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Butuan City – A group of Japanese investors and consultants are set to help the city government here to establish a bio mass energy facility.

These Japanese investors and consultants were recently here and pledged to help the city government on the energy project.

It was gathered that the bio mass energy project was one of the 12 major projects of the city government lined up under the Integrated Regional Economic Development (IRED) in Caraga region, recently approved by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte.

“This bio mass energy project will really be a big help to our growing city, especially in the business sector,” said City Mayor Ronnie Vicente C. Lagnada.

The group of Japanese investors and consultants from the CHODAI Company Ltd., headed by Masyaki Oura, was composed of Odette M. Duban, Deok Soo Lee, Yusuke Fukimura, coordinator of Business Development Section; Jun Kaisuka, Social Environment Division; and Aya Asai, Chief Engineer of the Social Environment Division.

They paid a courtesy visit on the city officials here and relayed their intention to help in establishing the bio mass energy project.

The group was particular about pollution, including noise pollution, it was also gathered.

The Japanese investors and consultants also visited the the regional office of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) January to seek a copy of DENR policy guidelines about the proposed two-mega-watt (MW) bio mass energy facility.

DENR 13 officials, led by Regional Director Charlie E. Fabre, assisted the Japanese investors and consultants.

Details of the bio mass project shall be the result of the feasibility study that will be undertaken by Chodai Co. Ltd consultants and services. The facility is expected to start operation in 2020.

The city government wanted to develop a sustainable power supply from rice husks, coconut husks and other materials from waste to produce a two-megawatt power plant.

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