



Cost Philippines Launch

After several months of Pilot phase, Cost Philippines was launched last January 27, 2010 at the Oakwood Premier Hotel.

The new Cost Champion, Budget and Management Undersecretary Laura Pascua showed excellent commitment in her inspirational speech which recognized the importance of Cost, the empowering set up of MSG- Multi Stakeholder Group, the value of transparency and accountability in a country's economy and encouraged stakeholders to be active and be part of the Cost Philippines Pilot.

IAG/MSG Lito Madrasto read the welcome address of IAG Chairman, Chrik Poortman.

Cost MSG Chairman, Vincent Lazatin of TAN presented the Philippine scenario, transparency initiatives and Cost Philippines program.

The launch was a success with overwhelming support from International Partners like ADB, World Bank, USAID, AUSAID and others, The Civil Society spearheaded by TAN and Bantay Lansangan representatives, Construction associations, Academe, Professionals and Government agencies headed by the Commission on Audit (COA) team. Major newspapers and representatives from radio and tv network joined the momentous event.

The CoST launch had a Toast headed by the Cost Champion and MSG with the guests joining the celebratory peak of the event to signify the power behind a good cause.

To know more of the CoST Philippines launch and Programs, contact Cost Philippines Secretariat at costph_msgcoordinator@yahoo.com.



The Philippines MSG with the CoST Champion at the launch.
From left are: IAG Manolito Madrasto (Private sector), MSG Dr. Primitivo Cal (Academe/Professional), MSG Atty. Cecilia Vales (International Partner), CoST Champion, Undersecretary Laura Pascua of Department of Budget and Management, MSG Antonio Molano Jr. (Government) and MSG Chairman Vincent Lazatin (CSO).