

**1st International Agriculture and Tourism Expo at the World Trade Center in Pasay City,
June 30-July 2, 2011**

NDA, in tandem with the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) Livestock Development Council (LDC) National Meat Inspection Service (NMIS) and the Philippine Carabao Center (PCC), joined the recently concluded 1st Agri-Tourism held at the World Trade Center. In an effort to harmonize all the initiatives for the livestock sector, these 5 agencies were lumped as DA Livestock Agencies.



Capitalizing on the Philippines' rich natural resources and world class tourists destinations, A-LINX organized the 1st International Agriculture and Tourism Expo at the WTC last June 30 to July 2, 2011. The objective is to promote these advantages through the expo and hope to move to the forefront of global market according to President P-Noy.



To quote Sen. Pangilinan, " an empowered economy can be achieved through agriculture and economic growth" . VP Binay said that we are not only promoting Philippine tourism but promoting awareness of the Filipino culture. Likewise, Sen. Lito Lapid opined that this will open doors towards sustainable development. Sen. Zubiri added that this will be an opportune time to help strengthen agriculture and tourism through his Committee on Environment and Natural Resources. He hopes the event will provide the basic needs such as nutritious and affordable food, education, health services, shelter and affordable credit to all Filipinos. This was seconded by Sen. Loren Legarda as the best strategy to provide the basic needs of the citizenry.

Our very own Secretary Alcala welcomed the inaugural staging of this event to provide stakeholders, experts and service providers to discuss industry trends and developments and forge stronger and expanded partnerships- all aimed at unlocking the vast potentials of tourism -based endeavors.

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