

Attachment 1. Background of the Provincial Government of Cavite

Vision Statement of the Province

*“Cavite... First Class, World Class,
Renowned for its Glorious History,
Empowered by its God-centered and environment-friendly people,
Governed by principled and dynamic leaders.”*

The above vision was crafted during the formulation of the Executive-Legislative Agenda (ELA) and Capacity Development (CAPDEV) agenda for the province held last August 12-14, 2010 in Tagaytay City which was participated by Provincial Officials and major stakeholders of Cavite.

As the Province of Cavite faces new challenges and a change in administration, this became the guiding principle of Governor JUANITO VICTOR C. REMULLA, JR. He opined that the Province's potentials were underutilized, the economic direction lacked focus and the necessary blue-print or road map for development is non-existent.

The Province of Cavite has achieved to become a first-class province in terms of many aspects such as provincial income, local governance status, and industrial development, among others. Despite holding that stature, the challenge of maintaining such rank remains and this requires hard work and perseverance among the leaders and cooperation of the citizenry. The journey of Cavite does not end at becoming a first-class province, as we also envision and is currently in pursuit to become world-class. As a world-class province, Cavite aims to be globally competitive in terms of its local governance system, education, infrastructure and utilities, human resource, tourism and others.

The aspirations of the Caviteños are enthused by its rich history which has shaped their innovative and revolutionary nature. Having played active roles in the acquiring of Philippine Independence, the Caviteños actively participates in nation-building by becoming one of the major contributors in the country's economic development. This was made possible with citizens who are God-fearing and has innate concern for the preservation of the environment.

These good characteristics that are continuously being nurtured and developed among the Caviteño youth will be complemented by principled and dynamic leaders who have clear vision of what they want to achieve for the province of Cavite. These leaders are local governance champions who value integrity and accountability in public service.

Thus, these scenarios will put Cavite in its nobility as Cavite... First Class, World Class!

Specific Development Strategies

In consonance with existing global parameters for development, the vision emphasized the need to transcend beyond parochial considerations and to move in parallel with the advancement at the global stage. It is in this light that the term, “Cavite... First Class, World Class,” was conceived as its brand name.

It also recognized the Province's immense contribution to our country's history being the center of our libertarian struggle. It also incorporated its leaders realizing their importance in instituting changes and reforms within their respective local government units.

The environment was likewise highlighted as it plays an integral part in the mapping of any development plans and acknowledging that to work in perfect unison its people has to become aware of its importance for our future and at the same time to place our confidence and faith to make all of these possible in our God.

Three development strategies were developed focusing on different major sectors as follows:

GENERAL PUBLIC SERVICES

“Good Governance is Good Politics” - A strong and productive provincial government that ensures effective and efficient public service, resource generation, utilization and mobilization through a workable Socio-Economic Development Plan

- Institute a new paradigm in governance on the basis of accountability, transparency, effectiveness, efficiency, leadership capability, sound judgment and congenial working environment
- Implement Strategic Approach to Policy Governance in order to achieve ISO standard in local and fiscal administration

SOCIAL SERVICES

The “6-17 CHALLENGE” To put-up vital and necessary social infrastructures to help meet and satisfy the needs and requirements of the prospective 6 million Caviteños by 2017

- Develop healthy and well-equipped individuals with relevant quality education as well as desirable values who are responsible, productive and self-fulfilling citizens
- Establish livable communities complete with all the amenities of a decent and comfortable living environment

ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

“*Cavite Open for Business*” – Increase the Province’s Carrying Capacity to accelerate its economic growth and development, through the formulation and implementation of a fundamentally sound fiscal, economic and environmental policies.

- Provide local solutions to national problems in order to combat recurring problems
- Exercise full corporate powers of the province as provided for in the Local Government Code

Resource Endowments

The provincial income of Cavite resulted to a minimal decrease of 1.047% from year 2012 to 2013. This is equivalent to Php25,847,563.91. The total income of the province for 2013 is Php2,441,960,116.42. The decrease was largely affected by decrease in the local taxes and the income from medical, dental and laboratory fees. On the other hand, the decreases were compensated by the increase in internal revenue allotment or the so-called IRA.

The decrease in local taxes was greatly affected by the conversion of Bacoor and Imus from municipality to city. The said cities no longer remits provincial share out of their real property taxes, thus a decrease of almost Php62M pesos. On the other hand, the income from medical, dental and laboratory fees that falls under Permits, Licenses, Service and Business Income decreased due to the transfer of account from the provincial government to the Botika ng Lalawigan ng Cavite.

The unstoppable urbanization in Cavite tends to convert the highly urbanized areas into cities which in effect will give them autonomy in terms of their local income. Given this challenge, the provincial government is continually instituting new measures, policies and systems as well as utilizing modern technologies that would contribute in a more efficient local taxes collection.

The comparative financial profile of the province from 2012 to 2013 is as follows:

	2012	2013
Internal Revenue Allotment Share	1,594,655,094.00	1,810,442,652.00
Local Taxes	765,233,114.82	570,284,045.28
Permits, Licenses, Service and Business Income	102,118,726.12	59,385,179.75
Other Incomes:		
Share from Economic Zones	-	18,845.16
Share from PCSO	-	-
Interest Income	5,800,745.39	1,829,394.23
Dividend Income	-	-
Insurance Income	-	-
	2,467,807,680.33	2,441,960,116.42

For two consecutive years, there has been no recorded income coming from PCSO, dividends and insurance. Unlike in 2012, an income of Php18,845.16 was generated from economic zones for 2013.

Potential Investment Areas

The development that happens in Cavite opens numerous rooms for potential investment in almost all sectors of society. The constant shoot-up of Cavite’s population drives the unremitting growth of the province, considering that human resource is a major factor in the success of one’s economy. The same is true in the other way around, wherein the reason for the population influx is the attractiveness of the employment opportunities in Cavite due to the presence of wide-range industries. Potential investment areas can be on the following areas:

Social Sector:

1. Health related investments like hospitals, medical clinics, medical tourism facilities
2. Socialized and high-end housing projects
3. Educational and Training Institutions and Facilities ranging from pre-school, elementary, secondary, tertiary which includes vocational and technical education
4. Leisure and recreational facilities utilizing the natural landscape and resources of the province such as nature parks

Economic Sector:

5. Banking and financial institutions to facilitate the up-boost of business and entrepreneurship
6. Agricultural post-harvest facilities (handling and processing)
7. Agricultural Products Trading Posts
8. Farm-to-Market Roads
9. Tourism facilities such as retirement villages, hotels, theme parks, resorts, etc.
10. Modern transport means like Light Rail Transit (Train)
11. International Airport
12. International Bulk Terminal
13. Bulk Water System
14. Cavite Reclamation Project
15. Cavite-Laguna Expressway
16. DaangHari – SLEX Link Road Project
17. R1 Extension Segment 5
18. Cavite-Batangas Tourism Road
19. Special Economic Zones

Environmental Management:

20. Solid Waste Disposal Facilities
21. Flood Mitigation Project (Multi-use Retarding Basin)

Local Governance:

22. ISO Certification
23. Computerization of Provincial Financial Transactions
24. Document Tracking System