



# NEWSLETTER 14

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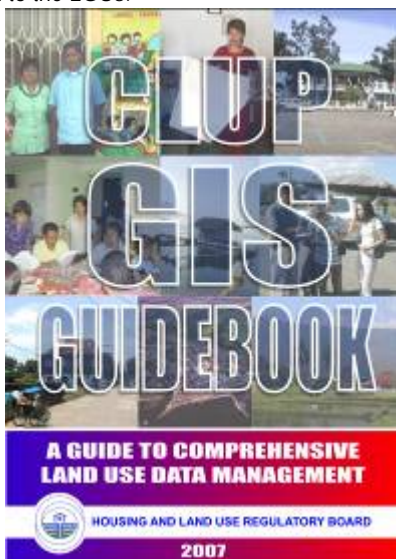
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## The Guidebook Has Been Approved

On November 12, the Guidebook was finally approved officially by the Board of Commissioners. The website of GIS Cookbook has already been made available in the end of November. The final draft textbook was sent to the printers for reproduction of 1000 copies. Likewise, 120 CDs were burned initially and given to the guests of the Launching and Sign-off Ceremony. The rest of the CDs will be produced before February 2008 to be distributed to the LGUs.



## The Guidebook Is Officially Launched!

On December 4 at the Shangri La Hotel Makati, the Guidebook was officially launched. Among the invited guests were the Vice President of the Philippines, Honorable Noli DeCastro and the Ambassador of Sweden, Her Excellency Inger Ultvedt and other key officials of participating National Government Agencies and private companies. During the sign-off ceremony speeches were given by the Vice President, the Ambassador of Sweden, the CEO of HLURB, Atty. Romulo Q.M. Fabul and Mr Ciriaco Calinisan, Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator, Laurel Batangas.

The CEO of HLURB mentioned in his speech that with the onset of GIS, he hopes to change both the pace at which the CLUP is done and the attitude of our LGUs towards adopting a CLUP.





The ambassador spoke about that this is an important project and that she is proud that Sweden has been able to participate in it, thereby also contributing to reducing poverty in the Philippines. It is her hope that the GIS Cookbook will be of use for the relevant Philippine authorities and population for many years to come, thereby proving to be a good investment both for Sweden and for the Philippines.



Finally in the Vice President's speech, he told the audience that the launching of the CLUP GIS guidebook is a major step that modernizes the process of formulating, preparing and updating Comprehensive Land Use Plans in all local government units across the country.

A plaque of appreciation was given to the two study Municipalities, The municipality of Laurel, Batangas and the City of Ormoc, Leyte. All the invited guests were given a CD containing a soft copy of the Guidebook while the LGUs who attended were given a printed copy of the Guidebook, as well.

A symbolic presentation of the " Cookbook " was presented to the League of Municipalities, League of Cities and to the League of Provinces symbolizing that it is ready to be used as their tool in CLUP preparation.

## Undertakings in the Near Future

This is the final Newsletter with Swedesurvey as a participant in the Project since their involvement in the Project ends in December 2007.. From now on, HLURB will continue working with the Guidebook and further Newsletters will be prepared and distributed by HLURB.

For the HLURB the next steps are the acquisition of new hardware for the Central and Regional Offices. Schemes and scheduling for the GIS Training for the LGUs will be planned by the ITG in cooperation with the FOSG. The GIS/ITG group of the HLURB will be responsible for updating and revise the Guidebook in the future.



*The Filipino Team will like to thank all involved from Swedesurvey for a good job done and wish you and all readers a Prosperous New 2008!*

## BACKGROUND

*Swedesurvey has been given the responsibility to assist Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board, the Philippines, in the preparation of guidelines how to use GIS in comprehensive land-use planning. The project is sponsored by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida).*

