

NEDA launches PDP 2017-2022

“BY 2040, the Philippines will be a predominantly middle-class society. Poverty and hunger will have been eradicated. There will be sufficient good quality local jobs available.”

Banking on these goals, the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) launched the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2017-2022 recently, after months of intensive consultations and studies nationwide on the aspirations, values and principles of the Filipino people.

This, following President Rodrigo Roa Duterte’s signing on Oct. 11, 2016 of Executive Order No. 5, Series of 2016, approving and adopting the AmBisyon Natin 2040 as NEDA’s guide for development planning.

The PDP 2017-2022 is the first medium-term plan to be anchored on a national long-term vision, or AmBisyon Natin 2040, which represents the collective vision and aspirations of Filipinos for themselves and for the country in the next 25 years. It describes the kind of life the people want to live, and how the country will be by 2040.

PDP 2017-2022 contains strategies that fall under three pillars of “Malasakit” (enhancing the social fabric), “Pagbabago” (inequality-reducing transformation), and “Patuloy na Pag-unlad” (increasing growth potential of the economy) to contribute to the attainment of a “matatag, maginhawa, at panatag na buhay para sa lahat.”

The Plan has set targets that the government aims to achieve, and these are: The Philippines will be an upper middle-income country by 2022; growth will be more inclusive as manifested by a lower poverty incidence in the rural areas, from 30 percent in 2015 to 20 percent in 2022; the country will have a high-level of human development by 2022; the unemployment rate will decline from the current 5.5 percent to 3-5 percent in 2022; there will be greater trust in government and in society; individuals and communities will be more resilient; and Filipinos will have greater drive for innovation.

Furthermore, entrenched in the PDP are bedrock strategies that provide the necessary environment for the Plan to work. These are achieving peace and security, accelerating infrastructure development, building resilient communities, and ensuring ecological integrity.