

VISION

The Department is the primary catalyst for excellence in local governance that nurtures self-reliant, progressive, orderly, safe and globally-competitive communities sustained by God-centered and empowered citizenry.

MISSION

The Department shall promote peace and order, ensure public safety and strengthen capability of local government units through active people participation and a professionalized corps of civil servants.



RD Lilibeth A. Famacion and SILG Jesse M. Robredo award PhP2.5 M to Municipal Mayor Romeo Constantino L. Vargas of Tubajon, Surigao del Norte and Governor Sol F. Matugas of Surigao del Norte for being a recipient of SALINTUBIG Program during the TAPATAN on Disaster Preparedness at Almont Inland Resort, Butuan City on July 26, 2012.

PhP64.5 M Awarded to LGUs on Caraga's TAPATAN Day

Twenty-eight Local Government Units (LGUs) in Region XIII-Caraga were awarded PhP64.5 M for being recipients of the Performance Challenge Fund (PCF) and Sagana at Ligtas na Tubig Para sa Lahat (SALINTUBIG) Program implemented by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) during the Region-Wide TAPATAN on Disaster Preparedness on June 26, 2012 at Almont Hotel's Inland Resort.

The TAPATAN activity of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Region XIII – Caraga is focused on Disaster Preparedness of which DILG Director Lilibeth A. Famacion, CESO IV is the Vice-Chair of the Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (RDRPMC).

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DILG 13 Mourns for SILG Jesse M. Robredo

"Matagal ko na pong sinasabi na itinaas na natin ang antas o sukat ng pamamahala. Hindi sapat na tayo ay mahusay dahil hindi lahat nang mahusay ay matino. Hindi lahat nang matino ay mahusay. Ang hinahanap po nating pamamahala ay mahusay at matino upang karapat dapat tayong pagkatiwalaan ng mga tao lalo na sa pera ng bayan", famous words of the late Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Secretary Jesse M. Robredo.

With his untimely death, the DILG Region 13 mourned for loss of a noble leader who is always on the "go" whenever important issues arise anywhere in the country. He was known for his sincerity in public service and he led the interior and local government sector with vigor in putting into action the mandates of the Department.

Secretary Robredo was known as the "Man in Action" and a "Man in Service". It could be remembered that he came to Caraga Region to personally conduct an ocular inspection to the illegal logs that were confiscated in Brgy. Amparo, Butuan City. He had

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'On Call' for SERVICE

The way towards "Tuwid na Daan" requires vigor, willpower and commitment. One needs to endure the pressure in the performance of government service.

With the sudden loss of a great leader of this Department, it is undeniable that the late Secretary of the Interior and Local Government Jesse M. Robredo has done outstanding and exceptional things. Known to all to be a champion of good governance, he implanted an amazing seed, which will remain as his legacy to continue the call for service. As what he always say, "Dapat nating bigyang saysay ang ating mga ginagawa para ang lahat ng ito'y maging makabuluhan". He left a mark for us to persevere in our line of work in the service of others. He was a servant leader. In fact, he taught everyone in the department to be always on the "go". According to him, there must be visibility and action intertwined.

The Department, in an effort to produce productive and dynamic result, is walking the extra mile in bringing good governance to our communities on the ground in order to improve the quality of life for all. This is done through programs that the public is now beginning to see as a powerful weapon to ensure accountability of local government officials. With the chain of reactions from people in an attempt to exert positive change in the society, an empowered citizenry is formed. People's participation is the crust of democracy. But democracy without integrity will not work. In order to move forward, there must be dedication and passion similar to what the late SILG Robredo has exemplified.

Our purpose in the Department and in government service is a battle to do the right thing against the wrong. It is a fight for winning the truth and saving the hallmarks of integrity and upholding truth and democracy for all. It is all about being always ready to face the struggle of achieving good governance rooted on the principles of participation, accountability, efficiency, responsiveness and transparency. In the end, it is all about being prepared to an "On Call for Service."

SILG Robredo† Launches "Seal of Disaster Preparedness"



SILG Robredo with RD Famacion unveils the "Seal of Disaster Preparedness" with DRRM Compendium and Manual of Caraga RDRRMC and other IEC Materials for Disaster Preparedness.

The late Secretary of the Interior and Local Government Jesse M. Robredo has just launched the Seal of Disaster Preparedness during the Region-Wide TAPATAN on Disaster Preparedness.

The Seal of Disaster Preparedness is to recognize and incentivize local government performance in institutionalizing disaster preparedness and to assess performance gaps to policies of program interventions as well as monitor improvements on disaster preparedness.

Secretary Robredo in his speech said that seventy-seven percent (77%) of the LGUs within Caraga Region have already preparedness plans and organizational capability.

In fact, he is concerned with the region's mining and logging activities which poses a threat to flood-related disasters.

He emphasized that the powerful public officials should be made accountable to the public. "Walang kapangyarihan na walang pananagutan", he said.

"Walang saysay ang pagsulong sa Disaster Preparedness kung hindi natin bigyan pansin ang pangangalaga sa kalikasan", he added.

"Gagawa tayo nang paraan on Disaster Preparedness!", his resolute and firm remark.

"We do not ask LGUs to procure sophisticated equipment but we ask them to be ready operationally. This is measured in terms of having basic equipment, disaster evacuation plan and alert system," he added.

The Seal will cover two levels of assessments. Level 1 is on the Local Government Unit's disaster preparedness, which is a test of a local government capability to address the potential effects of a disaster to human life. Level 2 is on disaster preparedness-response which will test the LGUs capability in ensuring basic survival and subsistence needs of the affected population based on acceptable standards during a disaster.

Thus, an LGU that passes Level 1 assessment receives a Certificate of

Director Famacion Supports Institute of Environmental Governance



OIC-RD Famacion receives Certificate of Appreciation from Fr. John Young of FSUU and Atty. Maria Generosa T. Mislang of Tanggol Kalikasan.

Lilibeth A. Famacion, OIC-Regional Director of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Region XIII - Caraga in her message during the launching of the Institute of Environmental Governance (IEG) in Father Saturnino Urios University (FSUU), welcomes the new partner of the department in capacitating local government officials to carry out environmental laws and directives.

The launching of the Institute of Environmental Governance in FSUU on April 18, 2012 is in cooperation with Tanggol Kalikasan, a Public Interest Environmental Law Office.

Director Famacion said that the DILG as an enabler for service-providers like FSUU believes the partnership and teamwork of stakeholders, including Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) like Tanggol Kalikasan, will set

the paradigm of a holistic approach in addressing environmental concerns in the region.

"The establishment of the Institute Environmental Governance (IEG) will supplement our capacity development (CapDev) programs in areas where we don't have mastery like the adjudication of environmental laws and its remedies, such as the Writ of Kalikasan and the Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation (SLAPP)," emphasized by Director Famacion.

She also shared the region's current status on the implementation of environmental interventions together with partners, donors and other stakeholders. She promises to highly recommend to the Local Government Academy (LGA), which is the training arm of the department that future Capability Development (CapDev) activities will be tied up with IEG.

The ultimate goal of the IEG is to effect sustainable development and capacitate local government officials in the execution of environmental laws. This is a strategic response to the ever-increasing demand for capacity building of Local Government Units (LGUs).

Turn-over of 3 Patrol Cars to BCPO

The three (3) Patrol vehicles were provided to the BCPO through the initiative of Congressman Jose "Joboy" S. Aquino II of 1st District of Agusan del Norte, Butuan City and the Municipality of Las Nieves. The three (3) units 4 x 4 Suzuki Multicab converted to Patrol cars were already provided. Turn to page 5 ... (Turn-over)

DILG XIII supports Butuan City's Drainage Project through LGSF



Director Famacion with Butuan City Mayor Amante, during the groundbreaking ceremony of Butuan Drainage System on April 18, 2012.

The City Government of Butuan, as a recipient of the Seal of Good Housekeeping (SGH) was granted with Php60 M from the national government's Local Government Support Fund (LGSF) through the Department of the Interior and Local Government Region XIII - Caraga (DILG XIII).

The Php60 M fund received by the city government will be used to augment the Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) of the city in the implementation of Projects, Programs and Activities (PPA).

The main target for the utilization of the fund drainage project in the city in order to mitigate consequently put an end to the recurring flood problem. Being the catch basin of the flow of water in the region, the city is prone to flooding, which causes destruction to properties, displacement of residents. The flooding is aggravated as the city has no proper drainage system.

The city under the leadership of Mayor Ferdinand M. Amante, Jr., M.D. promised its share of Php 37,723, 917.67 from the city government funds making the total project cost to Php 97, 723, 917.67 and placed under

contract with Equi-Parco Construction Corporation.

The project when completed will contain about 50 % floodwaters in the city. This is according to the city government's engineering division who is responsible for the project's supervision and ground works.

The Drainage Project will be implemented along T. Sanchez St. - Montilla Blvd. - Villa Kananga Creek and JCT. T. Calo - Villa Kananga Creek in the city. It will include the rehabilitation and de-clogging of the creeks in the target areas.

DILG XIII OIC-Regional Director Lilibeth A. Famacion, during the groundbreaking ceremony of the Butuan City Drainage Project said that the biggest chunk of the LGSF is given to Butuan City among other local government units in the Caraga region. She hopes that this project will improve the competitiveness of Butuan City in terms of its tourism industry. (FFJr.B)

More so, the benefits of the drainage project will redound to all the Butuanons.

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Governor Erlpe John M. Amante of Agusan del Norte receives PhP 7 M as Performance Challenge Fund from DILG.

The Performance Challenge Fund (PCF) is an incentive fund to LGUs in the form of counterpart funding to high-impact capital investment projects in the Annual Investment Program (AIP) and funded out of the 20% Local Development Fund consistent with national goals and priorities. The fund prioritizes low-income LGUs and those with high poverty incidence. In Caraga region, there are 28 LGUs composing of two (2) provinces receiving PhP7 M each, five (5) cities receiving PhP3 M each and twenty-one (21) municipalities receiving PhP1 M each. The following are the recipients:

LGU Recipients of Performance Challenge Fund (PCF)

Provinces – P7 M

1. Surigao del Norte (SdN)
2. Agusan del Norte (AdN)

Cities – P3 M

1. Cabadbaran City
2. Tandag City
3. Surigao City
4. Bislig City
5. Bayugan City

Municipalities – P1 M

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| 1. Buenavista, Agusan del Norte | 12. Sibagat, Agusan del Sur |
| 2. Las Nieves, Agusan del Norte | 13. Talacogon, Agusan del Sur |
| 3. Nasipit, Agusan del Norte | 14. Trento, Agusan del Sur |
| 4. Bunawan, Agusan del Sur | 15. Veruela, Agusan del Sur |
| 5. Esperanza, Agusan del Sur | 16. Claver, Surigao del Norte |
| 6. La Paz, Agusan del Sur | 17. Cantilan, Surigao del Sur |
| 7. Loreto, Agusan del Sur | 18. Hinatuan, Surigao del Sur |
| 8. Prosperidad, Agusan del Sur | 19. San Miguel, Surigao del Sur |
| 9. Rosario, Agusan del Sur | 20. Tagbina, Surigao del Sur |
| 10. San Francisco, Agusan del Sur | 21. Tago, Surigao del Sur |
| 11. San Luis, Agusan del Sur | |

Meanwhile, the SALINTUBIG is one of the flagship program of PNOY's Administration in line with the commitment of the National Government to achieve the targets set in the Philippine Development Plan as well as the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) to provide people with access to water supply and sanitation in areas of the country where water is not accessible. During Caraga's TAPATAN, three (3) Waterless Municipalities of Talacogon, Trento and Veruela, Agusan del Sur received PhP 3.5 M for the Potable Water System.

Meanwhile five (5) Waterless Barangays of the three (3) municipalities, namely: Brgy. Bugsukan and Buntalid of Cantilan, Surigao del Sur; Brgy. Remedios of Esperanza, Agusan del Sur; and Brgy. Sta. Cruz and Mabini of Tubajon, Surigao del Norte were also provided with funding for their Potable Water System Project. (FFJr.B)

PAMANA - DILG Fund Covers 34 LGUs in Caraga

In order to strengthen peace-building, reconstruction and development in conflict-affected areas, the PAMANA – "Payapa at Masaganang Pamayanan" Program, as embodied in the Philippine Development Plan for 2011 to 2016 was launched to complement the government's peace negotiation efforts.

For the year 2012, PhP 958 M has been appropriated under the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) budget. This shall be provided to eligible Local Government Units (LGUs) in the form of fund subsidy under the PAMANA-DILG Fund. The fund shall cover seven geographical zones in the Philippines, which are vulnerable areas.

In Caraga Region, thirty-four (34) Local Government Units (LGUs)—composed of two (2) cities and thirty-two (32) municipalities are covered by PAMANA. These identified conflict-affected areas are those which results from the presence of Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP), New People's Army (NPA), and National Democratic Front (NDF).

The priority programs and projects covered by PAMANA-DILG for C.Y. 2012 implementation are the Municipalities of Prosperidad, Sibagat, Sta. Josefa and Veruela of the Province of Agusan del Sur; Municipalities of Buenavista, Carmen, Jabonga, Kitcharao, Las Nieves, Magallanes, Nasipit, RTR, Santiago and Tubay of the Province of Agusan del Norte; Municipalities of Bayabas, Hinatuan, Marihatag, San Agustin, Tagbina, and the Cities of Bislig and Tandag of the Province of Surigao del Sur; Municipalities of Alegria, Mainit, Malimono and the City of Surigao

of the Province of Surigao del Norte including the Municipalities of Burgos, Dapa, Del Carmen, General Luna, Pilar, San Benito, San Isidro, Sta. Monica, and Socorro of Siargao Islands.

The PAMANA as a framework for intervention in vulnerable areas is anchored on three complementary strategic pillars that define core interventions to achieve lasting peace. Pillar 1 focuses on interventions that support the establishment of the foundations of peace and the building of resilient communities through policy reform and development. Pillar 2 targets micro-level interventions to promote the convergent delivery of services and goods focused on households and communities by both national and local projects. Lastly, Pillar 3 provides for meso-level interventions that address regional and sub-regional development challenges, which will contribute to peace building.

Pillars 1 and 2 are to be implemented by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR). Pillar 3 is implemented through a partnership between the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and Office of Presidential Adviser for Peace Process (OPAPP).

PAMANA Program is aimed at achieving the following objectives: (1) Reduce poverty and vulnerability in conflict-affected areas, (2) Improve Governance and (3) Empower communities and strengthen their capacities to address issues of conflict and peace through activities that promote social cohesion. (FFJr.B)

"Did you know?"

The first municipal election in the Philippines was held in Baliuag, Bulacan under the supervision of American military governor general Arthur MacArthur on May 6, 1899.

PAMANA
Payapa at MASaganang PamayaNan

DILG Caraga's TAPATAN Focused on Disaster Preparedness



DILG Director Lilibeth A. Famacion said, "It is not Batman or Superman who will save us in times of disaster but our readiness and preparedness to face it." She said that being prepared for disasters prevents the eventuality of damaged properties and loss of lives.

Atty. Anthony P. Vitor, Legal Officer IV of DILG 13 discussed Executive Order No. 66, otherwise known as "PRESCRIBING RULES ON THE CANCELLATION OR SUSPENSION OF CLASSES AND WORK IN GOVERNMENT OFFICES DUE TO TYPHOONS, FLOODING, OTHER WEATHER DISTURBANCES, AND CALAMITIES". He stressed the significance of the EO so that the Local Chief Executives at the same time the local community will know the guidelines and mechanism for the automatic suspension or cancellation of classes in their locality.

Anchored on the themes: "Preparedness Saves Lives" and "Kaluwasan sa Kataglagman Kinahanglan Pangandaman", the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Region XIII – Caraga on June 26, 2012 resolutely push Local Government Units (LGUs), Regional Line Agencies (RLAs), and other stakeholders for readiness in times of disasters, particularly water related disasters. This was held at Almont Hotel's Inland Resort, Butuan City.

Reduction Management Councils (DRRMCs).

This is also pursuant to Republic Act 10121, otherwise known as the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010.

The event is also marked with the distribution of twenty-eight (28) Performance Challenge Fund (PCF) and six (6) SALINTUBIG checks to recipient LGUs amounting to PhP 64.5 M. Another significant part of Tapatan is the MOA Signing of recipient LGUs in the waterless municipalities and barangays which were able to access the fund for the provision of potable water system under the SALINTUBIG or the Sagana at Ligtas na Tubig Para sa Lahat Program.

DILG Caraga's Tapatan on Disaster Preparedness highlights the presence of Secretary Jesse M. Robredo for his Call to Action in disaster readiness and response and the signing of the Pledge of Commitment by the participants emphasizing the urgency and significance of placing disaster preparedness on top of the priority development agenda for LGUs as mandated under Department Circular 2010-143 dated December 9, 2010. The said circular also aimed at strengthening LGU capability, particularly the Disaster Risk

Secretary Robredo unveils the Seal of Disaster Preparedness (SDP) to formally launch the Seal in Caraga Region. Robredo said that the Seal of Disaster Preparedness focuses on both operational and institutional capacity. This was followed with the Interfacing of the participants.

Exhibits of DILG Caraga's IEC materials were positioned on the event area showcasing Caraga region's initiatives on Disaster Risk Reduction and Management and Climate Change Adaptation with its anti-poverty programs and projects. This was accompanied by exhibits of Office of Civil Defense, Municipality of Esperanza, City Government of Butuan, Ama Computer Learning Center, Philippine Red Cross and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. (FFJr.B)



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(PhP 167,000.00) each, a total of Five hundred one thousand pesos (PhP 501,000.00) for the three patrol vehicles.

During the turn-over ceremony, Congressman Jose "Joboy" S. Aquino II said that he wants to see policemen all around Butuan for the peace and security of the city. This is the reason why he allocated funds for the procurement of patrol vehicles. He also said that he is going to provide budget for the next round of four (4) multicabs to BCPO through DILG XIII.

BCPO PSSUPT Pedro U. Obaldo, during his welcome remarks, said with emphasis that Butuan deserves to be a peaceful city. He also said that the three (3) patrol vehicles will surely help in the city's peace and order. (FFJr.B)



with accessories such as tie wrench, Jack, horn and blinker ready to be used by police officers for the Balanghain Festival tomorrow – May 19, 2012. The said units were valued at one hundred sixty-seven thousand pesos

San Agustin's Flow of Potable Water

by: Redgy V. Panilan, LGOO II



San Agustin, Surigao del Sur - At least three barangays benefitted from the construction of Ground Water System in Barangay Sto. Nino, San Agustin, Surigao del Sur. The water system caters 1,084 aggregate households in Barangays Sto. Nino, Hornasan and Puntod, estimated to be 31% of the total households in the municipality.

GRATEFUL BENEFICIARIES

The completion of the water system project created a positive impact in the lives of the residents of the three barangays.

"Gidungog ang among mga pag-ampo. Madayaw na gayud ang amo tubig. Sa pagkakaran, wala pa hinuon kami niinom bisan ug tin-aw na kay wala pa may announcement nga pwede na imnon. Pero, pwede nami magshower-

shower kay kusog na ang agas. Karon mamintinar na ang kalimpyo sa among panimalay tungod kay dili na maghakot-hakot ug tubig gamit sa panghugas sa plato ug para sa CR"(Our prayers are heard, we now have plenty of water. For now, we don't drink it yet because there's no instruction yet to do so, but we used it for bathing and washing. We don't fetch water anymore"), Mr. and Mrs. Gonzalo Kulao, a resident of Metro Sto. Niño gladly stated.

Sto. Niño Punong Barangay Mr. Alex de Guzman, out of gratitude and appreciation, gave his commitment for the maintenance and safekeeping of the waterlines. "Adunay tubig sa una pero sige ug kawala. Kung moagas man, murag tsokolate ang color. Apan karon, tin-aw na ang tubig ug kontento gayud ang mga katawhan sa serbisyo niini. Busa amo gayud kining ampingan ug i-mintinar kay dugay na namo kining gihandom. Amo kining palamboon"(we have available water supply before but of bad quality, the color of which is similar to that of a chocolate. Since we have access to clean water now, we really have to develop and take good care of it").

"Kapin kon kulang mga 5 years na nga walay maayo nga tubig diri sa among lugar. Sa una, aduna tuod linya sa tubig pero pirmi walay agas. Duha ang source sa una, sa tanke ug sa sapa mao na grabe kalubog ang tubig labi na kung mag-ulan. Ang pagkakaran, maayo ang source nga nakuhaan sa tubig kay deep well man. Pwede na mainom kay tin-aw na. Mismo ako ug ang akong pamilya, moinom na sa tubig sa gripo sa pagkakaran"(We waited for at least five years to obtain good water supply. We have water source before but it yeilds cloudy water especially during rainy days. The water quality, at present, is better because it is sourced from the deep well. My family drinks water from the faucet now"), Hornasan Punong Barangay Mr. Agapito E. Lubrico said.

GOOD GOVERNANCE

Under DILG's incentive scheme for compliance, the Local Government Unit of San Agustin accessed the Php 1 million Performance Challenge Fund because the Municipality was awardee of the Seal of Good Housekeeping for two years in a row (2010 and 2011). The Seal of Good Housekeeping is conferred to Local Government Units without COA adverse findings and compliant to the Full Disclosure Policy.

STIMULUS FOR DEVELOPMENT

Being a SGH recipient, the Local Government of San Agustin invested Php 1.89 million as project counterpart to the Php 1 million cash incentive from DILG. "This cash incentive program of the DILG is an inspiration and motivation not just to the Municipality of San Agustin but to all LGUs", Mayor Honulolo Go commented as he proudly shows the two (2) SEAL OF GOOD HOUSEKEEPING markers mounted in the walls of the municipal hall. "We are working hard and hoping for the third seal this year. But we do hope there will be an increase in the PCF enough to fund a project without the LGU counterpart", he said.

MOBILIZING COMMUNITY FOR PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY

The project recipients were encouraged to manage the water resources for better services and ensure sustainability of water supply. Regular water analysis is also pushed to maintain safe and potable water in order to prevent water-borne diseases.

In the end, the water system facility mirrors the government's continuing efforts to improve public service and accountability of resources to achieve the Millennium Development Goals. (Engr. Redgy V. Panilan, LGOO II, Province of Surigao del Sur)





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Lantawan Eco-Park's Tourist Influx to Abet Fiscal Condition

by: Florian Faith Jr. P. Bayawa, LG00 II

Kitcharao, Agusan del Norte – Behind the serene display of forest-protected area of Brgy. Crossing in the Municipality of Kitcharao, province of Agusan del Norte unveils the captivating beauty of Lantawan Eco-Park that captures the exhilarating scene of Lake Mainit.

Yet the existence of this fascinating landscape has been hidden beneath forest covers slowly dissipating into oblivion. While residents contain the extant panoramic view within themselves, the tourists and outsiders wished to catch a glimpse of the rich forest life. The lack to road accessibility and at the same time, the absence of tourism facilities at Lantawan Eco-Park makes it a concealed tourist hot spot despite of its natural and attractive scenery.

This dismal situation ended when the Municipality of Kitcharao passed the Seal of Good Housekeeping (SGH) and became a recipient of the Performance Challenge Fund (PCF) worth PhP1 M. The PCF grant was received by the municipality on October 13, 2011. After receipt and compliance to all the requirements for its utilization, the fund was used to establish the Tourism-Support Facilities in Lantawan Eco Park. The project includes construction of access road, installation of potable water facilities, electric power supply, setting-up of public toilet and the construction of kiosks to improve the area. The Municipality of Kitcharao provided PhP1 M as LGU counterpart for the Tourism-Support Facilities. The implementation started on February 16, 2011 and finally reached its completion on April 30, 2012.

Just barely two (2) months after the project completion, a record of 2,680 tourists already surged and rushed to the place. With the continuing increase of tourists in Lantawan, it is expected to generate income to the LGU and is projected to abet its fiscal condition. While the figures are increasing, the Municipality of Kitcharao is positive that it will provide revenues arising from the profits of Lantawan Eco Park's income-generating tourism facilities.

With the conferment of the SGH, the Municipality of Kitcharao received the PCF as an incentive and was able to provide an answer to its depressing situation. The SGH is a form of recognition given to local governments that accord primacy to the principles of accountability and transparency. It is conferred to a performing LGU that has no adverse finding by the Commission on Audit (COA) regarding its financial transactions and has posted the same in conspicuous places or in websites to notify the public of such information. This is pursuant to Memorandum Circular No. 2011-95 dated July 1, 2011 of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), which ensures that good governance is implemented by the LGU.

"This is a manifestation that a performing LGU, lodged in the foundation of good governance with the time-honored principles of transparency, accountability, responsiveness and participation will truly be rewarded by an incentive of the national government", Regional Director Lilibeth A. Famacion of DILG 13 remarked.

Presently, the Lantawan Eco-Park rests on top of the mountain overlooking the exhilarating view of Lake Mainit. Roberto R. Calubag, Jr., OIC-Municipal Planning and Development Officer (MPDO) of the Municipality of Kitcharao has requested the Agusan del Norte Electric Cooperative (ANECO) to install

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The exhilarating view of Lake Mainit from the overlooking peak of Lantawan Eco-Park at Brgy. Crossing, Kitcharao, Agusan del Norte.



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an interface with the Indigenous People's, the LGUs and the media to convince that illegal logging be stopped. Undaunted, he also gave marching orders to relieve the composite team of monitoring stations of PNP and DENR personnel where the illegal logs passed through. In fact, several officials in the PNP and DENR were placed in the sack to be accountable for their lapses.

"Secretary Jesse M. Robredo is a champion of good governance. In fact, he looks into the results of our work but at the same time placed emphasis on the output of what we do. He looks at performance with integrity. For him, the programs of this Department is achieved when it produced an impact in the community level," shared by DILG Region 13 Director Lilibeth A. Famacion.

Constantly, Secretary Jesse M. Robredo was always reminding local government officials and his DILG personnel to be committed in the performance of government service. He believes that in merit-based system, performance and compliance is easily achieved. This will, according to Sec. Robredo, improve the scale of governance and pave the way for positive change. He believes that there is an incentive for compliance. "This should be a dynamic instrument because if there is one thing we'd like to bring, it's making sure that we do performance at the same time prudence and compliance of rules in so far as the use of government money is concerned," according to him.

To pay respect in honor of Secretary Robredo, the DILG Region 13 offered a Misa Requiem in the office last August 22, 2012. The Department also extends its deepest sympathy to the family of Secretary Robredo. The Philippine flag was already hoisted in half mast. This August 23, 2012 at 6:00 p.m., a mass will be offered at St. Joseph Cathedral, Butuan City to be attended by different agencies in the region together with all the mourning public.

As always stressed by Secretary Robredo, "Dapat nating bigyang saysay ang ating mga ginagawa para ang lahat ng ito'y maging makabuluhan."

For DILG Region 13, what Sec. Robredo has started will be continued. The legacy he has left behind will always be etched in the hearts of the Department personnel. (Florian Faith Jr. P. Bayawa)

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a power transformer at the Lantawan Eco-Park to stabilize the 220 volts power supply required for the submersible pump and other tourism infrastructure facilities in the area. In view of the operation and management of Lantawan Eco Park, the Municipal Tourism Coordinating Council is on the process of formulating the Comprehensive Tourism Master Plan.

The Sangguniang Bayan is likewise on the process of creating "AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING ECOTOURISM DEVELOPMENT FEE AND IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF KITCHARAO, AGUSAN DEL NORTE."

Truly, this accomplishment reveals the anti-poverty flagship programs under Pres. Benigno Simeon Aquino III implemented under the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) on its purpose of achieving "Tuwid na Daan, tungo sa Bayang Maunlad". (FFJr.Bayawa)

Legally Speaking...



by Atty. Anthony P. Vitor,

"Integrity is best seen in the actions of a man."

Authority of a Punong Barangay to cancel / suspend classes in the absence of typhoon

Issue: Can a Punong Barangay declare the cancellation / suspension of classes in the absence of typhoons?

Held:

YES. Executive Order No. 66, Series of 2012, otherwise known as "Prescribing Rules On The Cancellation Or Suspension Of Classes And Work In Government Offices Due To Typhoons, Flooding, Other Weather Disturbances, And Calamities" provides that:

"Section 2. Localized Cancellation or Suspension of Classes and Work in Government Offices. In the absence of typhoon signal warnings from PAGASA, localized cancellation or suspension of classes and work in government offices may be implemented by local

chief executives, as chairmen of the Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (LDRRMC) concerned, in coordination with PAGASA and the NDRRMC, specifically in flood-prone or high risk areas."

The Executive Order did not specify whether the term "local chief executives" refers to governors and mayors to the exclusion of the punong barangays. Following the maxim that *if the law did not qualify, then there's no need to qualify* would render the term "local chief executives" to have included the punong barangays for purposes of E.O. No. 66.

The Local Government Code states that the punong barangay is the chief executive of the barangay (Sec. 389-a). "The punong barangay is the head of the barangay development council which also functions as the head of the barangay risk reduction and management council (Sec. 107-a, R.A. No. 7160 in relation to Rule 5, Sec. 1, IRR of R.A. 10121.

Thus, a Punong Barangay can declare the cancellation / suspension of classes in their area of responsibility (AOR), being Chairperson of the Barangay DRRMC pursuant to Sec. 2 of E.O. No. 66.

Words to Live By...

by: Lucia B. Garrido - OIC Chief AFD

What is true joy? Is it possible to experience a true and abiding joy even in the midst of hard times and sorrows?

Sometimes we feel disappointments or depressions, we are discouraged to move forward. But in this world, we experienced not only good but also bad things. So what are we going to do when such heart-breaking moments happen?

In the prayers of David found in the Book of Psalm 32:11, he said **"Good people, rejoice and be happy in the Lord. Sing all you whose hearts are right."**

As always, God comes to our rescue. He has always all the answers for us in our prayers.

In the Bible, this is one of the most beautiful prayers of King David to the Lord which is found in the Book of Psalm 51: 10-12; **"Create in me a pure heart Oh God, and make my spirit right again. Do not send me away from you or take your Holy Spirit away from me. Give me back the joy of your salvation. Keep me strong by giving me a willing spirit."**

With that, we hope to be like David in our daily quiet time with God.

Our crying may last for a night but joy comes in the morning. PRAISE GOD!

In Memoriam of **SILG Jesse M. Robredo** "Champion of Good Governance: A Man of SERVICE, A Man of ACTION"

There are indeed many public servants in the country but seldom do we know a person who is a "true servant of the public."

The late Secretary Jesse M. Robredo was an epitome of a servant leader who didn't dwell on his words but acts on them, instead. He believes that the true measure of integrity is character. For him, translating words into actions with character results into an excellence in performance bringing forth productive results which according to him should be felt by those who are at the community on the ground. In strictest sense, the programs of DILG must have impact to those it should address. This has moved the entire Department to work the extra mile so that good governance will wipe out corruption and eradicate the crooked system that dawn upon our system of government. This is what we call as "Walk the Talk.."

Fortunate are the local government officials, the local government sector and the Interior such as the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP), Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM) and the Philippine National Police (PNP) who were under Sec. Robredo's administration and leadership.

Tirelessly, Sec. Robredo always reminded the local government officials to be genuine in their service. He enforced the comprehensive strategy of participatory governance stitched with the democratic principles of accountability, responsiveness and most of all

transparency. Thus, in order to empower LGUs, he introduced performance-based programs such as the Seal of Good Housekeeping (SGH), which is being awarded to LGUs that comply to Full Disclosure Policy (FDP) by divulging financial transactions through posting them in conspicuous places and those LGUs that have no negative findings from the Commission on Audit. This strategy stresses performance of LGUs as the gauge in determining which LGU deserves priority attention from the government. Now LGUs are making the leap to access the Performance Challenge Fund (PCF) through qualifying the SGH. Because of these, LGUs are now trekking the "Tuwid na Daan."

On Strict Implementation of Total Log Ban

Undaunted, Sec. Robredo conducted a personal ocular inspection at Brgy. Amaparo, Butuan City on June 11, 2011 for the confiscated illegal logs. In fact, a composite team of DENR officials and PNP were relieved because of the undetected illegal logs that pass through their stations. Several Chief Executives were also mandated to provide their explanation on the matter.

On Novo Fire Incident

Sec. Robredo assessed the remains of the building on the Novo Fire incident which claimed the lives of seventeen (17)



employees. To bring justice, the Novo franchise owner is already facing charges. The three (3) survivors and the families of the victims were given cash assistance. As a result of the assessment, Sec. Robredo issued a directive to increase fire safety inspection compliance and monitoring and a stricter implementation of building and business permits.

Words may not be enough to prove the worth of a person, but what SILG Robredo did was far beyond words; that through his action, he left a legacy for all of us to follow and continue. (Florian Faith Jr. P. Bayawa, LGOO II)

LGOO II Trainees Completed P-1 Center Training

Six Local Government Operations Officers (LGOOs) II of DILG Region XIII had finally completed the Phase 1 Component 2 Center Training at Cagayan de Oro City on May 14, 2012.

During the training, they were equipped with the principles and concepts of local governance in order to prepare them for field immersion through which they perform and put into actual practice the functions of a field officer.

In field immersion, the trainees were assigned at designated Local Government Units (LGUs). LGOO IIs Ernie Y. Gultiano, Marichelle O. Gultiano and Jane G. Moreno were assigned at the Municipality of San Francisco, Agusan del Sur; while LGOO IIs Jason Ryan R. Lam, Charles

V. Lim and Mary Anthonette M. Salise were assigned at the Municipality of Carmen, Agusan del Norte.

The LGOO II trainees were required to produce three (3) Major Outputs: (1) State of Local Governance Report (SLGR), (2) Systems on Competency Assessment for Local Governments (SCALOG) and (3) Capacity Development Agenda of the LGUs where they were assigned.

The field immersion was designed to enable the trainees to reinforce their learning they acquired during their Center Training by serving as an apprentice LGOOs in the actual operation of a local government unit.

Congratulations !!! Re-appointed DILG Employee

Roche Lynn L. Cunanan Accountant II Regional Office

Newly Promoted DILG Employee

Arvin R. Silvosa LGOO II Regional Office

Newly Appointed DILG Personnel

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Ian Reigh M. Elimanco	LGOO II	Province of Agusan Norte
Lorjezza S. Quimzon	Admin. Aide IV	Regional Office
Joselito E. Ramos	Admin. Aide IV	Regional Office
Maryjean L. Panchito	Admin. Aide IV	Province of Agusan Norte

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Recognition to be sent through official correspondence from the Secretary of the Interior and Local Government. Passers of level 1 and 2 assessments will receive the Seal and a Disaster Management Fund or Disaster Equipage. (FFJr.Bayawa)

DILG Caraga Conducts Report Card Survey on LGUs' ARTA Implementation



In its advocacy of pursuing excellence in local governance, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Region XIII has recently concluded the Anti-Red Tape Act (ARTA) Report Card Survey (RCS) Roll-out on May 24-25, 2012 at Almont Hotel's Inland Resort, Butuan City.

The Report Card Survey (RCS) is a participatory survey that provides quantitative feedback on user perceptions on the quality, adequacy and efficiency of public services, particularly in the delivery of frontline services, which exacts public accountability.

The conduct of RCS is in adherence to Republic Act 9485, otherwise known as the

Anti-Red Tape Act of 2007, Section 10, which provides: "All offices and agencies providing front-line services shall be subjected to a Report Card Survey (RCS)... to obtain feedback on how provisions in the Citizens Charter are being followed and how the agency is performing." The survey will also obtain a feedback on the existence and effectiveness of Local Government Units (LGUs) of their compliance to Citizen's Charter.

All the Provincial and City Directors, Program and Outcome Managers, City and Municipal

Local Government Operations Officers (C/MLGOOs) and the technical personnel assigned in the Regional, Provincial and City Offices were trained to serve as ARTA – RCS Researchers for data collection in the Report Card Survey. A simulation exercise was made in answering the Inspection Checklist and the Survey Questionnaires in order to provide the trainees with the mechanisms on the conduct of the field survey. Moreover, a workshop was conducted by LGOO V Mary Ann S. Tomate on the use of the Encoding Tool where data is stored after the data collection. This was done on an individual hands-on exercise by the participants to ensure that every ARTA – RCS Researcher is knowledgeable and capacitated to perform the survey as well as the data encoding RCS software.

Part of the conduct of the training was the presentation on Con-

tinuing Legal Education of Atty. Anthony P. Vitor, Performance Challenge Fund (PCF) 2012 of LGOO V Lolita Savaria, Gawad Pamana ng Lahi, Scaled-up Seal of Good Housekeeping (SGH) and Seal of Disaster Preparedness (SDP) by LGMED Chief LGOO V Ray Gregory Jaranilla. This is in line with the Department's advocacy to popularize the projects implemented by the DILG.

Data collection has been administered in all the cities and municipalities of this region through a cross-posting scheme of deployment for reliability and validity of the results by the DILG Field Personnel within the month of June, 2012.

The Report Card Survey has specifically focused on the following areas of assessment, to wit: (1) Posting of the Citizen's Charter, (2) Existence of an Anti-fixer Campaign, (3) Wearing of Identification Cards, (4) Establishment of a Public Assistance and Complaints Desk (PACD),

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"When Butuan City is inundated with floods, there is a ripple effect. People will be displaced, properties destroyed & the economy is greatly affected. Floods make people poor and desperate," she added.

The city drainage project of Butuan is the result of its adherence and compliance to the banner program of President Be-

nigno S. Aquino III in promoting transparency accountability in the local and national government through DILG.

It once again proved that incentives are given local government units that adhere to development programs in alleviating poverty in the country. (FFJR.B)



DILG 13 Lauds LTIA Regional Winners

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The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Region XIII – Caraga genially lauds the regional winners of the Search for Outstanding Lupong Tagapamayapa for the period covering 1st to 4th Quarters of C.Y. 2011 on April 11, 2012 at the Local Regional Resource Center (LGRRC), this department.

The Regional winner of the Highly Urbanized City category is Brgy. San Vicente of Butuan City.

For the Component City category, the Regional winner is Brgy. Telaje of Tandag City, Surigao del Sur; while, Brgy. Mabini of Cabadbaran City, Agusan del Norte and Brgy. Canlanipa of Surigao City, Surigao del Norte bagged the 1st and 2nd

place, respectively. Barangay Poblacion of Barobo, Surigao del Sur was the Regional winner for the 1st to 3rd Class Municipal category; while, Brgy. Atatahon of Nasipit, Agusan del Norte and Brgy. Zamora of Talacogon, Agusan del Sur emerged as the 1st runner-up and the 2nd runner-up of the same category.

The Regional winner for the 4th to 6th Class Municipal category is Brgy. Quezon of Mainit, Surigao del Norte, while the first runner-up went to Brgy. Poblacion of Carmen, Agusan del Norte.

The regional assessment for the Search

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PURSuing THE DEPARTMENT'S CHANGE AGENDA: *Moving Forward Towards a Common Path*



"Pursuing the Department's Change Agenda: *Crossing Over to Performance, Accountability, Responsiveness & Transparency in Local Governance (P.A.R.T II)* was the noteworthy theme during the three-day seminar workshop of DILG Region XIII held at Dottie's Place, Butuan City on April 23-25, 2012.

The activity was aimed at communicating the changes on structure, culture, processes and system of the department brought about by the "Change Agenda", realigning of individual roles, accountability and responsibility towards change. Part of the activity was providing technical assistance to the DILG field personnel in writing the State of the Local

Government Report (SLGR).

A total of 152 participants – administrative and technical personnel coming from the regional, provincial and city field offices were present during the gathering. The first day provided for the overview and objectives. The concept of the department's "Change Agenda" was also introduced as it sets the inputs and workshops' parameter. It was stressed out that future management decisions are aligned with the said changes and outputs of the activities will be used as guide in implementing future interventions.

Topics presented were: 1) Change Leadership; 2) Reinventing Oneself; 3) Fostering Team

Approach; 4) Building High Performing Team; 5) Managing Performance and 6) Cluster Strategic Planning. These inputs were customized to lay the individual and cluster/ organizational foundation to embrace change and minimize its impact along the process. Three workshops were conducted to thresh out individual and group dynamics towards the proposed changes.

The first workshop was on "Internalization of Individual Roles" as technical and administrative staff. The second workshop was on reinventing oneself or the participant's identification of old mindsets that they need to replace with new mindsets in order to produce new processes and action and new results. The

third workshop was on Cluster planning on the department's PPAs based on the five programme output. The workshop generated the idea that plans within the cluster as well as implementing its interventions should not discount individual competency and specialization.

In brief, the seminar workshop generated positive results in terms of laying down the ground works towards the department's change agenda.

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LTIA Regional Winners

of Outstanding Lupong Tagapamayapa was conducted by the Lupong Tagapamayapa Incentives Awards Regional Awards Committee (RAC) of DILG Region XIII - Caraga.

The Lupons were assessed through their performance and accomplishments by the committee organized at regional, provincial and municipal levels on the basis of the following criteria, to wit: a.) efficiency of operations; b.) effectiveness in securing Katarungang Pambarangay objectives; and c.) creativity and resourcefulness of mediators.

The Regional winners will be endorsed to the National Awards Committee (NAC) as regional nominees for the National Search for C.Y. 2012. (FFJr.B)

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(5) Adherence to the "No Lunch Break" Policy, (6) Personal disposition of an employee directly involved in a frontline service, (7) Quality of the frontline service, and the (8) Physical working condition in the frontline service area.

"We should walk the extra mile and think out of the box. We need to be change agents," remarked DILG OIC-Regional Director Lilibeth A. Famacion. She said that the

ARTA implementation is part of the upscale of the Seal of Good Housekeeping (SGH) so that LGUs will qualify for the Silver SGH. For this reason, RD Famacion calls to action the DILG personnel to monitor, assist and equip LGUs to be recipients of the Silver Seal of Good Housekeeping, which will open the access to obtain funds as incentive for good performance in local governance. (FFJr.B)



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"Building Disaster-Resilient Communities and Local Government Units"

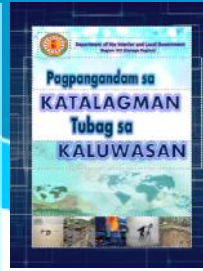
The DILG develops the capabilities of LGUs to prepare against disaster and finance projects that help ensure the safety of communities

The DILG is stepping up efforts to prepare local governments to deal with disasters and build cities and towns that are designed to be resilient in the face of calamities and climate change.

This is done through the Seal of Disaster Preparedness awards, a performance-based mechanism to prepare local governments in dealing with disasters. To qualify for the SDP, LGUs must create disaster risk-reduction and management plans among others.

LGUs are also trained to use funds responsibly and effectively in financing projects that reduce risks brought about by disasters.

Pursuant thereto, DILG Region XIII develops a "komiks", which is an information, education and communication tool to equip the community on the ground with the necessary information in preparing disasters and climate changes. The local dialect is used as a medium in order to cater the reading public.



Unsa kaha ang sunod nga mahibata??? Atangi ang sunod nga isyu sa TIT-MON !!!



Freezing the TIME, Capturing the SCENES...



At the Butuan City Hall Conference Room, 3rd Floor for the Interface with Lumads represented by Victoriano S. Vidal, Sr., Technical Consultant of Tribal Coalition of Mindanao (TRICOM), DENR represented by DENR Regional Technical Director for Forest Management Service Musa C. Saruang, City Mayor Ferdinand M. Amante, Jr. and PNP Chief Rafal. Same day, SILG had a Press Conference at the City Mayor's Office.



Personal Assessment conducted by the late SILG Robredo to the NOVO fire incident on May 12, 2012.



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