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MESSAGE

I believe people empowerment has to emanate from and practiced by the people themselves. In many years that passed since the birth of the republic, development policies and plans that affect the very lives of the barangay residents were formulated by those holding power in halls of congress and traditional planners of the government. The people remained to be powerless in economic and political arena. This has been the planning language years back, “Top to Bottom” approach.

It is high time now to let the people in the barangay to prepare their Development Plan for them to benefit the fruits of their efforts. In a concerted efforts, the people must learn their history, appreciate their culture, and determine their resources.

As Municipal Mayor of Hagonoy, Davao del Sur, I congratulate the responsible barangay people who participated in the Comprehensive Barangay Development Planning through participatory rural appraisal approach. You have accomplished the most appropriate step in empowerment. I assure you that as long as I am your Local Chief Executive and even in my private life, I commit to support your plan. I hope that this plan will guide the Barangay Council and the Barangay Development Council in planning, implementing, and monitoring the projects of your barangay. But always pursue this with the united and active participation of the people.

I pray that God Almighty will light our way towards progress and development.

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