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RSSO XI garners 4 plaques during the 2016 PSA Awards Night

Amongst the 18 Regional Statistical Services Offices (RSSOs) of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), Davao Region amassed four recognitions in the 2016 Field Awards at the 2017 National Planning Workshop held on November 23-25, 2016 at Quest Hotel, Clark, Pampanga.

The awards listed was a jumpstart for RSSO XI as this was the first year of new leadership of OIC-Regional Director Ruben D. Abaro, Jr., with his new Division Chiefs, Rosendo M. Aya-ay (SOCD) and OIC-Chief Ana Fe L. Austria (CRASD):

- 4th place on Financial, Human Resource and Administrative Service;
- 4th place on Statistical Planning and Coordination;
- 3rd place on Statistical Frameworks and Indicators System and;
- 2nd place on Partnership and Linkages

Overall, the region placed 6th.

The PSA Awards is an annual recognition to field offices with exemplary performance as solid responsive world class authority on quality statistics and civil registration.

PSA participates in BIMP-EAGA 25th senior officials and 20th ministers meeting



Philippine Statistics Authority participated in the 20th Ministers and 25th Senior Officials Meeting of the BIMP-EAGA or the Brunei-Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia and Philippines-

East ASEAN Growth Area, held on November 27-29, 2016 at Puerto Princesa City, Palawan. OIC Regional Director Ruben D. Abaro, Jr. of PSA-XI was sent to represent the office.

The BIMP-EAGA is a sub-regional economic co-operation of 4 member countries in Southeast Asia which was founded in Davao City and was launched in 1994. Its objective is to accelerate economic development in the four countries' "focus areas" which are: the entire sultanate of Brunei Darussalam; the provinces of Kalimantan, Sulawesi, Maluku, West Papua and Papua in Indonesia; the states of Sabah

and Sarawak, and the federal territory of Labuan in Malaysia; the island of Mindanao and the province of Palawan in the Philippines. The annual meeting of ministers and senior officials serves as the main consultative forum and platform for EAGA co-operation.

During deliberation, the Trade and Investment Facilitation (TIF) Cluster reported its accomplished statistics related 2016 deliverables for the BIMP-EAGA Database on Trade, Investment and Tourism, which includes the creation of a working group on Database and Statistics as well as the preparation of a publication entitled "BIMP-EAGA at A Glance: A Statistical Information Brief". The concerns on the importance of statistics were further shared by ADB representative who elaborated the need to have data on subnational levels, as this information can be utilized on their assessment and monitoring. OIC-RD Abaro stated that these data were available in statistical offices of its country but were not recognized or tapped in planning the growth areas of the member of the countries.

RD Abaro inducts ACIRDANCOVA Officers

During the 2017 Civil Registration Planning cum Workshop for all staff of the Local Civil Registry Offices in Davao del Norte and Compostela Valley, PSA Region XI's OIC-RD Ruben D. Abaro, Jr. was invited as a resource speaker.

The two-day activity on December 6-7, 2016 at Big 8 Hotel in Tagum City was likewise the induction of newly elected officers of the Association of Civil Registrars in Davao del Norte and Compostela Valley (ACIRDANCOVA) where Mr. Abaro acted as the inducting officer.

To show their support to the association, also present during the event were Chief Statistical Specialist (CSS) Pepito D. Amoyen of Davao del Norte and CSS Abraham Enrico E. Gulay, Jr. of Compostela Valley.



OIC-Chief Austria joins the 3rd PAGBA seminar and meeting



Ms. Ana Fe L. Austria, OIC-Chief of Civil Registration and Administrative Support Division of PSA RSSO XI, attended the 3rd Philippine Association for Government Budget Administration (PAGBA) quarterly seminar and meeting on November 16-19, 2016 at Grand Menseng Hotel, Davao City.

This year's theme, "Steering and Managing Public Financial Management/Governance Reforms in the Transition Year", aimed to strengthen the financial policies governing public expenditure programs and activities, such as: Priority Plans of the Duterte Administration; Federalism; Spending Challenge; Fundamentals of Public Financial Management (PFM) Relative to Revenue Policies and Procedures; Executive Order No 201-Modifying the Salary Schedule for Civilian Government Personnel; PFM Frameworks for Selected Departments: Department of Health (DOH) and Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD); and Commission of Audit as a Government Enabler: The Responsibilities of the Auditor and the Head of Audited Agency.

CSS Aya-ay speaks during DOLE XI Monday Convocation

As part of the celebration of 27th National Statistics Month (NSM), the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) invited Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) XI to its Monday convocation on October 14, 2016 at the DOLE XI Activity Hall, Davao City.

Chief Statistical Specialist (CSS) Rosendo M. Aya-ay of Statistical Operations and Coordination Division (SOCD), PSA XI was sent to represent the office. He talked about Sustainable Development Goals and presented the highlights of the results of 2015 Census of Population.



PSA XI joins the 35th Philippine-Indonesia border committee meeting in Indonesia

The Republic of the Philippines (RP) – Republic of Indonesia (RI) Border Committee Chairmen’s Conference (BCCC) convened in Surabaya, Indonesia on October 25 to 28, 2016.



During the four-day meeting, the joint RP-RI activity discussed and deliberated maritime issues in Mindanao and Celebes Sea and some proposed amendments of the existing 1975 Border Patrol and Border Crossing Agreements to further enhance the bilateral cooperation and effective enforcement of the border patrol and border crossing of the two countries.

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), being one of the contingent government agencies on border and maritime security, was represented by OIC-RD Ruben D. Abaro, Jr., and SS II Filomeno Alas, Jr.

Other agencies involved in the annual event were the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), Bureau of Quarantine, Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR), Philippine Coast Guard, Bureau of Immigration (BI), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Bureau of Customs (BoC) and Mindanao Development Authority (MinDA).

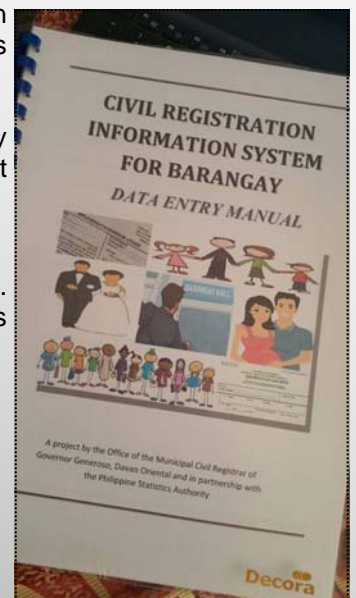
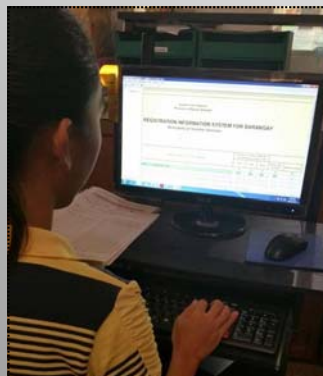


CRISB Launching in Davao Oriental

The launching of the Civil Registration Information System for Barangays (CRISB) in the Municipal Civil Registrar (MCR) of Governor Generoso, Davao Oriental was conducted on October 13, 2016.

The said undertaking aimed to develop a comprehensive and updated community information archive-database-register towards a more responsive local development plans and effective and efficient delivery of basic services.

OIC-RD Ruben D. Abaro, Jr. led the team in the installation of the data entry system. After the successful setting up, an orientation of how to utilize the system was discussed to CRISB users.



PSA XI leads Opening Ceremony of the 27th NSM and Regional Dissemination of the 2015 POPCEN

PSA RSSO XI spearheads the opening ceremony of the 27th National Statistics Month (NSM) on October 6, 2016 at the Waterfront Insular Hotel, Davao City.

This year's theme "Sustainable Development: Making Statistics Count", highlights the importance of statistics in tracking our nation's progress towards achieving sustainable development in line with the United Nations' program on the Post-2015 Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In the same celebration, the Regional Data Dissemination of the 2015 Census of Population (POPCEN) was held.

The launching was attended by sixty-three partners from the national and local government units, academic institutions, private sectors, media and non-government units and supported by provincial and regional employees of the PSA XI.

The activity included presentations on the following: 1.) Background of the 2015 POPCEN by OIC-RD Ruben D. Abaro, Jr. 2.) 27th NSM Consolidated activities in Davao Region by SOCD Chief Rosendo M. Aya-ay and 3.) Highlights of the 2015 POPCEN by SSS Ma. Leah C. Magracia.

Discussants were also invited to give their insights on the significance of statistics from their respective fields. These include representatives from the



academe by Mr. Sophremiano B. Antipolo, a Professorial Lecturer of the University of Southeastern Philippines and Ateneo de Davao University; to represent the government agency is Ms. Jolly Mae G. Cutab, a Project Evaluation Officer of the Commission on Population and to speak in behalf of the private sector was Mr. Sofronio M. Jucutan, EVP of the Davao City Chamber of Commerce and Industries, Inc.

The annual observance of the NSM is pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 647, "Declaring the Month of October of Every Year as the National Statistics Month" which was signed on 20 September 1990 by then President Corazon C. Aquino.

BSP-Davao hosts Closing Ceremony of the 27th NSM



On November 8, 2016, this year's 27th National Statistics Month (NSM) closing ceremony was again hosted by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas XI at the BSP Conference Room, Davao City.

One of the highlights during the culmination ceremony is the presentation of OIC-RD Ruben D. Abaro Jr. who gave a detailed report about the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

PSA XI's partners in public service were also invited as discussants to convey from their perspective this year's theme of the NSM "Sustainable Development: Making Statistics Count" and the importance of statistics in their daily activities.

The first speaker was Mr. Rupert S. Deluna, Jr., the acting Dean of the University of Southeastern Philippines (USeP) who shared the importance of statistics in the field of academia.

The second discussant was Mr. Paul V. Cruz, the Technical Support Chief from the Department of Labor (DOLE) who discussed the importance of decent work in achieving sustainable development.

Finally, the last speaker, Ms. Rita Fe Gunn is the Division Chief of the Planning and Management of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), shared the importance of statistics and how the environment can contribute to achieving the SDGs.

There were over 60 participants during the event which include representatives from the national and local government agencies, private sector, academe and other development partners.



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Data dissemination forum on the results of the 2015 Census of Population (PopCen)

Davao Oriental



The Provincial Statistical Office of Davao Oriental spearheaded by its Office-In-Charge, Rogelio T. Lebria conducted a data dissemination forum on the results of the 2015 Census of Population on October 14, 2016 at Honey's Hotel and Restaurant located at Bgy. Matiao, City of Mati, Davao Oriental.

OIC-Regional Director Ruben D. Abaro, Jr. delivered his message stressing out the importance of census taking and other surveys of PSA. The background of POPCEN 2015 was delivered by Statistical Specialist II Adeline S. Gales while Supervising Statistical Specialist Maria Leah C. Magracia presented the highlights of the results on POPCEN 2015 including population density.

The participants of the forum were personnel from Local Government Units (Planning and Development Offices and



Civil Registry Offices), National Government Agencies, Business/Private Sector, Academe and the media. Mr. Jose Mari Sixto C. Andrada, president of Oriental Pacific Business Chambers, Inc. discussed the importance of census data and other statistics to the business community then Dr. Asterio G. Olandria, a professor from DOSCST represented by Dr. Joy M. Sorrosa, discussed the importance of census data and other statistics to the academic sector. Also, Mr. Marc Kenneth J. Albite, assistant statistician from PPDO delivered the message of PPDC Freddie C. Bendulo giving emphasis on the important roles that PSA plays in the whole planning process. *(Contributed by: Jann Blair P. Salinas)*

Compostela Valley



The Provincial Statistical Office of Compostela Valley headed by Chief Statistical Specialist (CSS) Abraham Enrico E. Gulay, Jr. conducted a data dissemination forum on the results of the 2015 PopCen on October 27, 2016 at the Café Noventa, Nabunturan, ComVal.



Stakeholders from various regional line agencies, private sector, academe and religious sector attended the said forum. SOCD Chief Rosendo M. Aya-ay, in behalf of OIC Regional Director Ruben D. Abaro, Jr., delivered his message to the participants. CSS Pepito D. Amoyen of PSO-Davao del Norte talked about the background of the 2015 PopCen while CSS Gulay presented the highlights on the results of the 2015 PopCen.

Guest speakers Dr. Irvin Generalao, president of Southern Philippines Agri-Business and Marine and Aquatic School of Technology (SPAMAST) and Mr. Romeo B. Celeste, provincial planning and development coordinator of ComVal province, elaborated the important uses of census data in crafting plans and programs for the development of the people. *(Contributed by: Jessie A. Madulin and Nova P. Vicente)*

Davao Occidental

The Davao Occidental Provincial Statistical Office spearheaded by Chief Statistical Specialist (CSS) Imelda A. Agustin organized a data dissemination forum on the Results of 2015 Census of Population on October 19, 2016, held at Avenue One Hotel, Roxas Extension, Digos City, Davao del Sur.

CSS Abraham Enrico E. Gulay, Jr. of PSO-Compostela Valley talked about the background of Census of Population and Statistical Specialist II Rufino B. Oraño presented the highlights of the 2015

PopCen results. Statistical Operations and Coordination Division Chief, Rosendo M. Aya-ay, emphasized the significance of PopCen results to the stakeholders and how it will contribute to their future decision-making process.

A message from stakeholders represented through SPAMAST President, Dr. Irvin C. Generalao, congratulated PSA for conducting such activity. He stressed out how significant the updated population counts especially on educational planning and its implications in coming up of a good decision for their future operations.



(Contributed by: Rodon S. Tahil)

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Davao del Norte

The Provincial Statistical Office of Davao del Norte led by Chief Statistical Specialist (CSS) Pepito D. Amoyen carried out a data dissemination forum on the results of the 2015 Census of Population on October 28, 2016 at Grand Ballroom, Lakans Place, Tagum City.

Participants from PSA, partner agencies and stakeholders convened to be informed of the latest population counts and its importance. CSS Amoyen presented the background of the 2015 PopCen while Supervising Statistical Specialist Maria Leah C. Magracia delivered the presentation on the highlights of the 2015 PopCen

results. CSS Rosendo M. Aya-ay, likewise, delivered a message emphasizing the importance of the 2015 PopCen result in achieving the government's sustainable development goals, specially eradicating extreme poverty and hunger.

Ms. Ma. Theresa V. Catao, project development officer IV of PPDO-Davao del Norte and; Mr. Mervin A. Osic, research coordinator of UM-Tagum, shared their insights on the importance of the results in government planning, program implementation, researches on population and disciplines.

The 2015 PopCen results will be used in social and economic



development programs, plans and policy formulation, as well as, establishing business and researches for academe and private sector. The forum was also a way of appreciating the assistance and participation of the stakeholders in the successful completion of the popcen.

(Contributed by: Michelle O. Maningo)

Davao del Sur

The Provincial Statistical Office of Davao del Sur headed by Chief Statistical Specialist (CSS) Randolph Anthony B. Gales organized a data dissemination forum on the results of the 2015 Census of Population in celebration of the 27th National Statistics Month on October 27, 2016 at the Apo View Hotel, Camus Street, Davao City.

Participants from regional line agencies, LGUs, academe, media and private organization heard the message of CSS Gales welcoming them to the said event. Supervising Statistical Specialists Dix S. Palencia, Jr. of PSO-Davao del Sur and Maria Leah C. Magracia of RSSO-SOCD delivered the presentations on the background and the highlights of the 2015 Census of Population, respectively.

A message from stakeholders, represented through Schools Division Superintendent Reynaldo B. Mellorida, stated the importance of 2015 PopCen results in educational policy making and stressed out that timely and accurate data is needed. Ms. Loraida P. Fabro, economist of the CPDO-Davao City, presented also the importance of these results in development planning such as: essential for policy making, planning and management; development of socio-economic policies; analysis and appraisal; and aids in decision making process. *(Contributed by: Munria L. Lauban)*



PSA XI signs up in the 8th Statlympics

PSA XI, together with the representatives from PSA ARMM, enthusiastically joined the PSA SOCCSARGEN in their 8th Statlympics on November 3-4, 2016 held at Elai Resort and Hotel, Kidapawan City. The sports event was organized by PSA XII with the aim of fostering camaraderie as well as achieving optimum wellness through sports competition between and among employees of Regions XI, XII and ARMM. The activity was actually part of the 27th National Statistics Month (NSM) celebration, in which due to hectic schedule and other equally important activities of PSA was moved to November.

With a moniker “Davao Eagles”, PSA XI as represented by 18 personnel, competed in 2 main sports which were basketball and volleyball. In both games, Davao Eagles cheerfully received the awards as they had emerged as champions.



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RBAC XI trains TWG Members on recent RA 9184 updates



The Regional Bids and Awards Committee (RBAC) XI, through the RBAC Secretariat, organized a training on various RA 9184 updates which was held on

November 17, 2016 at the PSA XI Training Room. The activity was intended to keep posted the Technical Working Group (TWG) chairpersons and members on the recent developments relating to procurement laws and standards.

The lectures focused more on the Agency Procurement Compliance and Performance Indicators (APCPI), 2016 RA 9184, and PhilGEPs/Website

Posting. Apart from being informed of the latest developments, the TWG members had also completed posting the Notice of Award and Notice to Proceed at the PhilGEPs and PSA XI websites of all the applicable procurement activities.

The resource persons were the following RBAC Secretariat Members: 1.) Secretariat head Marina P. Araneta (Statistical Specialist II), 2.) Secretariat member Janice P. Sopino (Administrative Officer I), and Secretariat member Renante B. Maturan (Administrative Officer II).

RSSO XI hosts Workshop on the Localization of PSIC and PSOC



PSA organized and carried out a two-day workshop on the Localization of Philippine Standard Industrial Classification (PSIC) and Philippine Standard Occupational Classification (PSOC) on October 10-11, 2016 at SEDA Hotel, Bajada, Davao City.

The objective of the workshop was to come up with a matrix of industries and occupations in local terms with their classifications in PSIC and PSOC. It will be used as reference in enhancing the Labor Force Survey using Computer-Aided Personal Interview (LFS-CAPI) system, in coding industries and occupations for non-CAPI surveys and for possible updating of the

PSIC and PSOC, since one of the findings from the pilot test of LFS-CAPI was the difficulty of enumerators to correctly classify industries and occupations provided by respondents in local terms during interviews.

World Bank, as sponsor to this event, was represented through Miss Sharon Piza. Miss Grace del Prado of PSA, headed the participants who were officials and staff of PSA CO and Mindanao RSSOs.

RLPI-EWS Consultation with the PABS



The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) XI as one of the lead implementers of the Regional Livestock and Poultry Information –Early Warning System (RLPI-EWS), co-facilitated with the Department of Agriculture (DA) XI the conduct of Consultation on the 2015 Broiler and Swine Situation Reports with the Private Agri-Business Sector (PABS) on December 9, 2016 at the PSA XI Training Room. The event was participated in by the members of the RLPI-EWS project team and representatives from PABS.

The activity was organized with the following objectives: 1.) to present the 2015 Broiler and Swine Situation Reports to the PABS; 2.) to validate with the PABS the data tables presented; and 3.) to elicit suggestions/comments for improvement of the situation reports.

At the end of the activity, the participants had effectively confirmed the data sets presented. Likewise, most of the representatives from PABS expressed their sincere appreciation to this kind of initiative by the project team. Indeed, they had also responsively renewed their commitment to support the various surveys of PSA.

