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Snapshots during the Hand-Painting Contest held on March 31, and the awarding of ROI Tomada (Champion) with CSS Gulay in the lower right photo

Empowering Women Through Art: PSA's Hand-Painting Contest

In celebration of National Women's Month, PSA Davao de Oro organized a **Hand-Painting Contest** to encourage creativity and self-expression while promoting gender equality and women empowerment.

The event was held at PSA Davao de Oro provincial office last March 31. It was led by COSW Statistical Analyst Kaye Alimento, who lectured on basic hand-painting techniques before the contest to guide participants in their artistic journey.

Most of the participants were first-timers in painting, making the activity both a learning experience and a creative challenge.

A panel of judges evaluated the entries based on creativity, techniques used, and overall artistic impact. The winners who received certificates and special prizes were:

- 🥇 1st Place : **Issa Lex G. Tomada**
- 🥈 2nd Place : **Christille L. Samson**
- 🥉 3rd Place : **Nikki V. Valdez**
- 🏆 Special Jury Award: **Lovella T. Maute**

Through this initiative, PSA underscores the importance of celebrating and uplifting women, ensuring voices and stories are told—not just in statistics, but through the powerful language of art.

PSA Trains Local Planners on Economic Indicators and PPA Framework



Class picture of the participants together with PSA personnel (left Photo) and SrSS Precious Anne C. De Jesus as the resource speaker (right photo)

To strengthen the use of economic statistics in local governance, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Davao de Oro Provincial Statistical Office (PSO) conducted a Capacity Development Workshop on the System of National Accounts (SNA) and Provincial Product Accounts (PPA) last March 20, 2025.

Held in Tagum City, the workshop aimed to enhance local planners' understanding of key economic indicators and their relevance to development planning and policymaking. The activity gathered members of the Provincial Statistical Committee (PSC) and the League of Local Planners and Development Coordinators of Davao de Oro.

Senior Statistical Specialist Precious Anne C. De Jesus from the PSA Sub-Economic Accounts Division (SEAD) served as the resource person, providing in-depth discussions on the importance of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) as a core measure of economic performance. She emphasized how the SNA and PPA frameworks can guide evidence-based strategies in investment, budgeting, and policy development at the local level.

Participants engaged in hands-on exercises on economic data estimation, sectoral contributions to GDP, and interpreting statistical trends. The sessions highlighted the critical role of accurate and timely data in fostering economic resilience and inclusive growth.

"We can truly make a difference if we embrace what we've learned and relay it to our local chief executives, influencing them in crafting the Executive-Legislative Agenda," said Dr. Antonio P. Ybiernas, Jr., head of the Provincial Health Office.

This activity reaffirmed its commitment to promoting statistical literacy and empowering local stakeholders in driving sustainable, data-informed development.



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Inflation Rate sa Probinsya Nagpabilin sa -1.2 % Niadtong Marso 2025



Nagpabilin sa -1.2% ang headline inflation rate sa Davao de Oro niadtong Marso 2025. Ang lima ka nag-unang commodities nga nakatampo sa maong inflation mao ang bugas nga may -14.4% nga inflation ug -1.6 percentage point share; mais nga may -17.8% inflation ug -0.6 percentage point share; other pelagic fish sama sa fresh ug frozen nga isda, nga may -13.1% inflation ug -0.5 percentage point share; kalabasa ug mga sama niini nga may -31.2% inflation ug -0.3 percentage point share; ug gasolina nga adunay -8.9% nga

inflation ug -0.3 percentage point share.

Sa laing bahin, ang inflation rate para sa Bottom 30% Income Households sa probinsya mikunhod pa gyud ngadto sa -2.6% niadtong Marso 2025. Ang maong pagkunhod kasagarang gitulod sa mas hinay nga pagtaas sa presyo sa Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages, nga may -5.2% nga inflation ug 49.0% nga contribution, ug sa Transport nga may -1.5% nga inflation ug 44.1% nga contribution.

PSA Davao de Oro Successfully Conducts March 2025 LFS with Jobs and Skills Survey



The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Davao de Oro Provincial Statistical Office (PSO) successfully conducted the March 2025 round of the Labor Force Survey (LFS) with the inclusion of the Jobs and Skills Survey (JSS).

The LFS aims to gather demographic and socio-economic information to inform key labor market indicators such as employment and unemployment rates while JSS provides deeper insights into the labor force's skills and identifies gaps that educational and training institutions need to address.

Training for field personnel involved online Second Level Training last February 24-27 and Third Level Training last March 4-7 at the PSO, with three hired Statistical Researchers. Data collection occurred from March 8-23, 2025, across six enumeration areas in the province, achieving a 100% response rate.

Supervision was performed to maintain data quality and issues encountered during the survey were resolved. This effort will contribute to generating valuable labor and skills data to support evidence-based policymaking and foster economic growth.

PSA Conducts Basic Fire Safety Lecture and Drill in Support of Fire Prevention Month



Snapshots during the Basic Fire Safety Lecture and Drill last March 31, FO 2 Polestico(Upper right) and CSS Gulay(Lower right)

In observance of Fire Prevention Month, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Davao de Oro, in partnership with the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) Nabunturan Fire Station, successfully conducted a Basic Fire Safety Lecture and Drill on March 31, 2025.

The activity was spearheaded by Chief Statistical Specialist Abraham Enrico E. Gulay, Jr., together with BFP personnel led by Fire Officer 3 (FO3) Lloyd S. Capol and Fire Officer 2 (FO2) Zed Nathaniel R. Polestico. The initiative aimed to strengthen the preparedness and emergency response capabilities of PSA personnel in the event of a fire.

The lecture covered essential topics including the identification of fire hazards, the different classes of fire and appropriate extinguishing methods, and the critical steps to take during a fire emergency. Employees also received hands-on training in the proper use of fire extinguishers available in the office.

A fire drill was conducted to simulate a real emergency, allowing employees to practice a quick and orderly evacuation while adhering to proper safety protocols.

This activity highlights the importance of collaboration between PSA Davao de Oro and BFP Nabunturan in promoting fire safety awareness and emergency readiness. The BFP personnel reiterated their ongoing commitment to fire safety education as part of their public service mandate.



SuSS Vicente participates in the fire drill

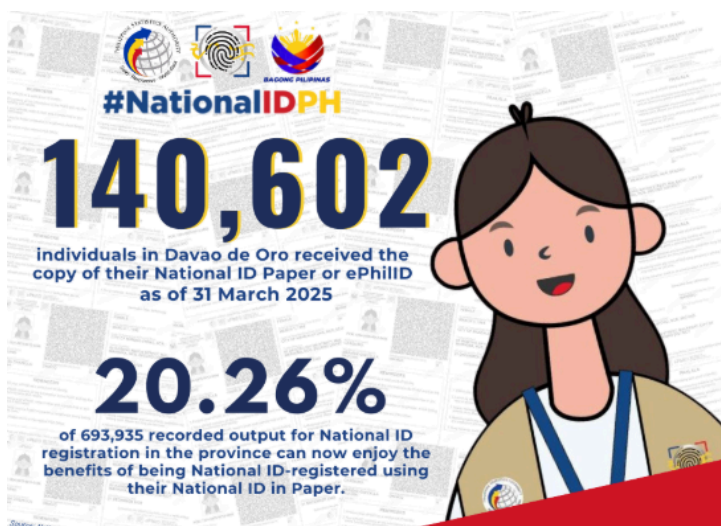
Davao de Oro hits 90.41% in National ID Registration

PSA Davao de Oro continues to make strong progress in the implementation of the National Identification System.

As of 31 March 2025, a total of 693,935 individuals have registered for the National ID system, accounting for 90.4 percent of the province's total population of 767,547, based on the 2020 Census of Population and Housing. In the first quarter alone, 9,989 individuals were newly registered. Among the 11 municipalities in the province, Laak, Mabini, Montevista, and Nabunturan exceeded the provincial average in terms of registration coverage. Meanwhile, Compostela, Monkayo, and Pantukan had the highest number of unregistered individuals.



To allow registrants to immediately enjoy the benefits of being National ID-registered, PSA has actively issued the National ID in Paper format. Since its rollout in October 2022, a total of 140,602 National IDs in Paper have been issued in Davao de Oro, equivalent to 81.7 percent of the targeted 172,000. These contain the individual's National ID number, basic demographic information, and a QR code used for verification, and have the same functionality and validity as the physical card.



Meanwhile, the PSA, in coordination with the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) and the Philippine Postal Corporation (PHLPost), ensured the smooth delivery of physical National IDs. As of the end of March 2025, BSP through PHLPost had dispatched a total of 518,660 physical IDs to Davao de Oro, of which 99.98 percent, or 518,549, were successfully delivered to registrants by local postmasters.

In addition, the PSA Davao de Oro continues to assist individuals whose National IDs were damaged. A total of 1,773 replacement cases were processed, of which 1,100 replacement cards were received by the Provincial Statistical Office. Out of these, 950 have already been claimed by the cardholders, while the remaining 150 are set for delivery.

With its continuous efforts in registration, efficient delivery of Paper and physical IDs, and prompt replacement services, the PSA Davao de Oro reaffirms its commitment to making the National ID accessible and beneficial for all residents.

PSA Davao de Oro Conducts Operational Training for Palay and Corn Production Survey (PCPS)

PSA Davao de Oro successfully conducted its Operational Training for the 2025 Palay and Corn Production Survey (PCPS) at the PSA Davao de Oro Training Room last March 24-25. This activity aimed to ensure the accurate and timely agricultural data collection crucial for policymaking.

The training was led by Statistical Specialist II Maila Gale Ejera-Taghoy, who served as the trainer, ensuring that all hired Statistical Researchers (SRs) were well-equipped with the necessary knowledge and skills for the successful execution of the PCPS.

During the training, Chief Statistical Specialist (CSS) Abraham Enrico E. Gulay Jr. delivered an inspiring message and reminded the SRs of their vital role in truthfully and accurately collecting data. He also extended his gratitude to the SRs for their unwavering commitment and hard work, acknowledging their significant contribution to the success of the survey.

Participants engaged in mock interviews and hands-on exercises to simulate real-field situations, ensuring that SRs were fully prepared to gather quality data.

PSA Davao de Oro remains committed to delivering reliable statistics for a more informed and empowered agriculture sector.



The 2025 PCPS Team with CSS Gulay (left) and SS II Ejera-Taghoy (5th from right)

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