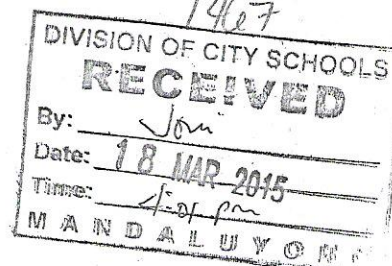


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ATTN: Mr. REX ADO

Hon. BENJAMIN C. ABALOS JR.
Mayor, City of Mandaluyong



It is with profound honor to be introducing the next person I am calling on. The transformation of Mandaluyong into the "Tiger City of the Philippines" can be greatly attributed to the kind of governance he instituted as local chief executive.

His name echoes the essence of leadership, service, dedication and compassion.

Thus, it is very reasonable when his perseverance and hard work equate to distinctions. He is a recipient of the:

- 1st Gen. Miguel Malvar Special Award by the Phil-American War Centennial Foundation
- Outstanding Philanthropist in Public Governance
- Environmental Award, Mayors Asia Pacific Environmental Summit in Hawaii
- Outstanding City Mayor to Campaign Against Illegal Drugs cited by the US-based International Narcotic Enforcement Association
- He is also an Apolinario Mabini Awardee for his concern on the plight of people with disabilities
- And several times over, as the Local Government Leadership Award - Most Outstanding City Mayor awarded by the Senate and Congress of the Philippines and leading universities in the country.

While being the chief executive of Mandaluyong, his leadership even transcended the boundaries of the Tiger City as he served as, in concurrent capacity as President (2007-2010) of the:

- League of Cities of the Philippines, comprising of the 143 cities in the Philippines
- And, of the Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines, an umbrella organization of some 1.7 million elective and appointive officials of the country that traditionally has been headed by a governor.

With his continuous pioneering efforts, Mandaluyong received numerous awards:

- Green Banner Award for three consecutive years (2010-2012), CROWN Award, and recently bagged the 1st Maintenance CROWN Award cited by the National Nutrition Council
- Two of the top 10 prestigious Galing Pook Awards 2013 for its life-changing programs: Garden of Life Park and the Project TEACH
- Presidential Award for Most Child Friendly City in the Philippines

- Back to Back Regional and National Kabaliklat Awards from TESDA for having the best manpower training school and program in the Philippines
- 2013 Most Business-Friendly City in the Philippines. Also, the city ranked No. 2 in Top Performing Cities Based on Locally Generated Revenues in the 2010-2011 Comparative Report of the Department of Finance-Bureau of Local Government Finance.
- And just recently, the coveted Seal of Good Housekeeping from the Department of the Interior and Local Government, and the
- Gawad Kalusugan Award from the Department of Health for its best performance in achieving systems-based approach in local health reforms.

As one of the 25 chosen speakers by the UN-Habitat and World Bank for his unique stewardship and innovative initiatives, his expertise was shared to local and international assemblies and summits, like the:

- 7th Session of World Urban Forum in Medellin, Colombia.
- 2014 Climate Business Forum, Hongkong
- International Congress of Ministers of Justice in Rome, Italy
- Asia Pacific Cities Summit on Reshaping the Urbanomics of Cities in Kaohsiung, Taiwan
- Global Development Debate on Greening Urban Growth in Penang, Malaysia
- UN Public Service Forum in the Republic of Korea.

He brings pride to Mandaluyong as being the only Filipino and sole Philippine Local Government representative to all of these events.

He also pioneered innovative ordinances in the city:

- The Code of Parental Responsibility and
- Riding and Tandem Ordinance

Not only is he the guiding force of the city, he is likewise the source of inspiration to serve for every Mandaleño. The man behind the slogan: GAWA, HINDI SALITA.

Ladies and gentlemen, the honorable Mayor Benjamin C. Abalos Jr.