



PSA XI (DAVAO Region) Newsletter

CELEBRATING THE 29TH NATIONAL STATISTICS MONTH!

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Statistical Planning and Coordination
- Information Dissemination
- Financial, Human Resource and Administrative Services

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The annual celebration of National Statistics Month (NSM) is pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 647 declaring the month of October of every year as NSM. The 29th NSM was organized by the Philippine Statistical System (PSS) and spearheaded by PSA. This year's theme: *"Exploring Philippine Wonders in Numbers: Statistics Towards Sustainable Tourism Development"*, reflected the relevance of statistics in achieving a sustainable progressive tourism growth for the country and emphasized the need for statistics in identifying potential tourism havens and areas requiring interventions. Several activities were undertaken during this month. The opening ceremony which was hosted by the Department of Tourism (DOT) was held on 02 October 2018 at the Pinnacle Hotel, Davao City along with the respondent's forum on the

results of the 2018 Occupational Wages Survey (OWS) and 2017-2018 Integrated Survey on Labor and Employment (ISLE). NEDA Regional Director Maria Lourdes D. Lim was the keynote speaker, while



Atty. Jason P. Balais shared the implications of the OWS/ ISLE results in the formulation of projects and programs. Regional Line Agencies Local Government Units, Academic Institutions, and the Private Sector also showed their cooperation and participation through hanging of streamers, data dissemination, statistical exhibits, and other activities. The culmination

activity was hosted by Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) held in the afternoon of 29 October 2018 in which Highlights on the Barangay Agricultural Profiling Survey Results was presented by PSA XI Supervising Statistical Specialist Ma. Leah C. Magracia, while PSA Statistical Operations and Coordination Division Chief Rosendo M. Aya-ay shared information on the 29th NSM and Tourism Statistics. Ms. Judy L. Colaljo, in behalf of the Department of Tourism shared some inputs on the region's tourism. Director Felicitas C. Concha of BSP awarded the certificates of appreciation to the speakers and the prizes for the statistical quiz winners which was conducted in the morning of October 29.

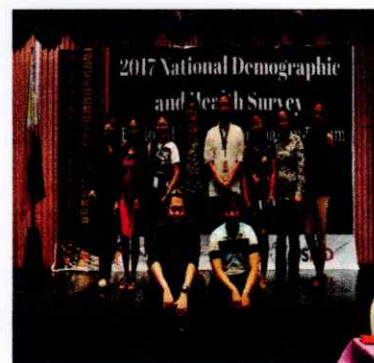
REGIONAL DATA DISSEMINATION FORUM ON THE RESULTS OF THE 2017 NDHS

The Regional Statistical Services Office (RSSO) XI organized the conduct of the Regional Dissemination Forum on the results of the 2017 National Demographic and Health Survey (NDHS) on 19 October 2018 at the Pinnacle Hotel and Suites, Davao City. Around 150 participants from various regional line agencies, LGUs, Academe, GOCCs, Local media, NGOs and the Private Sector attended the said

activity. The dissemination started with an overview of the survey presented by PSA Central Office Statistical Specialist II Val Salting.

Highlights include the presentation of Invited speakers from Supervising Statistical Specialist Ma. Leah C. Magracia on the results of fertility and family planning, maternal and child health, and breastfeeding. Senior Statistical Specialist Adeline G. Batucan presented the results of childhood mortality, HIV knowledge, attitude and

behavior, and health utilization and financing while Statistical Specialist II Marina P. Araneta presented the results on women's empowerment and domestic violence. Invited speakers from stakeholders, Ms. Cheryl Amor of Commission of Population and Ms. Emma Ricaforte of Philippine Commission on Women, delivered their messages on the impacts and implications of the results in government's policy formulation and decision making.



RSSO XI HOSTS HIGH LEVEL FORUM ON P-EAGA

The Regional Statistical Services Office (RSSO) XI hosted the High-Impact Level Forum on Philippines East ASEAN Growth Area (P-EAGA) held on November 12 to 14, 2018 at the Grand Regal Hotel, Davao City. This was in coordination with the Integrated Accounts Division of the Macroeconomic Accounts Service of PSA Central Office which was participated in by the Regional Directors and selected staff of the Mindanao regions and MIMAROPA. Assistant National Statistician (ANS) Vivian R. Ilarina of the Macroeconomic Accounts Service (MAS) and ANS Wilma A.

Guillen of the Social Sector Statistics Service (SSSS) were the resource persons together with PSA XII



Regional Director Maqtahar Manulon, Chairperson and PSA XI OIC-Regional Director Ruben D. Abaro, Jr., Vice-Chairperson of the Philippine-EAGA (P-EAGA) Working Group on

Statistics and Database, respectively. The high-level forum was set up to provide a venue for officials and staff of PSA Central Office and RSSOs to discuss and agree on action points for the compilation of the indicators and to strengthen data. Specifically, it aimed at providing a venue for discussion of developments and issues on the requirements of BIMP-EAGA, agree on the final list of indicators to be compiled, and commitment to continuously compile the indicators.

PSA XI UNDERTAKES TEAM BUILDING AND PSYCHOSOCIAL WELLNESS ACTIVITIES



National Statistician and Civil Registrar General Lisa Grace S. Bersales joined the group during the presentation and discussion on Psychosocial Wellness Lecture which was discussed by psychological experts from Southern Philippines Medical Center, Ms. Maria Pamela P. Flores and Mr. Allan C. Flores. They emphasized emotional intelligence in the workplace and facilitated the psychological test to assess the emotional intelligence of the participants.

In line with PSA's 5th year anniversary with the theme: "Healthy PSA, Happy PSA" and as one of its learning and development programs, activities such as team building, physical wellness, and psychosocial lecture were undertaken by the officials and staff of the PSA Davao Region on 14 December 2018 at D' Leonor Inland Resort and Adventure Park, Communal, Davao City.

TRAINING ON TECHNICAL WRITING

The Statistical Operations and Coordination Division (SOCD) of the Regional Statistical Services Office (RSSO) XI organized the Training on Technical Writing among selected staff of its units and their provincial offices. The activity was facilitated by Statistical Specialist II Maria Vaneza P. Te and Information Systems Analyst I Josielito T. Carnecer. The training was part of the learning and development program of PSA's thrust to continuously improve and strengthen the skills of staff, re-echo the knowledge acquired by the regional staff from their training in the central office, capacitate regional and provincial writers through lectures on basic grammar, terminologies used in statistical write-up and report, and writing tips and techniques. OIC-Regional Director Ruben

D. Abaro, Jr., in his message, emphasized the importance and relevance of communication both written and oral in the organization, as this is one way of harnessing partnership and linkages, as well as customer satisfaction in the delivery of service through correct and right way of communication.



YEAR-END GENERAL ASSEMBLY



One of the most-awaited activities conducted each year in PSA XI is its general assembly. For 2018, it was indeed a fabulous year-end assembly because Undersecretary Lisa Grace S.

Bersales, National Statistician and Civil Registrar General of PSA, was present and enjoined all the officials and staff to be united and be

engaging. She cited how the next year's theme that is working smarter through innovation shall be achieved through people's proper mind-set, efficient processes and services, engagement and adaptability to technologies. Afterwards, SOCD Chief Rosendo M. Aya-ay shared the 2019 Work Program which provided the personnel a picture of the following year's activities. As a commitment, PSA XI personnel pledged to support the thrusts and commitments of PSA for the coming year. Recognitions were also given to Provincial Statistical Offices who performed extraordinary efforts and time in the 2018 Work Program.

RSSO XI ORGANIZES DISSEMINATION FORUM ON THE 2017

PSCED

Regional Statistical Services Office (RSSO) XI in coordination with the PSA Central Office' Standards Service (SS) organized the conduct of the Regional Dissemination Forum on the 2017 Philippine Standard Classification on Education (PSCED) on 21 December 2018 held at the Grand Regal Hotel, Davao City.

Invited resource speakers were Education Supervisor II John Mark Dumanig from the Commission on Higher Education, Assistant Regional Director Remegias Timonio of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority, Vice-

President Bonifacio Gabales, Jr. of the University of Southeastern Philippines, University Registrar Aurelia Luzviminda Gomez of the University of the Philippines-



Mindanao, and Professorial Lecturer of USEP and President of the Mindanao Economic Society Dr. Sophremiano Antipolo. Chief Statistical Specialist Severa

de Costo of PSA CO presented the overview and highlights of PSCED and its major changes and developments, while Statistical Specialist I Rose Ann Hernandez also from PSA CO presented the application of 2017 PSCED on the 2015 Census of Population, and Supervising Statistical Specialist Emerson Aquino demonstrated the enhanced PSA webpage on standard classifications.

The activity was participated in by the representatives from various regional line agencies, LGUs, GOCCs, Academe and private sector.



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