worth replicating throughout the country.

Vision

The leading resource institution that promotes innovation, sustainability, citizen empowerment and excellence in local governance.

Mission

- Promote excellence in local governance through recognition, sharing of information and support of efforts to replicate best practices at the local level
- Encourage partnership among civil society organizations, private sector, and government agencies at the local, national and global levels to improve the quality of life

Goals

- Search, select, and recognize outstanding programs of local government units
- Help in the capacity building of local government units
- Facilitate the replication of winning programs
- Act as resource institution on innovative local government programs

Values

- Primacy of local governance for the promotion of sustainable development
- Passion, integrity, competence, transparency and accountability
- Willingness to learn and to share learning to others
- Premium on innovation

Foreword

Reopening towards new possibilities and transitioning into the future of collaborative governance

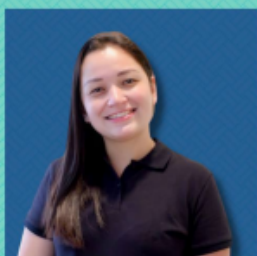
In 2022, Galing Pook Foundation continued to shine the spotlight on local government units that have adapted to the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic and innovated on the delivery of their programs. It was also a milestone for us to recognize the best local government programs amidst the post-election political transition. We saw how LGUs continued to fulfill their mandates effectively and efficiently despite the many challenges and uncertainties they faced. Indeed, we could characterize the entire year as a year of transitions – reopening from lockdowns to pursue economic recovery, welcoming newly elected officials, improving our programs, and expanding our network.

As we look back on our Awards and Recognition efforts, we bravely pushed to conduct the Galing Pook Awards on an election year for the first time in more than a decade to send a message that good governance is much more needed during transition periods. With the theme, “Padayon para sa ligtas, matalino at matatag na pamayanan,” we focused on moving forward with an enhanced version of our Awards. The LGUs responded by sending in a total of 196 applications, and our National Selection Committee were able to visit 30 promising programs of which 18 finalists were selected. The finalists were all recognized at the Malacañan Palace where the 10 winners were announced and awarded. The winners’ LGU programs were amplified and shared to a wider audience through social media and television news interviews, and finally gained privilege once again as the first batch of winners that received a Senate Resolution commending the 2022 Galing Pook Awardees. There is so much value in constantly highlighting outstanding LGU programs – it gives hope, and it generates collective action.

Our Adoption and Policy Advocacy work is constantly growing as more development partners recognize Galing Pook’s unique position in bridging leaders across sectors – local government, national government, legislators, civil society, academe and private sector. We worked with The Asia Foundation (TAF) to gather promising practices from local governments in preparation for the implementation of the Mandanas – Garcia Ruling.



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GEORGINA HERNANDEZ-YANG
Host, Galing Pook Executive Director



KIKO MIRANDA
Co-host, Galing Pook Board Member

The Action for Economic Reforms (AER) and USAID also collaborated with us in establishing local coalitions for data-driven governance. Thematically, we worked on areas related to food security and nutrition with TAF, youth participation in governance and education with UNICEF, renewable energy with the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) Philippines and the Center for Empowerment, iNnovation and Training on Renewable Energy (CentRE), local economic development with the DILG Local Government Academy (LGA) and participatory governance with the Career Executive Service Board (CESB). In all these important topics, we drew from the resources that we have gathered among our Galing Pook Awardees as we leverage these partnerships as opportunities to replicate and scale up LGU programs that we have recognized through the years.

Having gathered stories of local governments and citizens' groups working together to make good governance a reality in their communities, we constantly find platforms where we could share these to more people. Our OKS radio show on DWBL also gives us a chance to feature Galing Pook programs. We launched our online show entitled, "G na G: The Galing Pook Show" that is mainly for the Gen Z and millennials. A lot of our initiatives are geared towards reaching out to the younger audience - many of the Local Chief Executives and their teams are millennials, and we hope to connect with them as we articulate our shared values in today's context. Our work with young leaders is supported by the #BagoTayo Youth Network that co-organized our Youth in Governance Fair, and we also partnered with the Positive Youth Development Network for its 3rd Philippine Sangguniang Kabataan Awards. Finally, on our work with the youth, we established the Public Innovation Field Lab with the FEU Public Policy Center to give college students in the field of Science and Technology a chance to learn more about local governments and public service to open it up as a career option for them in the future. What we have seen in our work with young people is that they are able to create an impact now, not in the future, but at present --- our student fellows worked with LGUs to develop their websites, tourism promotion platforms, and geographic information system (GIS) maps, among many of the outputs they have delivered.

At the end of each year, we are always in awe of the work that was accomplished, and we know that it is only possible through constantly building platforms for collaboration and synergy. Our Galing Pook members actively worked on the programs and activities that we accomplished, and we hope to sustain this community of good local governance advocates for greater impact. We will continue to work with partners so that we could expand the reach of our advocacies and enhance our capacity to bring more public officials, civil servants, and ordinary Filipinos work together on shared goals.



GEORGINA HERNANDEZ-YANG
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
GALING POOK FOUNDATION

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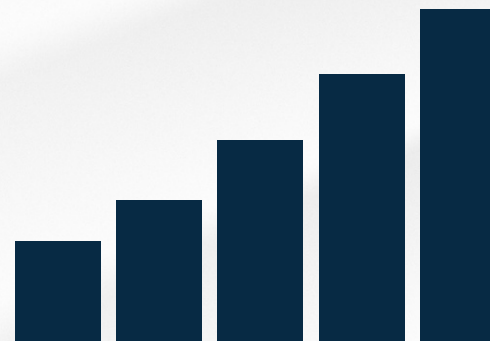
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- Galing Pook welcomes another batch of interns from FEU Institute of Technology and FEU Alabang
- Safe Return to In-Person Learning (SRIPL) Project
- CESB Gabay Community Engagement Module
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- 2021 Galing Pook Awards Exhibit
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Awards & Recognition





2022 Galing Pook Awards Ceremony in Malacañang



2022 Galing Pook Awards: GPF Recognizes Ten Outstanding LGU Programs for 2022



Ten outstanding local governance programs were recognized in the 2022 Galing Pook Awards held at the Ceremonial Hall of Malacañan Palace.

Galing Pook Foundation with its co-presenters SM Prime Holdings Inc., and the DILG-Local Government Academy, and sponsors Cebu Pacific Air and Airspeed named local government units from Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao that promote innovation and excellence. President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. commended the Galing Pook Foundation for recognizing and incentivizing top performing LGUs. He stressed how strong collaboration between the public and private sector can lead to more meaningful and successful programs that truly benefit the Filipino people.

“The recognition that you give to cities and municipalities inspires them to accelerate their drive towards improvement and it encourages LGUs to adopt practices that make us paragons of excellence in public service. It is necessary for us to underscore the importance of strengthening partnerships between the government and private organizations, such as the Galing Pook Foundation, especially as we bring about meaningful progress in the country.”

Galing Pook Chairperson Mel Sarmiento expressed his gratitude to all the local chief executives and LGU teams that participated this year:

“It’s truly inspiring to see the impact of the work that you do, and I’m sure you’ve brought value to many Filipinos all over the country. Our collaborations bring us closer to realizing our shared vision, na ang bawat pamilyang Pilipino, may simple pero kumportableng buhay.”

The 10 winners were chosen from 18 finalists and a record field of 196 applications from different LGUs in the country. Launched on October 21, 1993, the Galing Pook Awards has recognized 347 LGU programs from 228 LGUs in the country that have been promoted for replication to benefit more communities.

Watch the 2022
Galing Pook Awards





New Criteria and Process

The best among the “cream of the crop” of 18 finalists faced the panel for the 2022 Galing Pook Awards last Nov 21 at the MAAX Auditorium of MAAX Building at the SM Mall of Asia Complex in Pasay City.



Chaired by Interior and Local Government Secretary Benhur Abalos, the Board of Judges that determined the winners was composed of leaders from the business, civil society, media, academe and public sector.

“We all consider the 18 finalists as winners, but the Board of Judges took on the challenge of selecting the best among them,” said Galing Pook Chairperson Mel Sarmiento.

SILG Abalos was joined by Dr. Chito Salazar (PHINMA Education), VAdm. Alex Pama (ARISE Ph), Mr. Rico Hizon (CNN Philippines), Ms. Elisea Gozun (Galing Pook), Mr. Miguel Rene Dominguez (Galing Pook), Dr. Maria Fe Villamejor-Mendoza (Galing Pook), Ms. Tina Monzon-Palma (Galing Pook), and Mr. Leonardo Montemayor (Galing Pook) in the Board of Judges.

The criteria for judging were Positive Results and Impact (25 percent), Promotion of People’s Participation and Empowerment (25 percent), Innovation and Adaptation (20 percent), Resilience (10 percent), Sustainability (10 percent), and Efficiency of Program Service Delivery and Transferability (10 percent).

The smooth but difficult process of selecting the winners was made possible through the rigor and commitment of the National Selection Committee Members who took the time to review all the applications and personally visit 30 out of the 196 applications for the site validation.



The National Selection Committee was chaired by Dr. Milwida Guevara, with the following members: Mr. Victor Gerardo Bulatao, Dr. Edna Co, Mr. Rafael Coscolluela, Mr. Edicio Dela Torre, Asec. Lilian De Leon, Dr. Eddie Dorotan, Ms. Marides Fernando, Dr. Jaime Galvez Tan, Dr. Jose Rene Gayo, Mr. Vincent Lazatin, Mr. Roberto Pagdanganan, Mr. Austere Panadero, Dr. Emma Porio, Ms. Marivel Sacendoncillo, Dr. Ador Torneo, Ms. Thelma Vecina, Ms. Flora Villarosa, and Ms. Veronica Villavicencio.

Awards and Recognition

Institutional Partnership with SM Prime

Galing Pook strengthens its partnership with SM Prime for the 2nd straight year. In addition to their 5-year commitment to support the selection process for the Awards, SM Prime also hosted the Final Presentation and Interview at SM MAAX, giving even more prestige and credibility to the Awards process with strong support not just from government but from private sector leaders.



SM PRIME

Partnership with Airspeed and Amazing Philippines Digital Economy Corporation (APDEC)

GPF met the new APDEC President last February 23, 2022. A possible collaboration with Micro, Small, Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) programs is also being brewed to link more LGUs, local entrepreneurs, and customers together. To further explore possibilities for supporting LGUs, they also joined as one of the sponsors for the 2022 Galing Pook Awards.



Partnership with Cebu Pacific Air

Galing Pook Foundation partnered with Cebu Pacific for the 2022 Galing Pook Awards.

As the country's largest and most accessible airline, Cebu Pacific aligns in our vision of promoting inclusion, environmental sustainability, and community participation among Filipinos.



Cebu Pacific is Galing Pook's official airline partner for the site validation of 30 promising programs. From September 12 to October 14, the National Selection Committee conducted site visit and interviews to evaluate each program based on positive results and impact, promotion of people's participation and empowerment, innovation and adaptation, resilience, sustainability, and efficiency of program service delivery and transferability.

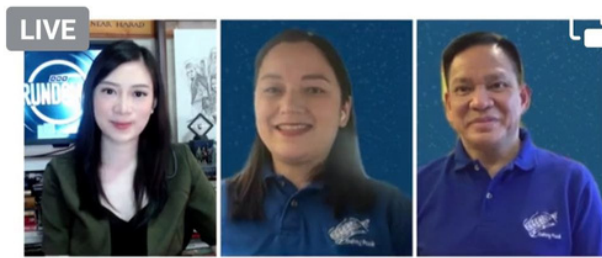
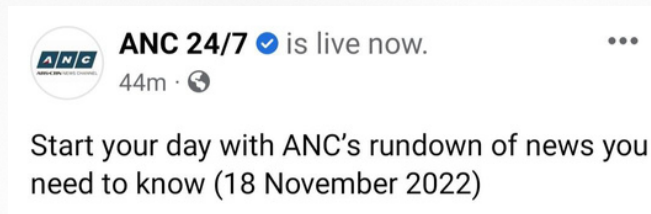


The 2022 Galing Pook Awards is co-presented by the Galing Pook Foundation with SM Prime Holdings, Inc. and the Department of the Interior and Local Government-Local Government Academy.

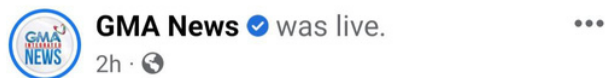
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2022 Galing Pook Awards: Media Mileage

Interest from the media was brewing as soon as the finalists were named. The 10 winners were also interviewed on ANC's Rundown and CNN's The Final Word.



18 LOCAL GOV'T PROGRAMS NAMED AS FINALISTS IN 2022 GALING POOK AWARDS



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youtube.com
PBBM commends effective leadership of LGUs in 2022 Galing Pook Awards

2022 Galing Pook Awards: Media Mileage



KALIBO LOCAL NEWS VISAYAS

Galing Pook Award, nadag-an it Iloilo City sa andang I-Bike Program!

November 23, 2022 / BNFM Kalibo

Ro I-Bike Program it nabatgatnang lungsod it Iloilo nga nagataguyod it kultura it bisikleta hay nagdaog it Galing Pook Award makarang dag-on nga kada dag-onng gakilaea it pinakamayad ag pinaka-makabag-ong lokal nga mga programa sa pamamahala nga nagagamit it partisipasyon it mga mamamayan ag nagahatod it mga positibong resulta ag epekto.

Binaton ni Mayor Jerry P. Treñas ro parangal halin kay Pangulong Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. sa seremonya it paggawad sa Palasyo it Malacañan kahapon.

Marcos lauds top performing LGUs for making positive changes

By Azer Parrocha

📅 November 22, 2022, 8:53 pm

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TOP LGUs. President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. commends top-performing local government units (LGUs) for introducing "innovative practices" that have made a positive impact in the lives of their constituents in a speech during the 2022 Galing Pook Awards held at the Ceremonial Hall of the Malacañan Palace on Tuesday (Nov. 22, 2022). Marcos expressed hope that LGUs would continue giving their best as the country moves towards the new normal. (Photo courtesy of the Office of the Press Secretary)

Awards and Recognition

Senate Commends 2022 Galing Pook Awardees for Rising to the Challenge of Empowering Leadership in the Face of COVID

The Philippine Senate commended the winners of the 2022 Galing Pook Awards for their institutionalized standards of excellence in program design and implementation.

Sponsored by Senator Manuel Lapid, the recognition comes in timely as we enter the 3rd year since the pandemic was officially announced by the World Health Organisation.

In his sponsorship speech, Sen. Lapid described the LGUs as exemplary models not only in their own localities but also across the nation – beacons of hope for all Filipinos, and reminders that leaders can deliver meaningful governance with the necessary support and collaboration with the community.

Sen. Sherwin Gatchalian, himself a recipient of a Galing Pook award during his term as local chief executive of Valenzuela City--which eventually received multiple Galing Pook Awards, also applauded the efforts of the ten awardees.

During the Senate Plenary session, the Senators also commended the Galing Pook Foundation (GPF) for its work as the leading resource institution that promotes innovation, sustainability, citizen empowerment and excellence in local governance.

GPF Executive Director Georgina Hernandez-Yang expressed her gratitude for the commendation from legislators: “For thirty years, the Galing Pook Awards has been focused on creating impact in communities through good governance - and we think there’s no better place to look than literally outside our own doorsteps. It entails the participation of everyone, not just the local chief executives. Good governance is always a possibility, and we’re proud of the 2022 Awardees for making that a reality for their constituents.”



Unveiling of Galing Pook Markers: City of Biñan and Province of Basilan



As part of the celebration of the 13th Biñan Cityhood Anniversary and 78th Liberation Day from the Japanese Occupation, the Galing Pook Marker at the Biñan Town Plaza was officially unveiled to the public on February 3, 2023. This initiative was done to memorialize the city's Public Program for Heritage and Conservation which was named as one of the 10 Outstanding Local Governance Programs in the Philippines for 2022.



The Provincial Government of Basilan also unveiled their Galing Pook marker at the government center in Sta. Clara, Lamitan City. Basilan Province's AS2G CARE program won in the 2022 Galing Pook Awards for its outstanding contributions to peace and security.

Through skills training, psychosocial support, and social enterprise opportunities, AS2G CARE has successfully reintegrated rebel returnees into the community and improved their quality of life.

Tracer Study on Galing Pook Awardees

Since the launch of the Galing Pook Awards in 1993, we have been celebrating models of good local governance through the Galing Pook Awards. In almost three decades, we were able to recognize more than 200 local government units (LGUs) with outstanding programs that are innovative, and responsive to the local context. Still, we have a few questions in mind that needed to be answered. Where are these programs now? Are these programs still existing? Have they been expanded or enhanced? Have they been discontinued because their purposes have already been realized?

To answer these questions, Galing Pook Foundation (GPF) with the support of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) Philippines, conducted a Tracer Study on the Outstanding LGU Programs. The results of the study will guide GPF on how to make the Galing Pook Awards more adaptive and responsive to the needs of time, and help GPF in crafting programs that can be useful for all LGUs and governance sector partners. Initial results have been gathered from incumbent and former Local Chief Executives as well as LGU program managers to gather insights on factors that may have led to the sustainability of the Galing Pook Awarded Programs and its impact.

The Tracer Study also serves as a baseline for strengthening the Galing Pook Awardees Network as a credible source of mentors and resource persons on LGU innovations.

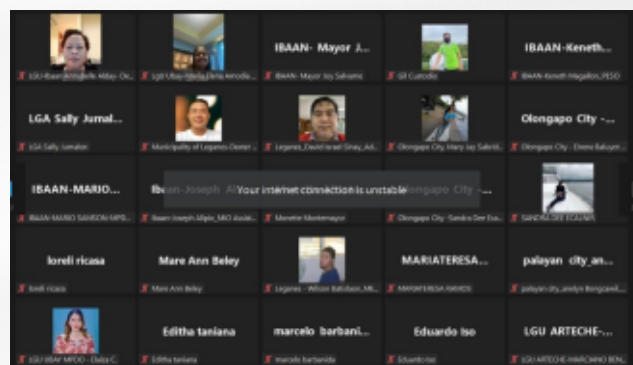
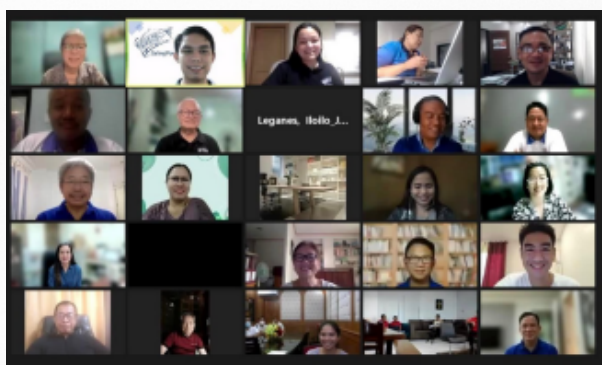


Adoption & Policy Advocacy



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GPF, DILG-LGA Welcome Another LGU Batch for the Adaptive and Innovative Leadership Course focused on Local Economic Development



Participants from 11 LGUs attended the orientation session for the Adaptive and Innovative Leadership Course for Local Economic Recovery and Development of the Galing Pook Foundation and the DILG-Local Government Academy last December 12, 2022. The 11 LGUs are: Olongapo City; Palayan City, Nueva Ecija; Ibaan, Batangas; and Cavinti, Laguna from Luzon; Leganes, Iloilo; Ubay, Bohol; Allen, Northern Samar, and Arteche, Eastern Samar from Visayas; and Cotabato City; Iligan City; and Koronadal City, South Cotabato from Mindanao.

Strengthening WAND Members' Institutional Capacity

- Galing Pook also partnered with WAND for the Adaptive and Innovative Leadership Course of its member organizations.
- Fifty (50) women NGO and PO leaders from 10 women's networks are guided through discovery and learning sessions to think out of the box and explore new and better ways of working with women in their communities.
- At the end of the course, the women leaders will have crafted a more potent program to address the emerging challenges of women, youth, and children in their communities.
- Supported by the Philippine Business for Social Progress

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| PILIPINA Baguio-Benguet | CAR: Baguio City and Itogon, Benguet |
| PINASAMA (Pinag-isang Samahan ng mga Magulang) | NCR: Brgy. Bagong Silangan, Quezon City |
| SWND (Sorsogon Women's Network for Development) | Region V: Sorsogon |
| DAWN Foundation, Inc. | Region VI: Bacolod City |
| Sulong Mandauehanong Kabus (SUMAKA) | Region VII: Mandaue City |
| WEAVERS, Inc. | Region VIII: Alangalang, Leyte |
| WESADEF (Western Samar Development Foundation, Inc.) - BAN (Bantay Abuso Network) | Region VIII: Calbayog City, Samar |
| CESCOD (Center for Social Concerns and Development, Inc.) | Region IX: Dipolog City |
| MuCAARD (Muslim Christian Agency for Advocacy Relief and Development, Inc.) - TISPAD (Tri-People Initiatives for Sustainable Peace and Development, Inc.) | BARMM: Marawi City and Balindong, Lanao del Sur |
| SCFI (South Cotabato Foundation, Inc.) | Region XII: Koronadal City and Tantangan, South Cotabato |

Mentors include Oyen Dorotan, Sally Bulatao, Veronica Villavicencio and Georgina Hernandez



Forum on Mandanas-Garcia Ruling Implications in BARMM

Galing Pook Foundation with The Asia Foundation (TAF) successfully conducted a Round Table Discussion (RTD): “Dialogue on the Implementation of Mandanas-Garcia Ruling in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao” last March 30, 2022.

This was attended by representatives from the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), the Department of Finance (DOF), the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), the Department of Tourism (DOT), the Department of Health (DOH), and the Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process (OPAPP). Representatives from TAF, GPF and the members of the Project Team were also present in the event.

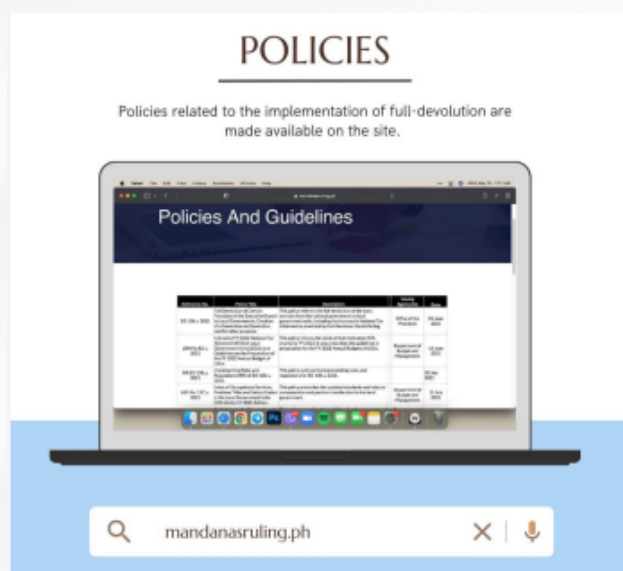
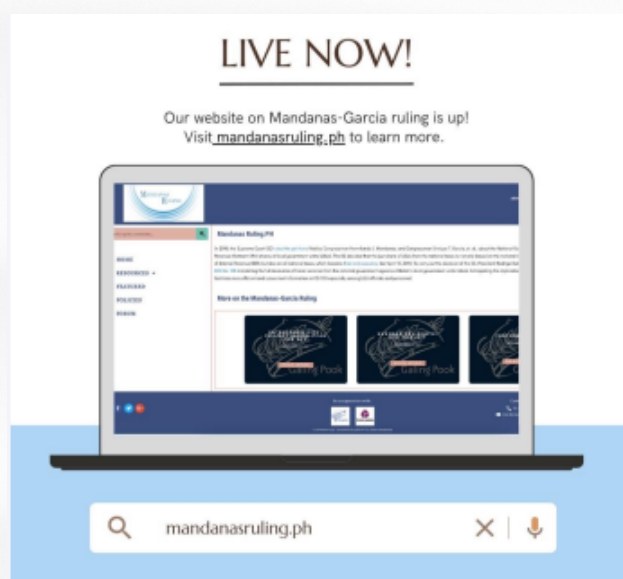
The BARMM Ministries represented include: Bangsamoro Planning and Development Authority (BPDA), the Bangsamoro Transition Authority Parliament Policy Research and Legal Services (BTA-PPRLS), the Ministry of Finance, and Budget and Management (MOFBM), the Ministry of Health (MOH), the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Agrarian Reform (MAFAR), and the Ministry of Social Services and Development (MSSD).

The RTD, along with interviews and consultations, led to the identification of technical assistance and capacity building needs of stakeholders from the LGU to the Regional Government. The policy notes also laid down specific recommendations on how to address specific issues affecting the LGUs and the BARMM Regional Government in the implementation of the Mandanas-Garcia Ruling.

Galing Pook launches the Mandanas-Garcia Ruling Website

As part of the project, the Galing Pook Foundation and The Asia Foundation, in cooperation with the DILG, launched the website on Mandanas-Garcia ruling to provide a one-stop-shop information hub for national government agencies, local government units, and civil society organizations in the development of their Devolution Transition Plans (DTPs) and other activities related to the implementation of the Supreme Court Ruling.

<https://www.mandanasruling.ph>

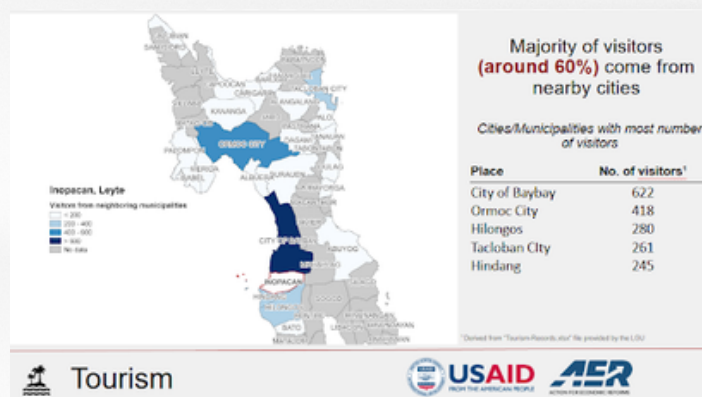


Coalescing Organizations towards Locally-Led Actions to Boost Development (COLLABDev): Human-Centered Data-Driven Development in the Philippines

The Galing Pook Foundation (GPF) and the Action for Economic Reforms (AER) continued on its second year implementation of the Coalescing Organizations towards Locally-Led Actions to Boost Development (COLLABDev) Project, which is supported by the USAID.

As Partnerships Coordinator for data-driven local governance, GPF co-organized two Learning Initiatives for Policy and Data (LIPAD) fora: "Communities through Data: Utilizing CBMS for Local Development", an online forum held last February 4, 2022, and "Deciphering the RDCs: Participatory and Evidence-based Planning for Regional Development" which was held last May 4, 2022.

GPF also provided technical inputs particularly on stakeholder management to assist local partners in better understanding local political and governance dynamics; and drafted OpEd articles on data appreciation and use, and the Mandanas-Garcia Ruling.



Accomplishments

- Conduct of 8 series of LIPAD or Learning Initiatives for Policy and Data covering various topics including agriculture, CBMS, Mandanas Ruling, and Tourism
- Publication of various knowledge products including newspaper articles
- Data assessment of 10 LGUs
- Development of data dashboards
- Provision of CapDev trainings to 10 LGUs on data appreciation, gathering and utilization
- Conduct of at least two sets of CLOY (CollabDev Landing on You) series and local coalition mobilizations per LGU
- Conduct of 2 National Assemblies
- Conduct of 5 island-wide Roadshows

Coalescing Organizations towards Locally-Led Actions to Boost Development (COLLABDev): Human-Centered Data-Driven Development in the Philippines

In line with the COLLABDev, Galing Pook also participated in the Data-Driven Development in the Philippines or PH3D project led by the Action for Economic Reforms and supported by the European Union. Dr. Eddie Dorotan, Advisory Group Member for COLLABDev and PH3D moderated a panel discussion with Local Chief Executives. Chairperson Mel Sarmiento also joined the PH3D National Assembly and noted the importance of using data and evidence in LGU planning and policymaking.



GPF Holds a Webinar on LGU Best Practices on Food Security and Nutrition

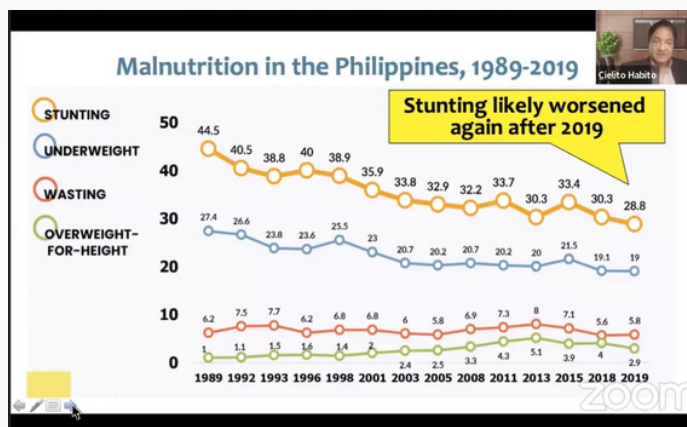
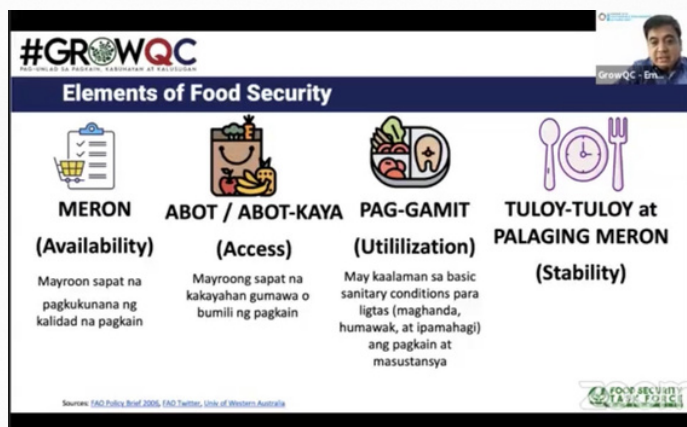
Galing Pook hosted a Nutrition Webinar “Malusog na Bata, Malusog na Bansa” with Galing Pook member Dr. Cielito Habito, who is also a Professor of Economics at the Ateneo de Manila University.

The talk revolved around food security situation and nutrition in the country, paramount national perspectives and local initiatives, common understanding towards food security, child stunting, zero hunger and local actions as well as pursuing improved food systems. He also discussed the nurturing and protecting approaches to pursue self sufficiency, stressed the alarming state of malnutrition, implications of food security in the population and education as well as the lessons learned from food secure countries like Peru and Brazil.

Best practices namely Negros Occidental’s Pagkaon 2000 Food Sufficiency Program, Negros Oriental’s Barangay Agricultural Development Center (BADC) and Gulayan at Palaisdaan Alay sa Kabataan, Tuguegarao City’s Agricultural and Fishery Modernization program, Magsaysay, Davao del Sur’s Diversified Organic Farming System, San Mateo, Isabela’s Munggo: The Black Gold of San Mateo, Limasawa’s Good Nutrition through Good Governance and Teamwork, and Ambao Fish Sanctuary and Marine Reserve Area in Brgy. Ambao, Hinundayan, Southern Leyte were notably highlighted.

The 2021 Galing Pook award-winning program of Quezon City "Grow QC: Kasama ka sa Pag-Unlad sa Pagkain, Kabuhayan, at Kalusugan" was also featured in the webinar, as well as the community efforts of the youth in San Roque, Northern Samar from their "COVEGE-20" program.

Lastly, the talk ended when ‘designing parameters’ for improved food systems was put forward to meet the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 2: Zero Hunger by 2030.



Adoption and Policy Advocacy



Galing Pook celebrates "Youth in Governance" Fair

In June, Galing Pook Foundation and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) together with the Positive Youth Development Network (PYDN) launched the "2022 Youth in Governance Fair and the 3rd SK Awards" in SM Northpoint Iloilo City.

At least 105 physically registered at the Galing Pook booth though the crowd is estimated to be not less than 2,000 as people come and go to watch the live show and the exhibits. Those watching online also reached 328 on June 11, and 486 on June 12, 2022.

The activity also became a platform for showcasing the accomplishments of the Galing Kabataan initiatives of the pilot areas; a venue for networking among young people and their organizations, a venue for launching the BagoTayo website which can be found at www.bagotayo.net, and a formal ceremony to close the Strengthening Children and Youth Participation in Governance Project.



Galing Pook Supports PYDN for the 3rd Philippine Sangguniang Kabataan Awards

In August, Galing Pook Foundation supported the 2022 Philippine Sangguniang Kabataan Awards that recognized outstanding SK leaders and youth-led programs that aim to build a better Philippines through innovative local initiatives.

After a long and competitive screening process, a total of 35 National Finalists for the Outstanding SK Projects Category were awarded. The programs awarded ranged from active citizenship and good governance, education, economic empowerment, health, social inclusion, peacebuilding, to environment. A new category was also added this year to award SK councils that exemplified good governance using the three pillars developed by GoodGovPH: 1.) Participation, 2.) Transparency and Accountability, and 3.) Effectiveness and Efficiency.

The third Philippine SK Awards was organized in partnership with the Positive Youth Development Network, Galing Pook Foundation, and GoodGov PH.



Galing Pook-FEU Internship Program

As part of the partnership initiative of Galing Pook Foundation and FEU Public Policy Center that seeks to immerse students in local governments and encourage them to join the public sector through an internship program, Galing Pook Foundation with student interns from FEU Institute of Technology and FEU Alabang visited the Pasig City LGU last June 27, 2022.

Winnie Rayos - Dimanlig, Head of Ugnayan sa Pasig, and the Pasig MIS office team briefed the students on the LGU's transparency measures that led to better delivery of services to more people. The students appreciated the importance of ICT-based solutions in LGUs.



Student interns also listened intently to the personal reflections of former Ifugao Governor Teddy Baguilat on the value of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) experts in LGUs.

Baguilat shared that ICT initiatives help shape the decisions of Governors and Mayors especially when it is used by the LGU Planning and Development Offices. He also shared an example on the use of GIS to monitor projects real-time as a measure for improving government transparency.

Erika Mayoni, FEU Public Policy Center Program Manager and Jay Carizo, Galing Pook Local Governance Specialist also shared their insights on how national and local governments work together.



Galing Pook welcomes another batch of interns from FEU Institute of Technology and FEU Alabang

Galing Pook Foundation welcomed the third batch of interns from the FEU Institute of Technology and FEU Alabang who became the movers of our Public Innovation Field Lab!

By the end of their internship, they have spearheaded tech-based interventions in local governance challenges. These young people are the key to opening our local governments to people-centered technological solutions that enable citizen empowerment and good governance.

The Public Innovation Field Lab is the collaborative program of the FEU Public Policy Center (FPPC), the FEU Institute of Technology (FEU Tech), and the Galing Pook Foundation.





Safe Return to In-Person Learning (SRIPL) Project

Galing Pook Foundation and UNICEF conducted consultations with local stakeholders including children and their parents on the Safe Return to In-Person Learning in April and May.

This was followed by the face-to-face workshop on Social Behavioral Change Communication from June 6 to 7, 2022 held in Astoria Plaza, Pasig City. Among the speakers were then Valenzuela City Mayor Rex Gatchalian, then Del Carmen Vice Mayor Alfredo Coro II, and then DepEd Undersecretary Nepomuceno Malaluan.

Subsequent field mentoring sessions were also conducted by the project team.

On November 11, Galing Pook Foundation and UNICEF held a Culmination Event for the SRIPL Project. Experts and resource persons for education, health and governance gathered to discuss the best practices done for learners in this project. Aral Pilipinas, a coalition of education advocates supported the consultation and technical assistance process.

We thank the Provincial Governments of Samar, Northern Samar, and Zamboanga del Norte, Local Government Unit of Zamboanga City, Municipal Governments of Calbiga, and Tarangnan, Samar, Municipal Governments of Bobon, and Capul, Northern Samar, Municipal Governments of Siayan, and Sindangan, Zamboanga del Norte, and Schools Division Offices of Samar, Northern Samar, Zamboanga del Norte, and Zamboanga City for tirelessly working with us.

We are filled with resolve and hope that through this effort, we are able to chart an effective learning recovery path for students, and create steps towards a more resilient education system.

CESB Gabay Community Engagement Module

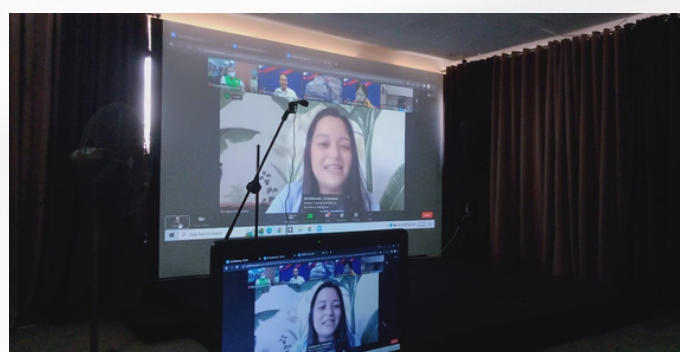
The Career Executive Service Board partnered with the Galing Pook Foundation for the conduct of its Integrated Gabay sa Paglilingkod (GABAY) Training Course. In 2022, we were able to showcase the 2015 Galing Pook Awarded Program of Barangay Graceville, San Jose del Monte City, Bulacan entitled, “Mapanagutang Pamamahala,” which institutionalized participatory budgeting and planning, and people empowerment mechanisms in the barangay’s service delivery mechanisms.

More than a hundred career public officials from agencies such as DepEd, CHED, PDEA, PHIVOLCS, DOST, SEC, DENR, DA, DILG and PNP attended the course and learned about the Assessment Framework of Galing Pook.

The goal of the module is to provide rigorous and evidence-based processes for identifying best practices and strategic innovations in leadership, governance and development. As an output of the course, the Undersecretaries, Assistant Secretaries, Directors, and Division Chiefs who joined the program presented their own assessment and recommendations to Barangay Graceville for the continuous improvement of its initiatives.

In one of the training batches, the graduates of the course developed a website for the Barangay to support its transparency initiatives and public communication efforts. Galing Pook’s partnership with the CESB has been institutionalized to ensure that senior officials of NGAs are aware of LGU best practices that they could adopt and scale up through their agency’s efforts.

<http://brgygraceville.com/>



Salamat Excellence Award for Leadership

Galing Pook Foundation represented by its Executive Director Georgina Hernandez Yang served as a member of the BARMM Regional Selection Committee for the Salamat Excellence Award for Leadership (SEAL).

It is a recognition for accountable, participatory and service-oriented Local Chief Executives in BARMM. This is in line with our mission to promote excellence in local governance.



CentRE Renewable Energy Congress



Galing Pook participated in the Renewable Energy Congress led by the CentRE or Center for Empowerment, iNnovation and Training on Renewable Energy with the theme "Making the REAL Deal Happen: Renewable Energy for All." Board Member Mon Isberto and Executive Director Georgina Hernandez Yang hosted the event.



Communication & Promotion



2021 Galing Pook Awards Exhibit



The Galing Pook Photo Exhibit and Earth CPR Campaign was opened on Earth Day, April 22, 2022. It was attended by Governor Bong Lacson of Negros Occidental, Mr. Rafael Coscolluela, Dr. Jose Rene Gayo, and Dr. Emma Porio from the Galing Pook Foundation, and Mr. George Jardiolin of SM City Bacolod.



The exhibit featured photos of the Ten Outstanding Local Governance Programs of the 2021 Galing Pook Awards, with a special showcase of the Province of Negros Occidental. The exhibit lasted until April 30, with various activities prepared by the Provincial Environment Management Office.

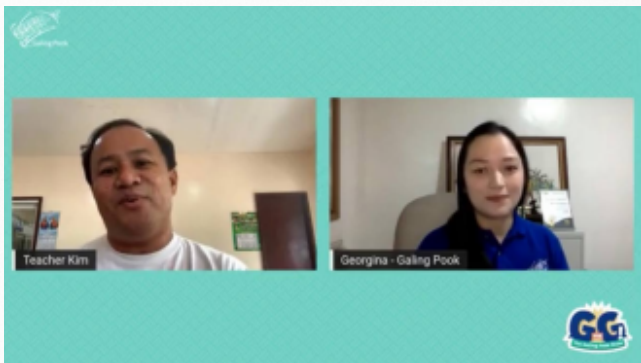
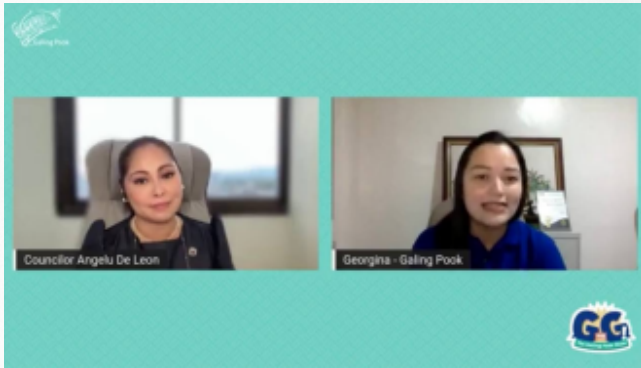
2021 Galing Pook Virtual Tours

Galing Pook boosted its promotion of the Galing Pook awards through online Galing Pook Tours that feature former Galing Pook Awardees.

GPF produced and uploaded videos from 2021 Galing Pook Winners: Alabat, Quezon's Coco Sugar: Making the Lives of Coconut Farmers Sweeter; Quezon City's Grow QC: Kasama ka sa Pag-unlad sa Pagkain, Kabuhayan, at Kalusugan; and Valenzuela City's Tagalag Fishing Village. These videos were produced with the support of FES Philippines.



Galing Pook Launches "G na G! The Galing Pook Show"



Galing Pook launched its first ever digital show "G na G: The Galing Pook Show!" a 40-min program featuring adaptive innovations, initiatives, and good governance.

Hosted by Galing Pook Executive Director Georgina Hernandez-Yang, and Trustee Kiko Mendoza, the program invites guests from CSOs to talk about their good initiatives, and local chief executives to share their best practices, and how they pursue good governance.

The pilot episode featured guest speakers Pasig City Councillor Angelu De Leon and Teacher Kim Puaso, while in the second, we invited guest speakers SK Chair Manuel R. Soliven, and DSWD Secretary Rex Gatchalian. For the 3rd and last episode for 2022, we invited PYDN Executive Director Alfred Dicto and Tabaco City Mayor Krisel Lagman-Luistro.



OKS on DWBL



We continued to promote the awardees via the radio program OKS on DWBL every month.

Our guests from January to July included then Mayor Rex Gatchalian of Valenzuela City; GrowQC Program Manager Mr. Emmanuel Velasco of Quezon City; Mayor Francis Zamora of San Juan City; then Mayor Allan Rellon of Tagum City, Davao del Norte; former Punong Barangay Melencio Garcia of Brgy. Graceville, City of San Jose del Monte, Bulacan; then Vice Mayor Alfredo Coro II of Del Carmen, Surigao del Norte; and Forester Ronulfo Paler, Provincial Administrator of Agusan del Sur.

Aside from featuring Galing Pook Awardees, we also featured LCEs who participated in the Adaptive and Innovative Leadership Program and other Galing Pook projects. For 2022, we invited Mayor Alfredo Cielo, Jr. of Irosin, Sorsogon. Irosin was one of the first LGUs to take part in the Adaptive and Innovative Leadership Program back in 2016 and is also a partner LGU for the COLLABDev Project.

Other guests were former Galing Pook awardees turned Galing Pook members former Mayor Flora Villarosa of Siayan, Zamboanga del Norte who shared about their Pangkabuhayan Centers, former Mayor Marivic Belena of San Jose City, Nueva Ecija who shared their experience with linking farmers to the corporate supply chain, and former Mayor Evelyn Uy who shared Dipolog City's experience on urban renewal.

Lastly, we started featuring the 2022 Galing Pook awardees beginning with Alcala, Cagayan Mayor Tin Antonio who shared their program "The Green Wall of Alcala."

| Month | Guest | Month | Guest |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|
| January 2022 | <i>Rex Gatchalian (Valenzuela)</i> | July 2022 | <i>Ronulfo Paler (Agusan del Sur)</i> |
| February 2022 | <i>Nonong Velasco (Quezon City)</i> | August 2022 | <i>Alfredo Cielo, Jr. (Irosin)</i> |
| March 2022 | <i>Francis Zamora (San Juan City)</i> | September 2022 | <i>Flora Villarosa (Siayan)</i> |
| April 2022 | <i>Allan Rellon (Tagum City)</i> | October 2022 | <i>Marivic Belena (San Jose City)</i> |
| May 2022 | <i>Melencio Garcia (Graceville)</i> | November 2022 | <i>Evelyn Uy (Dipolog City)</i> |
| June 2022 | <i>Alfredo Coro II (Del Carmen)</i> | December 2022 | <i>Cristina Antonio (Alcala)</i> |

Galing Pook Foundation Receives 2022 CapDev Accelerator Award from DILG-LGA

The Galing Pook Foundation received the 2022 CapDev Accelerator Award from the DILG-Local Government Academy!

The CapDev Accelerator Awards is an annual event that recognizes valuable contributions of DILG partner institutions in implementing its various capacity development initiatives.

This award recognizes institutions for their contributions to achieve excellence in local governance and continuous effort to assist the DILG in realizing its vision and mission for the local government units.



NEO Orientation Course for City Mayors

Galing Pook Chairperson and former DILG Secretary Mel Senen Sarmiento speaks before Newly Elected Officials (NEO) in their orientation course “Primed Leaders for Renewed Local Governance,” to help them prepare with the basics of local governance.

Other events of the DILG

Galing Pook Local Governance Specialist was also invited in various occasions and events as a resource person on Mandanas-Garcia Ruling and its implications.

Galing Pook Chair and Executive Director were speaker and presenter in various events (DILG IX, Bayambang, Cebu City, Kaya Natin, etc.) to present the Galing Pook Awards and GPF’s various programs and advocacies.



AIM RSN Policy Center for Competitiveness: Innovation in Local Governance

Galing Pook Chairperson Mel Sarmiento served as discussant during the roundtable discussion on Innovation in Local Governance where Dr. Aubrey Tabuga presented findings from the discussion paper entitled Characterizing Local Governance Innovations in the Philippines: Insights from a Content Analysis of Galing Pook Documents.

Trustees Ms. Ofie Templo, Dr. Fe Mendoza, and Mr. Chito Sobrepeña also attended the event, which was organized by the Asian Institute of Management Rizalino S. Navarro Policy Center for Competitiveness with the support of the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung.



Other Publications

We also published the book, “Youth Participation in Governance: Reflections on the Localized Galing Kabataan Initiatives and 4 Case studies of the LGU-Led Galing Kabataan Awards”



Galing Pook 2022 Financial Report

GALING POOK FOUNDATION, INC.

(A Nonstock, Not-for-Profit Organization)

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021

| | Endowment Fund | Operating Fund | Total |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| BALANCES AT DECEMBER 31, 2020 | ₱68,223,469 | 20,637,395 | 88,860,864 |
| Excess of revenues over expenses | 96,000 | 515,657 | 611,657 |
| BALANCES AT DECEMBER 31, 2021 | 68,319,469 | ₱21,153,052 | ₱89,472,521 |
| Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses | 52,000 | (2,481,954) | (2,429,954) |
| BALANCES AT DECEMBER 31, 2022 (Note 9) | ₱ 68,371,469 | ₱ 18,671,098 | ₱ 87,042,567 |

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

GALING POOK FOUNDATION, INC. (A Nonstock, Not-for-Profit Organization)

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

| | Years Ended December 31 | |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------|
| | 2022 | 2021 |
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses | ₱ (2,429,954) | ₱611,657 |
| Adjustments for: | | |
| Gain on changes in fair value of financial assets (Note 4) | (2,867,972) | (2,833,254) |
| Interest income (Notes 3 and 4) | (2,257,678) | (972,984) |
| Dividend Income (Note 4) | (1,372,516) | (267,255) |
| Depreciation (Note 6) | 168,379 | 193,086 |
| Retirement expense (income) (Note 8) | 290,958 | 765,027 |
| Foreign exchange loss (gain) | (13,650) | - |
| Net unrealized foreign exchange loss (gain) | (2,677) | (56,001) |
| Deficiency of revenues over expenses before working capital changes | (8,485,110) | (2,559,724) |
| Decrease (increase) in other current assets | 1,606,830 | (1,185) |
| Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued expenses | 1,316,575 | 260,643 |
| Net cash flows used in operations | (5,561,705) | (2,300,266) |
| Retirement benefits paid | (242,685) | (2,355,171) |
| Interest received | 363,611 | 3,022 |
| Net cash used in operating activities | (5,440,779) | (4,652,415) |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Change in financial assets at fair value | (6,003,760) | 14,850,276 |
| Dividend received | 1,372,516 | 267,255 |
| Disposal of property plant and equipment (Note 6) | - | 6,667 |
| Net cash from investing activities | (4,631,244) | 15,124,198 |
| EFFECT OF EXCHANGE RATE CHANGES IN CASH | 16,327 | 56,001 |
| NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH | (10,055,696) | 10,527,784 |
| CASH AT BEGINNING OF YEAR | 26,086,308 | 15,558,524 |
| CASH AT END OF YEAR | 16,030,612 | ₱26,086,308 |

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GALING POOK FOUNDATION, INC. (A Nonstock, Not-for-Profit Organization)

STATEMENTS OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES

| | Years Ended December 31 | |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------|
| | 2022 | 2021 |
| REVENUES | | |
| Donations and contributions (Note 10) | ₱ 16,147,465 | ₱15,048,707 |
| Interest income (Notes 3 and 4) | 2,257,678 | 972,984 |
| Membership fees | 52,000 | 96,000 |
| Others | 746,900 | 119,000 |
| | 19,204,043 | 16,236,691 |
| EXPENSES | | |
| Program costs (Note 10) | 17,332,982 | 15,446,110 |
| General and administrative expenses (Note 11) | 2,821,886 | 3,335,434 |
| | 20,154,868 | 18,781,544 |
| OTHER INCOME (LOSS) | | |
| Dividend Income (Note 4) | 1,372,516 | 267,255 |
| Foreign exchange gain (loss) | 13,650 | - |
| Unrealized foreign exchange gain (loss) | 2,677 | 56,001 |
| Gain (loss) on changes in fair value of financial assets at carried at lower of cost or fair value (Note 4) | (2,867,972) | 2,833,254 |
| | (1,479,129) | 3,156,510 |
| EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES | (2,429,954) | ₱611,657 |
| ATTRIBUTABLE TO: | | |
| Endowment fund | ₱ 52,000 | ₱96,000 |
| Operating fund | (2,481,954) | 515,657 |
| | (2,429,954) | ₱611,657 |

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