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Mayor Sarion Lone Pinoy to Attend Cairo Global Summit



DAET, Camarines Norte - Everything that is good and beautiful about this capital town of Camarines Norte will be highlighted during the Global Sister Cities and Twinning Summit on Sept. 7 to 9, 2011 in Cairo, Egypt as Mayor Tito Sarion, the lone Filipino town chief executive invited by the organizer of the event, presents Daet's best practices in local governance before delegates from 2,000 cities in 136 countries worldwide.

Jim Dumas, executive vice president and interim chief executive officer of the Sister Cities International extended the invitation to Sarion in a letter dated July 13, 2011. Dumas in his letter to the Daet mayor said the summit is the first time ever that sister city and town twinning organizations from across the world will convene to share knowledge of programming and priorities among member cities and towns to explore new ways to partner together and leverage resource.

Sister Cities International is a non-profit citizen diplomacy network that creates and strengthens partnership between the United States of America and international communities. With a worldwide network of some 2,000 cities in 136 countries, it builds global cooperation at the municipal level, promote cultural understanding and stimulate economic development.

The Cairo summit that Sarion will attend will bring together leaders from citizen diplomacy organizations worldwide to discuss the relevance and role of people-to-people diplomacy through the model of city twinning. It will focus on how partnership can address ranging issues from water management to economic development to good governance to promote peace and prosperity among peoples of the world.

Participation to the global event is strictly by invitation only and includes free round trip airfare and hotel accommodations for all invited guests. The invitation is also not transferable. The Summit is funded by Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Sarion, who already confirmed his attendance in the international gathering, said his participation in one of the workshops during the summit will give him the opportunity to present Daet's best practices in local governance and tourism, which are recognized around the country and abroad.

Aside from being known as the first town in the country to erect a monument in honor of the national hero, Dr. Jose Rizal, Daet is now widely known as the Philippines' kiteboarding haven with the successful holding of the Daet International Kiteboarding competitions in February and December 2010.

This early, Sarion is drumming up the promotion of Visit Daet 2012 Balikbayan Year. Visit Daet 2012 packed with festive and exciting events targets Daetenos residing or working in other countries to visit their birthplace for a grand homecoming.

Last month, the Daet mayor spoke about trade and investment opportunities in Daet and the Bicol region in three major events in the US through the invitation of the Bikol National Association of America (BNAA) and the Department of Tourism (DOT) in Jacksonville, Florida and Los Angeles, California.

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