

City Awards Entry Passes to 110 Families- Dreams Brought to Reality



The local government of Cagayan de Oro in its continuing efforts to provide decent shelter especially to those who were affected by the Typhoon Sendong worked hand in hand with the Department of Social Welfare & Development (DSWD) and the Japan's Non-Project Grant Aid which provided materials for 722 housing units that greatly aided the city in providing decent resettlement site to the Sendong survivors of the city. Through the collaborative efforts of the city and other housing and private agencies, the 722 Japan's Non-Project Grant Aid Resettlement Site in Pahiron, Lumbia, finally came to its fruition in the 25th of April 2017 and its land development in 2018.

Despite the challenges that the administration has gone through just to make this project happen, the development of the housing project continued in a span of three years and produced 416 housing units with complete amenities and utilities. Currently, it is now 90% finished with housing units that are ready for occupancy thus, on April 29, 2021, 110 beneficiaries were given entry passes to their assigned housing units. They are the second batch of families facilitated by CHUDD that will finally live in a decent shelter far from elicit danger.

Hope, joy and the feeling of gratitude were evident in the eyes of the beneficiaries as they receive their entry passes giving them entitlement to finally live in a conducive shelter with their families.

The momentous event was graced by City Vice Mayor Joaquin "Kikang" Uy, along with some City Councilors, Hon. Edgar Cabanlas, Hon. Malou Gaane, and Hon. Alam Lim, where each delivered a message to the beneficiaries highlighting the efforts exerted by the administration just to make this project happen, the challenges it has gone through and expressed how happy they are to have finally witnessed the beneficiaries moving into their new homes to start a new life. On the other hand, Hon. Aerol Torralba, Barangay Administrator, Lumbia, on behalf of Barangay Chairman Alexander Torralba welcomed the families to their new community and encouraged them to consider each other as neighbors now and that starting on, the Barangay is very much willing to extend their arms in accommodating whatever future concerns that they will be facing. While Engr. Ermin Pimentel, CHUDD Department Head, provided a brief overview of the project, and reminded the beneficiaries of their duties and responsibilities as they move in to their assigned housing units. **J.E.**