

**2005 PHILIPPINES DEVELOPMENT FORUM:
A Meeting of the Philippines Consultative Group and Other Stakeholders
March 7-8, 2005
Marco Polo Hotel, Davao City, Philippines**

*Theme: Working Together for Sustainable Economic and Social Progress
Chairperson: Secretary Cesar Purisima, Department of Finance
Co-Chairperson: Mr. Joachim von Amsberg, World Bank Country Director, Philippines*

AGENDA

March 6, 2005 - Sunday	
6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m	Cocktails and Dinner for Heads of Delegation hosted by World Bank at Marco Polo Ballroom III
March 7, 2005 - Monday	
8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.	Registration at Foyer of Marco Polo Ballroom I & II
8:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.	Opening Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairperson's Opening Statement • Co-Chairperson's Opening Statement
9:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.	Session I – Laying-Out the Development Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on the Country's Overall Fiscal & Financing Framework (Sec. Cesar Purisima, DOF) • Presentation on the Country's Medium-Term Development Agenda (Sec. Romulo Neri, NEDA) • General discussion, including contributions from representatives of various groups of stakeholders: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Congress: Cong. Nograles, Cong. Jesli Lapus, Cong. Joey Salceda ➤ Other stakeholders
10:45 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	Coffee Break
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 nn	Update/Comments on Mindanao Peace and Development: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sec. Teresita Deles, Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process • Sec. Jesus Dureza, Chairman, Mindanao Economic Development Council (MEDCO) • Ms. Amina Rasul, Lead Convener of the Philippine Council for Islam and Democracy
12:00 nn. to 1:30 p.m.	Lunch at the Lotus Court

1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	<p>Session II: Simultaneous Break-Out Sessions on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Progress <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Co-Chairs: Sec. Dinky Soliman, DSWD; Sec. Florencio Abad, DepEd ➤ Resource Persons: Ms. Deborah Landey, UN; Mr. Angus McDonald AusAID; Mr. Fabrice Sergent EC, Mr. Claude Bodart, GTZ • Growth and Investment Climate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Co-Chairs: Sec. Juan Santos, DTI; Sec. Romulo Neri, NEDA ➤ Resource Person: Mr. Vipul Bhagat, IFC; Mr. Satoshi Ikeda/Hideaki Ishii/Kensuke Saito, Japan • Economic and Fiscal Reforms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Co-Chairs: Sec. Cesar Purisima, DOF ➤ Resource Persons: Cong. Lopus; Cong. Salceda ; Mr. Vikram Haksar; IMF; Mr. Joachim von Amsberg, WB • Governance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Co-Chairs: Sec. Merceditas Gutierrez, Chief Presidential Legal Counsel and Anti-Corruption Czar; Officer-in-Charge, Mario Relampagos, DBM ➤ Resource Persons: Cong. Nograles, Mr. Ayumi Konishi, ADB • Decentralization and Local Government <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Co-Chairs: Sec. Angelo Reyes, DILG; Ms. Juanita Amatong, Sr. Advisor to DOF ➤ Resource Person: Mr. Chris Hoban, WB <p>Note: Coffee and snacks will be made available throughout the afternoon in the various break-out rooms</p>
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Theme Dinner for all participants at the Waterfront Insular Hotel hosted by the Government of the Philippines
March 8, 2005 - Tuesday	
8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.	<p>Session III: Reporting Back of Break-Out Groups to the Plenary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Progress • Growth and Investment Climate • Economic and Fiscal Reform • Governance • Decentralization and Local Government
9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion, including comments from Congressional leaders, commitments on actions from various stakeholders
10:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coffee Break
10:30 a.m.	Everybody to be seated; doors to be closed

10:45 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	Sec. Purisima and Mr. von Amsberg to meet H.E. President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo and escort to Ballroom
11:00 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. <i>11:00 a.m.</i> <i>11:05 – 11:15 a.m.</i> <i>11:15 – 11:25 a.m.</i> <i>11:25 – 11:26 a.m.</i> <i>11:26 – 11:40 a.m.</i>	Closing Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Announcement of the Arrival of H.E. President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo • Wrap-Up by the Co-Chair • Wrap-Up by the Chair • Introduction of H.E. President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo • Closing Address by the President <i>(The President will leave the Conference Room right after her closing address.)</i>
11:40 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Lunch for all participants at the Lotus Court and Café Marco