



CARLOS JERICHO L. PETILLA

Secretary

Department of Energy

Photo of Sec. Petilla Prior to his appointment as the Secretary of the Department of Energy, Carlos Jericho L. Petilla was the Governor of Leyte for three consecutive terms since 2004.

Born to a political family in Palo, Leyte, he is the son of former Leyte Gov. Leopoldo E. Petilla and Palo Mayor Remedios L. Petilla, who also served as governor of the province and representative of the first congressional district of Leyte.

His effective governance during his term made him a Local Economic Development (LED) Champion as he instituted innovative practices focusing on Competitiveness and strong Public-Private Partnership, which led to the increase in growth rate in terms of trade and investment as well as tourism in Leyte. Focusing on the provision of basic services, he instituted various improvements in the province's health care, education, and development infrastructures. His vast experience in information technology has also greatly benefitted Leyte through the improvement of government processes for better, more transparent, and efficient public service. These measures earned awards for Leyte, such as, "The Seal of Good Housekeeping" (October 2011) and the "Gawad Pamana ng Lahi Award" (October 2011) from the Department of Interior and Local Government; "Most Business Friendly LGU Award" (2011, 2010, 2008) from the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry; and the "Hall of Fame - The Hospital Enhancement for Leyte's Progress (HELP) Project" (2011) and "Hall of Fame - Presidential Award for Outstanding Leadership in Providing Quality Health Service to his Constituents from 2006-2010" (2010) from the Philippine Hospital Association throughout Sec. Petilla's political stint in the province.

An excellent manager, Sec. Petilla was also given the task to head the Regional Development Council (RDC) and the Regional Peace and Order Council (RPOC) of Eastern Visayas which are crucial in setting economic and social targets and directions as well as ensuring peace, order and public safety in the whole region.

Sec Petilla also became an educator for a number of years at the Ateneo de Manila University and was a consultant for various companies in the Philippines and overseas.