

PSA XI organizes trainor's training on Marriage Laws

Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) XI conducted a Trainor's Training on Marriage Laws on May 26-27, 2016 at the Grand Regal Hotel, Lanang, Davao City. The two-day training was participated by the officers and staff of PSA XI. The resource persons were Atty. Maqtahar L. Manulon and Mr. Ruben D. Abaro, Jr., regional directors of PSA-SOCCSARGEN and PSA-Davao Region, respectively. RD Manulon presented the Executive Order 209 of the Family Code, Presidential Decree 1083 of the Muslim Personal Law and Republic Act 8371 or IPRA law. RD Ruben D. Abaro, Jr., on his part, discussed the marriage registration procedure, accomplishment of marriage form, accomplishment of application for marriage license and the registration of authority of solemnizing officers. The training was successful in delivering its objectives which was to update the registration officers of each province on the process of registering marriages and understanding the laws attached to it.



RBAC XI conducts Orientation on IRR of the RA 9184



The Regional Bids and Awards Committee (RBAC) XI conducted a two-day orientation on the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of the Republic Act 9184 or the Government Procurement Reform Act on April 21-22, 2016 at the training room of PSA- RSSO XI. The event which was participated by the members of the RBAC and Regional and Provincial Technical Working Groups (TWGs) on Procurement had the following objectives:

- To inform the new members of the RBAC

and Regional and Provincial TWGs on Procurement of their roles and responsibilities and the proper methods in the process of procurement;

- To refresh the learning of the old members (as a refresher course) and
- To inform all of the latest updates on procurement procedures.

The lecturers of the orientation were RBAC XI Chairperson Rosendo M. Aya-ay, Vice-Chairperson Pepito D. Amoyen and Members Ma. Leah C. Magracia, Abraham Enrico E. Gulay, Jr. and Randolph Anthony B. Gales. Head of Secretariat Renante B. Maturan gave an orientation about Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS) while TWG member Jann Blair P. Salinas of PSO Davao Oriental talked about the Basic Documents in Procurement Process. The two-day event successfully ended with a Quiz Show to test the knowledge acquired by the participants. The TWG of Davao Oriental composed of Jann Blair Salinas, Marlon Mag-aso and Ronald Piad went home victorious as they were proclaimed Champion.

PSA XI kicks-off preparation for the conduct of 2016 BAPS



PSA-XI, through the Project Steering Committee (PSC), has embarked on various preparatory activities for the implementation of 2016 Barangay Agricultural Profiling Survey (BAPS) project which had started in the month of February this year.

The project has been designed to collect information on the basic structure of agriculture and fisheries at the barangay

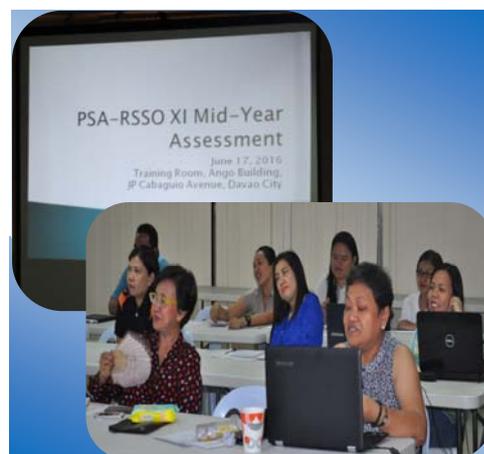
level. The project output aimed to serve as effective inputs to the government in the identification, design and implementation of appropriate development programs, and in identification of target beneficiaries.

Numerous preparations that were already completed by the committee are as follows: 1.) Initial Conference on BAPS, 2.) Meeting with PSA Caraga for a Sharing of Experience, 3.) Preparation of the Work and Financial Plan, Survey Questionnaire, Manual of Operations, Editing Guidelines, Dummy Output Tables, Publicity Material / Brochure, 4.) Meetings with Funding Agency, and 5.) Designing and Presentation of Data Processing System.

On May 10, 2016, the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) issued a memorandum circular enjoining all Local Government Units (LGUs) in Davao Region to cooperate with and support all undertakings of BAPS. In July 2016, PSA Central Office granted clearance to the conduct of BAPS for Davao Region and consequently downloaded the allocated funds on August 15, 2016. Hence, the committee has set to schedule the first level training on September 6-7, 2016 and second level training on September 14-15, 2016. The data collection shall start on September 19, 2016 and will end on October 18, 2016. Series of data reviews will be done early next year and the final output of the project will soon be disseminated before the end of June 2017.

RSSO XI holds 2016 Mid-Year Assessment

The 2016 Mid-year Assessment was conducted last June 17, 2016 at the PSA Regional Statistical Services Office (RSSO) XI Training Room, Cabaguio Avenue, Davao City. It aimed to evaluate and to assess the first semester accomplishments of each division in the RSSO XI, and to further develop strategies in dealing with weaknesses and challenges in the next semester. The activity was spearheaded by OIC-RD Ruben D. Abaro Jr. and participated in by Division Chiefs and selected staff. The 1st semester 2016 accomplishments were presented as well as those on-going or near its completion. RD Abaro congratulated the Statistical Operations and Coordination Division (SOCD) and Civil Registration and Administrative Support Division (CRASD) for their dedication and zealousness.





PSA XI conducts training on revised IRR on RA 9255



The Philippine Statistics Authority XI conducted a second level training last May 5-6, 2016 on the revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act 9255, otherwise known as “An Act Allowing Illegitimate Children to Use the Surname of the Father.”

The trainers from PSA Central Office were RO IV Marizza Grande and SS II Bichewell Matienzo, discussed the Manual of Instructions and focused on the recent revisions of the IRR. Before the revision, the biological father simply signs the birth certificate or issues a public or private document acknowledging the child and the child will automatically carry his surname, even without the mother’s knowledge or consent.

On June 10, 2014, The Supreme Court unanimously declared void Rule 7 and Rule 8 of the IRR of RA 9255. Under the revised IRR, an illegitimate child can no longer use the father’s surname without the execution of an Affidavit to Use the Surname of the Father (AUSF) by the mother of the minor, or in the case of a child 7 to 17 years old, an attestation of the mother besides the execution of an AUSF by the child himself.

The revision of the IRR of RA 9255, which affects numerous cases of children conceived and born outside a valid marriage, was approved on March 22, 2016 and took effect on April 9, 2016.

Participated by PSA employees from three regions in Mindanao namely: Northern Mindanao, Davao Region and Caraga Region, the two-day event held at the Pinnacle Suites and Hotel, Davao City was hosted by PSA RSSO XI.

RSC XI passes three resolutions

On June 3, 2016, the Regional Statistics Committee (RSC) XI convened for its 2nd quarter meeting at the NEDA RDC XI Office in Davao City. During the meeting, three resolutions were passed.



Two of the resolutions were related to the celebration of the 27th National Statistics Month (NSM) in Davao Region. RSC XI Resolution No. 6 S. of 2016 gave way to the creation of the RSC XI Technical Working Group (TWG) for the celebration of the NSM. Meanwhile, RSC XI Resolution No. 7 S. of 2016 requested Regional Development Council (RDC) XI to enjoin Davao Region’s regional line agencies, local government units, academe and private sector organizations to actively participate and support the aforementioned activity. This year’s celebration of NSM has a theme “Sustainable Development: Making Statistics Count”. Because of PSA’s core competence and mandate, the third resolution, RSC XI Resolution No. 8 S. of 2016, requested the RDC XI to recommend the PSA as the lead agency in the administration of data of the Registry System for Basic Sectors in Agriculture (RSBSA). The RSBSA is a nationwide database of information on farmers and fisherfolk of the Philippines.





PSA XI holds second level training for July 2016 LFS and 2016 APIS



PSA XI conducted a second level training for July 2016 Labor Force Survey (LFS) together with the 2016 Annual Poverty Indicators Survey (APIS) held at The Pinnacle Hotel and Suites, Sta. Ana Ave., Davao City on June 27 – July 2, 2016.

The six-day training was participated in by OIC-SOCD Chief Rosendo M. Aya-ay, 5 Provincial Statistics Officers, six regional staff, 15 field supervisors, and 39 field enumerators. Ms. Perlita D. Armas and Ms. Corazon P. Dres of SOCD who attended the Task Force Training in Makati City, were the main trainers for this regional training.

The topics included the concepts and definitions, interview procedures and filling-out of questionnaires with highlight on the probing techniques and consistency checking. Another speaker for the activity was Mr. Fernando N. Mendoza, Graft Investigation Officer II of the Office of the Ombudsman. He gave an interesting lecture on the concepts and proper procedures in answering the questions for the topic relating to access to government services. The mock interview on the fifth day allowed the participants to have a practical exercise in asking and accomplishing questions. On the sixth day, they were trained more vividly in conducting an interview and filling-out of questionnaires during the field practice in the nearby households of which they were exposed into different kinds of scenarios. The activity was then concluded with a plenary discussion and deliberation of issues and concerns.

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SOCD conducts in-house orientation on SFD

The Statistical Operations and Coordination Division (SOCD) of PSA-RSSO XI conducted an in-house orientation on Survey on Food Demand (SFD) last May 13, 2016 at the Training Room of RSSO XI. The activity aimed to orient the SOCD personnel who were not involved in agricultural statistics surveys on the concepts, methodology, operation procedures as well as on how to fill out the questionnaires. This is in consonance to the immersion process being adopted by the newly set-up organization. Acted as resource persons were SOCD staff who engaged in agristat operations, namely: Ma. Josephine F. Andales, Olga B. Esmade and Rachel R. Saguibo.

SFD is a triennial survey conducted by PSA which specific objectives are to determine: a) the present average per capita consumption of rice, corn, and other basic agricultural food items; b) the merging consumption patterns of Filipino households; c) the substitution of rice with other food commodities; and d) the quantity of rice and corn leftovers, wastage, and consumed by animals/pets.



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PSA XI conducts 2nd level training on 2015 ASPBI/SICT data processing



The training on 2015 Annual Survey of Philippine Business and Industry (ASPBI) and 2015 Survey on Information and Communication Technology (SICT) data processing was undertaken on June 14-16, 2016 at

PSA-RSSO XI training room where OIC-Chief Carole A. Blanco of Services Statistics Division (SSD) and Senior Statistician Ralph P. Bariata of Trade Statistics Division (TSD) served as trainers. Thirty seven participants were present which include data processors, focal persons of each province and its officials.

The 2015 ASPBI/SICT aimed to collect information on the levels, structure and trends of economic activities of the formal sector of the economy for reference year 2015 and generate information on the availability, distribution and access/utilization of ICT among industries and businesses in the country. These are valuable in measuring progress of the country to help decision-makers in both public and private sectors in developing policy measures and economic development plans.

The data processing of the two surveys is being done after the manual processing of accomplished survey forms undertaken by the field offices. An Establishment Data Management System (EDMS) is being used to facilitate the data processing of accomplished questionnaires. It is an online system designed and developed by the SDD.

Data Validation of 2012 CAF

PSA XI conducted a data validation workshop last June 7, 2016 to evaluate the results of the 2012 Census of Agriculture and Fisheries (CAF) on temporary and permanent crops prior to its publication. Since the data in CAF are disaggregated by province and city/municipality, the PSA Provincial Offices (POs) were tasked to verify the results.

The CAF is a large-scale government undertaking that is geared towards the collection and compilation of basic information on the agriculture and fishery sector. The 2012 CAF was the sixth of a series of decennial census on agriculture and the fifth on fisheries in the country.



OIC- Regional Director, ambush interviewed by a reporter of Bombo Radyo regarding the operations of PSA XI.

Chief of SOCD, Rosendo M. Aya-ay (leftmost) as Resource Speaker during the Macroeconomy and Finance Committee XI Meeting. He presented the 1st Semester 2015 Poverty Estimates.



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2015 ASPBI/SICT Respondents Forum in the Provinces

Davao Oriental

In Davao Oriental, the forum was held on May 12, 2016 at Honey's Hotel and Restaurant, Mati City. The forum served as a venue for the respondents to clarify and raise issues and concerns regarding the surveys.

The activity was attended by personnel from various sample establishments province-wide. Representatives from the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) – Davao Oriental and the Provincial Planning and Development Office (PPDO) – Davao Oriental were also present during the activity. In his message, PSA XI OIC-RD Ruben D. Abaro, Jr. emphasized the importance of ASPBI and SICT in measuring the economic performance and the progress of ICT in the province. He also encouraged the respondents to accomplish the questionnaire and provide accurate and truthful information. OIC-PSO Rogelio T. Lebria gave his sincerest thanks and appreciation to the respondents for their continuous support and cooperation to PSA's undertakings. Results of the 2013 ASPBI/SICT were also disseminated during the forum.



Davao del Sur/ Davao Occidental

The forum was held on May 24, 2016 at the Pinnacle Hotel and Suites, Sta. Ana Ave., Davao City. In his opening remarks, OIC-PSO Randolph Anthony B. Gales acknowledged all the participants, employees and guest speakers. After the welcome remarks, OIC-RD Ruben D. Abaro, Jr. introduced the guest speaker, no less than the Deputy National Statistician Romeo S. Recide. DNS Recide delivered his inspirational and very informative message to all the participants and employees. Ms. Ma. Leah C. Magracia, Supervising Statistical Specialist, PSA RSSO XI, presented the Data Appreciation: Survey Results of the 2013 ASPBI and 2013 SICT. Ms. Marilou Gabiana, Planning Officer III of DTI, Region XI presented the Importance of Establishment-based Statistics in the Economy. Mr. Dix S. Palencia, Jr, Supervising Statistical Specialist, PSA Davao del Sur, presented the 2015 ASPBI-SICT Survey Background and Objectives. Atty. Rizza Mae H. D. Sam, Associate Prosecution Attorney II, DOJ-RPO XI discussed the Legal Authority in the Conduct of Establishment-based Surveys and Censuses. Mr. Rogelio T. Lebria, OIC-PSO, Davao Oriental act as Moderator of the forum and Mr. Rosendo M. Aya-ay, Chief Statistical Specialist, SOCD, PSA RSSO XI delivered his closing remarks.



Davao del Norte/ Compostela Valley

PSA Davao del Norte and PSA Compostela Valley jointly conducted the respondents' forum last May 18, 2016 at Lakans Place, Tagum City, Davao del Norte.

The forum was attended by 39 representatives from sample establishments and 16 PSA personnel. It primarily aimed to seek the cooperation of sample respondents to the conduct of the 2015 ASPBI and SICT and presented the results of the 2013 ASPBI and 2013 SICT.

Highlights of 2013 ASPBI and 2013 SICT results were presented by Pepito D. Amoyen and Abraham Enrico E. Gulay Jr., Chief Statistical Specialist of PSA Davao del Norte and PSA Compostela Valley, respectively. Also discussed were legal authority in the conduct of establishment-based surveys and censuses highlighting the Census Compliance Project (CCP) with Atty. Norman R. Solis, Provincial Prosecutor of Davao del Norte and member of the Task Force to strengthen the Philippine Statistical System through the CCP.



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Learning conference on civil registration



The Provincial Offices of Davao del Norte and Compostela Valley, and in coordination with the Association of Civil Registrars, conducted a two-day Learning Conference on Civil Registration last April 14-15, 2016. The said conference which was participated by Local Civil Registrars, Local Civil Registration Offices (LCRO) staff and PSA personnel was held at Haven's Peak and SB Session Hall in Poblacion Maragusan, Compostela Valley on the first and second day, respectively. As opening message, OIC-RD Ruben D. Abaro, Jr. emphasized the importance of Civil Registration on the establishment of one's identity as a person and encouraged the Local Civil Registrars to continuously accept the challenge on 100% timely registration.

Davao Region QuickStat

Population <i>As of August 2015</i>	4,468,563
Gross Regional Domestic Product <i>Growth Rate, 2014-2015</i>	9.4%
Inflation Rate <i>As of June 2016</i>	3.4%
Total Exports <i>1st Quarter 2016, FOB Value in Million</i>	US\$216.9
Total Imports <i>1st Quarter 2016, FOB Value in Million</i>	US\$318.8
Balance of Trade <i>4th Quarter, in Million</i>	-US\$101.9
Employment Rate <i>April 2016</i>	94.7%
Unemployment Rate <i>April 2016</i>	5.3%
Underemployment Rate <i>April 2016</i>	16.1%
Labor Force Participation Rate <i>April 2016</i>	64.0%
Simple Literacy Rate <i>As of 2013</i>	95.2%
Functional Literacy Rate <i>As of 2013</i>	86.0%
Average Annual Family Income <i>As of 2012</i>	P194,000
Poverty Incidence of Families <i>(1st Semester 2015)</i>	25.0%
Per Capita Poverty Threshold <i>(1st Semester 2015)</i>	P19,967

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PSA Davao Oriental participates in Brigada Eskwela 2016

In its commitment of being socially responsible and of service to the community, PSA-Davao Oriental has been actively participating in yearly Brigada Eskwela of the Department of Education (DepEd). This year, the PSA-DO personnel trooped to Paciano A. Genon Memorial Elementary School (PAGEMS) located at Sitio Tagamot, Dawan, City of Mati. The school principal has assigned one classroom for PSA-DO employees to work on.

Brigada Eskwela is a yearly undertaking of DepEd which aims to ensure that schools are clean, safe, disaster-prepared and conducive to learning when pupils troop back to the schools in June.

With the theme: "Tayo Para sa Paaralang Ligtas, Maayos, at Handa Mula Kindergarten Hanggang Senior High School", this year's Brigada aims to unite all sectors of the community to ensure better future for the next generation through "Bayanihan".



At the end of the day, PSA-DO personnel felt satisfied knowing that the pupils of PAGEMS will have a better learning environment in the school. PAGEMS is the regular recipient of PSA-DOs yearly participation to Brigada Eskwela.

RSSO XI goes for fitness on Fridays!!!

PSA RSSO XI launched 'Fitness Fridays' program on April 8, 2016. The physical fitness held every Friday starting 3:30 p.m. includes 30-minute zumba workout then simultaneous table tennis, ballroom dancing and dart activities. Each activity has designated coordinators who shall be responsible in setting up the event's place, sound system and equipments needed, as well as coming up with tutorials for ballroom dancing. There were four teams created with designated team leader who shall be responsible in making sure that each activity is represented by members of the team.

The fitness program is part of the office commitment to improve wellness for all and strengthen individual's mind, body and spirit. When it commence last April 8, 2016, a cheering from each team was part of the opening program. This activity shall culminate in September where each team competes and prizes await for the winners.



Exit conference with COA Auditors

On June 24, 2016, an exit conference with Commission on Audit auditors was held at PSA-RSSO XI training room. The conference discussed the auditors' findings and recommendations for the year 2015.

As per Audit Observation Memorandum (AOM), OIC Audit Team Leader Meloriza P. Candelaria discussed issues and areas of concerns on the following: CRS Serbilis Outlet, AOM 2, AOM 3, Provincial Offices AOM, P O P C E N 2 0 1 5 Accomplishment Reports, Fidelity Bond of Supply Officer and Property Custodian, and findings on the previous year's audit.

The issues and concerns were properly addressed and solutions were immediately acted upon by the office through the leadership of OIC-Regional Director Ruben D. Abaro, Jr.



Deputy National Statistician Romeo S. Recide during the consultation with PSA-RSSO XI staff on May 24, 2016.