



The agricultural products of Nueva Vizcaya, especially the *perante* orange cater to local and foreign tourists.

Ilocano is Nueva Vizcaya's major dialect although other dialects spoken are Tagalog, Gaddang, Isinay and variations of Igorot dialects. Majority of the people can communicate in English.

Commerce & Industry

Nueva Vizcaya is basically an agricultural province with commerce, trade and industry contributing to its growth and development. Farming, cattle and swine raising are among other major economic activities. The primary crops are palay, corn, root crops and vegetables, while fruits are the minor crops. Onions and vegetables are often sold in Baguio. *Perante* orange is now a major crop and makes a good income for the people of Nueva Vizcaya. Trade skills available in the province are rattan craft, food processing, metal working, light and heavy equipment operations, and other electronic technology.

Investment Areas

Gifts, toys and housewares are some of the investment priorities of Nueva Vizcaya. Abundant forest raw materials, like rattan, are being used in fashioning out export quality gifts and houseware products such as baskets and softbrooms.

Another thriving industry is pottery making. In response to the increasing demand for flower pots and vases from the cutflower and ornamental plant sectors, pottery making is fast becoming one of the potential investment areas awaiting investors for its expansion.

The market acceptance of these products are being enhanced with the assistance of the Depart-

ment of Trade and Industry Product Development Group. With DTI's assistance, producers are creating their own designs acceptable to the foreign market. Additional uses of tiger grass in the production of new products are being tested.

Handmade paper making is also another bright prospect like dried flower making.

Growth Areas

The province has a comprehensive physical framework and land use plan that serves as a guide in the overall development of the province.

In Agri-Industrial Development, various high value crops, vegetables and cutflowers are being produced in the province. To enhance production of these agri-products, the provincial government adopted a product-zoning scheme where specific areas are designated for mass production thereby increasing productivity and specialization. Nueva Vizcaya is also intensifying assistance to the following eight flagship commodities: onion, mango, pineapple, citrus, cutflower, temperate vegetables, livestock, and aquaculture.

Nueva Vizcaya's unique eco-system and mountainous terrain is very suitable for tourism-oriented projects. There is the thickly forested Consuelo Park in Santa Fe, the cloud covered heights and rain forest of Mount Pulog, the historic Dalton Pass Shrine, and the caves and virgin forest in Kasibu. These places are ideal for nature trips, mountaineering and even seasonal hunting for fun and adventure lovers. There is also a need to develop more recreational parks and resorts in the province.



The potentials of the Casecan river in Barangay Pelaway, Alfonso Castañeda is being developed by the provincial government as a tourist attraction.



The Dalton Pass Shrine at Sta. Fe, built for the dead Japanese soldiers during the 'Battle of Balete Pass', in World War II.

Regulated utilization of resources is promoted to preserve the environment and to pursue massive agro-forestry projects through forestry and upland farming.

Modern Infrastructure

The road density of the province is evenly distributed. Further improvement of its road network especially those to and from the production areas is a priority. A major road project is the Bambang-Kasibu-Quezon-Solano circumferential road under the ADB road improvement project.

The Maharlika Highway passes through the province going to the northernmost part of the region. There is one airport in the province, the Bagabag Airport. The province can be reached through chartered light aircraft from Manila.

Water & Power Supply

The primary sources of potable water in the province are springs, deep wells and shallow wells. **Provincial Waterworks Office** and the **Aritao Water Supply, Inc.**, supply some of the municipalities in the province.

Power is provided by **Nueva Vizcaya Electric Co.** (Nuvelco) with an existing power sub-station maintained by **National Power Corporation** using a 40,000 KVA line. Another 40,000 KVA sub-station is being proposed for expansion.

Telecommunication Facilities

Telephone services are provided by **Digitel**, **RCPI**, **PT&T**, and the **Government Regional System**. Cellular telephone services are being provided by **Smart** and **Mobiline** through **Piltel**.

Accommodation Facilities

There are six hotels to cater to the needs of visitors and tourists. **Governor's Garden Hotel** at Solano with 33 rooms from single de luxe to triple de luxe aircon rooms for foreigners and for locals. It has function room, garden, souvenir shop, sound system at conference room, coffee shop, parking space, shuttle van, and water heater; **Saber and Restaurant** at Bayombong with 29 rooms from standard to de luxe. Amenities include a restaurant, intercon, hot and cold, sing-a-long lounge, function room, parking space, souvenir shop, and disco. It also offers outside catering.

Raphael Inn at Solano has 100 rooms. It offers hot and cold water, colored TV, mailing, parking space, pipe-in music, and laundry. **MC Capitol View Inn and Restaurant** at Bayombong. It has nine rooms from ordinary to airconditioned with restaurant, parking space, function room and cable TV.

Juel Travelers Inn at Bayombong with nine rooms from ordinary to special, and **Villa Margarita Mountain Resort** in Bayombong with 10 rooms from single to de luxe that offers a restaurant, club house, swimming pools, picnic huts, hot and cold water, parking space, convention hall, water slides, citrus garden, sound system, and snack house. All the hotels have dining facilities.

Tours & Transport

Nueva Vizcaya is blessed with natural and historical tourist attractions.

Mt. Pulog National Park in Kayapa, gateway to Mt. Pulog, the country's second highest peak at



The lagoon at the provincial capitol compound in Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya, provides fun and excitement among people from all ages.