



FUTURE PERFECT

Cities at the Forefront of Change and Development

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Call for Papers and Participation

Hosted by the Local Government of Quezon City

and

Organized by the UP National College of Public Administration and Governance through its Center for Local and Regional Governance



ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

In an era of rapid change, cities have to focus on maintaining their strategic advantage in order to remain central, competitive and relevant. It has to address challenges posed by climate change, continuous urbanization and global integration, as well as opportunities presented by new technologies. Cities have to cope with these changes, learn how to manage challenges and transform them into new opportunities. It requires innovation, good governance, and learning from good practices, in order to find solutions to long-standing and emerging problems.

In this regard, the government of Quezon City, throughout its own rich history, has also had to grapple with addressing these concerns. From its experience, it had grown into a better institution and into one of the most vibrant cities in the Philippines today.

Thus, in celebration of its 75th founding anniversary, Quezon City will host an international conference titled **"Future Perfect: Cities at the Forefront of Change and Development"** that showcases innovative approaches and reforms to city administration, governance and development. The conference is being organized by the University of the Philippines' National College of Public Administration and Governance (UP-NCPAG), the leading academic institution with respect to public administration and governance education, research and training in the country. The event will be held at the Crowne Plaza Manila Galleria, Ortigas, Quezon City.

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

The aim of this conference is to:

- ✎ share information, knowledge and practices on city governance and innovations in the Philippines and other countries;
- ✎ discuss the current trends and emerging issues, changes, challenges and solutions in city administration and development (such as climate change adaptation, liveability in cities of rapid growth, inter-city networks and metropolitanization, among others);
- ✎ showcase the experiences and lessons learned by cities in the Asia-Pacific and imagine their futures in the next decades; and
- ✎ solicit insights and inputs from conference participants to improve the host city's future perfect strategies and approaches.

The conference theme shall address three main strands, along with some possible sub-areas that are listed below:

Climate Change and Urban Resiliency

- Low-carbon development
- Sectoral implications and impacts of climate change
- Climate change and vulnerable groups
- Climate change adaptation and disaster-risk reduction
- Climate risk governance

Growing Cities at the Human Scale: Liveability in Cities of Rapid Growth

- Urban mobility and transportation systems (e.g. BRT, pedestrian and bicycle friendly cities, interconnectedness of transport)
- Green cities and green urbanism
- Inclusiveness and cities without slums
- Open spaces
- Peace, order and security

Interlocal Cooperation and Metropolitanization

- Twinning and city-to-city cooperation
- Metropolitan and transboundary issues (traffic, pollution, flooding, etc.)
- City networks
- ASEAN integration and competitiveness

You may participate as panel organizer, presenter of one paper, chair of a session or attend as an observer.

To submit a paper, please send a Word format document containing (a) the title of the paper, (b) full name of the author or authors, their current position and affiliation, and contact information including an email address, (c) abstract of 300-500 words (in Times New Roman 12 pt. font) with at least three (3) keywords that best describe the subject of your submission, and (d) a one-page curriculum vitae or biosketch. **All submissions shall be via email to futureperfect.QC@gmail.com.** Please be mindful of the following key dates:

- For abstracts and other preliminaries (a, b, c, and d above) - **28 February 2015**
- For full papers - **04 September 2015**
- For PowerPoint and other visual presentations - **25 September 2015**

All submitted abstracts will be notified of acceptance or non-acceptance **31 March 2015** or sooner. Outstanding papers may be considered for publication.

Some limited funding is available for the travel and accommodations of invited speakers, workshop facilitators and accepted paper presenters. Should the demand for travel support be high, priority will be given to people coming from developing countries. Conference fees for all paper presenters will also be waived.

For further information, contact:

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