## **MESSAGE**

Those who were given the mandate to lead has the unenviable task of ensuring that scarce resources are equitably distributed and prioritized to benefit the most number of those who need attention. However, despite the tediousness of the undertaking it is both rewarding and a life changer.

The Provincial Planning and Development Office take this aspirations and goals into clear and concrete policy directions. These are then collectively mapped within the context of planned development so that the incumbent leadership could jump start the province towards the challenges and uncertainties of the future.

The effectiveness and "success" of these plans could be gleaned at the accomplishment reports of the various departments and agencies within the past year through the Local Government Report. This document provides a bird's eye view of what has been attained so far in the realm of economic and social development, infrastructure development, peace and order, environmental protection and sustainability and resources management.

My office extends its gratitude to the men and women who have helped made this report a little less laborious and more fulfilling as a public servant.

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