



PSA-XI (Davao Region) Newsletter

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PSA holds Press Conference on NAP in Davao City

The Philippine Statistics Authority conducted a Press Conference on the 2016 Second Quarter Performance of the Philippine Economy last August 18, 2016 at the 3rd Level, SMX Convention Center in SM Lanang, Davao City. It was the first press-con on National Accounts of the Philippines (NAP) to be held outside Metro Manila.

PSA National Statistician Dr. Lisa Grace S. Bersales presented the estimates, while Socioeconomic Planning Secretary and National Economic Development Authority Director-General Dr. Ernesto M. Pernia read the official statement of NEDA regarding the estimates and spearheaded in answering questions from the media and participants. Deputy National Statistician (DNS) Romeo S. Recide from Sectoral Statistics Office of PSA was also among those seated in the presidential table. The event was attended by hundreds of participants coming from various national and local print and broadcast media in the country, regional line agencies and private sectors.

A streaming throughout the duration of the press conference was live thru its Twitter account @PSAgovph with hashtag #PHGDP. The PSA-Regional Statistical Services Office (RSSO) XI took charge of the preparation, coordination, and successful conduct of the press conference.



PSA XI launches its Website



In the pursuit of a globally broadened PSA XI information dissemination network, SOCD Chief Rosendo M. Aya-ay, with the guidance of OIC -Regional Director Ruben D. Abaro, Jr., initiated the creation of PSA XI website which soft launching was held on August 17, 2016 at the PSA XI Training Room. The occasion was graced by NS

The PSA XI website was created in accordance with the Government Website Template (GWT), as stipulated in the Administrative Order No. 39, "Mandating government agencies to migrate to the government web hosting service of the Department of Science and Technology-Information and Communications Technology Office (DOST-ICTO)", using a more secured Drupal software.

This website was an output from the four-day training on Website Creation and Maintenance of some selected SOCD staff: Marina P. Araneta, Josielito T. Carnecer, Maria Vaneza P. Te, and Samuel B. Atanoza, Jr. NS Bersales congratulated the entire SOCD team for achieving another milestone in 2016.

Lisa Grace S. Bersales, together with some key officials from the PSA Central Office.

RD Abaro speaks during 8th NWCR

PSA XI OIC-RD Ruben D. Abaro, Jr. served as one of the resource persons during the 8th National Workshop on Civil Registration (NWCR) which was held on August 23-25, 2016 at the Iloilo Convention Center, Iloilo City. He presented the basic civil registration concepts and procedure, basic registration processes on the vital documents, particularly on birth certificates, marriage certificate and death certificate, as well as the registration of court decrees and legal instruments.



The 8th NWCR was organized by PSA with the theme “Makiisa...Makisali sa Dekadang CRVS”. The 3-day workshop was designed for stakeholders on civil registration and vital statistics (CRVS), the City/Municipal Civil Registrars and staff, towards an improved delivery of public service. It serves as a continuing education for staff of Local Civil Registry Offices; a fitting forum for sharing best practices, experiences and ideas on CRVS; and as campaign for the CRVS Decade.

Relevant topics during the 8th NWCR include among others: CRVS Decade and CRVS Activities; Updates on CRG Issuances; Revised IRR and Manual of Instructions of RA 9255; Barangay Civil Registration System: Pampanga Experience, Projects/Initiatives for Strengthening CRVS by Development Partners; Talakayan sa Dekadang CRVS; CRVS Learning Sessions and Quality Public Service. The event also included the awarding of outstanding local civil registry offices in recognition of commendable public service in 2014 and 2015.

PSA XI participates in DXGM “Super Radyo, Super Serbisyo Publiko”

PSA RSSO XI joined in the DXGM “Super Radyo, Super Serbisyo Publiko” activity last July 23, 2016 at the NCCC Kadayawan Hall, Matina Davao City. This Serbisyo Caravan is an annual project of Radio GMA DXGM Super Radyo as a public service program that gives free medical, dental, eye check-up, legal consultation, feeding program, body massage and information, education and communication campaign. PSA XI on its part extended the offline BREQS services to those walk-in clients who would like to request for vital documents (birth, marriage, death and CENOMAR).

Chief of SOCD, Rosendo M. Aya-ay, ambushed interviewed by a reporter of ABS-CBN regarding the operations of PSA XI, particularly the Civil Registration System (CRS) Outlet. CRS Supervisor Felomino Alas was also present during the interview.



Forum on PSDP and SDG held in Davao City



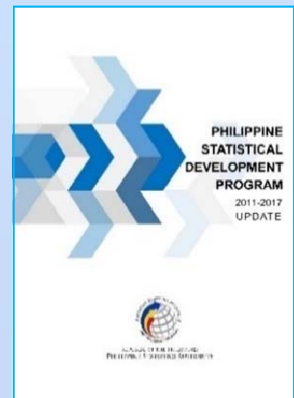
The forum included presentations on the following: 1) Highlights of the PSDP 2011-2017 by ANS Candido J. Astrologo Jr; 2) Regional/Local Statistical Development Program Chapter by PSA RSSO XI SOCD Chief Rosendo M. Aya-ay; and, 3) Formulation of the Regional/Local Statistical Development Program and Core Regional Indicators by PSDP Consultant Lina V. Castro.

An open forum followed after the presentation of ANS Wilma Guillen on the Overview of the SDGs, PSDP Chapter on SDGs and PSA Coordination Mechanism.

A Regional Dissemination Forum on the Philippine Statistical Development Program (PSDP) 2011-2017 Update and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) was conducted by PSA and spearheaded by RSSO XI last September 15, 2016 at the Grand Regal Hotel, Davao City.

Invited participants include representatives from the national and local government agencies, private sector, academe, development partners, the media, and other stakeholders of the PSS.

As the country's roadmap to inclusive growth, reduced poverty and sustainable development, the Updated PSDP 2011-2017 Plan includes recent developments such as reorganization of the Philippine Statistical System (establishment of the PSA and PSRTI), release of the PDP 2011-2016 Midterm Update with the Revalidated Results Matrices (RMs) in 2014, Data Revolution, Use of open data, big data and other data sources to complement survey-based data and Post-2015 Development Agenda/ Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



2015 GRDP Press Conference



On July 28, 2016, PSA RSSO XI conducted the 2015 Gross Regional Domestic Product (GRDP) Press Conference held at the Grand Regal Hotel, Davao City.

The program started at exactly 10 o'clock in the morning simultaneous with the press conference of other regions in the country. ANS Minerva Eloisa Esquivias of the National Censuses Services (NCS) was present during the activity to give the welcome statement to the invited participants.

Meanwhile, OIC-RD Ruben D. Abaro Jr. presented the highlights of the 2015 Economic Performance of Davao Region. After his presentation, NEDA XI Regional Director Maria Lourdes D. Lim read the official statement of her office pertaining to the 2015 GRDP estimates.

PSA RSSO XI posted the highlights in a form of Press Release on July 28, 2016 right after the GRDP Press Conference. The said report was also forwarded to media and various stakeholders for wider dissemination the region's economic performance.

PSA XI participates in Consultative Workshop on AO 27



The Administrative Order No. 27, Series of 2012 otherwise known as "Guidelines on the Collection of Data on Animal Slaughter" is formulated to answer the felt need for comprehensive slaughter database in the country.

Under this administrative order, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), National Meat Inspection Service (NMIS), Department of Agriculture-Regional Field Office (DA-RFOs) and Local Government Units (LGUs) shall work together for the accurate data collection and monitoring of animals slaughtered covering all NMIS accredited slaughterhouses and poultry dressing plants, all Locally Registered

Meat Establishments (LRMEs), and possibly capture accurately the slaughtering in "other areas" such as households, market place and vicinities and lechon house, among others.

The two-day consultative workshop on September 20-21, 2016 was spearheaded by the DA-RFO XI to primarily equip LGU-meat inspectors in Davao City with sanitary inspection protocols.

One of the presenters during the said activity was PSA XI SOCD Chief Rosendo M. Aya-ay who presented the background and rationale, objectives/strategies and frameworks of the Livestock and Poultry Information and Early Warning System (LPI-EWS) project.

Ms. Elizabeth B. Cabrera, the OIC-Chief of the Livestock and Poultry Statistics Division of PSA also presented Administrative Order No. 05, an Act Amending Administrative Order No. 27 Series of 2012.

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RSSO XI joins NCCC Associates Congress 2016

The RSSO XI joined the NCCC Associates Congress 2016 which was organized by New City Commercial Corporation (NCCC) Management last August 25-26, 2016 at the NCCC Kadayawan Hall, NCCC Mall, Ma-a, Davao City. The event was as a way of expressing appreciation to their employees for their great contribution in the development and growth of the company. As one of the partners, the PSA RSSO XI was invited to put up a booth for free that would showcase the offline BREQS services of our agency. OIC-CRASD Chief Ana Fe L. Austria together with AO I Renante Maturan and CRS Clerk Lilibeth Tacujan who were sent to represent the office.



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RSC XI holds 3rd Quarter Meeting

The Regional Statistics Committee (RSC) of Davao Region held its 3rd Quarter Meeting for 2016 on September 09, 2016 at NEDA-RDC XI Center, Bangkal, Davao City. This was attended by 22 out of 26 RSC XI members and 14 guests from different agencies.

The meeting, which was presided by Director Maria Lourdes D. Lim of NEDA XI, highlighted primarily the discussion of the Core Regional Indicator System (Core-IS). This agenda item was presented by Director Ruben D. Abaro, Jr., vice-chairperson of the committee, to the members and guests for them to evaluate how this indicator system used closely with the sustainable development goals (SDGs) and solicit suggestion on what are the relevant core indicators that Davao Region needs to maintain and monitor. The Core-IS is used to measure performance, a

vehicle in monitoring progress and measure the success of program implementation. Core indicators would be those that would apply to the entire country and therefore the frequency and disaggregation should ensure from national, regional down to local level.

During the 3rd quarter meeting, the resolution on the Calendar of Activities for the Celebration of the 27th National Statistics Month in Region XI was approved. The Progress Report on the 2011-2016 Results Matrices was also presented by Chief Mario M. Realista of NEDA XI and the K-12 Program Key Indicators presented by Janet Veloso of DepEd XI. Committee Secretary Mr. Rosendo M. Aya-ay discussed the Region's Calendar of Activities for the 27th National Statistics Month and other matters.



PSA XI joins in the formulation of RDC XI's DRDP 2017-2022

Five selected PSA XI staff participated in the week-long planning workshop held at NEDA-RDC XI Center on September 26-30, 2016 as organized by the Regional Development Council (RDC) XI through its Davao Region Development Plan (DRDP) Planning Committees. The workshop aimed to assess the performance of the terminating DRDP 2011-2016 as well as to craft sectoral components of the successor DRDP 2017-2022.

There were five sectoral committees created as the DRDP Planning Committees in accordance to thematic areas, namely, 1.) Macroeconomy and Finance, 2.) Economic Development, 3.) Social Development, 4.) Infrastructure Development, and 5.) Development Administration. The following SOCD staff attended to represent PSA XI: Day 1: Macroeconomy and Finance

Planning Committee Workshop – Ms. Marina P. Araneta; Day 2: Economic Development Planning Committee Workshop – Rachel R. Saguibo; Day 3: Social Development Committee Workshop– Maria Vaneza P. Te; Day 4: Infrastructure Development Committee Workshop – Josielito T. Carnecer; and Day 5: Development Administration Committee Workshop– Ma. Josephine F. Andales.

At the end of the workshop, each sector had enumerated the current problems and its objectives, formulated priority strategies, listed result matrix indicators, and recommended major programs and priority legislative/research agenda.

PSA XI Commemorates 3rd Anniversary

As part of PSA's 3rd year anniversary, PSA XI conducted a two day celebration last September 9 – 10, 2016 at the Royal Mandaya Hotel, Davao City. This year's celebration carries the theme "Synergy" which was anchored to the core value of the agency as a corporate entity which is Team Spirit. In her message, NS Bersales defines "team spirit as finding synergy and energy in collective action. This involves more than one person. Synergy is two among us, three among us, four among us... all of us moving in beautiful harmony towards our vision of being solid, responsive and world class." The activities undertaken were Planning Workshop for the Second Semester 2016; Evaluation of CRS Performance; Oath Taking Ceremony; Fellowship Night and Learning the 5S activities. At the first part of the 2-day activity, the regional and provincial personnel started a workshop on the Office Performance Commitment Review (OPCR) for 1st semester 2016 and the crafting and planning of the OPCR for the 2nd semester of 2016.



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PSA-Compostela Valley conducts Tree Planting Activity



As part of the PSA's 3rd Anniversary celebration, PSA-Compostela Valley conducted a one-day tree planting activity on September 12, 2016 at Barangay Mainit, Nabunturan. The provincial staff coordinated with the barangay officials for planting materials and the location where the activity was undertaken. Despite the steep elevation, the staff and statistical researchers successfully accomplished the tree planting activity with about 150 Narra seedlings planted near the barangay reservoir.

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PSA-Davao del Sur participates in the 2016 National Clean-up Program



The Davao del Sur Provincial Statistical Office joined the 2016 National Clean-up Program drive organized by the

Department of Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO) with the theme: “*Bayan Ko, Linis Ko*” last September 17, 2016 at Purok San Miguel, Barangay 22-C, Davao City. The annual clean-up movement was created under Proclamation No. 244, S. 1993 and Proclamation No. 47, S. 2003 declaring September as the Clean and Green Month which aims to encourage the people to practice cleanliness to sustain their livelihood and maintain a healthy and livable community.



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PSA-Davao Occidental conducts Coastal Clean-up



As part of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) 3rd Anniversary celebration with the theme: Syn3rgy”, PSA-Davao Occidental conducted a coastal clean-up activity on September 12, 2016 at Barangay Leling, Hagonoy, Davao del Sur. Chief Statistical Specialist Imelda A. Agustin led the clean-up operation together with her staff SSS Gualberto P. Lobo, SS II Rufino B. Oraño, RO II Rodon S. Tahil, SA Berlinda L. Sabuga-a, AA VI Charisa M. Diaz and two job order employees.

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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>1st Quarter 2016, in Million</i>	-US\$101.9
Employment Rate <i>July 2016</i>	95.7%
Unemployment Rate <i>July 2016</i>	4.3%
Underemployment Rate <i>July 2016</i>	15.4%
Labor Force Participation Rate <i>July 2016</i>	63.4%
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

PSA XI conducts Evaluation Workshop on 2015 PopCen Consistency Tables



07 July 2016 – PSA XI conducted a one-day Evaluation Workshop of Consistency Tables on Population and Housing Characteristics based on 2015 Census of Population (PopCen) CP Form 2 and 4, held at the RSSO XI Conference Room, Cabaguio Ave., Davao City. A total of eighteen participants from regional and provincial offices were involved in the workshop activity.

OIC-RD Ruben D. Abaro, Jr. in his statement emphasized the importance of the evaluation activity as the results of the demographic and housing characteristics of the 2015 PopCen would be the basis of Local Government Units (LGUs) and stakeholders in implementing projects. He added that Provincial Statistics Officers (PSOs) should carefully

monitor and check the generated results and that focal persons of each province should focus on this activity and observe timeliness.

Highlighted in the workshop was the evaluation of the cross tabulations of CP Form 2 per province and identifying indicators that are inconsistent and with extreme errors. Some of the variables that need consistency check were age vs highest grade completed; age vis-à-vis relationship to the household head, and more. Completeness of maps was also discussed on that day and that participants have agreed on the date of submission of CP Form 2 clean batch files.

A conversation with the National Statistician



PSA-RSSO XI organized a conversation with the National Statistician and Civil Registrar General Dr. Lisa Grace S. Bersales on August 17, 2016 which was held at PSA-RSSO XI Training Room. The event was part of warm welcome gestures of the employees for the arrival of NS Bersales who will be presenting the estimates of the 2nd quarter 2016 performance of the National economy scheduled on the next day. The conversation was also arranged to provide an avenue for all personnel to open up some queries and sentiments.

To start the activity, NS Bersales delivered first a message concerning the integration of the PSA and the vital role of each employee to the PSA team. The occasion was then momentarily filled with a delighted atmosphere as each staff was given a chance to talk out and express his/her thoughts. NS Bersales officially closed the conversation with an encouraging advice for everyone.