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Warmest greetings to all participants of the Eastern Visayas Summit on Climate-resilient Development organized by the Institute for Climate and Sustainable Cities (ICSC) in our beloved Tacloban City.

As we gather for this significant summit, I commend the ICSC for spearheading this crucial initiative, providing a platform for dialogue, collaboration, and collective action towards enhancing the climate resilience of our region.

The Philippines, particularly Eastern Visayas, has been profoundly impacted by the effects of climate change, facing increasing frequency and intensity of extreme weather events. It is imperative for us to come together, across government, academia, civil society, and the private sector, to address these challenges head-on.

Climate-resilient development is not just a concept; it is a necessity for our survival and prosperity. It requires us to build the resilience of our communities, integrate adaptation and mitigation strategies into our development plans, and transition towards sustainable energy sources. By doing so, we can safeguard the well-being of our people, protect our environment, and secure our economic future.

The Eastern Visayas region, with its rich cultural heritage and natural resources, holds immense potential for climate-resilient development. Through knowledge exchange, collaboration, and strategic planning, we can unlock this potential and chart a path towards a more sustainable and resilient future for our region.

I urge all participants to actively engage in discussions, share valuable insights, and commit to concrete actions that will strengthen our region's resilience to climate change. Let us seize this opportunity to work together towards a brighter and more sustainable future for Eastern Visayas.

Thank you, and may this summit be a catalyst for positive change in our region.

Mabuhay ang Eastern Visayas!

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