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GOV. GWEN GARCIA REOPENS TOURISM

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THE people are happy that the Cebu provincial government headed by Governor Gwendolyn F. Garcia has reopened the tourism industry as they are now in the new normal. Board member Jose Marie “Tata” Salvador and Board member Edsel Galeos told me in an on-air interview over DYRC radio that they first opened last July 31, 2020 the famous ‘butanding’ (whale) watching in Barangay Tan-awan, Oslob, Cebu.

The reigning tourism flame was also witnessed by Mayor Jose Tumalak of Oslob and Mayor Jeffrey Belciña of Dalaguete together with officials of national government agencies and local government units.

Salvador said the reopening of the tourism industry in Cebu province is aimed to revitalize the once lively economy and rehire the workers who lost their jobs because of COVID-19 Pandemic.

Salvador told me that they still have to implement health protocols like 50 percent of the

usual number of tourists daily plus the wearing of face masks, social distancing, hand washing and immune boosting to thwart the recurrence of the Covid-19 infection now that they were able to contain its further spread.

Last August 1, 2020 I was told by Salvador that they also reopened the tourist spots in the municipalities of Moalboal and Badian. The event was attended by Board Member Enrico Rubio and Board Member Christopher Baricuatro of the 7th congressional districts.

With this bold initiative of Governor Garcia to ensure that the province gets back its tourism foothold that this pandemic had dampened for quite a time, she was able to gain more adoration, faith and respect of the people in the province of Cebu. The lady governor validated her strong leadership by leading the fight against Covid-19 without any interference from Malacañang and other officials.

Officials of national government agencies and business leaders believe in Governor Garcia’s idea of giving attention to the agricultural sector to increase food production. Everybody agreed with Governor Garcia that increasing food production amid the health crisis is one approach to survive.

When I went to the municipalities of Tuburan, Asturias and Balam-ban and Toledo City, all of the third district of Cebu, I found out that business in these areas is usual. The workers have jobs, the farmers plant vegetables and the fisher folks have good catch.

The third district of Cebu is under Governor Garcia’s brother, Deputy House Speaker Pablo John “Pj” Garcia who is also an indefatigable and staunch public servant.

Aside from that the officials of Local Government Units (LGUs) like Tuburan mayor Danilo M. Diamante and Tuburan vice mayor Democrito “Aljun” Diamante are also faithful public servants in their own rights, whose ideals of making their constituents’ welfare their legacy and personal commitment captivated the hearts of the townfolks.

So while the economy of Cebu province is back to normal it seems that the economy of Metro Cebu has still to find its footing and

foil its collapse, so much so, that businessman Philip Tan said that it will take 3 to 5 years for the once vibrant economy to get up on its feet and recover.



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