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**MEDIA RELEASE**

**RDC VIII-RPMC inspects new components of the Tacloban Airport Development Project**



*The RDC VIII-RPMC Monitoring Team, Multi-Agency Core Group, and the Contractors at the construction of the Passenger Terminal Building*



**TACLOBAN CITY** - The Regional Development Council VIII-Regional Project Monitoring Committee (RDC VIII-RPMC), together with the Multi-Agency Core Group, conducted a project inspection on the newly-started *Asphalt Overlay of Runway and Airport Perimeter Road and Construction of New Passenger Terminal Building Phase II (PTB II)*, along with the previously monitored *Construction of New Passenger Terminal Building Phase I (PTB I)*, under the Tacloban Airport Development Project (TADP) on 16 April 2024 in San Jose, Tacloban City.

Prior to the field visit, Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP) and the Department of Transportation (DOTr) presented the project details and their latest accomplishments to the Committee. Ms. Evangeline M. Paran, RDC VIII-RPMC Secretary and NEDA VIII PMED Chief presided over the pre-field visit meeting.



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(Top) Monitoring of the runway asphalt overlay; (Bottom)  
Field visit to the ongoing Runway-End Safety Area (RESA)



(Top) The New Passenger Terminal Building viewed from Apron Side (Air Side); (Bottom) Ongoing works on the Main Bridge under PTB1.

Based on their report, the Asphalt Overlay of Runway and Airport Perimeter Road (PhP421 million), implemented by DOTr and contracted to BM Marketing, started implementation on 15 January 2024 and had a total physical accomplishment of 25.202%, 17.491% ahead of schedule, as of 12 April 2024.

The project involves site development of runway 18 and 36, repair of runway potholes, asphaltting of runway shoulder, construction of northwest shore protection (206 m), construction of airport road (2,708 m), and construction of CAAP administrative building, including site development, among others. The project is set to be completed in January 2025.

Further, CAAP also started the implementation of the PTB II (PhP 1.053 billion) on 26 January 2024 and reported a physical accomplishment of 4.485% with the project being 2.485% ahead of schedule.

Active works at the site include roofing and architectural works, while delivery of materials for other scope of works is ongoing. Moreover, a total of 104 workers were deployed onsite for the project, including technical personnel and safety officers by its contractor, Octagon Concrete Solutions, Inc. The target date of completion is on 14 January 2026.

Meanwhile, the previously monitored PTB I (PhP 761 million), upon validation, had a total physical accomplishment of 78.907% with ongoing works for the main bridge (scaffolding, reinforcement, survey, and concrete works), electrical, mechanical, fire protection, and masonry works. Although the project experienced delay, the CAAP Project Management Office (PMO) closely monitors the catch-up Plan of the contractor to beat the project deadline of 26 May 2024. As reported, CAAP would impose liquidated damages on the Contractor once the project is not completed on time.

After the site visit, the RPMC monitors laid their observations, findings, and recommendations to the CAAP and DOTr and requested them to take advantage of the dry weather suitable for project execution. Also, Ms. Paran reiterated the need to continue the advanced pacing of implementation for PTB II and Asphalt Overlay of Runway and Airport Perimeter Road, while the PTB I has to recover from its delays.



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The RDC VIII has previously ordered the close monitoring of the airport construction through Resolution No. 30, s. 2024, titled, *Approving and Adopting the List of Priority Programs and Projects for the RDC VIII-RPMC Field Monitoring in CY 2024*, mandating that the project be monitored on a quarterly basis this year.

The RDC VIII-RPMC monitoring team (NEDA VIII, DBM VIII, PMS VIII, DILG VIII, and RDC VIII-Private Sector Representatives), joined by the the Multi-Agency Core Group composed of DPWH VIII, DOTr, CAAP Area Center VIII, Tacloban City, and Tingog Party List/Office of the House Speaker are working collaboratively to ensure that target developments for the Tacloban Airport are implemented on time by the implementing agencies.



RPMC VIII Secretary Evangeline M. Paran presides over the project briefing before the actual site visit.

The RDC VIII sees the potential of the proposed international airport to bolster the region's economy once it operates and caters international flights by year 2028.

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