



THE GALING POOK FOUNDATION

Galing Pook traces its beginnings in 1993 when the first Awards Program was held. The Awards Program was a joint initiative of individual advocates of good governance from the academe, civil society and the government. The Galing Pook Foundation was formally established as a private awards giving body in 1998 to sustain the Awards program.

In its almost two decades of existence, Galing Pook has become a leading resource institution continuously promoting innovation and excellence in local governance. It proactively searches and recognizes best local government practices and facilitates their adoption in more communities in the country.

THE GALING POOK AWARDS

The Galing Pook Awards was launched in 21 October 1993 as a pioneering program that searches and recognizes innovative practices by the local government units. LGU finalists with outstanding initiatives are carefully selected and winners are recognized in a very prestigious awards ceremony. The award is conferred by the President of the Republic of the Philippines.

The awardees of the Galing Pook are chosen from a national search of local governance programs, evaluated through a multilevel rigorous screening process based on positive results and impact, promotion of people’s participation and empowerment, transferability and sustainability, and efficiency of program service delivery.

Beyond the awards, winning programs become models of good governance promoted for adoption in other communities. They provide useful insights and strategies to find innovative solutions to common problems. More importantly, they affirm the community and the local government’s commitment to good governance.

Since its inception, at least 215 programs of 136 local governments were awarded the Galing Pook. These awardees become very important advocates in stimulating and inspiring other local governments to introduce innovative practices and provide a fertile environment for the replication of successful reforms.

AWARD CATEGORIES:

The Ten Outstanding Local Governance Programs
Award for Continuing Excellence
Special Citation

AWARD CRITERIA:

Positive Results	35%	
Promotion of People’s Participation and Empowerment		35%
Transferability and Sustainability	20%	
Efficiency of Program Service Delivery	10%	

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