



VIDEO AVAILABLE: Philippine DILG Undersecretary Sees Local Opportunities In Open Source Market, reports MyLinuxSupport

Avid social networking and strong English give Filipinos an edge in community-developed software

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CEBU CITY, Philippines/EWORLDWIRE/July 2, 2008 --- Joselito Ruiz, undersecretary of the Department of Interior and Local Government, says changes in the software market created by open source gives the Philippines a chance to vastly improve its position in IT outsourcing.

Ruiz made his observation at Cebu's first open source summit, held at the Cebu International Convention Center on June 23.

Ruiz said he was impressed by one company in particular. "MyLinuxSupport is the firm that can help us achieve this goal," he said. "They're pooling many of the Cebu open source specialists into one team with the goal of outsourcing this talent overseas."

He said the combination of the ability to speak and write good English, plus social networking combined with technical skills puts the Philippines in a position to be a major player in the open source software community. Ninety percent of Filipino Internet users are active members of Friendster, Multiply and other networking sites. An estimated 2.3 million Filipino bloggers with excellent English skills makes the Philippines especially suited for supporting community-developed software.

"This is an opportunity for the Philippines to take the lead," Ruiz said. "I believe we have the talent and the means to become a world leader in IT, with an open source community overtaking India and China."

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