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First of all, let me extend my sincerest gratitude to all those who voted and given their full support for me during the last election and also for electing into office my whole SB slate. Your trust and confidence in our leadership is a challenge to our commitment in pursuing our developmental agenda towards achieving our vision for Jagna.

Six years ago when I first assumed office, my priority concern was setting the direction of the municipality – an **arduous** but **urgent** and **necessary step to unleash the potentials for Jagna's development**. To achieve this, I had to work out a **governance philosophy** encompassing three major concerns: institutionalizing structural reforms; expanding the governance base by broadening the participation of civil society and reaching the governed through strategic prioritization. Having set these concerns into action; six years after, together, we had undertaken major strides – significant outcomes of which are a work in progress.

Today, as I assume my 3rd and last term of office as local chief executive together with the 6th Sanggunian Bayan, allow me to present the highlights and milestones of the past two terms; the challenges and **agenda** in the next three years.

Milestones in Governance – An Overview of the last Six Years

Jagna's developmental process underwent through two major stages during the last six years. My first term focused on addressing specific and urgent concerns within the local bureaucracy and that of the broader constituency; and at the same time, undertaking the requisites for formulating the long-term development goals. **A good balancing act and complementation was the call of the time – the only formula to rise from the situation in 2001.**

The hallmark of my second term was the jumpstarting of the barangay and municipal development plans complemented by the Millennium Development Goals; seizing opportunities for partnership linkage that came our way and balancing these with ongoing specific and immediate concerns. **This time, bringing forward the Jagna development agenda into full swing is the urgent task.**

While we had surmounted the difficulties of my first 3 years in office, the work at hand is a greater challenge. Nevertheless, at this point in time, we had achieved modest gains - inspiring and pushing us to strive for more.

The New Jagna Public Market

After almost seven years since the old market was razed by fire in 1999, we are now witness to the full operation of the new Jagna public market at its original site – one of the most modern market facilities in the province. Although definitely a work in progress, as we look back, foremost recognition and credit are due to the unified effort of our executive and legislative branches- which played the decisive role in this undertaking. Also worthy of our commendation are those in the frontline of the implementation. From amending the ordinance of the previous SB for the transfer of the market to its original site; availing of a loan package from the Land Bank of the Philippines for the 1st floor of the main building; sourcing out funds from the municipal, provincial and national government for the wet market construction ; enactment of the Market Code; working out the nitty-gritty of the actual transfer of the occupants and pursuing the construction of the 2nd floor initially out of the Php10M revenues generated from within, **we are proud to have risen from the burnt down market in 1999.**

Rehabilitating the Jagna Waterworks System

We experienced a **significant breakthrough** in the rehabilitation of the Jagna waterworks system. By completing the installation of big pipes from the water source to the reservoir, we were able to improve the supply of water to the households of some urbanizing barangays and also that of the new public market. The ongoing installation of additional big pipes which have reached portions of metro Jagna is in preparation for

the construction of a bigger reservoir. Once in place, it will help sustain the ever increase water supply demand of Metro Jagna on a 24-hour operation.

Complementing this, are other initiatives like the protection of the water source through the reforestation program of which tree planting was conducted at the Lonoy and Odiong watershed areas. Moreover, the waterwork projects of other barangays were sourced out from the 20% Development Fund of the LGU and mainly from the Countryside Development Fund of Congressman Eladio Jala and Akbayan Partylist.

Improving Healthcare Services

The coming of PHILOS Health to Jagna in August 2004 and our partnership with them inked in a Memorandum of Agreement on October 11, 2004 ***has brought about tremendous change in the delivery of healthcare services of the municipality.*** Going on its 3rd year of partnership, around 38 US and Filipino volunteers visited Jagna as part of the 12 missions. Doing advocacy and establishing partnerships in their home front to help in the supply of equipments, medical supplies and medicines; indeed, ***PHILOS has made a difference in the provision of healthcare in the locality.***

In a span of three years, the following are the significant contributions of Philos:

1. Provision of medical equipments, supplies and medicines

- shipped more than 18 tons of medical equipments and supplies valued at \$676,000 (Php 33,800,000);
- shipped medicines for diabetes, infectious diseases and other essentials valued at more than \$554,448 (Php 27,722,400);
- outfitted the new ambulance with a full array of equipments and supplies, provided 6 infant incubators and trained staff to use them and also provided each midwife with a kit with supplies for home deliveries;
- donated an ultrasound machine, audiometers and other supplies and trained local providers in their usage and fully equipped and supplied the operating room of the TBGDH ;
- through the JP Healthcare Committee, shared some medicines , equipments and supplies not only to TBGDH but also to the Celestino Gallares Regional Training Center, Philippine National Red Cross-Bohol Chapter, government hospitals in Catigbian, Loon and Ubay

2. Conduct Healthcare training

- educational seminar for 70 doctors and nurses throughout the province of Bohol on the Basic Concepts of Rehabilitation Medicine and related topics;
- trained local health providers in the management of infectious diseases and infection control procedures, hypertension, infant resuscitation and hearing screening;
- established a database of all diabetic patients and trained local providers to screen, monitor and manage patients with diabetes

3. Provision of screening and treatment

- provided hearing screening to almost 500 grade school pupils and other individuals and donated hearing aids to those in need;
- screened residents for hypertension and over 2,000 people for diabetes and provided those diagnosed with this chronic disease: podiatric exam, diabetes education and an ongoing supply of oral medicine;
- conducted barangay-based medical missions covering around 3,000 individuals mostly from the upland and coastal barangays of the municipality; providing them with free medicines and vitamins; free ultrasound and blood testing as needed

4. Special Cases

- provided a double arm prosthesis and occupational therapy to a young man and distributed special foot braces and artificial legs to more than 20 beneficiaries previously examined;
- sent a 6-year old girl with bilateral hearing loss for customized hearing aids and ongoing speech therapy;

- provided for the eye operation of a 7-months old girl and for her specialized eyeglasses;
- provided for the hospitalization of a barangay resident during its latest medical mission for further observation and treatment for diabetes

In the pipeline is the purchase of a four-wheel drive vehicle to be used in providing healthcare services in the upland barangays. Projects related to water and agriculture are in the process of discussion and further study. ***Truly, we are so blessed and fortunate to have found a partner in Philos. Indeed, Mr. Forrest Malakoff deserves to be an adopted son of Jagna.***

Reinforcing our effort for better delivery of healthcare services were the medicines for the botica sa barangay project supplied by Akbayan; the new ambulance we acquired through the PCSO; the partnership with Culion Foundation and the ongoing implementation of the national health programs.

Concern for the Environment

The enactment of the Environment Code is a concrete result of an in-depth understanding of Jagna's physical and natural resources and realizing the importance of environmental protection and its key link to poverty reduction and good governance. Through this, we took definite steps in setting our direction of the different environmental concerns.

The signing of the MOA between EcoGov, DENR and the LGU in September 2002 to avail of technical assistance formally signaled the solid waste management efforts of the municipality. The formulation of the Jagna Ten-Year ISWM Plan (a 20-month long collaboration of the signatory agencies) and its adoption by the Municipal Development Council and the SB in 2004; the subsequent approval of the comprehensive ISWM ordinance; the establishment of the Central Material Recovery Facility and that of the Central Composting Facility; site selection and inspection of the proposed sanitary landfill and implementation of the ISWM Enforcement Plan are highlights of our endeavor.

Considered as the pilot area in Region 7 for social marketing campaign on solid waste management which had generated approvals and resistance during our intensive IEC campaigns, we are now witness to better compliance on segregation at source and other related activities in 7 urbanizing barangays. On the other hand, our composting facility is becoming a lakbay-aral favorite of a number of LGUs, some of which have requested our assistance for replication. Moreover, an important ingredient for organic fertilizer is being manufactured at our composting facility and attracting market.

The formulation of the Coastal Resource Management Plan which prioritized the institution of the marine sanctuaries in the coastal area is being revitalized for more comprehensive implementation. The several cases of violations of fisheries ordinance have been meted with the corresponding penalties.

The Mayana landslide in July 2005 was a great challenge to the LGU and MDCC in disaster response and management. Mustering strength to gather all possible support from different government agencies, private institutions, parties and individuals we were able to provide relief operation for about six months; facilitated in less than a year the reopening of the national road which had been cut off and initially provided for the rehabilitation of agriculture and livelihood of the affected families.

Linkage with the UP-NIGS and MGB VII for post disaster coordination had been established and tree planting activities not only in watershed areas but also in landslide prone areas had been undertaken. Assistance for victims of natural and man-made disasters had been provided and initial steps for house relocation of Mayana landslide victims have been undertaken.

Enhancing Agricultural Productivity

With agriculture as the economic backbone of Jagna, initiatives to increase productivity were urgent concerns especially for the crop and livestock sectors. While implementing national and provincial programs, we also pushed with our local focus. ***Although, we still have to make a significant take-off in this vital sector, nevertheless, there are modest gains which can serve as our impetus for a major breakthrough.***

We have started our efforts to promote organic agriculture. The establishment of demonstration and model farms at the MAO and 8 pilot barangays is underway. The launching and season long training on vegetable and fruit production is being conducted for the first batch of the pilot barangays. Moreover, the production of indigenous microorganism and vermin-cast for organic fertilizer is also ongoing at the agriculture office. Methods including seed trials for the production of organic rice are among the priority for study especially that this crop has a longer conversion period.

The LGU has also supported the ubi dispersal program and marketing which is on its 4th year. There is an increase in the area of production and the number of ubi growers. We have also established a nursery for the bongon variety to be used as planting materials for conversion and expansion. The produce of the banana grower are marketed to Alter Trade-Japan through PFTAC. An improved water supply facility is being installed at our new demo farm for cutflowers and there is a nursery for hybrid and native variety of coconut.

The Swine Production Center managed by the LGU has been completed with a swine dispersal program of which 25 barangays had been served. Regular programs on artificial insemination, vaccination and deworming of livestock and other veterinary services have been extended by the MAO. The municipal rabies prevention and eradication program has also started.

With the purchase of the grader equipment and assistance from the province, a number of farm-to-market roads had been opened and improved. Likewise, other technical support services had been extended to improve knowledge and skills of farmers and technicians.

Poverty Alleviation and Creating Livelihood Opportunities

Jagna had been chosen as one of the three pilot municipalities in 2005 where the MDG Monitoring System was implemented by a multi-agency partnership funded by the European Union. The poverty profile generated from this project has been integrated into the barangay and municipal development plans which serve as benchmark and tool in monitoring and evaluating development initiatives.

Based on the Poverty Database Monitoring System (PDMS) of the provincial government, out of the 47 towns including the City of Tagbilaran, Jagna ranks **No. 46** with a percentage of **11.09%** based on the 12 indicators used in determining poverty level. This means that we have a low poverty incidence compared to the other municipalities in the province. However, within our municipality, the profile related to hunger and poverty indicates the highest incidence of deprivation.

Efforts are underway to improve home-based cottage industries and agri-business ventures of the marginalized sectors especially the women through assisting them in organization development, product experimentation and development, processing, packaging and marketing. Significant breakthroughs have yet to be experienced and sustainability measures to be worked out.

Concept and capsule proposals are being prepared on particular projects that will impact on poverty alleviation and funding agencies have initially been identified. We are pursuing this upon realizing that our local sources cannot be enough to fund the developmental projects.

Service Delivery of Other Continuing Programs

We have always supported and addressed the ongoing programs and special projects related to education, social welfare and public safety and protection in the last six years. In the area of education, we had provided books and reading materials to the 33 Daycare Centers. Scholarships to deserving high school students were provided through the Alay-Lakad funds and additional financial assistance had been allocated besides the share of the SEF. We also facilitated the sourcing of funds for the renovation of the Naatang Elementary School, after it was partially razed by fire.

We had also started extending health insurances in the barangays.

The women's organizations in the barangays had been revitalized and are into a variety of livelihood undertakings. With the enactment of the Jagna GAD Code and the implementation of the Anti-VAWC there is a new level of awareness of women rights in the municipality. The enactment of the Children's Code has raised our efforts for the promotion of the rights of the child and its enforcement. The construction of the

senior citizens center was a welcome development for this sector which serves as their venue for meetings and discussions of issues and activities. The out of school youth and the differently-abled had their share of activities which we supported but we need to improve our strategies for these sectors.

For six years now, Jagna's peace and order situation is generally manageable with the PNP playing an important role in this undertaking. Most common crimes committed were petty theft and physical injuries. There is also a notable reduction of crime incidents at the port area. While other types of crimes occurred, the preventive measures taken through the IECs and the training of barangay tanods had been contributory factors for the peace and order situation. Crime solution efficiency has also improved. On the other hand, violations of existing laws were dealt with the corresponding penalties. To ensure public safety, fire and life safety lectures, training of community-based volunteer fire brigade, regular fire drills and demonstrations, pre-incident surveys and fire safety inspections on all types of occupancies were conducted. The acquisition of the police car and communication equipments for these enforcement agencies had also improved their efficiency.

Promoting the Culture and the Arts

We are proud that the commemoration of the 375th Founding anniversary of Jagna as a parish and a town was within our term of office. We should all applaud ourselves for our hard work in making this historic event a meaningful and successful undertaking.

The year-long preparation was highlighted by several religious activities and important events: the launching of our local history publication - Jagna Commemorative Book; recognition of more than a hundred Jagnaans in different fields of endeavors; funding raising through the Globalik queen for the construction of a cultural heritage museum cum library; showcasing of our agricultural and livelihood potentials through the agri-food and crafts fair and showdown of the Sinuog-Estokada. ***Being part of the 375th celebration makes us proud to be Jagnaans!***

The Sinuog-Estokada which had been institutionalized for the last six years has become a main feature during our fiesta celebration. And what started as a competition within the locality has expanded to other municipalities.

While the LGU had always been supportive of the other activities in the culture and the arts as well as in sports, we need to review strategies and programs not only for their promotion but for sustainability.

Fiscal Performance

The internal revenue allotment has increased by **58%** in the span of six years. With a yearly average of **Php 28,384,940.68**, this comprised about **75%** of our general fund. On the other hand, our locally-sourced funds had also increased by **125.6%** in six years period with a yearly average of **Php 9,103,554.90**.

Among the local sources, economic enterprises contributed **57%**; local taxes came in second with **25%**; permits and licenses was **7.8%**; service income was **5.6%** and other incomes was **4.6%** in the six years period. From 2001 to 2006, economic enterprises increased by **114.12%**; local taxes also increased by **86%**; permits and licenses increased by **63.4%** and service income increased by **705.28%**.

For the 5-months period of 2007, we have received **42.7%** of the IRA and have generated **65.55%** from local sources based on projections.

While the IRA remains as the biggest source of our general fund, the remarkable increases of our local funds signifies the potentials of the local sources. Our efforts should be commended but not a reason to be complacent about. Enactment and timely review of fiscal measures, carefully studied projections, consideration of the paying capacity of the constituents and better delivery of service should be factors to be considered in maximizing the potentials of our local sources.

As the general fund is allocated mainly for personal services, operation and maintenance, the 20% Development Fund is not enough for the development projects especially that a portion of this has been

allocated for interest payments of our market loan. We had to generate financial assistance and non-financial contributions as well as avail of technical assistance for our development projects through our partnerships and linkages.

Instituting Good and Responsive Governance

A significant achievement in our governance is the formulation of our development plans at the barangay and municipal levels using the bottom-to-top approach framework and the participatory process. Complementing this effort was the integration of the poverty profile generated through the MDG Monitoring System project of which we were among the pilot municipalities. While this major breakthrough represents one aspect of governance, the implementation phase is a far bigger challenge.

Reforms were instituted within the local bureaucracy especially at the start of my first term to ensure that the LGU workforce was prepared for their tasks. Continuing capability building activities, institutionalizing systems especially in fiscal matters as well as organization and organizational management were the measures undertaken so that local service providers are not only efficient and effective but also committed. The system of promotions, recognition and incentives was instituted and awarded to deserving employees and those with offenses were meted out corresponding disciplinary actions.

Various infrastructure projects within the offices of LGU and those which cater to the public were constructed for better work environment; performance and better service delivery. The LGU also took steps in the improvement of the Jagna Wharf under the PPA and that of the LTO office.

Participatory governance is also evident in the membership and participation of POs, NGOs, Church and the private sectors in the activated and functional Code-mandated special bodies and other special structures created during this period. Likewise, we also established partnerships and network linkages with other local, national and international institutions in pursuing our development goals. Fostering partnership for development has been a key in our achievements.

As the central law-making body at the municipal level, the Sanggunian Bayan performed distinctly in the enactment of development legislations attuned to the MDP. This performance has awarded them the recognition as the Most Outstanding Sanggunian Bayan in Region 7 and a National Finalist in their category. This honor should inspire them to do more. On the other hand, the effort of the barangay councils is evident in their commitment and hard work to implement their development plans. For performing barangays, the LGU conferred awards to the 15 Outstanding Barangay Councils.

We have just started and much needs to be done but we consider our achievements the last six years as SIGNIFICANT. Having formulated our Vision and Mission and determined the strategies, we have gained breakthroughs in some and still working on the process in others. ***Definitely, we are moving forward.***

Our Priorities in the Next Three Years

Affirming the relevance of the Ten Year Municipal Development Plan and the MDGs, abreast with our current realities and with due consideration to external factors, ***we have to consolidate our gains to achieve major breakthroughs in the next three years. The ten-point agenda in my last term of office shall be the key link to transforming our vision into reality.***

1. Vigorously increase productivity and promote organic agriculture that is LGU-led

The conditions for agriculture to make a significant leap from its previous state of sluggishness are in place. In pushing for a breakthrough, ***we focus on our particular agricultural agenda in complementation*** with the national and provincial programs. ***To keep us grounded, the 3-year strategic plan for agriculture should be in place and start moving in the third quarter of 2007 at the minimum and at the end of the year at the maximum.***

The LGU shall lead in the promotion of organic agriculture. We shall strive to promote healthy eating among our people and bring back fertility to the soil as a minimum goal and to augment the income of the farming household as the maximum objective at this initial stage. We shall determine priority agricultural

products for conversion. The IEC is an important component to promote awareness on going organic. On the other hand, ***we shall produce our own organic fertilizer*** as a necessary requirement for sustainability.

We shall identify agricultural crops which will be viable for agri-business ventures and shall support its value chain.

We shall purchase the necessary equipments to open, improve and maintain our farm-to-market roads to ensure safe and convenient transport of the produce of the farm and of people. Among other support services, the road infrastructure projects are of vital importance to agriculture.

2. Propel the creation of sustainable livelihood programs and projects particularly among the marginalized sectors

Our municipal poverty profile reveals that **41.87%** of our household population live below the income threshold; **46.51%** of households are below the food threshold and **10.78%** of those considered in the workforce are unemployment (the underemployed are not included in this category). This data should push us to take determined action that will result to a significant improvement in the lives of our marginalized constituents.

Towards this direction, we will study the ***opening of a friendly credit assistance program to the enterprising marginalized sector***; come up with a ***LGU-led structure that shall be concerned generally with livelihood programs and projects and to include directions, strategies and a workable 3-year plan***. Considering that we are basically an agricultural town, we shall undertake our particular agricultural value chain study as one strategy to determine our focus in creating sustainable livelihood projects.

We will complete the construction of the 2nd floor of the main market building during my term. Initial steps have been taken so that its construction will be continued.

3. Continue with vigor the drive for sound environmental management

Environmental protection and management is the key to development. Our effort to improve the lives of people will not be enough if we do not take good care of our environment.

We should reach out to more households in the urbanizing barangays in the drive of segregating waste at source. We will also make operational the sanitary landfill and the MRFs. ***We will push for the clean-up of our rivers and creeks starting from the uplands downstream.*** Based on the conditions of the barangays outside the Metro area, measures on environmental protection and management should be enacted and enforced.

We should also consciously undertake measures to protect our watershed areas.

The coastal resource management plan should not remain a paperwork but should start to see action.

We shall work out that the relocation of the Mayana landslide victims will be realized.

A structure similar to the PENRO shall be in place to unify environmental concerns like the integrated solid waste, coastal resource and upland development.

4. Further improve the health and nutrition situation of the people

We will solve the problem of doctor's visibility in the upland barangays by deploying a doctor and medical staff. Complementary to this shall be the improvement of the barangay health centers in the order of priorities. ***With the donated four-wheel vehicle by Philos Health whose operational strategy has to be defined,*** we hope for a better delivery of health service that will result to a healthy populace in the mountain barangays.

We will increase yearly the number of PhilHealth beneficiaries who will come mainly from the marginalized sectors.

Free medication for particular ailments shall be provided especially to marginalized patients. We shall work out that complete immunization for 0-5 year old children and maternal care for pregnant women and lactating mothers be significantly improved.

We reiterate that healthcare should not only be curative treatment but more on preventive measures. To achieve this, communities need to come up with projects that focus on health and nutrition. We are therefore committed to further improve health services at our rural health center.

We will also strengthen our partnership with Philos Health and work on sustainability concerns.

5. Pursue the rehabilitation of the Jagna waterworks and the realization of the integrated barangay waterwork system.

For the Jagna waterworks, we will complete the installation of the big pipes in the main arteries and its connection to the households. Likewise we will construct a bigger reservoir to ensure the continuous supply of water to the service areas.

We shall also continue to source funds for the ongoing integrated water projects in the barangays.

The water projects hope to improve the health and sanitation of the community, produce potable water and also bring water to the farms.

6. Further improve the delivery of social and protective services

Effective and efficient delivery of services will make a difference in the continuing programs of the social and protective services of the LGU. The **quality of service will be further improved if we review our direction and strategies.**

We should work out how to develop the sectors of the out-of-school youth, the elderly and the differently-abled as we continue to support and strengthen the daycare centers and the women sector. We will strengthen our continued support to education.

For our Muslim constituents, we will pursue our commitment to acquire a lot to be used as burial grounds for their deceased Muslim brothers.

We will request the Provincial PNP for additional policemen to beef up our police force. The PNP should continuously upgrade its capability in the prevention of crimes and in further improve its crime solution efficiency. Good community relation is also important in crime prevention and solution.

The fire personnel should upgrade their capability for prompt and prepared response to situations. This is crucial to saving lives and properties.

We will continue to develop and support activities in the culture and the arts as well as in sports. We will also start with the construction of the cultural heritage museum cum library.

7. Strengthen our existing partnerships and expand our linkages for development

Our experience has proven the effectiveness of partnership for development. We need more of these as we are implementing our development plans.

We have to strengthen and work for sustainability measures with our existing partners and identify new linkages for the coming years.

We shall continue preparing project proposals based on the development plans and further improve our capability in this area. Projects which are carefully packaged have a better chance of acceptability by funding partners.

We encourage our peoples' organizations to consolidate and strengthen their ranks for their role in governance is important. We will extend our support for undertakings in line with our development goals.

8. Develop the role of Jagna in the tourism map and also of priority tourism spots

In the tourism cluster where we belong, the municipality of Jagna has been identified as the service center of tourism. Towards this direction, we will work out the requirements for a hub and invite investors to develop service facilities.

We have also to identify from among our many tourism potentials our priorities so we can start developing them.

The area around the port (including the reclamation area) and market, the municipal plaza, and the Jagna gymnasium are important to be considered in infrastructure development.

9. Intensify revenue generation

Our development plans will need enormous funding in the next years. ***But in generating for the local coffers, let us be guided by the paying capacity of the middle and lower levels especially the marginalized sectors; the LGU's role in creating a vibrant economy, IECs on this concern for awareness and delivery of better services.***

While increasing local funds, external fund sourcing will be important to realize our goals. What is important that financial transactions should always benefit the LGU and the Jagnaonons.

10. Continuously enhance our efforts for good governance

First, we need to further strengthen the local bureaucracy as it holds a vital role in achieving the targets for the coming years. This will mean continuously upgrading our capability and inculcating values clarification to keep in pace with the numerous work before us. We also need to improve work relations at different levels. ***This means coordination and harmonization of strategies, processes and relationships which shall apply within each office; inter-offices, the LGU and the public-our constituents.***

Today, we will effect a 10% across the board salary increase to all regular employees and will undertake a study on the wage increase of casual employees.

We shall establish an internal management system wherein the rank and file shall be kept abreast of development in the performance of our work. ***We will also develop an information system*** wherein our constituents will be informed and updated of important developments. ***A feedback system*** shall also be in place for the leadership to be informed of the sentiments of the people and act on legitimate concerns.

A review of our organizational structure and staffing, functions and responsibilities in line with our priorities has to be undertaken to be more efficient and effective in our work.

A Call to my Colleagues in the 6th Sanggunian Bayan

To the 6th Sanggunian Bayan, almost all of whom journeyed with me in the last six years - you had been indispensable partners in leading our municipality to what it is today. ***This time, once again, we will need to work together vigorously to realize our goals. Uniting on our priorities is of utmost importance. As I present my 10- point agenda today, I fervently hope that you share with me the same priorities - on what we have to do in the next three years.***

In doing so, I would like you to enact the necessary legislations based on my legacy agenda and to consider the need for review of existing legislations when required. I shall be in touch with you from time to time in the process of implementing our tasks.

Lastly, as municipal officials and looked up by our constituents, let us consciously be ROLE MODELS – inside and outside of our offices. This is the least we can do for the trust given to us.

A Call to My Fellow Jagnaanons

We all have roles to play in the making of a better Jagna. We need an active and responsible citizenry to realize our dream for Jagna. I enjoin all of you to do your part and not just pose as passive bystanders, unprincipled critics or just people who are out to destroy development efforts for selfish reasons. Only by working together, we can surely surmount the challenges before us and will carry through.

Least we forget, we implore the blessing and provision of the Triune God and the Blessed Virgin and the guidance of St. Michael the Archangel in our journey for a progressive Jagna.

Maghiusa kita ug Padayon para sa malungtarong kalamboan sa Jagna! Mabuhí ang Jagna! Mabuhí kitang Jagnaanon!

DAGHANG SALAMAT UG MAAYONG BUNTAG SA TANAN!