

Benjamin D. Abalos, Jr.
Secretary
Department of Interior and Local Government



Secretary Benjamin D. Abalos, Jr. has served as the Chairman of the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority and as Mayor and Congressman of Mandaluyong City.

While serving as the local chief executive in Mandaluyong, Sec. Abalos also served concurrently as President of the League of Cities of the Philippines from 2007-2010 and of the Union of Local Authorities in the Philippines.

Under his helm, Mandaluyong received numerous awards such as the prestigious 2015 United Nations Public Service Award in recognition of his initiative, Project TEACH. The program was used as a model for other third-world countries and bagged the Galing Pook Awards in 2013 along with the city's Garden of Life Park.

The city received the Presidential Award for Most Child-Friendly in the Philippines in 2011 and was named a top regional awardee with the Seal of Child-Friendly Local Governance in January 2016 by the Council for the Welfare of Children. Also, the city ranked second in Top Performing Cities Based on Locally Generated Revenues in the 2010-2011 Comparative Report of the Department of Finance-Bureau of Local Government Finance.

Sec. Abalos was also a lecturer at the University of the Philippines, National College of Public Administration and Governance, Development Academy of the Philippines, and Local Government Academy. ■