

Hosting NSPC: Tagum City is set for the national event

“We make a stand, security measures will not be taken lightly” says presiding officer Vice Mayor Rellon during the City’s Peace and Order Council (CPOC) meeting on January 8, 2010 held at the Sanggunian session hall of the 4th City Council.

Behind Tagum’s reputation as a peaceful and child-friendly city, the City Government of Tagum regularly convenes the Peace and Order Council to coordinate closely with the participating agencies in assessing the city’s security.

Without doubt, the Asian Institute of Management (AIM) declared Tagum as the 7 Most Competitive Medium-Sized Cities of the Philippines. As home of Festivals and City of Parks, the Department of Tourism has also declared Tagum as the Palm City of the Philippines and the Music Capital of the South.

In preparation to the national event of National Schools Press Conference on February 22-26, the presence of DepEd Tagum Division Superintendent Nenita Lumaad emphatically asks the AFP and PNP in making a security statement to ensure the public on the upcoming nationwide event.

City’s Chief of Police PCI Giuseppe Geralde assures that Tagum is the safest place to live. “What we are polishing right now is our drive to education mitigation on traffic management, all the rest are already safeguarded” he added.

It can be recalled that City Mayor of Tagum Rey T. Uy has established five (5) Police sub-stations constructed in strategic places in the entry and exit points of the city.

In securing the public of any explosive devices, Mayor Rey Uy has also purchased a couple of bomb sniffing dogs under the care of Tagum’s SWAT Team.

In guarding terminal areas, monitoring devices like CCTV cameras have been installed all over the transport vicinity.

Army Captain Eddie Valde of 1003rd Brigade also assured the Council that their Battalion has continuously monitored the areas for the students’ guided tour in the eco-tourism park of Davao del Norte.

“We are in place and all venues are 100% safe” says Capt. Valde.

Army Reservists from 1102 RCDG Command Center have also expressed their commitment in rendering their services to protect the reputation of Davao Province as a peaceful community.

DepEd Supt. Lumaad reported that upon the deliberation of hosting the NSPC, Provincial Governor Rodolfo del Rosario has attached his assuring letter to the DepEd Committee that all participating

students and coaches of NSPC are guaranteed safe in the province.

“Tagum as insurgent-free area, may our friends from the media help us disseminate that we are ready for the national event of NSPC” says City Councilor Alan Zulueta.

After inspecting the testing centers and billeting quarters, the Deped’s technical working group has initially confirmed the hosting of Tagum City for NSPC event.

In time with the grandiose Musikahan Festival on February 19-28, the national event of National Schools Press Conference for student-journalists will be held simultaneously on February 21 to 26, 2010.
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