

Bounty: The Home that holds the Humblest Hearts

Filipinos are naturally hospitable and humble; but at the south, there is a beautiful city very versatile in any kind of way when it comes to transferring to other places or even country. The bountiful city lies on the southern foothills of Mount Apo on the island of Mindanao. It is abundant in fruits, places, scenery, and people. During the Spanish Era, a group of natives with bow and arrows were approached by some Spaniards on the very fertile tracts of land in Davao and asked them where were they headed to and they answered “*Padigus*” which means to take a bath. Since then the place was identified as Digos.

The Lion City of the south where the humble persons are found, the City where all lights are bright and the peoples face always have a smile. A Digoseño is a strong and brave person, they face challenges with no fear and that makes a Digosenyo a pure Filipino blooded. They tend to endure the sadness and the problems, they undergo some challenges in life but the amazing part is that they would not give up. Even with diversity in different cultures, tribes and beliefs, everyone communicate as they show their brightest of smiles each other.

Through the years, foreigners and locals are coming to Digos not just to invest or start a business but also they want to settle in Digos. You can clearly observe the diversity of the city, which proves that the city is rising and improving. People from different places choose Digos because despite of all the good things in the city, the place is somehow doesn't experience typhoon due to the forests they preserve.

Not only that Digos show their pride because of the natural ecosystem of domain, but also because of the Digoseños managed to make the products of from the nature to rise the demand in economy. Digos is known for its sweet and juicy carabao variety mango, that is sold locally and also exported abroad and it is being dubbed as the City of Mangoes. One of the reasons why the economy in Digos is getting successful because of its bountiful and abundant fruits they have, not just mango but also banana, mangosteen, and even durian.

Cultural differences did not make the city weaker; instead, it made Digos even more colorful as the beautiful city celebrates different fiestas and festivals such as Sinulog, Padigosan, and Araw ng Digos in honor for God and the people for the gift they receive, bountiful hues that shimmer the city more. The occasions that celebrated annually proves that Digos is not just a city, it is a bond of a faithful family.

The city is not any other city. Being a part of the community, of the family Digos established, gave me the warmth amidst the cold breeze from outside. It made me forget the challenges I feel as I feel the spirit embracing me, whispering through my ears that I found a place to call Home.