

WELCOME ADDRESS

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We in Baguio City are very fortunate to have built-in attractions like the weather, atmosphere, and people that make conferences like yours choose our City as the venue. We feel honored and privileged in hosting distinguished gatherings like yours, of being chosen as the conference site for the gathering of mental giants, for being chosen as the site for the birth of new ideas, new programs that we have not had before.

We made a very special order for you today. We have ordered fair weather. And we see the sun is coming out. Now I cannot assure you that this will be so the whole day. But at least we started the conference with bright sun shining on you.

We also would like to offer you the facilities and resources of Baguio City. And I am sure that if the Mayor were here, he would say the same thing.

Like other cosmopolitan cities, we have the same kind of offers. We have daytime attractions like pleasure tours of the beautiful sites, shopping and even an international chess tournament to boot. At night we have the same attractions like those of any cosmopolitan city. We have after dark attractions for single people, married men and their wives, and married men who are temporarily bachelors. Well, let me not enumerate them for you. Find them out for yourself.

We know that the conference will be most productive and fruitful so let me not delay you any longer. With the help of the residents here, we extend our very warm welcome to you. At this point may I extend our official and personal welcome to each one of you and offer you our services.