



Republic of the Philippines
Department of the Interior and Local Government



May 10, 2017

**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
NO. 2017-65**

TO : ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY MAYORS,
MUNICIPAL MAYORS, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS,
ARMM REGIONAL GOVERNOR, AND OTHERS
CONCERNED

SUBJECT : 2017 NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS' CONFERENCE ON
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The City Government of General Santos, through the Youth Affairs and Development Office and the Asia-Pacific Youth Exchange and Urban Youth Academy, will be conducting the 2017 National Young Leaders' Conference on Sustainable Development on May 20-23, 2017 in General Santos City.

The conference serves as a venue for youth participants and future leaders to undergo leadership training and policy formulation simulation.

In view of the above, and upon the request of Mayor Ronnel C. Rivera, Local Chief Executives are encouraged to allow the members of the Task Force on Youth Development, the Local Youth Development Council and sanggunian members who are thirty years old and below at the time of their election, to attend the said conference, on official business.

The payment of applicable traveling expenses, and hotel accommodation, may be authorized in accordance with, and subject to applicable limitations prescribed in COA Circular No. 2012-003 dated October 29, 2012, chargeable against available local funds and to the usual accounting and auditing requirements and to all pertinent laws, rules and regulations.


Mayor Rivera, through the Youth Affairs and Development Office, General Santos City, shall submit a Post-Activity Report to the Secretary of Interior and Local Government, through the Director of the Bureau of Local Government Supervision, within fifteen (15) days after the conduct of the said activity, with the following prescribed format:

- I. Executive Brief;
- II. List of Participants;
- III. Outputs of Technical Sessions;
- IV. Issues and Agreements or Recommendations, if any; and
- V. Appendices, if any.

For other inquiries, interested participants may directly coordinate with Mr. Elmer D. Cequiña, Youth Development Officer, General Santos City through Telephone Number (083)-553-0655 or thru email address: elmerceq@yahoo.com

Copy of the Program Design is hereto attached as reference.

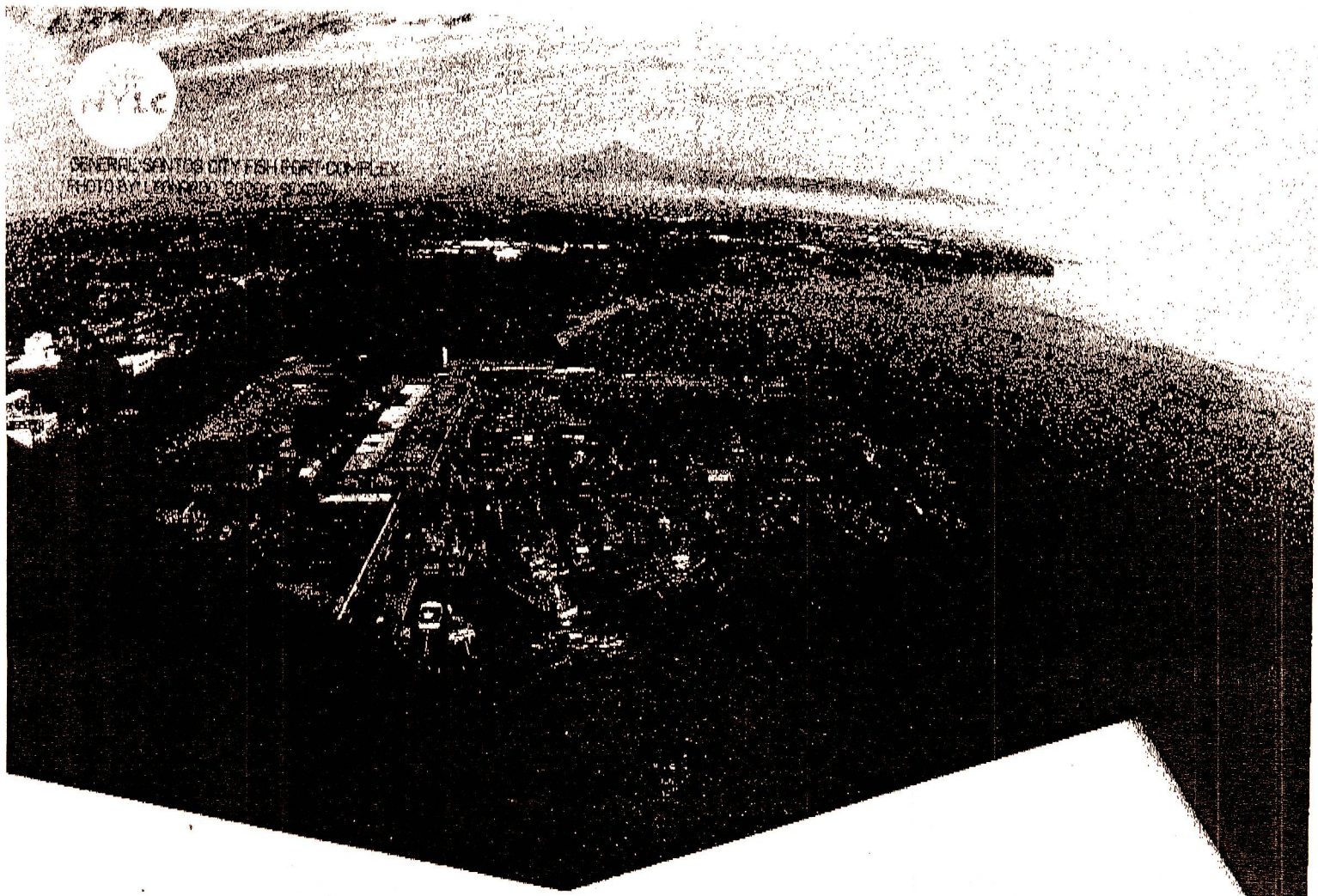
For the information and guidance of all concerned



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GENERAL SANTOS CITY FISH PORT COMPLEX
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2017 NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS' CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

MAY 20 - 23, 2017 | GENERAL SANTOS CITY

► PROGRAM DESIGN





BACKGROUND OF THE EVENT

I. TITLE:

2017 NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS' CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: "Encouraging Involvement and Empowerment of Next-Generation Leaders towards Sustainable Development"

II. PROJECT PROPONENTS:

Youth Affairs and Development Office- Office of the City Mayor, General Santos City, Asia- Pacific Youth Exchange, and Urban Youth Academy.

III. PROJECT IMPLEMENTORS:

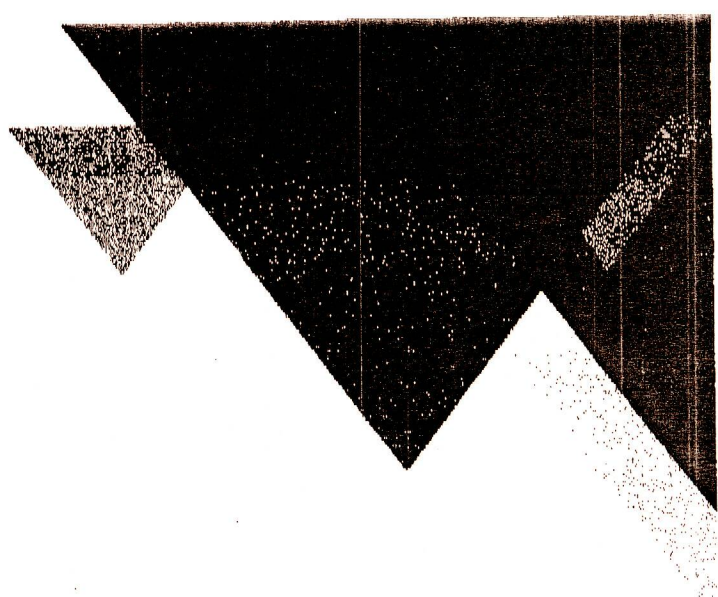
Youth Affairs and Development Office- Office of the City Mayor, General Santos City, Asia- Pacific Youth Exchange, and Urban Youth Academy.

IV. DATE:

20- 23 May, 2017

V. VENUE:

General Santos City, Philippines

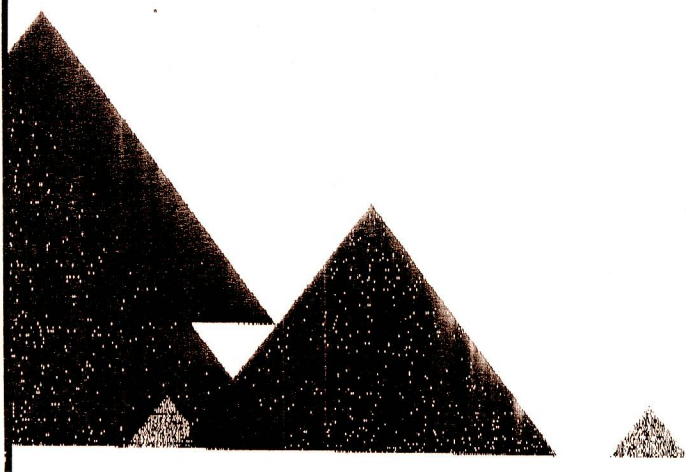
 RATIONALE

2017 National Young Leaders' Conference on Sustainable Development, organized by the City Government of General Santos (GenSan), through its City Youth Affairs and Development Office, and in partnership with Asia-Pacific Youth Exchange and Urban Youth Academy, aims to make the SDG campaign more localized and for youth leaders – especially those at the grassroots – to acquire the necessary knowledge and enhance the skills needed to participate in sustainable development initiatives.

The City, headed by its mayor Ronnel C. Rivera, is a highly-urbanized city in the Southernmost Philippines. Though considered to be one of the most competitive cities in the country, the City holds no exception to societal issues like extreme poverty, high incidence of child delinquency, and underemployment. GenSan also grabbed the record from Tuguegarao of being the hottest city in the Philippines, with heat index ranging from 38-44 degrees Celsius recorded throughout the year, thus making it one of the regions most affected by climate change in the country.

The Tuna Capital's fishing industry – highly-dependent on the abundance of resources in the nearby municipal and international waters – have yet to realize the importance of sustainable consumption and production which led to dwindling fish catch in the past few years.

By exposing the youth to these realities, and developing their potential to effectively act upon them, Local Government Units like GenSan aim to unite all sectors of the society through the youth and took a more aggressive and proactive stance towards achieving these 17 Global Goals in the next 13 years which is hoped to bring about the inclusive growth and development we have all been dreaming of.



CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

DAY ONE

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Registration and Billeing
Welcome Dinner

DAY TWO

6:00 AM - 7:45 AM
8:00 AM - 12:00 NN

Wake- up Call and Breakfast
Boot Camp (per cluster)

A series of plenaries and track sessions that will discuss topics related to the delegates' chosen element

Lunch Break

12:00 NN - 1:00 PM
1:00 PM - 5: 00 PM

Continuation of Boot Camp (per cluster)

Training on Parliamentary Rules and Procedures and Policy- Making (for Cluster Heads)

A basic training course on Parliamentary Rules and Procedures and Policy- making to prepare the Representatives to Young Leaders Council Meeting

Dinner

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

DAY THREE

6:00 AM - 7:45 AM
8:00 AM - 12:00 NN

Wake- up Call and Breakfast

Intersessional Meeting (per cluster)

The delegates will be given the opportunity to craft and discuss comprehensive policies aimed at solving challenges being faced by their respective communities.

Lunch Break

12:00 NN - 1:00 PM
1:00 PM - 3: 00 PM
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Continuation of Intersessional Meeting

Finalization of Output

Dinner

DAY FOUR

6:00 AM- 7:45 AM

Wake- up Call and Breakfast

Young Leaders' Congress

Delegates will have the opportunity to participate in the following inter-cluster competitions:

- Debate
- On-the- spot Poster- Making Contest
- Spoken Poetry
- Extemporaneous Speech

8:00 AM- 12:00 NN

Community Engagement

Select delegates will be sent out to schools and communities to spearhead the following activities:

- Tree- planting
- Story- Telling
- SDG Information and Education Campaign

Young Leaders Council Meeting (for Cluster Heads)

Simulating policy- making sessions, cluster heads will be convened and resolutions and ordinances crafted by each cluster will be presented for approval by the body.

Lunch Break

12:00 NN- 1:00 PM
1:00 PM- 3: 00 PM
5:00 PM- 8:00 PM

Young Leaders' Congress Culmination

Cultural Night



PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT

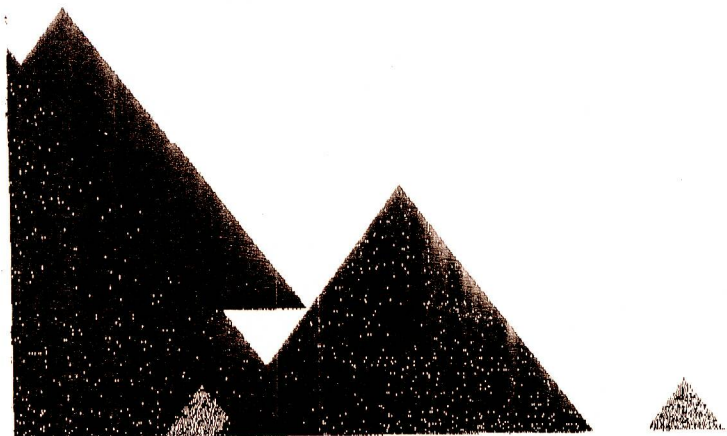
In recent decades, the world has witnessed the youth's unprecedented participation and engagement in responding to most pressing global issues. Leaders of today's generation, from the local to the international scene, has long since realized the importance of youth's opinion and their key role in crafting and conceptualizing comprehensive programs and policies aimed at addressing challenges like environmental degradation, and extreme poverty, socio- economic inequalities, limited political representation, and uneven educational and job opportunities people from around the globe has since been facing.

This premise has lead the United Nations to encouraging and pushing forward youth's active involvement towards achieving its organization's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Adopted in 2015 – and with the aim of integrating the three dimensions of Sustainable Development: social, economic and environmental – the 2030 Agenda's 17 goals and the 169 targets between them are interconnected.

The youth's significant role in engaging people at the grassroots and having served as active drivers of change in the communities they are in makes this potential very vital in communicating these goals to a wider society.

Two years after the initiation of Sustainable Development Goals, young people and youth-led and youth-serving organizations in the Philippines responded positively to the challenge of translating these goals into local and national policies and ensuring their proper implementation, monitoring and evaluation, and holding public offices accountable.

Being the only country in the world were the youth is represented in legislative bodies from the local to the national level, young people may utilize the opportunity given to them to help and complement with decision- makers as one of the primary stakeholders in achieving the SDGs.





OBJECTIVES

200 local youth leaders from across the country shall undergo leadership training and policy formulation simulation wherein they shall be given the venue to tackle issues they and their respective communities face and intellectualize policies aimed at addressing these issues.

Specifically, 2017 NYLC aims to achieve the following objectives:

- **Improve local youth leaders' understanding of Sustainable Development Goals;**
- **Build the capacity of the delegates in conceptualizing policies gearing towards the realizations of the SDG's;**
- **Engage youth leaders in designing programs tailored- fit to the needs of their respective communities;**
- **Encourage the delegates to bring the SDC campaign to the grassroots; and**
- **Foster ties and cooperation in future sustainable development initiatives targeted at the youth.**



The delegates will be divided into 5 clusters, based on the essential elements of the Sustainable Development Goals, as follows:

PEOPLE

- SDG 01: No Poverty
- SDG 02: Zero Hunger
- SDG 03: Good Health and Well-Being
- SDG 04: Quality Education
- SDG 05: Gender Equality
- SDG 06: Clean Water and Sanitation

PROSPERITY:

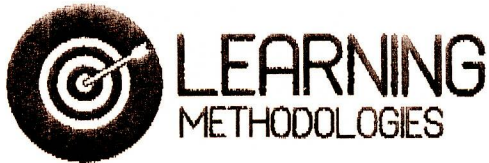
- SDG 07: Affordable and Clean Energy
- SDG 08: Decent Work and Economic Growth
- SDG 09: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure
- SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities
- SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities

PLANET:

- SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production
- SDG 13: Climate Action
- SDG 14: Life below Water
- SDG 15: Life on Land

PEACE:

- SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions



Aligned with the objectives of this program, the following major program components are proposed:

A. Boot Camps – The delegates will undergo boot camps, which will be done by cluster. They will have sessions and activities related to their respective elements, with the following objectives:

I. Gain Understanding of the SDGs– Participants will be able to understand the vital role of the youth in achieving the SDGs, and the context of the challenges faced by their respective communities and the country to achieve such goals; and

II. Improve Design Thinking – Through workshops on policy- making, delegates will obtain the necessary skills and knowledge to provide practical and feasible solutions to the challenges in their respective communities.

B. Young Leaders' Congress – Each cluster shall draft 1 ordinance and 2 resolutions related to their respective elements, and they must chose 3 representatives from among themselves who will propose it during the congress.

All 15 representatives shall then choose from among themselves the presiding officer of the session and parliamentary rules and procedures will be observed all throughout the session. There shall also be side events for non- representing delegates. This shall ensure that the following objectives are met:

I. Getting briefed, hearing arguments, and coming to decisions – The congress puts the delegates in their elected local officials' shoes by simulating process they go through in making policy decisions.

II. Encourage innovative solutions to address existing challenges - The youth delegates will be able to work with each other to design solutions to societal issues.

Note: The delegates' LGU's will be furnished with a copy of approved ordinances and resolutions upon the request of the delegates.



The City Government of General Santos through the Youth Affairs and Development Office is committed to working closely with the following government agencies and private organizations for the success of this program:

1. Asia- Pacific Youth Exchange
2. Urban Youth Academy
3. Department of Interior and Local Government
4. National Anti- Poverty Commission
5. Commission on Higher Education
6. Asian Development Bank- Youth for Asia