



SECOND REGULAR SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 349

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND EXTENDING PROFOUND GRATITUDE TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OF COTABATO CITY FOR SUCCESSFULLY HOSTING THE 2023 BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (BARMMAA) MEET

WHEREAS, Paragraph 1, Section 19, Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution states that the State shall promote physical education and encourage sports programs, league competitions, and amateur sports, including training for international competitions, to foster self-discipline, teamwork, and excellence for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry;

WHEREAS, Section 13, Article IX of Republic Act No. 11054 or the Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL) provides that the Bangsamoro Government shall recognize the vital role of the youth in nation-building, promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, and nationalism, encourage involvement in public and civic affairs, and promote mental and physical fitness through sports;

WHEREAS, Section 20 of the same article provides that the Bangsamoro educational system shall encourage and supports programs, league competitions, indigenous games, martial arts, and amateur sports including training for regional, national, and international competitions;

WHEREAS, the 2023 Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao Athletic Association (BARMMAA) Meet took place on May 25-29, 2023 at Cotabato City which brought together athletes from all across the Bangsamoro Region;

WHEREAS, the BARMMAA Meet is an event that provides a platform for the Bangsamoro youth to showcase their inherent talents in various athletic disciplines and serves as a stage to exhibit their prowess in the field of sports;

WHEREAS, different sports were played across the city which includes archery, arnis, athletics, badminton, baseball, boxing, chess, basketball, billiards, football, futsal, paragames, pencak silat, sepak takraw, softball, swimming, table tennis, taekwondo, volleyball, wrestling, and wushu;

WHEREAS, participating in the event were representatives from eleven (11) divisions, namely: Maguindanao del Sur, Maguindanao del Norte, Lanao del Sur I and II (including Marawi City Division), Basilan (including Lamitan City Division), Sulu, Tawi-Tawi, Cotabato City Division, and Special Geographic Area Division;

WHEREAS, throughout the five-day sports event, no untoward incident happened as the safety of the athletes was ensured by the security forces of Cotabato City. Police officers were constantly patrolling around the city to maintain the peace and order situation during the BARMMAA Meet;

WHEREAS, despite the threat of Super Typhoon *Mawar*, the organizers and participants of the BARMMAA Meet still displayed remarkable determination to successfully carry out the said event;

WHEREAS, the 2023 BARMMAA Meet also became an avenue for the exposure of children and visitors from across the Bangsamoro region to Cotabato City, which joined the autonomous region in 2019, following the Supreme Court's (SC) *En Banc* Ruling on January 10, 2023, upholding the results of the 2019 Plebiscite which included Cotabato City in the BARMM;

WHEREAS, the perfect hosting by the Local Government Unit of Cotabato City of the 2023 BARMMAA Meet, along with the positive exposure of the beautiful City of Cotabato which is the current government seat of BARMM, is truly worth commending;

WHEREAS, it is only fitting that the Bangsamoro Transition Authority (BTA) recognize and appreciate the hard work performed by the organizers of the 2023 BARMMAA, especially the City of Cotabato, for successfully hosting the event:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED as it is hereby resolved by the BTA, To congratulate and extend profound gratitude to the Local Government of Cotabato City for successfully hosting the 2023 Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao Athletic Association (BARMMAA) Meet.


RESOLVED, FURTHER, That this Resolution be presented to the local government of Cotabato City, for information.

ADOPTED, *Dhul Hijjah* 04, 1444/June 22, 2023.

Certified Correct:

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