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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.



From the left: OIC-ARD Donald A. Seronay, RD Lilibeth A. Famacion handed the check worth PHP 2 M, with a plaque and certificate to Gawad Pamana ng Lahi regional awardee for the City category - Mayor Ernesto T. Matugas of Surigao City on October 19, 2012 at Dottie's Place Hotel and Restaurant, Butuan City.

DILG 13 conducts Forum on Local Governance & Awarding of Gawad Pamana ng Lahi reg'l. winners

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Region 13 (CARAGA), in commemoration of the 21st year of the Local Government Code conducted the Regional Forum on Local Governance on October 19, 2012 at Dottie's Place Hotel, Butuan City. Local Chief Executives in the region, Regional Line Agencies (RLAs), Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), academe and DILG personnel convened in the forum to celebrate the two (2) decades of local autonomy in the Philippines.

The regional forum is pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 63, series of 1992 which declared the month of October of every year as the Local Government Month, the second week, as the Local Government Week and the 10th of October as the Local Government Day.

DILG Regional Director Lilibeth A. Famacion, in her welcome message said that collective efforts will set the direction for good governance as the principles of participation, accountability, responsiveness and transparency are being uphold and put into action.

Butuan City Mayor Ferdinand M. Amante, Jr., who graced the event through his message emphasized the essence of local autonomy in the country as local governments have exercised certain basic powers to provide for the best interest of their constituents.

The forum proper started with the region's stake on Sustainable Development focusing on its three pillars, namely: social, economic and environmental aspects. It was presented by the Assistant Regional Director of the National Economic and Development Authority Caraga Regional Office – Ms. Mylah Faye Aurora B. Cariño. She presented the status of Caraga in terms of development and areas of improvement where the region needs to recover and focus its attention such as the presence of low water quality and forest degradation.

The Regional State of Local Governance Report was presented by DILG Local Government Capability Development Division (LG added) Chief – Ms. Charissa T. Guerta. She mentioned the five performance areas, namely: social, economic, environmental,

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Director's Notes

Lilibeth A. Famacion, CESO IV

Drive for Excellence

It is now high time to place great weight on our commitment to service. It's no longer gauging on what we can do but on what more we can still give on top of what we already accomplished. This we can do if we have the drive for excellence.

In government service, reality dawns upon us all that the more we do, the more we find fulfillment in our line of work. But as civil servants, we are confronted by many challenges. These challenges, most of the time will weaken our desire to work. Even then, these challenges must not be the reason to fail the people who placed their trust in us since a "public office is a public trust". The primordial reason why we are called civil servants is because we are obliged to serve the public with utmost integrity at all times. Hence, our role is significant.

With the Department's mandate of being a primary catalysts for excellence in good governance, we shift our position from being an ordinary civil servant to an extraordinary servant of the people. There must be attitude and skills intertwined. The benefit and welfare of the community is our end-goal. We should not waste the people's confidence as we deliver our truest service.

Local government units have the important role in nation-building. People look-up on each of the officials with overwhelming expectations as much as they believe on government employees. Being representatives of the people, the responsibility attached to the position could make or break the lives of those we serve.

Thus, to serve our purpose, we must not settle on what is being done already, but on what is still to be done to address the problems that beset us like the never-ending poverty, environmental concerns and stained governance that has been hampering the progress we have long been aspiring to happen. Let us always be reminded that good governance rests on the principles of transparency, responsiveness, accountability and people's participation. If these principles are followed with good intentions, it's never too difficult to work with drive for excellence.

RD Famacion Signs Commitment to end "Child Labor" in AgNor



From the left: RD Lilibeth A. Famacion, RD Mercedita P. Jabagat of DSWD 13 with other line agencies in the region gave educational kits to the child laborers labeled as "batang kalabaw" in Jabonga, Agusan Norte.

Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Region 13 Director Lilibeth A. Famacion signed the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to signify her firm commitment on behalf of the Department for putting an end to child labor activities, particularly in the province of Agusan del Norte in convergence with other Regional Line Agencies (RLAs) in Caraga Region.

The MOA signing is an offshoot of the reported incident of child laborers at Brgy. Bagang, Jabonga, Agusan del Norte labeled as "Batang Kalabaw" characterized by a child or children who pulls or drags cut log(s) to a designated place where it is hauled or loaded to a truck. The cut log(s) are dragged or pulled by strapping the end of a rope around the body of the child with the other end of the rope strapped around the log, a worst form of child-labor. There were ten (10) identified "batang kalabaw" in Brgy. Bagan, namely: (1) Dante Biog, (2) Junrey Lapnugan, (3) Jessa Biog, (4) Raymond Requirmen, (5) Jackie Biog, (6) Rey G. Biyug, (7) Renan Requirmen, (8) Alpie Hilapon, (9) John Lloyd Licayan and (10) Carl Jun S. Padullon who all received educational supplies on July 24, 2012 at Brgy. Baleguian, Jabonga, Agusan del Norte.

Director Famacion said that the prevalence of illegal logging in the region, notably in the province of Agusan del Norte where the hasty source of money is the hauling of illegal logs in the area contributes to the occurrence of pervasive child-labor.

"Many children as young as seven (7) years old regardless of gender were victims of this cruel activity and this will exacerbate the incidence of illiteracy, malnutrition and exploitation among children," Director Famacion said. "If these children are working and are not given proper education, they will grow up to be delinquents and contribute to societal decay," she added.

"Thus, there must be a convergence of initiatives to put a stop to child-labor activities in this region. As part of

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Forum on DRR-CCA Kick-off Convergence for Agusan River Basin Management



in disasters. “Let us make sure that all of the efforts of our late Secretary will not be in vain and we will continue this advocacy to achieve our vision of building disaster resilient communities and local governments”, said Director Famacion.

Butuan City Mayor Ferdinand M. Amante, Jr. said that it is very timely and appropriate for Butuan City to have the collaborative workshop because the city is always at risk for flooding every year. “Thus, there is a need for collaboration with the LGUs along the river basin and I am hopeful that all of us here who are present will achieve convergence to unify our plans,” Mayor Amante remarked.

Senator Loren Legarda sent her senatorial staff to document the outputs of the convergence for this will be valuable in her proposed Philippine River Basin System Administration Act of 2012. Senator Legarda was not able to grace the activity and was instead represented by her Chief of Staff Emmanuel de Guzman.

A common action agenda among the participants was initiated during the collaboration

The Regional Forum on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) for the Agusan River Basin Management has kicked-off the convergence of Local Government Units (LGUs), Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officers (DRRMOs), Regional Line Agencies (RLAs), the Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) of Regions 11 and 13. The alliance building was held at Almont Hotel's Inland Resort, Butuan City on August 23, 2012.

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and Local Government Academy (LGA) in partnership with the Agencia Española de Cooperación Internacional para

el Desarrollo (AECID) and the Office of Senator Loren Legarda have forged this effort in order to harness alliance building and initiate convergence towards a harmonized effort in the development, administration and proper management of the Agusan River Basin. The collaborative approach is aimed at building disaster-resilient local communities and governments.

Despite the untimely death of the late DILG Secretary Jesse M. Robredo, who was supposed to grace the event, the activity pushed through with a special tribute presentation in honor of him. The participants to the regional forum provided a grand standing applause as DILG

Region 13 Director Lilibeth A. Famacion recalled and revived his outstanding contributions and exemplary service, particularly Secretary Robredo's marching orders in imposing the total log-ban and in apprehending those connected with the illegal logging activities in Caraga Region.

Director Famacion said that the regional forum on DRR-CCA collaborative workshop of the Agusan River Basin is an offshoot and one of the series of activities of the TAPATAN on disaster preparedness – initiated by the late Secretary Robredo in order to prepare communities

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DILG 13 Capacitates SALINTUBIG Recipients in Caraga

Recipients of the Sagana at Ligtas na Tubig Para sa Lahat (SALINTUBIG) Program of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Region 13 (CARAGA) were trained on Program Planning, Procurement, Fund Management and Construction Supervision on October 15-18, 2012 at Pietros Square, Butuan City.

The training was intended to enhance, at the same time improve the capacities of Local Government Units (LGUs) in the stages of planning, implementation, operation and fund management for the construction / expansion / upgrading of their water supply facilities in their

areas under the SALINTUBIG Program in a sustainable manner. The participants to the

training were the Municipal Engineers (MEs), Municipal Planning and Development Coordinators



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SALINTUBIG

Designed to provide a grant for financing and capacity building in the implementation of water supply projects in waterless municipalities, in poorest barangays with high level of waterborne diseases, in resettlement areas and in public health centers without access to safe and adequate water.



LGRRC-DILG 13 conducts Regional Knowledge Management Audit

The Local Governance Regional Resource Center (LGRRC) through the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Region 13 (CARAGA) in partnership with the Local Government Academy (LGA) conducted a Knowledge Management Audit for External Stakeholders in the region on October 23-24, 2012 at Goat2geder Hotel and Restaurant, Butuan City.

The Knowledge Management (KM) Audit has determined the level of organizational KM readiness (different sectors in the region through the KM Mapping Assessment Tool. Result showed that Caraga region has already achieved a refinement of the implementation of knowledge management, which has continually evaluated for improvement. This means that the region has already a good to excellent organizational performance results as has achieved sustained trends over time. This result was through the answers of participating institutions such as the regional agencies, civil society organiza-

cademe and other private sectors in the region.

The KM Audit was also aimed at reactivating Stakeholder Advisory Committee (MSAC), the governing body of the LGRRC which was organized last November 12, 2007.

The MSAC is a network of institutions collaborating together leverage and share internal and external knowledge for local governance capacity building and performance excellence. With MSAC, there will be a convergence of agencies and institutions in the with different programs that could be useful in the sharing of knowledge and expertise towards the more responsive local governance.

The LGRRC established at the DILG Regional Office has anchored capacity development, linkages, multimedia, information knowledge, public education citizenship development in the region. With LGRRC as a dynamic and interactive program, the DILG aims



From the left: Atty. Anthony P. Vitor (Atty. IV), Ray Gregory F. Jaranilla (LGME Chief), Ivy Annabelle Ivy Boquerin (LGOO V), Ms. Euly T. Enriquez (LGA - KM Audit Resource Person), OIC-ARD/CAD Donald A. Seronay, Charissa T. Guerta (LGCCD Chief)

become a knowledge centric organization in order to provide communities and local government units with the capacity to achieve excellence in good governance through knowledge sharing and innovation.

"This Knowledge Management Audit is a tool to assess and at the same time measure level of knowledge of your organization so that we will know what already have, what we need, what we do not have yet and consequently addressing those gaps so that we will be guided with where we are in our knowledge management readiness", said DILG Regional Director

Lilibeth A. Famacion.

"Good governance is not a monopoly of DILG. It is now high time to move from being a provider to an enabler because we believe other institutions or agencies can also capacitate Local Government Units (LGUs)", remarked DILG Asst. Regional Director Donald A. Seronay. He said that the information of a community practice or network with other sectors in the region will collaborate their efforts towards a common direction for good governance. (Florian Faith Jr. P. Bayawa, LGOO II)

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Forum on Local Governance & Gawad Pamana ng Lahi winners



Mayor Candelario J. Viola, Jr. of Hinatuan, Surigao del Sur received a plaque, certificate and PhP 1 M check for being the Gawad Pamana ng Lahi regional winner for the Municipal category.

administrative and valuing fundamentals. Critical observation on the report is the region's incidence on AIDS/HIV, which has increased tremendously compared to other regions in the country. It was also noted that local government units need to sustain their compliance to the Anti-Red Tape Act (ARTA), which is an important component for the Seal of Good Housekeeping (SGH) for CY 2012.

In the afternoon session of the forum, regional winners of the Gawad Pamana ng Lahi

Awards 2012 bring center stage their accomplishments and exemplary performance by sharing their best local practices. Provincial Governor Sol F. Matugas of the province of Surigao del Norte, regional winner of the province category represented by Board Member Simeon Vicente G. Castrence, shared their provincial best practice on the aspect of "Social Transformation". City Mayor Ernesto T. Matugas of Surigao City shared their city's best practice on the aspect of

"Economic Viability" being the regional winner for the city category and Municipal Mayor Candelario J. Viola, Jr. of the Municipality of Hinatuan, Surigao del Sur shared their best practice on the aspect of "Environmental Integrity" being the regional winner of the Municipal category.

The regional winners of the Gawad Pamana ng Lahi Awards 2012 were given plaques, certificates and a cash incentive: PhP 1 M for the Municipality of Hinatuan, Surigao del Sur, PhP 2 M for Surigao City and PhP 3 M for the Province of Surigao del Norte.

During the forum, the municipalities of Magallanes, Agusan del Norte and Loreto, Dinagat Islands being recipients of the DILG SALINTUBIG (Sagana at Ligat na Tubig Para sa Lahat) Program received the first tranche of release, which is equivalent to 50% of the total project

cost. Magallanes received PhP 3.5 M, while Loreto received PhP 500,000.00.

Meanwhile, symbolic checks equivalent to 80% of the total project cost were given to the provinces of Agusan del Sur and Surigao del Sur as recipients of DILG - PAMANA (Payapa at Masaganang Pamayanan) Program. The province of Agusan del Sur through Provincial Governor Adolph Edward G. Plaza received PhP 56 M covering the municipalities of Sibagat, Prosperidad, Sta. Josefa and Veruela. On the other hand, the Province of Surigao del Sur through Provincial Governor Johnny T. Pimentel received PhP 30.4 M covering the municipalities of Marikatag, Bayabas, San Agustin, Tagbina and Hinatuan; and the cities of Tandag and Bislig. (Florian Faith Jr. P. Bayawa, LGOO II)

DILG Caraga holds TOT and Contingency Planning for DRRMOs

Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Region 13 holds Training of Trainers and Contingency Planning for Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officers (LDRRMOs) in pursuance to its aim in building disaster-resilient and safe communities:

the Agusan River Basin areas of the provinces of Agusan del Sur, Agusan del Norte and Butuan City. The training was held at Goat2geder Hotel and Restaurant, Butuan City on October 12, 2012.

The Community-Based Disaster Risk Reduction Management (CBDRRM) Contingency Planning aims to capacitate the local government units and communities lying along Agusan River Basin (ARB) in the two (2) cities of Butuan and Agusan, two (2) municipalities Buenavista and Las Nieves of the Province of Agusan del Norte and eleven (11) municipalities Bunawan, Esperanza, La Paz, Loreto, Prosperidad, Rosario, San Luis, San Francisco, Talacogon, Trento and Veruela of the Province of Agusan del Sur.

DILG Regional Director Lilibeth A. Famacion, in her message,

is calling out to the Local Disaster Risk Reduction Management Officers (LDRRMOs) to make a contingency plan for the barangays within their area which are easy to follow, easy to understand and is doable.

"Our goal is to save lives. This is why we always join efforts to ensure the security and safety in our areas. This we can achieve by being prepared and by planning ahead. Thus, this activity is very important that we avoid the dangers and perils of disaster and climate changes," said RD Famacion.

The training session has the end goal of formula

the Barangay Contingency for flood because flood is the identified hazard in these areas. Part of the contingency planning was the DRRMOs establishment and institutionalization of different adapted protocols and early warning systems, information dissemination and mobilization of their emergency response team. During the activity, the DRRMOs and the Municipal Local Government Operations Officers (MLGOOs) of identified LGUs were capacitated in order to train trainers to achieve the end view of strongly creating community awareness and response before, during and after disaster. (Florian Faith Jr. P. Bayawa, LGOO II)



LGOO V Dulce Amor (DILG-Butuan City) together with the LDRRMOs of the City of Butuan during Contingency Planning

DILG AgNor Inaugurates New Provincial Bldg.

The Department of the Interior and Local Government - Agusan del Norte Office held the inauguration and blessing of its Provincial Office building in Capitol Compound, this City. The construction of the new Office amounting to Php1.5M sponsored by the Provincial Government of Agusan del Norte,

headed by Governor Erlpe John M. Amante.

DILG XIII Regional Director Lilibeth A. Famacion, DILG Agusan del Norte PD Romeo A. Solis, Vice Governor Enrico R. Corvera and Provincial Administrator Percianita G. Racho led the ribbon-cutting

the new Provincial Office. Government employees and people from the media attended and witnessed the momentous event.

In his opening remarks, PD Solis thanked the Provincial Government of Agusan del Norte, especially Governor Amante through the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, for appropriating funds for construction of the new building. He also thanked the DILG Regional Management especially the Regional Director—RD Famacion, for the support extended in making the once-dream of having a new office a reality.

Vice Governor Enrico Corvera, representing Governor



Vice-Governor Enrico R. Corvera of Agusan Norte Province, in lieu of Governor Erlpe John M. Amante and DILG Reg'l. Director Lilibeth A. Famacion formally opened the new DILG-ADN Bldg. by cutting the ribbon during inauguration

DILG, DSWD Partners in Anti-Poverty Projects in the region

To curtail the increasing incidence of poverty in Caraga Region, the Regional Offices of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) with the Municipality of San Agustin, Surigao del Sur executed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to be partners of PODER 7 implementation, an anti-poverty project funded by Agencia Española Cooperación Internacional para el Desarrollo (AECID) represented by its Regional Directors Lilibeth A. Famacion and Mercedita P. Jabagat, respectively

The MOA was signed after the Project Launching and Municipal Orientation at Alameda's Function Hall of the Municipality of San Agustin, Surigao del Sur. Part of the event was the installation of Municipal Area Coordinating Team for the project implementation

In the MOA, DSWD is the responsible agency to allocate funds for the Municipality to support the project implementation and conduct the monitoring and evaluation, while the DILG through its Municipal Local Government Operations Officer (MLGOO) is responsible for providing capacity building, training and coaching to the Municipality concerned in good governance processes and systems. The DILG is likewise in charge of providing policy guidelines to the municipality as may be necessary to support the project implementation

DILG Director Lilibeth A. Famacion affirms her strong commitment to be an assured partner of DSWD in PODER 7 implementation in the Municipality of San Agustin, Surigao. "Recipients of this project should aim for project completion those barangays whose proposals are not prioritized should give way to other project proposals which are more necessary to reduce the

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SALINTUBIG Water System In Veruela, AgSur Inaugurated

A groundbreaking ceremony of the Water Supply System project under the 2012 Sagana at Ligtas na Tubig sa Lahat (SALINTUBIG) Program of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Region 13-Caraga in Brgy. Poblacion, Veruela, Agusan del Sur was successfully conducted on August 31, 2012.

The SALINTUBIG program is designed to provide water supply systems for waterless municipalities. It is also intended to enhance/improve local capacities of Local Government Unit (LGUs) and water service providers in planning, implementation, operation and management of water supply facilities in a sustainable manner. The program is a joint undertaking of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Health (DOH) and the National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC).

The DILG granted an amount of PHP 7 M with counterparts from DOH and the local



The inauguration was graced by LGOO VI Elva Theresa D. Belmonte of DILG Agusan del Sur, DILG Regional Director Lilibeth A. Famacion and Hon. Salimar T. Mondejar, Municipal Mayor of Veruela, AgSur.

government of Veruela, Agusan del Sur. The Department applauded the Municipality of Veruela, Agusan del Sur for the implementation of the project which is a presidential priority project on water. The groundbreaking ceremony was graced by Hon. Salimar T. Mondejar, Municipal Mayor of Veruela and DILG Regional Director Lilibeth A.

Famacion.

In his message, Mayor Mondejar said that the water system project will be successfully sustained so that it will ensure that there is provision of water in Brgy. Poblacion. Mayor Mondejar also expressed high hopes that other barangays will also be recipient to the SALINTU-

BIG program. He also assured his constituents that all the transactions done on the said project has passed through public bidding so that there is transparency.

Once completed, the project will provide clean water supply for domestic use of residents in Brgys. Sampaguita and Poblacion, which have 810 households beneficiaries. This will ensure a safe potable water for all.

Director Lilibeth A. Famacion stressed in her message that the DILG management is always pleased to see that the Department had contributed something for the development of the LGUs and that the water supply system project would bring convenience and good health to the people of Veruela. (*Engr. Renelou F. Jaranilla, LGOO V, DILG RXIII*)

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"child-labor"

DILG's commitment of promoting good governance in Local Government Units (LGUs), the Department will focus its support through the formulation of ordinances against child labor in the barangay and the creation and strengthening of the Barangay Council for the Protection of Children (BCPC) with the primary aim to eliminate child laborers in the barangay as provided in the MOA," Director Famacion resolutely stated.

The parties to the MOA are the RLAs headed by the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of Health (DOH), Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Education (DepEd)

Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), National Commission on Indig-



The child laborers, labeled as "batang kalabaw" of Jabonga, Agusan del Norte who were engaged to do hard labor were granted with educational kits.

enous Peoples (NCIP) represented by their Regional Directors; the Municipality of Jabonga represented by Mayor Glicerio M. Monton; the Provincial government of Agusan del Norte represented by Governor Erlpe John M. Amante;

(CFWCI) of Caraga represented by Tranquilino O. Cordova.

Meanwhile, the parents of the "batang kalabaw" signed a written agreement, translated into their own dialect, manifesting their commitment to send their children to school and to never again allow their children to engage in hazardous child labor. They received five (5) heads of carabaos from DOLE and another three (3) heads of carabaos from Congresswoman Angelica Amante-Matba released to them last July 24, 2012. The PMAP and CFWCI each released P 5,000 to the children as educational assistance. (*Florian Faith Jr. P. Bayawa, LGOO II*)

the People's Management Association of the Philippines (PMAP); and the Caraga Family Welfare Council Inc.

BJMP RO-13 Celebrates 21st Anniversary

Headed by Caraga Regional Director J/SSUPT Romeo L. Ogoy, the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) Region 13-Caraga celebrates its 21st Year Anniversary with the theme: *"Nangangalaga at Gumagabay Tungo sa Matuwid na Buhay."* The activity was held at Budget Convention Center, Butuan on August 9, 2012. Present during the celebration were the Provincial, District, Municipal and City Jail Administrators and their staff.

Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Region 13 OIC-Director Lilibeth A. Famacion graced the event and extends her warmest greetings to the personnel of BJMP officials for their continued committed service. Director Famacion said that the 21st Anniversary marks the existence of the Bureau to continuously implement programs which will provide the reformative means to the lives of inmates so that they become law-abiding and productive citizen.



DILG Regional Director Lilibeth A. Famacion with the uniformed men of the Bureau of Fire Protection headed by Regional Director Romeo L. Ogoy, TLPE

inmates and to continually promote their general welfare.

Director Ogoy said that the Bureau is always consistent with its mission in implementing strict security measures for the control of inmates and at the same time in providing for their needs.

"This is done by improving jail facilities and conducting activities for their reformation," he said.

Accomplishments of the Bureau were showcased through a presentation by Director J/SSUPT Romeo L. Ogoy. It featured the region's jail management services, administrative capability building, dental and medical services, career progression and development of its personnel, construction and improvement of jail facilities to provide for the basic needs of

Director Ogoy also took pride in presenting the design of the soon-to-rise BJMP Caraga Regional Office at Brgy. Doongan, Butuan City.

The celebration also highlighted giving of awards to exceptional and performing officers of the Bureau. (Florian Faith Jr. P. Bayawa, LGOO II)

LGOO II Trainees Completed Phase II-Field Immersion

LGOO II trainees of DILG Region XIII has completed the Phase II - Field Immersion, one of the major phases of the Induction Training for Local Government Operations Officers. This is the phase undertaken by the trainees upon passing and completing the requirements of Phase I, which is the center training.

The Field Immersion is designed to enable the trainees reinforce the knowledge and skills acquired during the center training in Phase I in the actual operation of a local government unit.

LGOO IIs Ernie Y. Gulti, Marichelle O. Gultiano and Jane Moreno completed their field immersion at the Municipality of San Francisco, Agusan del Sur, while LGOO IIs Jason Ryan R. Lam, Charles V. Lim and Mary Anthonette M. Salise have also completed the field immersion at the

Municipality of Carmen, Agusan del Norte.

The LGOO II trainees produced three (3) major final outputs, which are the (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 and defended the same during the Oral Output Presentation at DILG Region X - Cagayan de Oro City. This was facilitated by a panel of facilitators from the Regional Training Management and the Local Government Academy (LGA).

Trainees are now preparing for the Paper and Pen Examination and the Revalida to be conducted by the LGA for the Phase III.

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poverty incidence in the given area," Director Famacion said.

Mayor Honolulu Go of San Agustin signifies his commitment in providing technical assistance for the end goal, which is the project completion. Mayor Go said that the municipality will provide support in a form of cash fund as a municipal counterpart to ensure that the implementation will run smoothly. In the MOA, it is provided that the LGU of San Agustin deposit the said counterpart to the Municipal Trust Fund Account intended solely for the whole project implementation.

PODER, short term for Poder y Prosperidad de la Comunidad is anchored in "Strengthening Community Involvement to Sustain Poverty Reduction Program" (SCISPRP). This anti-poverty project is part of President Benigno Simeon Aguino III's advocacy towards "Bayang Maunlad". (FFJr.B)

Feature Story - Performance Challenge Fund

The Lanuza Surf Camp: A PCF Story

by: ERNIE Y. GULTIANO, LGOO II-SDS



Surf Camp is a two-storey multi-purpose building funded by DILG's Performance Challenge Fund

Lanuza, "the Surfing Gateway of the Philippines" - For the past ten years, it has been hosting surfing competition every November. Tourists from different parts of the country and even around the world like Australia, Canada, Japan and the United States visit the place for the annual Surfing Festival and other tourist destinations such as the Campamento Cave, the Magkawas Falls, the Marine Sanctuary and the Century-old Ancestral House. However, because of no hotels available in the place, the Municipality has found difficulty in accommodating its guests.

In 2004, the Municipality in coordination with the Department of Tourism (DOT) has employed the homestay program to address the issue. This is a strategy where residents open their homes for tourists. The DOT has trained 32 home stay operators. The training includes basic tourist reception, inn keeping and tour-guiding. The program has momentarily addressed the issue; yet it remains inadequate considering the growing influx of tourists each year. Hence, the Municipality has thought of establishing a facility that would augment the current homestay services – the Surf Camp.

The Surf Camp is a two-storey multi-purpose building. It houses four guest rooms, a kitchen, the Local Economic Enterprise Office, and the Tourism Display Center on the ground floor; while it offers a wide open function hall at the second floor. The construction of the project, with an estimated cost of P2.7M, commenced last June 2011 with the initial funding from the Municipality including the financial support from former Senator MigsZubiri. It was then completed last August 2012 with the help of the P1M Performance Challenge Fund (PCF), a financial subsidy from the Local Governance Performance Management Program of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG).

Aimed not only at providing accommodation to tourists, the Surf Camp also envisions to stir economic activity in the community in order to generate income and create employment opportunity. It also intends to further promote the tourism potential and other local products specifically the *agsam* craft of Lanuza.

The Surf Camp will officially open on November 2012 during the 10th Lanuza Surfing Festival. With the active collaboration of the Municipality, DILG, other national government agencies, people's organizations, and other stakeholders, Lanuza continues its stride in improving the quality of people's lives towards the perfection of its vision.

The establishment of this PCF-supported project will surely make waves of revenue for the local government.

Performance Challenge Fund in Barobo, SurSur: A Roadway to Greater Revenue

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

Barobo, Surigao del Sur – In pursuance to its vision statement stipulated in the Municipality's Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) of being a "Center of Trade and Commerce and an Eco-Tourism Destination in Surigao del Sur", the local government of Barobo, Surigao del Sur plans for the expansion of additional commercial site along its Municipal diversion road.

The expansion of Barobo commercial site is situated just within the public market where consumers, traders and passing-through travelers converge in the place. The plan is aimed to beef up the economic activity of the municipality centered in one area where trade and commerce take place. This plan however would entail a market site peripheral road that provides easier and convenient access road within the area for improved delivery of basic service to the community. The challenge now lies on the LGU to fund the proposed market perimeter road, or otherwise fund a funding agency to finance the said project.



The newly opened market site road of the New Taboan in Barobo, Surigao del Sur.

As the Municipality of Barobo progresses into a new economic hub of trade and commerce in the province, it would have to include in its Annual Investment Plan (AIP) the concreting of the market site road along the public market. But the on-going market site road concreting undertaken by the municipality out of its 20% Local Development Fund is not adequate for the completion of said project.

The matter is nonetheless addressed by the Department of the Interior and Local Government's (DILG's) Performance Challenge Fund (PCF), which is intended for Local Government Units (LGUs) as counterpart incentive fund for high-impact capital investment projects consistent with national development goals and priorities.

The Municipality of Barobo, being an awardee of the Seal of Good Housekeeping was able to access the PCF. Through the execution of the Memorandum of Agreement, entered into by and between the DILG and the Local Government Unit of Barobo, represented by its Municipal Mayor Felixberto S. Urbiztondo, the Performance Challenge Fund amounting to one million pesos (Php 1 M) was released to the municipality, after complying with all the conditions required. The LGU of Barobo, likewise provided one million pesos (Php 1 M) as its counterpart for the project entitled, "Concreting of Public Market Perimeter Road Phase II".

"Nalipay kaayo mi nga na-semento na ang amo agi-anan palibot dinhi sa merkado kay anindut na kaayu ang dagan sa among negosyo. Daghan na ang motuod dinhi ug dagko na among halin sa matag-adlaw. Dili na motuod ug oras ang mga mamamalit," remarked one market vendor renting in one of the stalls. (We are happy that the concreting of the road is finally done. Our income has increased tremendously and many customers visit the area any time of the day.)



Now, the municipality of Barobo's economic activity expected to progress and to increase its revenue in the coming months. As observed, there were inflow of investments in the LGU characterized by business diversity. To highlight, several business establishments on agricultural and aqua-marine products are operating and many consumers surge to the New Taboan market.

Indeed, the DILG's PCF has supported another LGU in its quest in achieving good governance by improving better lives of the community through the efficient delivery of basic services.

Turn Over Ceremony of PCF-Assisted Project held In Cagwait



DILG Program Manager Ma. Lourdes Martinez turned over the Water System Filtration Equipment, Structures and Pipelines, a PCF Project to the Municipality of Cagwait, Surigao del Sur.

Cagwait, Surigao del Sur - The Municipality of Cagwait conducted recently a turn over ceremony of Water System Filtration Equipment, Structures and Pipelines. The occasion was graced with the presence of LGOO VI Ma. Lourdes C. Martinez, Program Manager of DILG Surigao del Sur;

Glenn Flores of Texin Inc.; and several officials and functionaries.

The 14.6-million-peso Water System (Level III) Improvement Project was intended for the development of intake and clarifier structures to minimize the turbidity of water before finer filtration be

done. It will hopefully provide potable water to 3,145 households of six barangays (Bacolod, La Purisima, Poblacion, Tubo-tubo, Arasan and Unidad).

However, "the municipality is still waiting for the test determine if the water is approved by the Department of Health (DOH) for drinking" said Alfredo Lozada, Municipal Economic Enterprise Administrator.

A portion of project's fund worth 1 million pesos was sourced out from the Performance Challenge Fund given by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG). This was ut

lized as counterpart for the works component of the project, particularly the construction of the filter sh and pipe fittings for the stallation of one unit filtr tion equipment.

Municipal Mayor Bonifacio G. Ondona expressed his gratitude to the sponsors and partners of the local government unit of Cagwait. He also assured them that the municipality is prompt in the implementation of projects, transparent in the liquidation funds, and has efficient mechanism (the Project Monitoring Committee) in project implementation. (Marichelle O. Gultiano, LGOO II, SDS)

DILG converged with RLAs & City of Butuan to counter illegal logging



Heads of Regional line agencies in Caraga region with City Mayor Ferdinand M. Amante, Jr. and DILG RD Lilibeth A. Famacion (3rd from the right) signed the MOU.

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) converged with other regional line agencies in Caraga and the city government of Butuan in the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to mitigate the impact of t implementation of Execut Order 23, Declaring a Moratorium on the Cutting and Harvesting Timber in the Natural and Residual Forests and Creating the Al - Illegal logging Task Force

on August 23, 2012.

The MOU signing was dubbed as "Oplan Logging: Likas, Lunas, Lakas" (O/Plan 4 L). The convergence was initiated by the city government of Butuan to enjoin concerned regional line agencies to jointly formulate a plan and gather its necessary resources for the displaced workers and their affected families. This will reinforce E.O. 23, which was enacted to ensure the regeneration of our forest covers

and strengthen the capacity of our environment to counter the occurrence of calamities and disasters.

O/Plan 4 L is a three-tiered concept for *Likas, Lunas* and *Lakas* which include programs on social welfare, small and/or micro economic activities and industry development.

Regional line agencies involved in this undertaking were the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), Department of Education (DepE), Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) and Natic Indignous Peoples Commission (NCIP). (Dulce Amor M. Moran, LGOO V, DILG-Butuan) City)

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New DILG Provincial Bldg.

Amante, graced the occasion. In his message he said that it is indeed nice to see that the Provincial Government and the DILG are one in its goal of serving the people. He also added that the new Office is a legacy of the close relationship between the DILG and the Provincial Government of Agusan del Norte and through it the DILG will be able to serve well its clientele.

RD Lilibeth A. Famacion in her closing remarks cited her experience when she first stepped into the old DILG ADN Provincial Office and hoped that somebody would finance the construction of a new building for the DILG Agusan del Norte personnel because the old building was quite hazardous for the health. She assured everyone that the new Provincial Office will serve its purpose of providing better services to the LGUs as the new building is more conducive for working. (Mary Christine thonette M. Salise, LGOI DILG-Agusan del Norte)

DILG 13 Supports Special Purpose Fund Orientation for LGUs

Consistent with its goal to provide access to safe and potable water for the poor and waterless communities in the region, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Region 13 presented the *2012 Sagana at Ligtas na Tubig para sa Lahat Program*, known as SALINTUBIG during the Special Purpose Fund (SPF) Workshop Orientation for Local Government Units (LGUs).



LGOO V Mariles Oclarit presented the SALINTUBIG Program of the DILG for the Special Purpose Fund of LGUs in Caraga Region

The Special Purpose Fund (SPF) is intended for identified poverty reduction projects proposed by LGUs, which were not approved because of vague project objectives and were beyond the listed Menu of Programs for Bottom-up Planning and Budgeting of regional offices for the crafting of 2013 national government budget.

DILG Local Government Operations Officer (LGOO) Mariles Oclarit discussed the strategies, procedures, roles

and responsibilities in the implementation management of the SALINTUBIG Program in the waterless municipalities and barangay. This is to inform the LGUs of the existing DILG program which they can avail by complying the eligibility requirements as being set for its guidelines.

Together with other participating regional agencies in the Bottom-up Planning and Budgeting, such as the Department of

Agriculture (DA), Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), Department of Energy (DOE)/ National Electrification Administration (NEA), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of Health (DOH), Department of Education (DepEd), and Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), the DILG encouraged the LGUs to avail of existing programs like the SALINTUBIG.

This is purposely done in order to cater the poverty reduction project proposed by LGUs falling outside the Menu of Programs of the abovementioned participating regional offices. Through the presentation of the SALINTUBIG program and the programs of the different regional offices, the unapproved project proposals may be funded by the existing and on-going programs of the mentioned regional line agencies.

With this orientation, LGUs will be given with a wide opportunity to modify their project proposals to avail of the SPF, provided that they will be able to comply the requirements provided for in the submission. (*Florian Faith Jr. P. Bayawa, LGOO II*)

DILG AgSur Supports Signing of Manifesto to Implement E.O. 23



Governor Adolph Edward G. Plaza of the province of Agusan del Sur expressed its support to the Signing of Manifesto to implement E.O. 23

Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) - Agusan del Sur Province headed by Provincial Director Arleen Ann R. Sanchez expressed strong support in the signing of Manifesto to implement E.O. 23

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 23, the Provincial

Government of Agusan del Sur in partnership with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) with the Indigenous Peoples (IPs) declared support to the campaign against illegal logging.

Governor Adolph Ed-

ward "Eddiebong" G. Plaza, together with thirteen (13) Municipal Mayors, One (1) City Mayor, several CSOs, Lumad leaders and other stake holders stated their stand to stop illegal logging that is pervasively happening in Agusan del Sur.

The declaration of support for E.O. 23 was formally opened on the afternoon of July 17, 2012, through a program at the Sangguniang Panlalawigan Session Hall which was followed by the signing of Manifesto.

Various sectors participated in the occasion. Among those present were Vice Governor Santiago "Santi" B. Cane, League of Mayors in the Philippines (LMP) President Salimar T. Mondejar, DENR Regional Executive Director ASec. Ma Mendoza, DENR Technical Director for Forestry Mr. Nonito Tamayo, Executive Director for Anti-Illegal Logging Task Force Gen. Renato P. Miranda, AFP (Ret),

DILG Provincial Director Arleen Ann R. Sanchez, Provincial Tribal Council Chairman Hawudon Marcos U. Gonzales Jr., and Rev. Fr. Carlito L. Clase.

During the press conference, ASec. Marlo D. Mendoza, also the National Greening Project (NGP) Program Director said that the CSOs' involvement in the implementation of the Order for the protection of the environment is very vital to attain success campaign.

Governor Plaza said that caring and protecting the environment is everyone's concern and responsibility thus everyone should be vigilant and participative. As such, he urged media to help extend effort in disseminating the information to all Agusanons. (*Ferdynando R. Avila, LGOO II, DILG-Agusan del Sur*)

DILG 13 Lauds Newly-Promoted Personnel

Three regional personnel of DILG 13 were promoted to vacant Division Chiefs positions of the Administrative Division, Local Government Monitoring and Evaluation Division (LGMED) and Local Government Capability Development Division (LGCCD).

The newly-appointed Chiefs of the three Divisions were Chief Donald A. Seronay of the Administrative Division, Chief Ray Gregory F. Jaranilla of the Local Government Monitoring and Evaluation Division, and Chief Charissa T. Guerta of the Local Government Capability Development Division. Their appointments to the position were signed by SILG Mar A. Roxas on October 15, 2012 with the date of effectivity set on October 17, 2013.

The promotion of the Division Chiefs were the result of the comprehensive assessment of twelve qualified candidates conducted by the Central Selection and Promotion Board held last September 7-9, 2012. The Central Selection and Promotion Board were composed of Chairperson ASec Ester A. Aldana of the Finance and Comptrollership with members: Atty. Jena J. Javarez, OIC - Administrative Division; Atty. Pioquinta E. Quindara, Chief - Personnel Division; Cesar V. Montances, CAO - Public As-

sistance Division; Mr. Edmund Fernandez, DILG-EU President; and Elnora A. Velasco, SAO-General Services Division. The secretariat of the of the Board were Veronica B. Macabate, SAO-Personnel Division and Emma C. Ramirez, AO IV.

Congratulations!!!

**Chief,
Administrative
Division (CAD)**

Donald A. Seronay



Chief, LGMED

Ray Gregory F. Jaranilla



Chief, LGCCD

Charissa T. Guerta



Regional Personnel Undergo Fire Drill and Safety Lecture by BFP



Selected regional personnel went through the fire drill outside the office.

Regional personnel of DILG Caraga went through a fire drill and safety lecture in order to equip them with the correct and standard responses to fire incidents by the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) on October 21, 2012.

The Safety lecture include tips and guidelines on how to plan in preventing fire in offices and in the homes as well as measures to prevent it. The BFP encouraged the regional offices to have a fire safety plan and to craft fire procedures for its personnel. After the safety lecture, regional personnel undergo a fire drill on how to use the fire extinguisher. They were taught the proper method of using it and its proper handling dependent upon the degree of fire incident. The drill took place outside the regional office where an LPG tank was left open and selected personnel were asked to turn it off with or without using a fire extinguisher.

"An effective emergency response should be observed when there is fire at home, in the office or anywhere else.

Always remember:

Do not panic!"



Above: LGOO V Lolita H. Savaria successfully extinguished the fire during the drill.

Retirees

Name	Position	Date of Retirement
Ur S. Lluisma	LGOO V	July 17, 2012
Florence U. Poliran	Admin. Asst. II	December 31, 2012

Newly-Hired Personnel

Name	Position	Assignment
Jubilyn S. Blase	Admin. Aide IV	Surigao del Norte
Karen Grace G. Delco	Admin. Aide IV	Regional Office
Jorem J. Luzon	Admin. Aide IV	Regional Office
Don Manuelo O. Patrimonio	Statistician I	Regional Office

Legally Speaking...

Premature Campaigning

by : Atty. Anthony P. Vitor, MDR

The landmark case of *Rosalinda Penera vs. COMELEC*, G.R. No. 181613 dated November 25, 2009 provides for the Supreme Court ruling on "premature campaigning".

Facts of the case:

Rosalinda A. Penera and members of her political party participated in a motorcade that went around the different barangays in the Municipality of Sta. Monica, Surigao del Norte after the filing of their certificates of candidacies, which is a day before the start of the authorized campaign period. Her opponent, Edgar T. Andanar filed a disqualification case against her for premature campaigning.

Issue:

Is Penera guilty of premature campaigning?

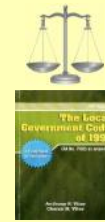
Held:

No. Section 79 (a) of the Omnibus Election Code defines a "candidate" as "any person aspiring for or seeking an elective public office, who has filed a certificate of candidacy x x x." The second sentence, third paragraph, Section 15 of R.A. 8436, as amended by Section 13 of R.A. 9369, provides that "any person

who files his certificate of candidacy within [the period for filing] shall only be considered as a candidate at the start of the campaign period for which he filed his certificate of candidacy." The immediately succeeding proviso in the same third paragraph states that "unlawful acts or omissions applicable to a candidate shall take effect only upon the start of the aforesaid campaign period." These two provisions determine the resolution of this case.

Justice Antonio T. Carpio thus quoted:

"It is no longer enough to merely file a certificate of candidacy for a person to be considered a candidate 'any person who files his certificate of candidacy within the filing period shall only be considered a candidate at the start of the campaign period for which he filed his certificate of candidacy.' Any person may thus file a certificate of candidacy on any day within the prescribed period for filing a certificate of candidacy yet that person shall be considered a candidate, for purposes of determining one's possible violations of election laws, only during the campaign period.



Indeed, there is no "election campaign" or "partisan political activity" designed to promote the election or defeat of a particular candidate or candidates to public office simply because there is no "candidate" to speak of prior to the start of the campaign period. Therefore, despite the filing of her certificate of candidacy, the law does not consider Penera a candidate at the time of the questioned motorcade which was conducted a day before the start of the campaign period. x x x"

The intention and the spirit of the law is thus clear. A candidate is liable for an election offense only for acts done at the start or during the campaign period and not before. In this case, there is no candidate to speak of until the start of the campaign period, hence there is no premature campaigning.

Under COMELEC Resolution No. 9385 dated 03 April 2012, the campaign period for elective provincial, city and municipal official will commence on March 29, 2013 to May 11, 2013.

Words to Live by . . .

by: Ms. Lucia B. Garrido, CPA
Supervising Admin. Officer

When things go wrong in our life, we are troubled and sometimes we felt hopeless. There are times we lost when our life is in a difficult situation. But God has an interesting way handling these conditions. When seems troubled and difficult, God will reveal His glory and there's always a way because "God will make a way..." This popular phrase is in the song of Don Moen:

"God will make a way where there seems to be no way. He works in ways we cannot see. He will make a way for me. He will be my guide. Hold

me closely to his side. With love and strength for each new and day. He will make a way. He will make a way."

The song reminds us that God is perfect in all his ways. We believe that nothing is impossible in Him. He will make the hopeless hopeful. God's glory provides us hope, right perspective, wisdom and strength. In the Bible, Proverbs 4:11 wrote: "I guide you in the way of wisdom and lead you along straight paths."

So we need to praise and thank God for everything He has done to us. Also in 2 Peter 1:3, it says that: "His Di-

vine Power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness." What a wonderful promise.

Praise God.



DILG Full Force with OCD in DRR-CCA Activities



Above: DILG Personnel at the Coastal Clean-up and Distribution of Hygiene Kits at Brgy. Masau, Butuan City. Below: RD Famacion with Office of Civil Defense RD Blanche T. Gobenciong handing the hygiene kits to the school children of Brgy. Masau Elementary School.

With the end view of increasing people's resilience and enhancing their capacities threats and impacts of all hazards brought by disasters and climate change, the Department of the In-

terior and Local Government (DILG) Region 13 in close convergence with the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) has engaged into a series of activities for the National Disaster

Consciousness Celebration. involves a chain of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Change Adaptation (CCA) related activities undertaken by OCD being the Chair of the Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (RDRRMC) in coordination with its Vice Chairs, namely: DILG as the Vice Chair for Disaster Preparedness, Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) as the Vice Chair for Response, Department of Science and Technology (DOST) as the Vice Chair for Prevention and Mitigation, and National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) as the Vice Chair for Rehabilitation and Recovery.

A coastal clean-up at Brgy. Masau, Butuan City was just recently concluded with the participation of the RDRRMC members. Director Lilibeth A. Famacion, together with selected regional line agencies, headed the DILG station in clearing out the coastal shoreline of Masau.

Director Famacion, during the program proper at Brgy. Masau covered court said that the community should always be on the lead to be vigilant of what is happening in their surroundings such as the maritime ruin of the coastal area resulting from improper waste disposal. "This is one of the many ways in order to mitigate the effects of environmental degradation," she added.

Famacion encouraged the local DRRMC and Barangay Officials to enhance their DRRM Plan and to fully operationalize DRRM offices.

OCD Chief Blanche T. Gobenciong encouraged the community to be conscious with climate changes and the threats of disaster. She said that it is important to have knowledge with the how to's and the correct responses to disasters in order to prepare the community for unforeseen calamities.

One of the highlights was the distribution of hygiene kits to recipient families and school children. This was headed by OCD Chief Blanche Gobenciong and assisted by DILG Director Famacion. With the initiative of OCD, a dental and medical mission with free consultation and tooth extraction from the provincial and city government of Butuan were undertaken to the residence of Brgy. Masau and neighboring barangays. In connection, free medicines were distributed and vitamins were also given to infants.

A bloodletting activity was also conducted with supervision from the Philippine National Red Cross (PNRC) (FFJR.B).

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River Basin Forum

workshop by signing the pledge of commitment as a start of the convergence efforts in planning for the administration and management of the Agusan River. This will open the road for harmonized actions to mitigate and prepare for climate change and disasters. The workshop attempts to draw a draft on the Agusan River Basin's management mechanism, governance structure, financing scheme and performance monitoring/evaluation.

DILG 13 OIC-Asst. Regional Director facilitated the workshop and presented the synthesized output. As a result, it was the Mindanao Development Authority (MinDA) who is tasked to organize different stakeholders for the creation of Agusan River Basin Office.

"LGUs must adopt River Basin-Based Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) and strive to synchronize development agenda with other LGUs. LGUs must enforce environmental protection, environmental monitoring systems for floods and other hazards and proper solid waste management. LGUs must lead multi-stakeholder planning and management," said University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB) Chancellor Dr. Rex Victor Cruz.

Dr. Aser Javier of UPLB stressed that the common goal is to reduce the vulnerability of communities and achieve a sustainable development. "This can be done in a holistic and multi-stakeholdership process, which



An inquiry was raised by a participant from the Compostella Valley during the Open Forum of the River Basin Collaborative Workshop

is to build up alliance and strengthened cohesive partnership", added Dr. Javier. (Florian Faith Jr. P. Bayawa, LGOO II)

**REGIONAL FORUM ON CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION AND DISASTER RISK REDUCTION:
A COLLABORATION WORKSHOP FOR THE AGUSAN RIVER BASIN**



Butuan City showcases Assembly Day in Brgy. San Vicente



Punong Barangay Raul P. Carampatana of Brgy. San Vicente, Butuan City presided the Barangay Assembly with the presence of Butuan City Mayor Ferdinand M. Amante, Jr., DILG OIC-ARD Donald A. Seronay, DILG Butuan City PD Romeo A. Solis.

Pursuant to Proclamation No. 260 dated September 30 of 2011, every barangay nationwide is enjoined to take the Brgy. Assembly Day dubbed as "Synchronized Barangay Assembly Day".

In Butuan City, Brgy. San Vicente was the showcase barangay for the Synchronized Assembly Day with the presence of Butuan City Mayor Ferdinand M. Amante, Jr., Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Region 13 Assistant Regional Director Donald A. Seronay, DILG – Butuan City Director Romeo A. Solis and representa-

tives from the City Social Welfare and Development (CSWD) to grace the event.

Headed by its Punong Barangay Raul P. Carampatana, all of the Barangay Officials and Purok Presidents of Brgy. San Vicente were present during the barangay assembly. It was held at Brgy. San Vicente covered court where many barangay residents jam-packed the place to witness and participate in the Open Forum.

In his State of the Barangay Address (SOBA), Punong Barangay Raul P. Carampatana presented the accomplishments

during the first semester in the areas of revenue generation, social services, economic development and environmental governance. It was followed by his presentation of the Financial Report, which includes, among others, the summary of income and expenditures, collections and disbursement of the barangay. He also included updates on the on-going programs and projects of the barangay.

"Ang barangay nga edukado, usa ka barangay nga asensado. Busa kinahanglan nga ang tanan tawo dinhi sa

atong barangay makahuman ug skwela. Kinahanglan nga kitang tanan ana-ay grado", emphasized PB Carampatana as the barangay allocated 1% of their Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) equivalent to PhP 45,000.00 for the construction of Kolehiyo de intended for incoming college students in the barangay whose parents could not afford the latter to send to college institution:

One of the highlights of the Barangay Assembly was the reading of DILG Secretary Mar Roxas's speech, which was delivered by DILG Assistant Regional Director Donald A. Seronay. In the speech, the barangay, as the basic political unit is once reminded of its crucial role in the delivery of basic services to the people as the nation's development starts and ends with the barangay.

During the Open Forum, issues on street lighting, graveling, re-screening for the 4Ps beneficiaries, lack of culvert for proper drainage and replacement of jetmatic pump properly addressed by PB Carampatana and Mayor Amante. The assembly ended with proper adjournment followed by the distribution of Philhealth cards to indigent families in the barangay. (Florian Faith Jr. P. Bayawa, LGOO II)

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SALINTUBIG Recipients in Caraga...

(MPDCs), Municipal Accountants and the DILG Municipal Local Government Operations Officers (MLGOOs).

In Caraga, there are nine (9) recipients of the SALINTUBIG program, of which, six (6) were identified as waterless municipalities and three (3) were identified as waterless barangays. The municipalities of Esperanza, Bunawan, Talacogon, Trento and Veruela of the Province of Agusan del Sur and the municipality of Magallanes of the Province of Agusan del Norte were identified as waterless municipalities. For waterless barangays, Brgy. Esperanza was identified for the municipality of Loreto, Dinagat Islands; Brgys.

Bugsukan and Buntalon for the municipality of Cantilan, Surigao del Sur; and Brgys. San Roque, Roxas and Sta. Cruz for the municipality of Tubajon, Dinagat Islands.

During the training-workshop, Ms. Marivic D. Nocom, the Assistant Project Officer of the Office of Project Development Services – Water Supply and Sanitation Unit (OPDS-WSSU) discussed the process flow of SALINTUBIG Program and the status of sub-projects in Caraga. On the other hand, Atty. Anthony P. Vitor of DILG provided inputs on the procurement process with a workshop on eligibility checking, shortlisting of consultants and bid evaluation.



Participants of the SALINTUBIG Workshop on Procurement, Fund Management and Construction Supervision at Pietros Square, Butuan City

The financial management, accounting entries and COA requirements were presented by financial specialists - Ms. Marites Delfin with Ms. Estela R. Basañes. Finally, the guide-

lines on construction supervision for water source development and pipeline installation were presented by Engr. Renato J. Anyog. (Florian Faith Jr. P. Bayawa, LGOO II)

The MEN & WOMEN of DILG CARAGA



"Building Disaster-Resilient Communities and Local Government Units"

The DILG aims to build disaster-resilient communities and local government units being the responsible agency for disaster preparedness. Pursuant thereto, DILG Region XIII always reminds LGUs to prepare for unforeseen calamities and disasters.

Part of the DILG's effort is the development of "*komiks*", which is an information, education and communication tool to equip the community on the ground with what to do before, during and after disasters strike. The local dialect is used as a medium in order to cater the reading public.

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