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The NEDA Regional Office 7 coordinated the formulation of the Central Visayas Medium-Term Regional Development Plan (MTRDP), 2017-2022 to serve as the region's blueprint for development under the administration of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte. We consider this development plan unique because for the first time, the MTRDP is anchored on a common long-term vision of the country popularly known as AmBisyon Natin 2040.

The MTRDP for 2017-2022 is the first of four medium-term plans that will be implemented to realize AmBisyon Natin 2040. As such, it is intended to close the gap of the region's development targets in the previous development plan and lay the foundation for inclusive growth, a high-trust society and a globally competitive knowledge economy. Consisting of 21 chapters, the MTRDP elaborates the broad strategies of Central Visayas for increasing potential growth of the region, reducing inequality across sectors and provinces, and enhancing the social fabric while taking into account the country's commitment in attaining the Sustainable Development Agenda (SDA) targets.

In the formulation of the MTRDP for 2017-2022, the NEDA Regional Office 7 ensured the involvement of the private sector, civil society, national and local government units. This was accomplished through their participation in the provincial and sectoral consultations and in the plan review spearheaded by the Central Visayas Regional Development Council (RDC).

With the completion of the MTRDP, the region can now begin the more challenging task of implementing it. We hope that all stakeholders will rally behind this plan so that by the end of the plan period the region shall have successfully laid down the proper foundation for AmBisyon Natin 2040.

Our profound thanks to all those who helped us put together this Plan!

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