

POTENTIAL AREAS FOR INVESTMENT

Title:	Rafael Salas Park and Nature Center
Location:	<i>Sitio Guintubdan, Brgy. Ilijan, Bago City, Neg. Occ.</i>
Investment Priority Area:	Tourism Facilities, Wellness and Relaxation, Educational Facilities
Lot Area:	296 has.
Potential Activities:	<i>Relaxation and Wellness, Recreation, Education and Learning</i>
Potential Development:	<i>Hi-end Hotel and Mountain Resort, Hi-end Spa, Private Culinary School</i>

Within the vastly sprawled Mt. Kanla-on Natural Park, lies the Rafael M. Salas Park and Nature Center, a 296-hectare lot which was named after a distinguished Statesman in recognition of his outstanding achievements in public administration and population activities, both in the country and around the world. Considered as one the greatest Bagonhons who ever lived, Hon. Rafael Salas assumed the position as Undersecretary to the United Nations, the highest administrative post ever attained by a Filipino during his time.

Rafael Salas Park and Nature Center is also a tribute to the resourcefulness of the late Mayor Manuel Y. Torre, who was able to pool together the resources of interested sectors to develop the park into what it is today. A convention hall and the Salas memorial bust-statue were constructed by the City, serving as shelter and landmarks to visiting tourists. Restoration of degraded and deeply stressed ecosystems is the other equally important rehabilitation initiative in the Park.

In the recent years, starting from the time of the Former City Mayor Honorable Ramon D. Torres up to the present administration of the Honorable Nicholas M. Yulo, the Rafael Salas Foundation in partnership with the City Government of Bago had undertaken a thorough and major renovation of its pavilion turning it into a first-rate facility under the close supervision of the dynamic wife of the said statesman, who is likewise a Former Ambassador to the Czech Republic, Madame Carmelita R. Salas. Currently, the RSPNC Pavilion is now equipped with amenities like a function hall with an adjacent "soon to be" state of the art kitchen, a conference room, accommodation facility -guest bedrooms, suites and dorm rooms all equipped with built-in CR and shower, sufficient service areas like laundry rooms, supply room and a catering service area. Staff rooms are also provided.

The City is now planning to lease out the facility to a suitable taker who will not only bring about economic gains to the City but more importantly nurture the park and its facilities towards sustainability in all aspects.

