



*'We did it again!'*

## **DILG R1, recognized for most number of 2014, 2016 SGLG awardees**

The Department of the Interior and Local Government Region 1 (DILG R1) was again recognized as the regional office with the most number of Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG) awardees during the Awarding Ceremony last October 27, 2016 at the Sofitel Philippine Plaza Manila.

The DILG R1 takes pride for having 45 local government units (LGUs) awarded with the Seal which is five notch higher than the 40 LGU-awardees for the 2014 assessment year. This is the DILG R1's second year of having the most number of awardees.

"We are overjoyed for this feat. This only shows that LGUs of Region 1 are striving to realize the

ideals of good governance. And for that, we are thankful because we know that their efforts will redound to the good of our people," said Regional Director Julie J. Daquioag during a convocation with the personnel of DILGR1.

RD Daquioag also hopes that DILG Field Officers will be more motivated in the performance of their duties and functions because they have a role to play in the achievements of LGUs where they are stationed.

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# Brgy. 1 San Lorenzo, Laoag City wins National Award for Outstanding Lupon



**B**arangay 1 San Lorenzo, Laoag City, Ilocos Norte wins the National Award for the 2015 Outstanding Lupon Tagapamayapa in Component Cities during the Lupon Tagapamayapa Incentives Awards (LTIA) Awarding Ceremony last October 27, 2016 at the Sofitel Philippine Plaza Manila, Pasay City.

"I am grateful for the fact that, finally, Barangay 1 San Lorenzo, Laoag City wins the award. The Regional Awards Committee has been nominating the barangay for eight (8) years now and at last, the barangay was able to reap the fruit of their labors", RD Daquioag said.

Barangay 1 San Lorenzo received a trophy and a cash prize of Php 300,000.00.

The Lupon Tagapamayapa of the barangay won the award for its: 1) efficiency in operations, 2) effectiveness in securing the objectives of the Katarungang Pambarangay Program, and 3) creativity and resourcefulness of the Lupon Tagapamayapa.

The barangay is one of the three barangays whose lupons were nominated for the 2015 National Award. The other barangays were Brgy. Ortiz, Naguilian, La Union (1st - 3rd Class Municipality Category) and Brgy. Tavora Proper, Pugo, La Union (4th-5th Class Municipality Category).

The LTIA was established pursuant to Executive Order No. 394 of 1997 in recognition of the Lupon Tagapamayapa's contribution in the promotion of Katarungang Pambarangay objectives. It grants economic benefits and incentives to Lupon Tagapamayapa that demonstrates exemplary performance in settling disputes at the grassroots level. The award has four (4) categories: Highly Urbanized Cities, Component and Independent Component Cities, 1st-3rd Class Municipalities and 4th-6th Class Municipalities. (LGOO V Sheila Marie G. Andales with reports from LGCCD)

## Dumalneg bags Presidential Award for Child-Friendly Municipality



The Municipality of Dumalneg, Ilocos Norte bagged the 2015 Presidential Award for Child-Friendly Municipality under the 4th-6th Income Class Category.

No other than President Rodrigo R. Duterte conferred the award to the Municipal Government, represented by its Local Chief Executive, Mayor Lairvee G. Espiritu, during the Awarding Ceremony at the Malacañang Palace last September 26, 2016.

Dumalneg is one of the local government units (LGUs) conferred with the Seal of Child-Friendly Local Governance (SCFLG).

It is an indigenous town in the Province of Ilocos Norte known for its comprehensive and inclusive services to ensure holistic development of children. Its innovative services include the *Tawid*: Transfer of Culture Program that fosters continuity of tribal customs and traditions; *Panagitugit / Panagmula* which is a tree planting activity participated by students and pupils during Watershed Day; *Sagot*, a cash award given to deserving students during graduation day; and

the *Umnanga Timbang* which aims to combat malnutrition in the locality.

The Presidential Award for Child-Friendly Municipalities and Cities was institutionalized in 1999 through Executive Order No. 184 and initiated by the Council for the Welfare of Children (CWC). It seeks to gauge the level of child-friendliness of LGUs and recognize LGUs that put a premium on child-friendly governance initiatives. The five categories of the Presidential Award are: 1st- 3rd Class Municipality, 4th- 6th Class Municipality, Component City, Independent Component City and Highly Urbanized City.

In coming up with the National Awardees, the CWC shortlists and validates conferees of the SCFLG. The other SCFLG-awardee which was shortlisted by the CWC for the Presidential Award was Dagupan City for Independent Component City.

Dumalneg received a trophy and a cash award of Php500,000.00 while Dagupan City received a plaque of recognition and a cash award of Php50,000.00. (LG00 V Sheila Marie G. Andales with reports from LGMED)

# R1 leagues, CSOs pledge support for MASA MASID

The League of Municipalities of the Philippines (LMP), Liga ng mga Barangay (LnB), National Government Agencies (NGAs) and a number of civil society organizations (CSOs) in Region 1 expressed their support to the implementation of the Mamamayang Ayaw sa Anomalya, Mamamayang Ayaw sa Ilegal na Droga (MASA MASID) during the program's Regional Launch last October 25, 2016 at the DILG Regional Office 1, City of San Fernando, La Union.

"I do believe that this (MASA MASID) will save everybody for a better Philippines," said Mayor Erdio Valenzuela, LMP Ilocos Norte Chapter President.

Representatives from the four provincial governments attended the activity along with representatives from the four provincial chapters of the LMP, LnB, CSOs and faith-based organizations operating in the region.

In her message, Regional Director Julie J. Daquioag emphasized the need for every sector of the society to actively participate in the program.

"All of us have roles in this program because peace and order is everybody's business," she said.

Partners from the different national government agencies like the Philippine National Police (PNP), Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) and the Philippine Information Agency (PIA) also attended the MASA MASID regional launch.

Officials and employees present were stunned as PSSUPT Jose Briones of the PNP presented the statistics on drug users, drug pushers and surrenderers.

"Ang mga ito ang pumipigil sa atin tungo sa magandang buhay. Noon, hindi natin nakikita ang problema. Ngayon, we are face to face with the problem," LMP Pangasinan Chapter President Mayor Silverio Alarcio, Jr. said, responding to the volume of



surrenderers and arrests in the region for the last four months. The Local Chief Executive expressed his thankfulness to the President for paving the way for programs such as MASA MASID.

"Magpasalamat tayo sa ating Pangulo dahil nakita niya ang paraan para tayo ay sumulong sa magandang buhay. Nagpapasalamat ako sa ating Pangulo dahil nakikita natin ang problema," he said.

Mayor Alarcio also urged the body to respond to the call of the program.

"Tayong mamamayan ang sisihin kung di natin masolusyunan ang problema kasi kitang-kita na natin kapitbahay mo, kamag-anak mo, magulang mo, anak mo, kaibigan mo. In short, mas madali na dapat para sa atin ang resulbahin ang problema. Hikayatin natin ang ating mga mamamayan. Sana hindi na natin pakakawalan itong oportunidad na ito." *(cont. on page 8)*

## 129 LGUs to formulate Peace and Order and Public Safety Plan



The four provinces, nine cities, and 116 municipalities of the Region are expected to formulate and submit their respective 2017- 2019 Peace and Order and Public Safety Plan (POPSP) by December 16, 2016.

This agreement was reached during the Pre- Planning for the POPSP formulation last September 27, 2016 at the Department of the Interior and Local Government Regional Office 1, City of San Fernando, La Union which was attended by key personnel of the DILG R1 and the Philippine National Police Regional Office 1 (PNP RO 1).

The move is supportive of the present administration's thrust to fight illegal drugs and suppress criminality.

To achieve the target of 129 local government units (LGUs) with POPSP by end of the year, the DILG R1, thru its four Provincial Offices, conducted orientation workshops on the following dates: October 10, 2016 for LGUs of La Union at the La Union Provincial Capitol; October 17, 2016 for LGUs of Ilocos Sur at the Nueva Segovia Consortium of Cooperatives (NSCC), Caoayan, Ilocos Sur; October 18, 2016 for LGUs of

Pangasinan at Dagupan Village Hotel, Dagupan City; and November 4, 2016 for LGUs of Ilocos Norte at the Ilocos Norte Provincial Capitol. The workshops were facilitated by the POPSP coaches trainers following the POPSP Planning Technical Guidebook.

The DILG Field Officers, on one hand, are expected to assist local officials of their present LGU- assignment on POPSP Formulation.

The POPSP is a 3- Year Term- Based Plan formulated by the Local Peace and Order Councils (POCs) which shall be incorporated in the Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) of LGUs. The Plan shall contain local strategic directions; peace and order and public safety situation; priority peace and order and public safety challenges; objectives, strategies, targets, indicators and baseline data; policies, programs, projects, services and activities and their respective funding requirements and implementation arrangements; plan monitoring and evaluation; and means of communicating results to the public. *(LGOO V Sheila Marie G. Andales)*

# LMP La Union, re-organized



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The League of Municipalities of the Philippines (LMP)- La Union Chapter has elected its new set of officers last September 22, 2016 at the Diego Silang Hall, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union.

Leading the organization as the newly elected President is Mayor George B. Pinzon of Bangar, La Union who will spearhead the Chapter for 2016-2019. He received the baton from the Chapter's 2013-2016 President Former Mayor, and now Second District Representative Dr. Sandra Y. Eriguel, to be the next principal actor of the organization.

Elected Vice President is Mayor Stephanie Ann Y. Eriguel of Agoo. The Secretary is Mayor Aleli U. Concepcion of Balaoan. Mayors Arturo P. Valdriz of San Juan and Magno A. Wailan of Santol were elected as Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, respectively. Mayor Marietta C. Carbonell of Santo Tomas was elected Auditor; Public Relations Officer is Mayor Victor Marvin U. Marron of Luna while elected directors are the following: Mayor Herminigildo M. Velasco of San Gabriel; Mayor Reynaldo J. Flores of Naguilian; Mayor Eric O.

Sibuma of Aringay; Mayor Roberto B. Madarang, Jr. of Burgos; Mayor Priscilla M. Martin of Pugo, and Mayor Ferdinand D. Tumbaga of Bagulin. The LMP National Office representative Ms. Carmelita A. Tinio, supervised the election proceedings as mandated by LMP By-laws. It was witnessed by Gov. Francisco Emanuel R. Ortega III who led the oath-taking ceremony and reiterated the virtue of unity in his message. OIC-Provincial Director Roger P. Daquioag of DILG-La Union likewise witnessed the proceedings and gave a discussion on DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2016-122 dated September 13, 2016 entitled "Sulong Pilipinas: Local Governance Dialogues".

The League of Municipalities of the Philippines is a juridical body whose creation and purpose is mandated by the Local Government Code of 1991 under Section 496 which states that:

"There shall be an organization of all municipalities to be known as league of municipalities for the primary purpose of ventilating, articulating and crystallizing issues affecting municipal government administration, and securing, through proper and legal means, solutions thereto." *(LGOO II Olivia Mae N. de Guzman)*

## Bagulin advances participatory governance through CSO accreditation and capability building activity



The Municipality of Bagulin, through its able mayor, Ferdinand D. Tumbaga called for the accreditation of all civil society organizations (CSOs) working within the jurisdiction of the municipality.

Twenty-one (21) CSOs were accredited as of September 23, 2016, the same day the local government unit of Bagulin set its so-called "CSO Recognition Day". These accredited / recognized organizations were invited to attend said activity and were conferred with Certificates of Accreditation / Recognition by the presiding officer of the Sangguniang Bayan (SB), Vice Mayor Joel E. Nang-is.

In his message, VM Nang-is expressed his gratitude to the CSOs who are the governance partner of Bagulin especially in the identification and monitoring of projects through the BuB program of the government. He reiterated that the office of the SB is open to provide assistance for all organizations who would still want to be accredited.

An orientation on the rights, privileges, roles and functions of the CSOs provided for in the Local Government Code of 1991 was discussed by the visiting DILG officer of Bagulin, LGOO II Olivia Mae N. de Guzman. Following the lecture was the selection of CSO

representatives in the Local Special Bodies (LSBs) to be re-organized by the Mayor. The list of representatives to the LSBs was then transmitted to the Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator for his recommendation.

Another part of the activity was a Pre-Membership Education Seminar (PMES) conducted by Ms. Constanca A. de Guzman, Cooperative Development Specialist II of the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA). It is an orientation seminar for individuals who wish to create or join a Cooperative. She discussed the different requirements in registering with the CDA as a cooperative. She mentioned that there are three (3) existing cooperatives in Bagulin who are now enjoying tax exemption in their business dealings and other privileges granted to them by Republic Act 6938 or the Cooperative Code of the Philippines as amended by RA 9520.

CSO Accreditation is enjoined by the Department of the Interior and Local Government through Memorandum Circular 2016-97, dated July 19, 2016 with the Subject: "2016 Accreditation of Civil Society Organizations, and Selection of Representatives to the Local Special Bodies".

*(LGOO II Olivia Mae N. de Guzman)*

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Vice Governor Jose Ferdinand Calimlim, representing Gov. Amado Espino, III, also expressed the provincial government’s support for the program.

“Ang amin pong commitment ay hindi lamang po kay Secretary (Sueno), hindi lamang po sa PDEA at hindi lamang po sa Presidente. Kundi we are committing to this mandate dahil gusto po namin ng magandang kinabukasan para sa lahat po ng aming constituents,” he said.

Also present during the activity were representatives from faith-based organizations who showed eagerness to support the program.

“Wala pong iwanan dito. Lahat po kami ay susuporta sa MASA MASID. Hindi lang po kami sasama. Mag-iingay po kami. Sabi nga po ni Secretary (Sueno), lahat ng tao ay mag-ingay o makialam. Ito po ang pag- asa natin,” said Rev. Joven B. Legaspi of the Yeshua Change Agent.

The MASA MASID is a barangay-based anti-criminality, anti-corruption and anti-illegal drugs program which encourages multi-sectoral partnership to intensify the spirit of volunteerism at the community level.

It aims to heighten community involvement by mobilizing the support of local stakeholders, volunteers, civic organizations, faith-based organizations and the private sectors in the fight against illegal drugs, criminality and corruption. (LGOO V Sheila Marie G. Andales with reports from LGMED)

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“May this serve as an inspiration for our Field Officers. As prime movers in the communities, they play a significant role in the compliance of LGUs to the different laws and regulations as reflected in the SGLG criteria. In the context of local governance, partnership and convergence is a key to local development. That is why, I also like to extend my congratulations to our Field Officers who displayed diligence in the performance of their duties and responsibilities,” she said.

The 45 LGUs awarded with the 2016 SGLG are: Banna, Marcos, Nueva Era, Paoay, San Nicolas, Vintar, Batac City, Laoag City, and Provincial Government of Ilocos Norte; Caoayan, Cervantes, Nagbukel, Narvacan, Quirino, Salcedo, San Vicente, Santa, Sto. Domingo, Tagudin, Vigan City, and Provincial Government of Ilocos Sur; Agoo, Burgos, Rosario, San Gabriel, Tubao, and Provincial Government of La Union; and Agno, Alcala, Balungao, Bayambang, Bolinao, Dasol, Infanta, Laoac, Lingayen, Rosales, San Nicolas, San Quintin, Sta. Maria, Tayug, Villasis, Dagupan City, Urdaneta City, and Provincial Government of Pangasinan.

Each of the LGU-awardees received an SGLG marker, certificate of recognition and lei. They shall also be awarded with Performance Challenge Fund (PCF) in the amount of P4 Million for provinces, P3.4 Million for cities, and P3 Million for municipalities upon submission of documentary requirements per PCF guidelines.

The SGLG is an award and incentive program for performing LGUs. It challenges provinces, cities, and municipalities to improve their performance through its up-scaled criteria along three (3) core areas and three (3) essential areas of assessment. The three (3) core areas are Financial Administration, Disaster Preparedness and Social Protection while the three (3) essential areas are Business-Friendliness and Competitiveness, Peace and Order and Environment Protection. LGUs must past the three (3) core criteria and any of the essential areas to be a recipient of the SGLG. (LGOO V Sheila Marie G. Andales)



# RD Daquioag is UPLB's 2016 Outstanding Alumni Awardee for Good Governance



**D**ir. Julie J. Daquioag, Regional Director of the Department of the Interior and Local Government Region 1 (DILG R1), is one of the ten (10) University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB) 2016 Outstanding Alumni Awardee for Good Governance.

The award was given by the UPLB Alumni Association (UPLBAA) which recognizes alumni who excel in different sectors such as government, business, broadcast and communication, banking and finance, education and research among others. Dir. Daquioag also received the College of Human Ecology Distinguished Alumna Award.

## DILG R1 receives special recognition for highest number of SGLG awardees, rank 5 institutional category



recognition for having the highest number of Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG) awardees during the Awarding Ceremony dubbed as "2016 LGPMS- SGLG's Maasahang Katuwang sa Pamamalakad" last December 6, 2016 at Makati Palace Hotel, Makati City.

**T**he Department of the Interior and Local Government Region 1 (DILG R1) received a special

The DILG R1 was also ranked 5th in the Institutional Category for Operational Performance.

# Candon City strengthens community resilience through Listong Pamilyang Pilipino Program



The City Government of Candon continues to strengthen its community resilience through the Listong Pamilyang Pilipino (LPP) Program Family Development Sessions (FDS) which kicked off last November 4, 2016 at Barangay Calaoan and Ayudante, Candon City.

The Gabay at Mapa Para sa Listong Pamilyang Pilipino were presented to families in the barangays during the sessions. The families were encouraged to have a disaster family action plan that outlines what they need to do before, during, and after a disaster. They were guided in identifying the safe and dangerous places in their community.

The emergency balde (e-balde) was also presented during the sessions. The e-balde will be provided by the City Government as agreed upon upon during the dialogue between the City Mayor Ericson G. Singson and City Local Government Operations Officer Andres A. Vendiola Jr. The families were advised to store their e-balde in an accessible area in their homes.

To facilitate the sessions, four (4) teams composed of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) Team, Philippine National Police (PNP), and Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) were created to visit the 69 Parent groups within the 42 barangays of the City.

The conduct of the LPP-FDS sessions is expected to run until the end of November 2016.

RA 10121 otherwise known as the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010, calls for communities to be safe and resilient to face the challenges of disasters.

Through the Listong Pamilyang Pilipino (LPP) Program of the DILG that set relevant interventions focused on the family and household preparedness, the City Government of Candon carried out the necessary measures to ensure the smooth implementation of the program on every household starting from the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) parent groups. *(LGOO II Honey Lou C. Baguso)*

## Confidential fund discussed



The Association of Local Budget Administrators, La Union Chapter, requested the Department of the Interior and Local Government-La Union Provincial Operations Office to provide them insights on the use of confidential fund during their regular meeting on September 30, 2016 at the People's Hall of Luna, La Union.

DILG-La Union, through OIC-Cluster Leader Rocelyn Charina B. Flora discussed COA-DILG-DND-GCG-DBM Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2015-01 dated January 8, 2015 with subject: Guidelines on the Entitlement, Release, Use, Reporting and Audit of Confidential and or/Intelligence Fund. The focus of the discussion is on the JMC provisions pertaining to local government units only.

OIC-CL Flora said that local government units with peace and order concerns shall allocate funds for Peace and Order Plan (POP) in their respective Annual Appropriations Ordinance, as part of their Peace and Order and Public Safety Plan (POPSP). The total amount of which should not exceed 30% of the total amount allocated for LGU's POP. She stressed that the use of Confidential Fund shall strictly adhere to the provisions of the Joint Memorandum Circular.

The DILG roll-out and formulation of POPS Plan for the local government units of La Union, which likewise covers comprehensive discussion on confidential fund was also conducted last October 10, 2016 at the La Union Provincial Capitol. (LGOO II Olivia Mae N. de Guzman)

## LUVWI welcomes MASA MASID Program

The La Union Vibrant Women, Inc. (LUVWI) headed by its founder and president Madame Geraldine R. Ortega, welcomed the DILG's Program that is Mamamayang Ayaw sa Anomalya, Mamamayang Ayaw sa Iligal na Droga or MASA MASID.

OIC-Provincial Director Roger P. Daquioag was requested to orient the officers and members of LUVWI on MASA MASID last November 4, 2016 at the Provincial Capitol, which coincided with the regular meeting of LUVWI.

For PD Daquioag, this is a very welcome development as the MASA MASID program is meant to encourage civil society organizations to take part in battling corruption, anomaly and all illegal acts including illegal drugs. The MASA MASID program is ensured of its success as it is received by the umbrella organization of all women's groups in La Union.

MASA MASID was launched nationally last September 28, 2016 while Regional launching was held last October 25, 2016. DILG Memorandum Circular 2016-116 providing for the implementation of MASA MASID Program, was signed last September 2, 2016 by Secretary Ismael D. Sueno.

LUVWI is an organization originally founded by Madame Geraldine R. Ortega, wife of former Governor Manuel C. Ortega. It is an organization intended for all spouses of the local chief executives in La Union. (LGOO II Olivia Mae N. de Guzman)

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