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First Filipino to Lead United Cities and Local Governments-Asia Pacific

Yiwu, China — Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines president and Quirino governor Dax Cua has been elected President of the United Cities and Local Governments-Asia Pacific (UCLG-ASPAC) during the 9th UCLG ASPAC Congress in Yiwu, China, marking the first time a Filipino assumes this prestigious leadership role.

“This is a historic and humbling moment. Definitely we will do our best to fulfill this great responsibility,” Cua said.

Cua added that during his term, he will strive to promote localized empowerment through strengthened regional ties and youth engagement.

“The future is local! By empowering local governance and working with each other, we can foster growth that directly impacts the people, where cooperation go beyond national boundaries, and where every person, regardless of gender, race, age, or class, is provided equal opportunities to thrive and succeed” he said in his speech.

The 9th UCLG Asia Pacific Congress in Yiwu, China was held November 13 to 15, and gathered a diverse group of more than 500 local leaders and stakeholders from the Asia-Pacific region and other parts of the world.

The participants include representatives from cities and local governments, local government associations, relevant ministries, international organizations, training institutions, academicians, youth representatives, and related private companies who will be working together under the theme: “Advancing Balanced Economic Development for Asia and the Pacific.”

The Congress, which is organized in collaboration with the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries and the Yiwu Municipal People's Government, seeks to offer valuable insights and foster meaningful discussions on the critical issues of balanced economic development in the region.

