



GIS Advocacy

FIRST GIS TRAINING CONDUCTED AFTER THE GIS GUIDEBOOK LAUNCHING

The Mayor of Esperanza, honorable Mayor **Leonida Manpatilan** requested for a GIS training using the CLUP GIS Guidebook for the planning staff of the Municipality. The request was done thru our HLURB Regional Office XIII (CARAGA) Officer-in-Charge, **Mr. George Martinez**.



The Honorable Mayor **Leonida P. Manpatilan** of Municipality of Esperanza, Agusan del Sur, delivering a message to participants during the training.

In view of the request, a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was signed between HLURB headed by the CEO and Commissioner Romulo Q. Fabul and the Municipality of Esperanza, province of Agusan del Sur headed by the honorable Leonida Manpatilan. She also extends her heartfelt thanks to CEO and Commissioner **Romulo Q. Fabul** of HLURB for assisting the municipality in CLUP preparation using the GIS Guidebook.

The training was held last May 26-30, 2008 at Balanghai Hotel, Butuan City. The trainers were from the ITG Central Office who assisted the HLURB Region CARAGA to be future trainers. The ITG head, Emma C. Ulep came together with the ITG staff, Runel Taningco, Danilo Palomo and Frederick Ligsay.

It is a very timely training as the Regional Office for CARAGA Region is also currently assisting the municipality in updating their CLUP.

The participants who have enough knowledge in computers were selected by the Mayor. They proved to be very fast learners as they have been practicing in the evenings doing the thematic maps using their very own data.

The training was hectic since the original training design sums up to 11 days. However, the training design was revised accordingly to five days.

The Mayor of Municipality of Esperanza **Leonida P. Manpatilan** (6th from left, first row) takes a timeout to pose with training participants together with HLURB RFO-CARAGA-HLURB planners headed by their OIC **Mr. George Martinez** and Central ITG-GIS staff led by **Ms. Emma C. Ulep**.



Highlights/Photos of the training:



For those interested in this training you may contact the nearest HLURB Regional Office who will coordinate with the HLURB Central office.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE CLUP GIS GUIDEBOOK

The printed copies of the CLUP GIS Guidebook were mailed to the HLURB Regional offices for distribution to the target groups especially those who have no access to the internet. A CD containing the rest of the toolbox was likewise included in the distribution. However, it can be accessed through the web for free at this address within the HLURB website: <http://www.cookbook.hlurb.gov.ph/>

The HLURB CLUP GIS Cookbook website

Last December 4, 2007, the GIS Cookbook website was up and running coinciding with the GIS Cookbook's launching and sign-off ceremony. The Cookbook website is within the HLURB website under the LGU category.

The GIS Cookbook website is easy to use as it provides hyperlinks for certain topics, tables, templates and many more.

It consists of two parts: The text book has three chapters discussing what you need to know about GIS in CLUP preparation while the toolbox contains the methodology or applications, tools, templates, tables for data gathering and analysis and tutorials in generating the GIS maps.

It is free for anyone to use and downloadable. As it is a living document, it is going to be updated every now and then.

The image displays two screenshots of web browsers. The top-left screenshot shows the HLURB website homepage, featuring navigation menus, a search bar, and contact information including the HLURB Hotline: (632) 927-3061. The top-right screenshot shows a page titled 'CLUP GIS Guidebook' with a cover image of the guidebook and contact details for the HLURB. The bottom screenshot shows the '0.0 GIS Cookbook' website, which includes a 'Table of Contents' with sections like 'Text Book', '0.0 GIS Cookbook', '1.0 Read Me First', '2.0 Introduction to GIS', and '3.0 The Cornerstones of a Functioning GIS'. It also features a 'User login' section and a large graphic for the 'CLUP GIS GUIDEBOOK'.

For more information, you may go to the CLUP GIS Guidebook website: <http://www.cookbook.hlurb.gov.ph> or HLURB website: <http://www.hlurb.gov.ph>.

For GIS Training, you may coordinate with our HLURB Regional Offices for information or email the ITG Head, Ms. Emma C. Ulep – eulep@hlurb.gov.ph