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Baguio City as the Second Washington DC: Triumphant Urban Center or Fast Declining Slum

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ABOUT THE LECTURE:

Since the time of Baguio's founding, questions about the city's future have loomed large. Initially viewed by many as an expensive utopian colonial project doomed to failure, the growth of Baguio has over time resulted in nostalgic calls for limiting growth. Despite two periods of near catastrophic destruction followed by pessimistic predictions about the future, the Cordillera's premier center of agglomeration has today rebounded beyond all expectations. The presentation will examine the dynamics and structural features of Baguio's century of growth in terms of its implications for the future of the southern Cordillera as a whole. Several policy proposals are suggested for meeting the challenges of expansion in the decades to come.

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