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Bacolod to join CDM talks

BACOLOD CITY, May 27, 2008 (Asia Pulse Data Source via COMTEX) --

Highly-urbanized cities like Bacolod can play a vital role in the country's reduction of carbon emission with the programs being advocated by Bacolod City Council Committee on Energy Chairman Jocelle Batapa-Sigue.



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Batapa-Sigue will join a small and select group at the Asian Institute of Management (AIM) Policy Center next week to identify the policy gaps and opportunities for the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM).

The CDM, which involves carbon credit trading, encourages developed countries to support projects that reduce carbon emission in developing countries like the Philippines.

The reduction in carbon emissions produces equivalent certified emission reductions (CER's) that can help developed countries to meet their emission targets and developing countries to have cleaner technologies and earn from the CER's.

The proceeds from CERs can be translated into worthwhile projects for the communities' economic prosperity and social development.

Batapa-Sigue believes that the forum is important to explore and achieve projects for Bacolod as highly-urbanized to ensure that air, water and land pollution problems are addressed before they get out of hand.

The forum dubbed as Energy Policy Series Workshop and Discussion on the CDM and the Energy Sector is slated on May 29 and 30, 2008 and is supported by Konrad Adeneur Foundation.

The Sanggunian of Bacolod has approved various resolutions supporting the Batapa-Sigue's committee in the call for clean energy and in support of the Philippines' commitment to reduce carbon emissions under the

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Invited participants consist of high level government agency officials, local government leaders, legislators, AIM local and foreign students and various stakeholders from both the business and non-government organization (NGO) communities.

AIM Policy Center is the public policy-think-tank which aims to contribute to fostering a public policy environment that emphasizes the primacy of public and private sector collaborations to meet society's needs through economic, social and technological progress.(PNA)-br>LOR/AJP/CNC/vlo

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