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PSA BOHOL TREE PLANTING 2019 EDITION



Obligatory photo ops of PSA Bohol employees before planting these saplings at hand.

The day we chose was a Friday, the 20th of September in the year 2019 as the day for this year's edition of our tree planting activity. We came to our usual "suki" planting site, the Sikatuna Tree Park. We were all clad in our velvet polo shirts.

First we checked in at the park's makeshift receiving area. Each of us was given strips of red plastic where we wrote our names and the name of the plant species that we were supposed to plant. This year we planted tree species called Guiho, Narig and Chapoy. With our saplings in one hand and the strip of red plastic on the other we were directed by park staff to proceed to the designated planting area located at the western side of

the park. On our way towards the site, we passed by saplings that were almost a meter tall. We realized that these were the little ones that we planted last year. A glimpse of these little ones that we had a hand last year gave a sense of fulfillment of every tree's purpose.

As we arrived at the planting site I found the perfect spot where the new little tree in my hand can begin its new life. I searched for landmarks so that I will not forget the exact spot when we come back next year as part of team PSA Bohol's commitment in helping mother earth. We hope you all will join us. ■

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Happy 6th Year PSA!

GIFT GIVING

One of the activities conducted by this provincial office in celebration of its 6th Anniversary is a gift giving at the Bohol Crisis Intervention Center (BCIC). The BCIC in Tabilaran City is the home of women who have been sexually abused. The BCIC is a place where the abused feel safe and protected. The center has a strong commitment to protect the rights of women and children. Among the objectives of the center is to provide direct services, including temporary shelter, residential care, food, clothing, and other needs. ■



▲ Staff of BCIC receives the goods donated by PSA Bohol employees for their residents.

► A pose of our representatives at the BCIC mural.



WALKATHON

On 27 September 2020, the office had a wellness activity as part of the office's 6th anniversary month-long celebration. The walkathon started a little past three in the afternoon at CPG Sports Complex, Tagbilaran City. We were in our sports attire. We did several laps around the 400-meter oval. After that, we played volleyball while some played catch using baseball gloves. We enjoyed playing that we forgot that it was already 5:00 p.m. Time for us to call it quits and head back to our office. ■



▲ Group photo during the wellness activity at the CPG Sports Complex.

July 2019 Labor Force Survey/ Annual Poverty Indicators Survey



Participants of the LFS/APIs Regional Training at Alta Bohol.

PSA Bohol conducted the third quarter Labor Force Survey (LFS) in July 2019. For this round, the rider survey is the Annual Poverty Indicators survey (APIS).

A five – day joint regional and provincial level training was held at Alta Garden and

of Siquijor, Cebu, Negros Oriental, and Bohol. The hired SRs from Bohol were also among the attendees of the said training. SrSS Myrna Trinidad T. Cataluña of RSSO 7 and SuSS Jocelyn S. Sarmiento of Bohol served as the trainers.

Resort in San Isidro, Baclayon, Bohol. It was attended by focal persons and assistant focal persons from the provinces

The LFS is a quarterly survey of households which gathers data on the demographic and socio-economic characteristics of the population while the APIS aims to collect data that will be used to generate non-income indicators as inputs to the development of Multi-dimensional Poverty Index (MPI).

In this APIS round, Computer Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI) mode of data collection is used.

The enumeration officially started on July 8, 2019 until the end of the month with six (6) enumerators maximum of eighteen (18) mandays. Uploading of data was done on staggered basis. ■



Demography as of 2015	
Total Population	1,313,560
Male	667,430
Female	646,130
Urban	210,999
Rural	1,102,561
Household Population	1,308,785
Male	664,103
Female	644,682
Sex Ratio	103.3
Median Age	24.5
No. of Households	288,515
Average Household Size	4.5
Occupied Housing Units	286,768

PRICE INDICES July to September 2019 (2012 =100)			
	Jul	Aug	Sep
CPI	124.1	123.3	122.7
IR	1.1	0.3	-1.3
Monthly Percent Change	0.7	-0.6	-0.5
PPP	0.81	0.81	0.81

Vital Events Registration July to September 2019			
	Jul	Aug	Sep
Birth	1,607	2,148	2,468
Marriage	457	361	453
Death	764	737	732

2019 Integrated Census Map Updating

As part of the rolling scheme map updating of the PSA, the office conducted the last phase of the activity which is the 2019 Integrated Census Map Updating. This is aimed to come up with updated EA maps and an updated EA Reference File for the 2020 Census of Population and Housing (CPH). For this, one Map Data Reviewer (MDR), seven Map Data Processors (MDP) and eight Map Data Verifiers (MDV) were hired. The hired personnel attended a training at One Central Hotel, Cebu City on 08-20 July 2019 together with SA Venus

P. Gloria, SS II Emmanuel B. Galab and SS II Fidel R. Antopina Jr. as supervisors.

This last phase involved three activities. First was the processing of the geotagged points from the three rounds of Geotagging. The second was the field validation of barangay boundaries, EA delineation and merging. The last one was the processing of the validated areas.

After the training, the hired MDPs started the processing of geotagged points and preparation of project files for the

field validation. Then on the first day of August, the MDVs began with their field work. For Bohol, 357 EAs were subject for delineation while four were for merging.

The operation lasted for four months. A total of 483,553 tagged buildings were processed and 638 EA boundary updates verified for the whole province.

Minor problems were encountered such as boundary disputes, technical problems in the tablet and the computers, and lack of storage drive for backups. ■

Fisheries Situation of Bohol Province in the Third Quarter of 2019

The total Fisheries production for the province of Bohol registered a 45.18 percent high increase from 10,221.87 metric tons in the third quarter of 2018 to a record of 14,840.14 metric tons in the third quarter of 2019. Across Fisheries subsectors covered by Quarterly Fisheries Surveys (QFS), Quarterly Aquaculture Survey (QAqS) recorded the biggest growth with a 56.68 percent followed by the Quarterly Municipal Fisheries (QMFS) that posted an increase of 25.47 percent and Quarterly Commercial Fisheries Survey (QCFS) at 20.49 percent, respectively. Conversely, Quarterly Inland Fisheries behaved a down trend in its production level. From the third quarter of 2018 at 20.42 metric

Table 1. Comparative Table for Bohol Fisheries Production by Sector for the Third Quarter 2018 and 2019.

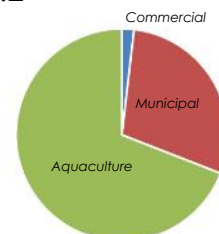
Fisheries Sub-sectors	Production (in Metric tons)		% Change	% Share	
	3Q 2018	3Q 2019		3Q 2018	3Q 2019
TOTAL FISHERIES PRODUCTION	10,221.87	14,840.14	45.18	100.00	100.00
QCFS	225.89	272.17	20.49	2.21	1.83
QMFS	3,432.75	4,306.90	25.47	33.58	29.02
QIFS	20.42	9.85	(51.76)	0.20	0.06
QAqS	6,542.81	10,251.22	56.68	64.01	69.09
Brackishwater Fishpond	721.23	958.40	32.89		
Brackishwater Pen	-	1.00	-		
Brackishwater Cage	-	0.50	-		
Freshwater Fishpond	14.07	11.48	(18.39)		
Freshwater Cage	15.04	5.30	(64.73)		
Marine Pen	1.00	-	-		
Marine Cage	41.59	46.30	11.73		
Oyster	109.15	111.22	1.89		
Seaweed	5,640.73	9,117.02	61.63		

tons, it dove to a total of 9.85 metric tons in the same quarter of last year, a two digit decrease at (51.76%). (See Table 1)

The third quarter of 2019 Quarterly Fisheries Surveys results revealed that the Aquaculture subsector contributed significantly to the overall production of the province of more than half in terms of total volume of fish production with

69.09 percent record high. The bigger chunk came from Municipal Fisheries at 29.08 percent while only about 1.83% was shared from Commercial Fisheries (Figure 1). ■

Figure 1. Percentage Distribution of the Total Fisheries Production of Bohol by Sub-sector, Quarter of 2019



CPI Trainings on Android-Based Price Collection Method

There were fourteen (14) Philippine Statistics Authority – Regional Statistical Service Office 07 employees – from its Regional Director down to the Assistant Statistician - who were called to attend the Second Level Training on Various Systems for the Generation of Consumer Price Index held on September 10-12, 2019 at MJ Hotel and Suites, Cebu City.

The exigency of the training necessitated the attendance of our two (2) PSA Bohol employees to zero-in on our participation to the ambitious leg of CPI Price Collection via Android-Based usage. Statistical Specialists II, Emmanuel B. Galab and Fidel R. Antopina Jr. unhesitant to the cadence of time, joined other participants, intently listened and grasping every step of the way to comprehend each topic magnified by our trainers.

Felixberto M. Sato Jr.,

Senior Statistical Specialist of RSSO 07, Jose Alvin Almedilla, CPI data processor from central office, gunned well their expertise on the subject training modules and elaborately imparted knowledge on the instruction on how to use the four applications of the integrated CPI system, namely: CPI Store Management Application; CPI CAPI (Computer Aided Personal Interview) Management Application; Price Tag and CPI Data Processing System. These were thoroughly explained by having tackled the brief background, interface, system preliminaries, installation procedures and system modules.

Almost two (2) weeks have elapsed, PSA Bohol Provincial Statistical Office, commenced its Third Level Training at Passiflora Café, JJ's Seafoods Village along C. Gallares St., Tagbilaran City on September 24 – 26, 2019. It

cascaded all the topics discussed during the previous training so as to inculcate the spirit of the training modules being taught to our CPI price collectors especially in their individual android-based price tag system in our province.

Statistical Specialist II Colita E. Montoya, Statistical Analysts Isidro C. Iyog and Venus P. Gloria, Registration Officer I Armand B. Pergamino and Administrative Aide VI Romeo O. Suse completely finished the three-day training. They were all set to price data collection using the improvised system. ■



▲ Group photo during the provincial training at Passiflora Café, Tagbilaran City on 24-26 Sept 2019.

Corn Technicians Meeting

Last 31 July 2019, RO I Gerardo Binangbang attended the Corn Technicians Meeting which was held at the Bohol APC Training Center, Dao, Tagbilaran City. Corn Technicians in forty-eight municipalities province-wide graced the activity with full of interest. The group was fortunate with the presence of the newly-appointed Cassava/Corn Regional Coordinator, Mr.



◀ Mr. Norberto Quano, Cassava/Corn Regional Coordinator during the meeting attended by RO I Binangbang at Bohol APC.

Norberto Quano, a Cebuano. He replaced Engr. Edna Yu who is now assigned to another department.

Mr. Binangbang presented the 2017-2018 corn

production outlook of the province. The value of production and level of growth were shown. These information were vital inputs in the

evaluation of the intervention measures of the government. In response, Director Quano introduced their programs such as distribution of seeds and machineries to farmers in year 2019. ■

Stakeholders' Consultation on Training and Extension Concerns

The Philippine Statistics Authority-Bohol was invited by the Agricultural Training Institute Region 7 (ATI-7) to share some statistical insights, updates and relevant statistics particularly for the current agricultural situation in Central Visayas.

The office sent one representative Mr. Federico I. Aparri, Registration Officer I, in behalf of the Provincial Statistics Officer, Chief Statistical Specialist (CSS) Ms. Jessamyn Anne C. Alcazaren. The conference started at 9:00 o'clock in the morning which was participated by different agencies of the

government, namely, DEPED, DSWD, TESDA, OPA, OPV and Selected MAOs from different LGUs. The Office of the Provincial Agriculture Situationer for the Province of Bohol using data from PSA. It was followed by the presentation of statistical updates and latest agricultural statistics by the aforementioned PSA representative using the latest infographics releases. During the afternoon session, participants were grouped into four for a workshop on the needed trainings and extension concerns for the participating stakeholders.



(Top) The participants after the activity.
(Bottom) Dr. Carol Daquio of ATI, one of the speakers during the event



The outputs of the workshop were presented by one representative for each group. The stakeholders' conference ended at about 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon. ■

PSA – Bohol Participates & Mingles 34th ICCD

More than twenty personnel of PSA – Bohol including COSW's, JOW's OJT's rose from their slumber early dawn on September 21, 2019 to mingle the six (6) million volunteers across ninety (90) countries in observing and participating the 34th International Coastal Clean-up Day slated every 3rd Saturday of September of every year pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 470, Series of 2003.

At par with other volunteers across continents, the office's social awareness and responsibilities towards the protection and prevention of environmental and ecological degradation, it has been designated to clean the

measurable segment of Cabisi Beach, Taloto, Tagbilaran City. It never missed the year's clean-up area for this is the office's designated spot a couple of years since we cooperated and participated the said global movement. Straddling in wavelets and washes to shorelines and even broken bottles hazardously laying still amidst tides in different fluctuations, we raced against time to pick, collect and remove these trashes and debris in different substance, sizes, colors and makes for a cleaner, safer and healthier coastlines.

No less than PSO Jessamyn Anne C. Alcazaren led the pack of PSA volunteers eyeing to keep our oceans,

beaches and waterways, in cadence of time and space, eager and willing to contribute for the preservation of heathy and safe environment. By leading the office responsibly, she kept reminding her workforce to be aware, raise consciousness and contributes to our environment and ecology overtime. This by way of contributing to act incessantly our involvement in various calls for safeguarding, protecting and preserving our Mother Nature. ■

Provincial Coordinating Committee on Agri- Fishery Meeting

Statistical Analyst of PSA-Bohol, Nicefora L. Marimon represented the office for the Provincial Committee on Agri-Fishery (PCCAF) meeting on July 31, 2019 which started at 9:30am at Reyna's the Haven and Garden Food Catering Services Inc., New Calceta Street, Cogon District Tagbilaran City, Bohol.

The Senior Agriculturist of the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist (OPA), Engr. Evelyn T. Maligsa, presided the meeting and was attended by PCCAF members which composed of different offices with functions related to agriculture and fisheries in the province including the PSA. Majority of the attendees were Municipal Agriculturists/Municipal Agriculture Officers and Fishery Technicians.

Mr. Leo C. Bongalos of BFAR Bohol provincial office discussed the Fishery Administrative Order No. 250-2 series of 2018, an amendment of AO 250 series of 2014 ensures a total ban on the gathering, selling and exporting of Brown Algae (Sargassum and Sea Grasses) while AO 250-2 allows gathering, selling and exporting only if gathering came from washed ashore. He reiterated to all to help disseminate the information especially among

the fisherfolks in the thirty coastal municipalities of Bohol.

Moreover, he urged LGUs to issue Auxiliary Invoice for fishery products transported through port of origin. Among the municipalities across the province, only Tubigon, Talibon, Getafe, Bien Unido and CPG had been issuing auxiliary invoices. Large amount of money have been raised and can be beneficial to address LGUs concerns. He stressed further that Local Transport Permit (LTP) is a permit issued by BFAR that allows one transporting even one kilogram of fishery product. Payment range from ten pesos (P10.00) to a maximum of one hundred pesos (P100.00) only if there's an auxiliary invoice issued by LGU. There is no need to get an LTP from BFAR.

Added information talked about the existence of Red Tide along sea waters of Tagbilaran City and Davis. Participants of the meeting were advised to be extra careful in eating shells. On the other hand, Ms. Evelyn Putong of NIA presented the level of water in the four big dams in Bohol namely; the Capayas, Zamora, Bayongan and Malinao. Downward trend was observed in the month of July. According to her, Cloud Seeding started last June 17, 2019. The seeding most likely benefited crop farmers than rice farmers. NIA had earnestly requested OPA to allocate mango seeds for the rice farmers to supplement their produce.

Closing topics included the granting of incentives for the Organic practitioners in LGUs, and results of the SUHID Agri-fair where LGU Carmen grabbed majority of prices. Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation (PCIC) also presented the number of farmers that availed insurances, the latest in July 2019.



Photos during field visit to Philippine Tarsier Foundation Inc. (top) and Marcela Farms Dressing Plant (bottom) by Colita E. Montoya, CPBI/IOSPBI PFP

LNEWS-FNS Consultative Workshop

The National Nutrition Council – Region 7 invited the PSA – Bohol to send one representative to talk about Agricultural Statistics Monitoring Systems on 09 September 2019. Statistical Specialist II (SSII) Blecila M. Paredes was tasked to attend and prepare a presentation for the said event.

Municipal Mayor Eugenio Datahan II welcomed the participants who were mostly the Pilar LGU's heads of offices or their representatives, members of the Municipal Nutrition Committee, President of the Barangay Nutrition Scholars, and from other National Agencies and LGUs like PAGASA, BFAR, Bohol Agricultural Promotion Center, Provincial Health Office, and Pilar Rice Processing Center (RPC).

Dr. Parolita A. Mission, the Nutrition Program Coordinator presented the rationale of the activity. She mentioned NEDA's criteria of identifying Pilar as one of the potential areas for expansion of Local Nutrition Early Warning System for Food and Nutrition Security (LNEWS-FNS). She stressed that with Pilar's high stunting and wasting prevalence among children as well as its vulnerability to potential natural risk and other calamities that may affect the agriculture sector, and being a major crop producing area, the LGU's partnership with the National Nutrition Council would be a great help. LNEWS-FNS was developed by Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). The system serves as a tool towards prevention and alleviation of Food Insecurity, thus putting an end to mortalities resulting from malnutrition. However, this tool requires data on prices, production and

changes in climate for it to function properly. Pilar was the second pilot area in the province, with Buenavista, and was fifth in Central Visayas. The first three were in Cebu. Further, she motivated the participants who are the prime movers of the program by ending her message with the famous quotation from Henry Ford, i.e., "Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; and working together is success"

Ms. Julie Vanie Palaca, also from NNC, showed the Background of NNC, which is the country's highest policy-making and coordinating body on nutrition. One of its functions is the regular monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN). She ended her presentation with the structure of the Provincial/City/Municipal Nutrition Committee and the priority action to reduce hunger and malnutrition. Ms. Bea Margaux Cornella, Nutrition Officer I of NNC 7 followed with the overview and objectives of the Consultative Workshop after which Ms. Palaca continued with the definition of Food Security and Insecurity. Accordingly, Food Security is the state of having access by all people at all times to enough food for an active and healthy life and hunger is the severe form of food insecurity.

Ms. Ana Liza Anib shared the programs and interventions of BFAR which would help in achieving food security in Pilar and the whole province. Mr. Victor Doblás followed with the technology of culturing Tilapia. He encouraged the LGU to revive the operation of Pilar hatchery in barangay

Cagawasan so as to continually provide its constituents with quality fingerlings. In behalf of Mr. Roman Dabalos, the Manager of Bohol Agricultural Promotion Center, his better half presented the programs of DA 7. She also shared the agency's varied interventions like distribution of seeds, farm implements and equipment since 2018.

After the lunch break, Mr. Ariel Abalos, the new Officer-in-charge of PAGASA, Daus Station presented the agency's programs including the different tools and equipment. The first major project of PAGASA in Bohol was the establishment of Doppler Weather Radar in Bohol which is located in the municipality of Alburquerque. He also oriented the group with the different weather systems affecting the country, the Cyclone Classifications and Public Storm Warning Systems. Mr. Edwin Osana, a staff from RPC shared also information regarding the role of RPC, its Vision, Mission and Mandate.

SSII Paredes talked about the PSA's regular Agricultural Statistics activities like the Agricultural Price Surveys, the different Productions Surveys, Household Stocks and Agricultural Wage Rate Survey. She presented some concepts and definitions used in every activity, its frequency of collection, the reference period, data items, the statistics generated as well as the scheduled release of designated statistics. Data sets were prepared for the workshop. Last to present was Ms. Beatrice Rafols of PHO – Bohol. The plenary discussion followed. ■

Registered Vital Events of Bohol in 2019

Total Registered Births

The number of registered live births by usual residence of mother recorded from January to September 2019 was 14,434. During the year, there was an average of 39 births per day.

Among the 48 municipalities in the province, the highest number of registered births was recorded in Ubay, Bohol which comprised of 1,186. Second in rank was Tagbilaran City with 993 followed by Talibon with 856. Sikatuna had the least recorded live births with only 43 from July to September in 2019.

Table 2. Number of Registered Live Births of Bohol by Municipality (January-Sept 2019)

Municipality	Overall Total Live Births by Usual Residence of Mother	Municipality	Overall Total Live Births by Usual Residence of Mother
1. Alburquerque	89	25. Guindulman	274
2. Alicia	271	26. Inabanga	464
3. Anda	168	27. Jagna	320
4. Antequera	124	28. Lila	85
5. Baclayon	216	29. Loay	153
6. Balilihan	174	30. Loboc	147
7. Batuan	153	31. Loon	354
8. Bien Unido	267	32. Mabini	293
9. Bilar	179	33. Maribojoc	216
10. Buenavista	371	34. Panglao	434
11. Calape	288	35. Pilar	291
12. Candijay	299	36. Pres. Carlos P. Garcia	277
13. Carmen	567	37. Sagbayan	305
14. Catigbian	257	38. San Isidro	97
15. Clarin	233	39. San Miguel	329
16. Corella	100	40. Sevilla	85
17. Cortes	149	41. Sierra Bullones	263
18. Dagohoy	226	42. Sikatuna	43
19. Danao	258	43. City of Tagbilaran	993
20. Dauis	536	44. Talibon	856
21. Dimiao	128	45. Trinidad	433
22. Duero	181	46. Tubigon	448
23. Garcia-Hernandez	208	47. Ubay	1186
24. Getafe	401	48. Valencia	245

Table 3. Number of Registered Marriages of Bohol by Municipality (January-Sept 2019)

Municipality	Overall Total Marriages	Municipality	Overall Total Marriages
1. Alburquerque	43	25. Guindulman	129
2. Alicia	80	26. Inabanga	172
3. Anda	60	27. Jagna	133
4. Antequera	33	28. Lila	31
5. Baclayon	87	29. Loay	71
6. Balilihan	118	30. Loboc	71
7. Batuan	42	31. Loon	154
8. Bien Unido	71	32. Mabini	84
9. Bilar	70	33. Maribojoc	60
10. Buenavista	112	34. Panglao	122
11. Calape	117	35. Pilar	88
12. Candijay	102	36. Pres. Carlos P. Garcia	87
13. Carmen	219	37. Sagbayan	107
14. Catigbian	79	38. San Isidro	38
15. Clarin	79	39. San Miguel	104
16. Corella	35	40. Sevilla	33
17. Cortes	52	41. Sierra Bullones	71
18. Dagohoy	64	42. Sikatuna	25
19. Danao	71	43. City of Tagbilaran	588
20. Dauis	255	44. Talibon	272
21. Dimiao	56	45. Trinidad	124
22. Duero	62	46. Tubigon	179
23. Garcia-Hernandez	69	47. Ubay	235
24. Getafe	119	48. Valencia	91

Total Registered Marriages

There were 5,164 marriages accounted from January to September 2019. The highest number of marriages was held in Tagbilaran City with 588 registered marriages, followed by Talibon with 272 and Dauis with 255. On the other hand, Sikatuna had the lowest number of marriages recorded with only 25, the same trend in live births data.

► cont. Registered Vital Statistics...

Total Registered Deaths

A total of 6,797 registered deaths by usual residence of the deceased in Bohol were reported in January to September 2019. On the average, data shown a daily 18 deaths occurrence. Province-wide, Tagbilaran City had the highest number of deaths with 504, followed by Ubay with 374 and Talibon with 323. On the contrary, Corella had the lowest number of deaths recorded with only 36. ■

Table 4. Number of Registered Deaths of Bohol by Municipality (January-Sept 2019)

Municipality	Overall Total Deaths by Usual Residence of Deceased	Municipality	Overall Total Deaths by Usual Residence of Deceased
1. Alburquerque	71	25. Guindulman	168
2. Alicia	114	26. Inabanga	206
3. Anda	99	27. Jagna	196
4. Antequera	83	28. Lila	75
5. Baclayon	125	29. Loay	86
6. Balilihan	112	30. Loboc	103
7. Batuan	64	31. Loon	294
8. Bien Unido	129	32. Mabini	143
9. Bilar	85	33. Maribojoc	112
10. Buenavista	128	34. Panglao	174
11. Calape	183	35. Pilar	137
12. Candijay	171	36. Pres. CPG	114
13. Carmen	213	37. Sagbayan	113
14. Catigbian	120	38. San Isidro	46
15. Clarin	85	39. San Miguel	98
16. Corella	36	40. Sevilla	66
17. Cortes	106	41. Sierra Bullones	120
18. Dagohoy	89	42. Sikatuna	41
19. Danao	87	43. City of Tagbilaran	504
20. Daus	228	44. Talibon	323
21. Dimiao	88	45. Trinidad	142
22. Duero	107	46. Tubigon	223
23. Garcia-Hernandez	154	47. Ubay	374
24. Getafe	123	48. Valencia	139

PAGBA 2019 3rd Quarterly Seminar and Meeting

As part of the employees' learning and development, PSA sent representatives to the Philippine Association for Government Budget Administration (PAGBA) Seminar and Meeting annually starting 2018. For this year, PSA Region VII attended the 3rd Quarterly Seminar and Meeting at L' Fisher Hotel, Bacolod City on August 28-31, 2019. The theme for the said event was "Public Financial Management in a Difficult and Changing Environment". The attendees of the seminar were the following: Admin Officer I Mary Antonette Jungao of PSA Bohol, Admin Officer I Sarah Jane Bolongaita of PSA Negros Oriental, Admin Officer I Nympha Chiu of PSA Cebu, Admin Assistant III Irish Velasco of PSA RSSO VII, Admin Officer IV Melita Jomoad of PSA

RSSO VII and Admin Officer IV Xina Ixora Aranas of PSA RSSO VII.



RSSO VII representatives for the 4th PAGBA

The four-day seminar has very interesting and informative topics shared by different speakers who were experts in their field. Among the topics discussed were:

- Data Privacy Act by Commissioner Raymundo E. Liboro of the National Privacy Commission;
- Effectiveness of Internal Audit in ISO Certification by Mr. Rolando C. Remitar, External Auditor of TUV Rheinland;
- Supplies Inventory and Property Management by Mr. Jerry A. Calayan of COA;
- Financial Literacy: Managing Income, Retirement & Investment by Director Jose P. Aquino of SEC;

- Updates on Compensation Matters Including EO77 and Rules on Hiring Contacts of Service and Job Orders by Asst. Secretary Myrna S. Chua of DBM;
- Personality Development by Director Lucina Flor B. Ramos of Civil Service Institute;
- Rescue and Disaster Preparedness by Dr. Teofredo T. Esguerra of National Development Corporation;
- Taxes Withheld by NGAs and LGUs by Director Marivic A. Galban of BIR;
- Focus of 2020 National Budget by Director Cristina B. Clasara of DBM and Stress Management;
- Mental Health Awareness by Ms. Frances Prescilla Cuevas of DOH.

The last day of the seminar convened the group's interest for the upcoming 4th PAGBA gathering. The topics and venue were also discussed. The fellowship dinner capped the event, that allowed everyone to meet acquaintances and added friends. ■



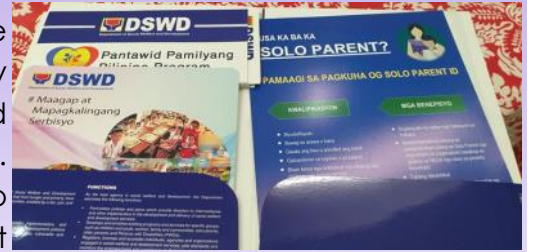
AUDIO-BOHOL Meeting

The Association of United Development Information Officers in Bohol (AUDIO-Bohol) holds meetings among its members to keep updated of the latest information. For the month of September, the organizing agency was DSWD. The meeting was held on 12 September 2019, 8:30 a.m. at Panda Tea Garden Suites, this City. SA Venus P. Gloria attended the activity in lieu of Information Officer Designate SS II Emmanuel B. Galab.

For the morning session, DSWD shared about

Unconditional Cash Transfer, Rice Subsidy, their other programs and services. In the afternoon, the advocacy group PAGPAKABUHI discussed about mental health problems. The group also wanted to counteract against suicide as it has been prevalent in the province lately.

At around four o'clock in the afternoon, the meeting ended after all agencies reported about their respective activities. ■



▲Photos of the discussions and the kits distributed by DSWD at the meeting.

Re-echo on Trainings

ON INFOGRAPHICS

SA Venus P. Gloria attended a training on Infographics on 01-02 April 2019 at Mezzo Hotel, Cebu City. The said activity was organized by the Regional Statistics Committee and was spearheaded by the Philippine Statistical Association, Inc. (PSAi).

As what was agreed in the office, it is required that the attendee must re-echo his/her training. Thus, on 30 September 2019, SA Gloria had a re-echo on Infographics among her co-employees. The short activity included topics on data presentation, basic statistics

concepts, and the features and functionalities of the online facility, Canva. Canva is the tool used in making infographics for the province. The lecture lasted for about two hours.

ON QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

PSA is now on its way to become an ISO-certified agency. In line with this, the office has conducted a series of lectures to orient the employees about the requirements for the certification process.

One of these lectures is about the Quality Management System (QMS). The QMS point persons for PSA

Bohol are SuSS Jocelyn S. Sarmiento, SS II Colita E. Montoya and AO I Mirafior O. Payot. They attended two lectures on this subject matter in Bohol and in Leyte.

To disseminate what was learned, the point persons conducted a re-echo of the said lecture. This was held on 27 September 2019 at the provincial office of PSA-Bohol. The speakers were SS II Montoya and AO I Payot.

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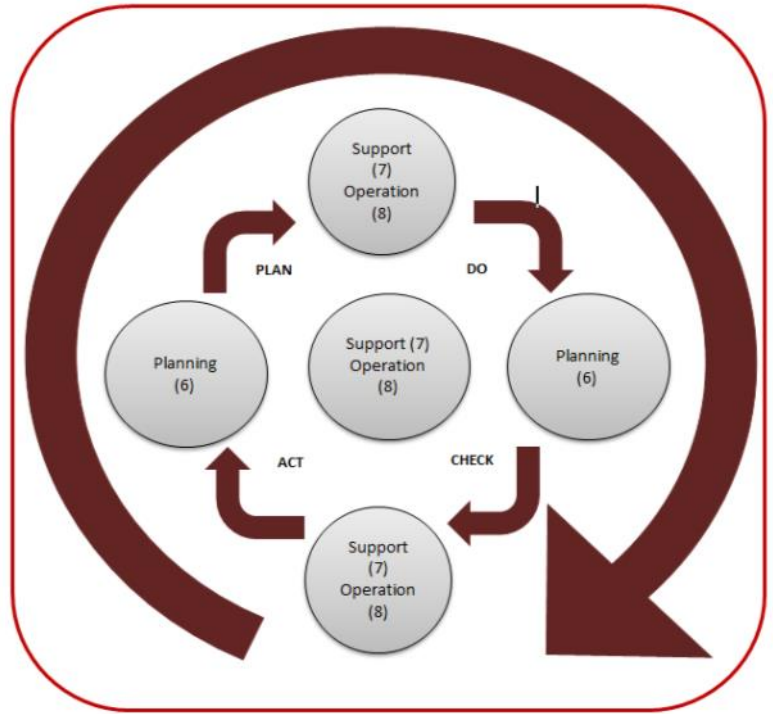


SS II Montoya's presentation of Module 1

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Modules 1 and 2 were discussed. The topics under Module 1 include General Concept, Quality Management Principles of PDCA (Plan-Do-Check-Act) Cycle and Risk-based thinking, and QMS Structure.

For Module 2, a more detailed presentation on the quality standards of ISO. Clauses 4 to 10 were discussed. These clauses involve standards on Context of the Organization, Leadership, Planning, Support, Operation, Performance Evaluation, and Improvement. ■



PDCA Cycle

The Restless Warrior Survived

This article features a story of hope and faithfulness through a personal experience of one of PSA Bohol's employees.

"Minutes before 7:30 am on September 30, 2019. I rode my motorcycle along Las Salinas, Loay a coastal town going to my destination in Guindulman some 90 kilometers away east of Tagbilaran City. It is a route that I had done so many times over the past 20 or 18 years in the collection of prices, distribution and collection of questionnaires, census operations, surveys and so many others.

I was cruising at a speed of 60 kph to the max speed to 80 kph (which by the way is the fastest speed I can muster). My bike can reach up to a maximum speed of 125 kph. With the warmth of the sun in the morning and cool breeze of the sea, my trip was quite relaxing.

There were plenty of buses, cars, motorcycles for it was Monday and most people report to work or go to school.

At a slight curve leading to a straight kilometre-long highway, my grip in the throttle was going deep and hard to increase my speed. Suddenly a jeepney from the opposite end stopped in the middle of the paved concrete road and a passenger at the backend rushed to cross the street to the other side. That was it! A big bang. I hit the person! I really knew I hit him and caused me to crash land on the concrete road. I quickly sank back into the darkness empty and void. The next thing I knew I was in the ambulance with a medical staff with me, I asked her what happened I could feel my body aching and blood oozing from my ears. It was an hour or two after I realized what went wrong and heavy tears rolled from my eyes. It was a feeling of pain and gratitude that I am Back and Alive.

The impact of the crash broke my ribs, my clavicle and

my leg. I had suffered left face palsy as a result my speech is blurry and had difficulty in chewing and undergone surgery of my lungs. Regardless of everything I have been determined to come back physically, emotionally and spiritually. I will always be grateful to my family, friends and people at work, I really felt their love and concern. Especially to GOD which all creations bow under him for my new lease of life that I will be forever grateful.

I would like to borrow a comment from my friend a retired general in the PAF and a long time buddy in high school days here in Tagbilaran and college days in Cebu City. And I quote "SAFETY...is not the absence of DANGER, it is the presence of GOD. Unquote accidents do happen god allow it to happen. Sometimes it hurts, its hard, its costly in the hospital, imagine I've been in the hospital for 18 days. In the end its for the best and never give up trusting the almighty and his plan for you." ■

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Statesmen's Summit at the City of Pines

The six hours of travel, one hour of climbing up the winding road covered with foggy clouds and raindrops were enthralling.

Four of us, team Provincial heads and Division chiefs of Region 7 were that exited to discover again the City of Pines, Baguio City. Personally, I was more thrilled of what will be my "take-away" of the three-day gathering of "Statesmen and Nobles". This was held last September 17-20, 2019 at Hotel Supreme Convention Plaza Baguio City where more than a hundred of participants were gathered to learn and be molded with values, moral recovery discussions and sharing of common and unique experiences. The activity was spearheaded by the Council for the Restoration of Filipino Values.

Valuable learnings were fully imparted among the enthusiasts, as follows:

Keynote Speech: Theme "Laying the Foundation for the Next Generations of Filipinos" delivered by USEC of DILG, Epimaco V. Densing

- Session 1- Building the Moral Infrastructure of the Nation with Mr. Voltare Acosta Jr., the National Director of CRFV
- Session 2- Highlights of RA 3019 (Anti-graft and Corrupt Practices)
- Session 3- Anti-Corrupt Mechanisms followed by Round Table Discussions and Best Practices on Anti-Corrupt Initiatives
- Session 4 Public Accountability and Statesmanship in the Present Time

As I journey my headship with PSA Bohol Family, no one can perfectly lead a group as human vulnerability gets in. But conquering all the challenges along the way with "integrity and courage" in my pocket, no one can put a good man down.

My take-away for the "Gathering of Nobles" conquer evils, be a guard of corruption and lead by example with values reflected in words and actions. ■





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