



STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

We, the Provincial Governors and City Mayor of the Visayas, together with the Ambassador of Canada to the Philippines and the Representative of UNICEF, recognize that we have made significant progress towards achieving the goals for children. Yet, more tasks and challenges lie ahead, which require us to narrow disparities, provide greater focus, and forge stronger partnerships in the Sixth Country Programme for Children.

As all the Visayas provinces and city under CPC 6 have signed the Memorandum of Agreement, we are indicating our massive support to the Child-Friendly Movement at all levels and in all local communities and families.

As we reaffirm the spirit of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and work towards the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, we will collaborate to increase investments for children, and to create child-friendly communities. We, therefore, urge all sectors including non-government organizations, community-based organizations and other donors to support the Child-Friendly Movement and work together for children.

Today's children are our country's future. It is our responsibility to enable them to achieve their full potential and their human rights in a globalizing world.

Signed this 3rd day of August 2005 at the Cebu Marriott Hotel in Cebu City.

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