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NATIONAL STATISTICS MONTH!

A month-long celebration of the 28th NSM



Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 647 signed by then President Corazon C. Aquino on 20 September 1990 declaring the month of October every year as the National Statistics Month, PSA XI once again joined the celebration. This year's month-long celebration in Davao Region was filled with lots of activities in collaboration with our partners from the regional and local agencies.

- On 06 October 2017 at the Pinnacle Hotel and Suites, Davao City, the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) XI hosted the opening ceremony of the 28th NSM with the theme "Facts and Figures for the Future: Statistics for Evidence-Based Decisions Towards AmBisyon Natin 2040". Keynote speakers from NEDA Central Office, Philippine Information Agency (PIA), and Commission on Higher Education (CHED) XI delivered their messages on awareness and appreciation of the value of statistics among different sectors of society. They emphasized the

important role of reliable statistics and accurate information in establishing right strategies to track the progress towards AmBisyon Natin 2040 which envisioned Filipino families to enjoy matatag, maginhawa, at panatag na buhay.

- Several regional line-agencies, local government units, academe, and private sector displayed streamer on a conspicuous place of their offices for the whole month of October in support to the 28th NSM. Others conducted Statistics quiz, Statistical exhibits, Publication of statistical updates/reports, Information dissemination/symposium on statistics.
- On 27 October 2017 at the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) Davao Conference Hall, the 28th NSM closing ceremony was held. BSP Davao in coordination with PSA XI organized the culmination activity which was attended by the representatives from various line agencies, LGUs, academe and private sector. Statistical Operations and Coordination Division (SOCD) Chief Rosendo M. Aya-ay presented the results of the 2015-2016 Survey of Food Demand (SFD) and the 2015 Poverty Statistics Estimates. Invited keynote speakers were Executive Director Jimmie-Louie P. Dela Vega of DACS and Economist Loraida Fabro of CPDO Davao.

PSA XI hosts the Mindanao regions training on regional accounts

Davao Region hosted the conduct of training/workshop on regional accounts for PSA Mindanao regions on 24 to 25 October 2017 at the Marco Polo Hotel, Davao City. The two-day training aimed to orient the participants on the concepts and definitions, scope and coverage, estimation process and methodology of the System of National Accounts (SNA). It also explained the importance and interpretation of the economic variables and indicators generated from the regional accounts which focused on the Gross Regional Domestic Product (GRDP) and the Gross Regional Domestic Expenditure (GRDE).

The Macroeconomic Accounts Service (MAS) team of PSA, headed by Division Chiefs Florande S. Polistico of Production Accounts Division (PAD) and Mark C. Pascacio of Expenditure Accounts Division (EAD) together with the sector specialists, served as lecturers and facilitators in the training. Deputy National Statistician (DNS) on Sectoral Statistics Romeo S. Recide, in his message, emphasized the importance of regional accounts like GRDP which is one of the most requested data among planners, policy makers and various stakeholders.





Dissemination on the results of the 2015 POPCEN Sociodemographic characteristics

RSSO XI conducts data dissemination forum



A data dissemination forum on the results of the 2015 Census of Population (PopCen) Socio-demographic characteristics was held on 30 October 27 at the Pinnacle Hotel and Suites, Davao City. This was attended by around 80 participants from regional line agencies, LGUs, academe, private sector and selected PSA regional and provincial personnel.

The dissemination forum highlighted the presentation of Supervising Statistical Specialist (SSS) Ma. Leah C. Magracia on the 2015 PopCen Socio-demographic results of Davao Region. Invited speakers from planning sector and academe represented by Ms. Catherine Laguesma of National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) XI and Dr. Sopremiano Antipolo of the University of Southeastern Philippines (USEP) delivered their messages on the impact and relevance of statistics specifically the results of the 2015 PopCen to the research, planning, and decision-making.

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PSA XI holds regional planning workshop



To assess and evaluate the region's accomplishments in 2017 and to plan for the activities to be performed in 2018, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) XI held the regional planning workshop (RPW) on 19 to 22 December 2017 at the Apo View Hotel, Camus St., Davao City. The assessment of what has been done in the region last year shall serve as a tool to measure what needs to be achieved more this year.

In line with this year's theme "Healthy PSA. Happy PSA", PSA employees are encouraged to practice and live a healthy lifestyle as incorporated in the slogan "Move.Connect.Embrace.Breathe" which means: Move for physical awareness; Connect for establishing relationship socially and spiritually; Embrace connection for attaining inner peace; and Breathe for re-energizing mind and body. The conduct of RPW which was participated by the officials and staff of the Regional Statistical Services Office and Provincial Statistical Offices enabled them to harmonize the 2018 work programs thoroughly using bottom-up planning approach.

PSA XI organizes ceremonial turnover

On 03 October 2017 at RSSO XI Training Room, the RSSO XI's officials and staff organized a ceremonial turnover for the newly assigned Regional Director (RD), Eddie E. Nasol, who was previously the Director of PSA Northern Mindanao. He took over OIC RD Ruben D. Abaro, Jr., who will be transferred to Provincial Statistical Office (PSO) of SARGEN. Director Ronaldo C. Taghap, the new RD of PSA X, was also present to show support in the said event.



The ceremony highlighted the turning over of OIC RD Abaro the key of responsibility to RD Nasol in which they narrated their exchange of words assuring the officials and staff of PSA XI that despite the change of leadership, we are one! And together, we will continue to perform the mandate of PSA that implements the objectives and provisions of RA 10625.