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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Introduced by Representative Maximo B. Rodriguez, Jr.

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House Bill No. _____

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill was originally filed during the 15th Congress where it was approved by the Committee on Transportation.

Last June 15, 2013, the Laguindingan Airport was officially opened. With this, all flights to Cagayan de Oro City were transferred to the new Laguindingan Airport from the old Lumbia Airport.

Since then, the Lumbia Airport has been abandoned and remained unused until today. This is quite unfortunate as Barangay Lumbia has great potential as a new city hub because it is built on high ground, making it flood-free, and has a small population. And with The United Nations Habitat, through its Achieving Sustainable Urban Development (ASUD) program, choosing Cagayan de Oro as one of four cities in the country for planned city extension (PCE) development, it becomes imperative that ownership of the property be turned-over to the City government so the City of Cagayan de Oro can use the 547-hectare property for a mixed-use urban development concept.

UN-Habitat's Achieving Sustainable Urban Development (ASUD) programme seeks to address urban development issues affecting today's cities. In its report, it mentioned that Cagayan de Oro City is a highly urbanized city in Northern Mindanao. Much of its urban development has been along the east-west corridor of the Iligan-Cagayan de Oro-Butuan National Highway. Over time, barangays (districts) straddling this highway have evolved into vibrant commercial and residential areas.

Rapid demographic and economic growth in the last 15 years was accompanied by changes in the city's land use, where forests and agricultural areas made way for residential and commercial projects. If expansion is left unchecked and unplanned, the city is likely to experience a lopsided distribution of settlements favoring only a few districts and driven by the real estate market with gated communities that will hamper urban connectivity and efficient agglomerations. This kind of urban development is clearly unsustainable, necessitating a guided and planned city extension (PCE) development.

The Lumbia property can be used as site of the new City Hall of Cagayan de Oro City and to house city government offices for Agrarian Reform, Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources, Tourism and the City trade and Investment offices. Part of the property can also be used as a site of a City District Hospital and a tech-voc training center. It can also be used to hold a big nursery for fruit and hard trees seedlings, vegetable and cut flower demonstration farms and livestock breeding for carabaos, cattle, goats and pigs. And can also be used for residential and commercial purposes.

With this, the City can generate income from the use of the property instead of it being idle.

In view of the foregoing, immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT

TRANSFERRING OWNERSHIP OF THE LUMBIA AIRPORT PROPERTY IN BARANGAY LUMBIA, CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY FROM THE CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY OF THE PHILIPPINES (FORMERLY THE AIR TRANSPORTATION OFFICE) TO THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

Section 1. The ownership of the property where the old Lumbia Airport is located in Barangay Lumbia, Cagayan de Oro City is hereby transferred to the City Government of Cagayan de Oro City.

SEC 2. The property will be exclusively used:

- a. to house the new City Hall of Cagayan de Oro City;
- b. as the site of a new City District I Hospital;
- c. as the site of a Technical Vocational training center;
- d. as the site of the Agricultural Productivity Office;
- e. as the site of a seedling nursery;
- f. the site of a livestock and poultry farm; and
- g. for residential and commercial purposes.

The property shall likewise be open for investors under joint-venture or lease agreements.

SEC 3. Separability Clause – Should any of the provisions of this Act or any part thereof be declared invalid, the other provisions, so far as they are separable from the invalid ones, shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC 4. Repealing Clause – All laws, presidential decrees and issuances, executive orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC 5. Effectivity – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,