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DILG R1 passes QMS Audit, now ISO certified



ISO certification for Quality Management System (QMS) was conferred to DILG Region 1 after having passed the stage 2 audit conducted by Certification International Philippines Inc. (CIP Inc.) on December 13-14 and 18, 2018.

The award was received by then-ARD Victoria H. Ramos who served as the Regional Quality Management Representative (QMR), and was presented to the personnel of the region by Regional Director James F. Fadrihan and all the provincial directors and division chiefs in a ceremony held at Monarch Hotel, Calasiao, Pangasinan on March 22, 2019.

Prior to the stage 2 audit, a readiness assessment also known as Pre-Certification Audit was conducted by DILG Central Office Internal Quality Audit Team which determined the preparedness for external audit of the region as to the compliance of the legal, organizational and ISO requirements.

With the collective efforts of the QMS core team and process owners and guidance of consultants, the office was able to document and enroll the streamlined core and support quality processes thus making the region confident in getting the certification.

The establishment, implementation and certification of ISO 9001:2015 QMS is in compliance with EO 605 directing all government offices to carry out QMS that will institutionalize structures, mechanisms, and standards in government to ensure quality in systems and processes in government operations. It is also a condition set to be eligible for the Performance-Based Bonus (PBB) of government offices. **(IO III Alethea A. Cedo)**

USLG Mavs: "Everyone is responsible for the political development of the LGUs"



Aimed at gathering feedbacks and updates in the implementation of LGUs to DILG PPAs through the City Municipal Local Government Operations Officers (C/MLGOOs), the Department of the Interior and Local Government Region 1 (DILG R1) conducted a C/MLGOO Conference: Development Dialogue with the Undersecretary for Local Government (USLG) during the DILG R1 Fieldsmen's Conference cum Health and Wellness Program on March 22-23, 2019 at The Monarch Hotel, Calasiao, Pangasinan.

USLG Marivel C. Sacendoncillo together with former Region 12 Director Reymund Bungubung, Regional Director James F. Fadrilan, and Assistant Regional Director Victoria H. Ramos with the field officers assigned to different LGUs in the region engaged in a Development Forum/Talk.

USLG Sacendoncillo presiding over the conference, started with her message about the Department's Thrusts and Mandate and emphasized the role of the C/MLGOOs who are closer to the ground. In her message she further emphasized the principle of subsidiarity, wherein we must do only the things that we can do and leave the things that we can't do to those who can do it.

She also highlighted the role of the department in championing excellence in local governance and stressed out that everyone is responsible for the political development of the LGUs.

"The DILG being the lead for the participatory governance must be responsible for developing the good relationship of the government with the constituents," she added.

Through the activity a number of issues and concerns were raised and brought to the attention of regional and central management for appropriate action.

(LGOO II Bernard Victor S. Ringor)

Sustaining/accelerating efforts on PPA implementation

The Department of the Interior and Local Government Regional Office 1 (DILG RO1) conducted the "Sustaining DILG R1 Efforts on Peace and Order Business Friendliness cum Programs/Projects/Activities (PPAs) Review" on March 25-26, 2019 at The Eurotel, Baguio City.

The 2-day activity was attended by the provincial directors, regional and provincial focal persons of various PPAs, legal officers, program managers, cluster leaders, and development management officers.

It served as an avenue to review the accomplishments, discuss and address issues and concerns encountered during the implementation phase, recommend solutions, and present initiatives for CY 2019. As part of sustaining the Region's exemplary performance and ranking at the national level, the participants were encouraged to cooperate and continue performing their best in the implementation of the DILG PPAs.

Said activity highlighted, among other the accomplishments and observations on the implementation of the Anti-Drug Abuse Council (ADAC), Peace and Order Council (POC), Public Law Enforcement Board (PLEB), Enhanced Comprehensive Local Integration Program (E-CLIP), Bantay-Kaagapay sa Korapsyon (BKK), Regulatory Simplification for Local Governments (RS4LG), Electronic Business Permit and Licensing System (e-BLPS), and Ease of Doing Business (EODB).

Further LGOO V Hope Ordoño discussed the new Child-Friendly Local Governance Audit (CFLGA) indicators and the Barangay Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG).

(Stat I Vilgladys M. Maglaya)

R1 hosts National CSIS Summit

On March 12, 2019, the Department of the Interior and Local Government Region 1 (DILG R1) hosted the National Briefing for Field Officers and Regional Focal Persons on the 2019 CSIS Implementation at One Vittoria Hotel, Bantay, Ilocos Sur.

It was attended by 110 regional focal persons and municipal local government operations officers coming from the different regions of the country.

The activity aimed to; orient and train the regional focal persons and field officers on the CSIS Mainstreaming for 2019 in 77 municipalities; discuss implementation-related topics and identify plans of actions towards achievement of project accomplishments; conduct demonstration of the enhanced CSIS portal; and establish data capture point for CPAP (Citizen Driven Priority Action Plan).

The Citizen Satisfaction Index System is a management tool used in gauging citizen satisfaction that can be used for agenda-setting of economic and human development plans and goals of a local government unit (LGU). ***(LGOO V Narvita R. Flores)***

Mural Painting Contest highlights 2019 World Water Day Celebration



To level up the observance of the 2019 World Water Day, the DILG Office of Project Development Service (OPDS) through the Project Development and Management Unit (PDMU) of DILG Region I launched the very first Mural Painting Competition. Students from different colleges showcased their painting skills in accordance to the theme "Hawak-kamay, Tubig Kaagapay".

The activity was conducted to create awareness and tackle the water crisis by addressing the reasons why so many people are being left behind.

Held at the DILG Regional Office I, Aguila Road, Sevilla, City of San Fernando, La Union on March 29, 2019, the event launched with an opening program where outgoing Asst. Regional Director Victoria H. Ramos welcomed 5 group of participants with their coaches/advisers from the Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University- College of Arts and Sciences (DMMMSU-CAS) and College of Technology (COT), Northern Philippines College for Maritime Science and Technology (NPCMST) and Saint Louis College - College of Engineering and Architecture. Among the participants, Saint Louis College - United Architects of the Philippines - Student Auxilliary (UAP-SA) grabbed the 1st Place while DMMMSU College of Arts and Sciences and DMMMSU College of Technology placed 2nd and 3rd respectively.

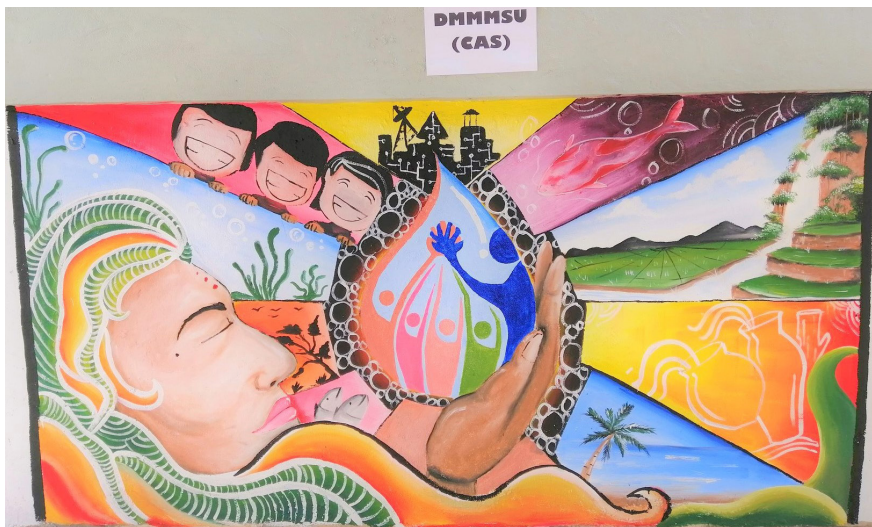
Contestants were given four (4) hours to finish their original art works and were rated according to authenticity (40 pts), complexity (30 pts), workmanship (20 pts) and aesthetic value (10 pts).

Metro San Fernando Water District General Manager Joseph Anthony F. Quinto chaired the board of judges with Finance and Administrative Division (FAD) Chief Alicia C. Bang-oa and La Union Provincial Office Program Manager Calvin Nollie J. Lubrin as members.

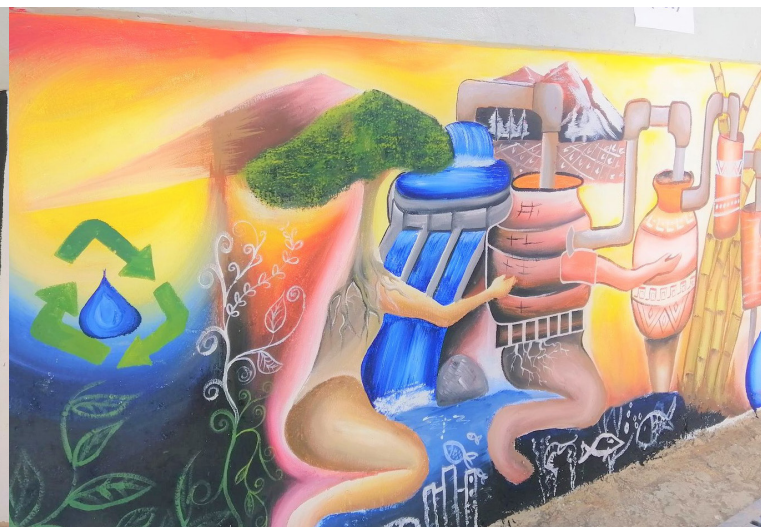
(IO III Alethea A. Cedo)



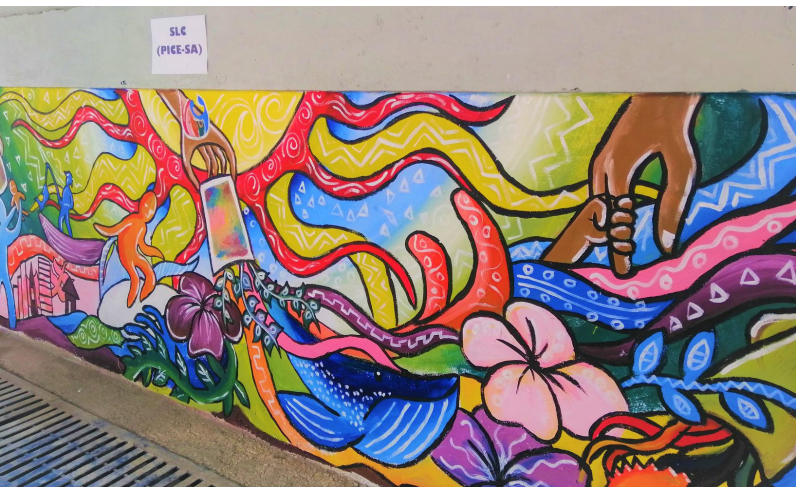
1st Prize - Saint Louis College (UAP-SA)



2nd Prize - Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University- College of Arts and Sciences (DMMMSU-CAS)



3rd Prize - Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University- College of Technology (DMMMSU-COT)



Saint Louis College (PICE)



Northern Philippines College for Maritime Science and Technology (NPCMST)

ARD Vicky retires, thanks the Department for t

"To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under the heaven."

This was the opening statement of Assistant Regional Director Victoria H. Ramos when she gave her retirement speech during the send-off activity held at The Monarch Hotel, Calasiao, Pangasinan on March 22-23, 2019.

The send-off activity was part of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) R1 C/MLGOO Conference cum Health and Wellness Program. It was done to pay tribute to ARD Vicky's 34 years of service with the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and 40 years and 9 months in the government service.

In her speech ARD Vicky thanked the Department and the Local Government Academy (LGA) for all the opportunities, most notably her foreign scholarship at Rotterdam, Netherlands wherein she gained the degree of Master's in Urban Management.

With her stay in the Department, she was able to facilitate 10 batches of LGOO Trainings (4 National, 2 Luzon Clusters, and 4 Regional trainings). Many of her trainees became regional directors, assistant regional directors, provincial directors.



34 wonderful years of dedicated public service

"Some of them even had their promotion earlier than I, that is why I feel very proud because they proved the saying that a teacher's success begins with the success of their students."

She ended with a challenge to the whole DILG Region 1 workforce.

"To my DILG R1 family, I challenge you to remain committed, supportive, and sustain the status of our region as Region 1 always number one."

The activity was graced by DILG Undersecretary for Local Government Marivel C. Sacendoncillo and DILG Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) Assistant Regional Director Araceli San Jose.

ARD Vicky started her career in the Department as a Barangay Government Operations Officer (now known as LGOO) II, after four years she became a regional staff for 12 years, City LGOO for nine years, Provincial Director for 4 years, and finally Assistant Regional Director until her retirement.

(LGOO II Bernard Victor S. Ringor)



DILG Ilocos Sur bags two crowns, Best Performing Province and Best C/MLGOO



The Department of the Interior and Local Government Region 1 (DILG R1) awarded DILG Ilocos Sur as the Best Performing Province and MLGOO Alvin L. Navarro, of the same operating unit, the Best C/MLGOO for CY 2018 during the DILG R1 Fieldsmen's Conference cum Health and Wellness Program on March 22-23, 2019 at The Monarch Hotel, Calasiao, Pangasinan.

The Best Performing Province

After 5 years since 2013, **DILG Ilocos Sur** reclaimed the title of Best Performing Province in the implementation of the various programs, projects and activities (PPAs) and compliance to financial and administrative requirements which greatly contributed to the attainment of the Department's thrusts and priorities.

The said operating unit was also awarded with the Best Utilization of Budget Award for having the highest disbursement rate of Bottom-Up Budgeting (BuB) Projects.

Other recognitions were also given to the province namely: Province with the highest percentage of LGUs that passed the SGLG for 4-consecutive years; and Seal of Good Local Governance Focal Person of the year award awarded to LGOO VI/Program Manager Cesarieta R. Pestaño.

Best C/MLGOO

Municipal Local Government Operations Officer (MLGOO) Alvin L. Navarro of DILG Sto. Domingo, Ilocos Sur received the Best C/MLGOO Award for 2018.

MLGOO Navarro started his career in the Department as a Local Government Operation Officer (LGOO) II. After eight years he became a LGOO V. After his stint as LGOO V he was promoted as the MLGOO of Sto. Domingo.

For the past 29 years, MLGOO Navarro was able to introduce various innovations and has contributed to the attainment of the mandate of the department.

When asked about what brought him success in facilitating his team, he said that, respect of other people's opinion and suggestions, patience, and applying participatory management are his personal strength.

**DILG La Union****DILG Ilocos Norte****DILG Pangasinan****MLGOO Alvin Navarro**

"Maintain good and positive attitude, look ways to assist the needs of others, communicate with humility, and take some time to relax," he added.

Other provinces also received awards and recognitions in recognition to their invaluable support and exemplary performance in the implementation of the various PPAs.

DILG La Union

- 1st Runner-up Performing Province
- Persistent Coordination and Follow-up (PCF) Award
- Province with the Percentage of ADAC that garnered the Ideal Perfect Functionality based on the ADAC Performance Audit CY 2017

DILG Ilocos Norte

- 2nd Runner-up Performing Province
- Commendable Method of Guiding the Province (CMGP) Award

DILG Pangasinan

- 3rd Runner-up Performing Province
- Leading with Finest Performance (LFP) Award
- Province with the Lowest Percentage of LGUs that Never Passed the SGLG 2015-2018
- For the Invaluable Support and Technical Assistance to the Provincial Government of Pangasinan that made the Province Pass the Seal of Good Local Governance for 4-Consecutive Years.

The results were deliberated by the Program on Awards and Incentives for Service Excellence (PRAISE) Committee of the DILG Region 1. **(LGOO II Bernard Victor S. Ringor and LGOO II Julie Ann B. Quilates)**

Ilocos Norte SK Federation gets briefing on SK Budgeting Process



The Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Federation in Ilocos Norte headed by Hon. Rafael Salvador Medina in coordination with the DILG- IN headed by Provincial Director Reggie R. Colisao, CESO V together with the Ilocos Norte COA Representative Bradley Policarpio, Provincial Budget Officer Evangeline Tabulog and other concerned officers from the local government units discussed the DBM-DILG-NYC Joint Memorandum Circular No. 1, s. 2019 dated January 23, 2019 re: "Guidelines on the Appropriation, Release, Planning and Budgeting Process for the SK Funds" on February 7, 2019 at the Provincial Auditorium, Provincial Capitol, Laoag City, Ilocos Norte.

PD Colisao presented the Budget Process, from Budget Preparation to Budget Accountability including the sanctions on non-compliant SK Officials. She emphasized that there is a need to finalize first the Provincial Youth Development Plan (PYDP) in order to come up with the Comprehensive Barangay Youth Development Plan (CBYDP). The PYDP will serve as basis for the programs, projects and activities (PPAs) to be implemented at the barangay level. Provincial Budget Officer Evangeline Tabulog also supplemented the discussion and shared the actual processes done in the Province.

An open forum followed after the presentation. Ilocos Norte Youth Development Officer (INYDO) Weenter P. Ventura raised the issue concerning the formulation of the PYDP and made some clarifications as to what PPAs to include. PD Colisao said that all the nine (9) priority areas under the said JMC should be given PPAs but their plans will differ in the allocation depending on their needs and priorities. Other issues include: opening of SK bank accounts; allowance for SK Kagawads; and SK Mandatory Training (SKMT) schedule. The Mandatory Training for the SK Officials is to be conducted after all the barangays are done with the Special Elections. This shall be coordinated with the Local Youth Development Officers and the DILG Field Officers. She also said that a separate guideline will be issued by COA concerning the release and use of SK Funds, and the opening of accounts among others.

(LGOO II Melba Suzaine P. Tarampi)

DILG inaugurates local bridge Barangay Anset assured of easier access



On February 8, 2019, the inauguration of Angset Bridge was held at Brgy. Angset, Carasi, Ilocos Norte. DILG-Ilocos Norte Provincial Director Reggie R. Colisao, CESO V was the guest of honor and speaker. Rev. Fr. Tranquilino Santos of the St. Joseph The Worker Parish of Carasi officiated its blessing. It was witnessed by no less than the Municipal Mayor, Hon. Rene V. Gaspar, together with municipal officials and staff, the Barangay Officials, members of the PNP, MLGOO and DILG-Ilocos Norte Special Projects Unit personnel.

The local bridge costs PhP 7,511,233.00 and it provides easier access to 33 households of Brgy. Angset. The construction of the bridge was proposed by the municipal government as priority project due to the inaccessibility of the barangay during rainy season. The old Angset Bridge, which was constructed in the 90's was low-lying. It becomes flooded during heavy rainfall that the barangay becomes isolated. Relief goods and basic services could not be delivered in time to victims of calamities.

"We cannot afford to build this bridge, that's why we are very thankful to the National Government, especially the DILG, for providing funds for development projects to LGUs. It is a dream come true, not just to the residents of Brgy. Angset, but to all the people of Carasi", said Hon. Rene V. Gaspar, Municipal Mayor. The construction of the local bridge was funded through the Local Government Support Fund – Assistance to Municipalities (LGSF-AM) 2018 Program of the Department of the Interior and Local Government.

(LGOO VI Ana Belle A. Ibañez)



Ilocos Sur E-CLIP beneficiaries increased to 41 and counting



From 34 warm bodies since the last awarding on December 7, 2018, there are now 41 E-CLIP beneficiaries in the Province of Ilocos Sur. Having the most number of former rebels (FRs) in Region I that benefitted from the program, all actors in the maintenance of peace and order continue to strive to level up efforts and services for the realization of peaceful and progressive communities.

To add up to the current list of 41 FRs, a ceremony was held on January 14, 2019 at the DILG Provincial Office, Bantay, Ilocos Sur to grant the initial and livelihood assistance, and firearms remuneration to seven (7) FRs attended by DILG and AFP personnel.

In his message, LTC Charles DZ. Castillo, INF (GSC) PA, the Commanding Officer of the 81IB, 7ID, PA and the Co-Chairperson of the Provincial E-CLIP Committee expressed his pleasure that since his tenure in Ilocos Sur, there were four (4) awarding ceremonies that was made possible. He also hopes that more batches of New Philippine Army (NPA) and Militia ng Bayan (MBs) will return to the fold of peace and embrace the thrusts of the government towards a harmonious and economically progressive Philippines.

(LGOO II Gay B. Mati)

Barangay Dagup convenes constituents in Barangay Assembly Day



More than 320 residents participate with the 1st semester Barangay Assembly Day on March 23, 2019, at Barangay Dagup in Bagulin, La Union with the theme "Barangay Natin, Sama-samang Paunlarin."

The biggest barangay in the mountainous municipality of Bagulin, La Union was chosen as the showcase barangay for the 1st semester Barangay Assembly Day which is considered as the prime mandatory gathering in the grassroots level. Proclamation No.599, series of 2018 amended previous proclamation and declared every Saturdays and Sundays of March and October of every year as barangay assembly days creating a suited venue to discuss programs, projects and activities of the barangays and to ensure that every sectors' issues and concerns are heard, dissected and properly addressed.

DILG Provincial Director Paulino G. Lalata Jr. graced the event together with Bagulin Mayor Ferdinand D. Tumbaga, Bagulin PNP Chief of Police PInsp. Virgilio Bacani and Provincial PNP Mobile Force head PInsp. Lunden Pang-ag. The Sangguniang Bayan members were also present.

"We encourage all LGUs, especially the barangay councils, to dutifully perform task and responsibilities assigned to you and lead the community in government mandates especially on Disaster Risk-Reduction, solid waste management and war against illegal drugs where the present administration has been seriously inclined to," emphasized by DILG Provincial Director Lalata.

"You may bring issues and concerns in your own sectors as you attend barangay assemblies because barangay officials are not all-knowing," reminded by Mayor Tumbaga.

"Help us sustain our drug-unaffected status in Bagulin and serve as watchdogs where roads should be safeguarded to ensure that our municipality doesn't become transit points for illegal drugs," Mayor Tumbaga added.

Barangay Dagup residents voiced their concerns on improper waste disposal where indiscriminate dumping of garbage along creeks and cliff was observed. Social concerns such as improvement of Child Development Centers (CDC) and an increase in reach for the immunization of children were raised. Issues were discussed with and addressed by the present officials.

These activities such as Barangay Assemblies are encouraged to be organized in the communities to ensure transparency and ensure leaders in the grassroots level spearhead a "Matino, Mahusay at Maasahang" barangay.

(LGOO VI Veronica B. Nisperos and CDO I Hedrich V. Calderon)

DILG R1 Launches Enhanced Operation Listo Manual

On March 6, 2019 the Department of the Interior and Local Government Region 1 (DILG R1), being the vice-chair for Disaster Preparedness, launched the Enhanced Operation Listo Disaster Preparedness Manual.

Some 70 participants, composed of the provincial directors of the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) and Philippine National Police (PNP), member agencies of the Regional Risk Reduction Management Council (RDRRMC), provincial DRRM officers, DILG R1 personnel and employees, representatives from local government units, and other stakeholders attended the launching of the said manual.

During the opening program, DILG R1 Regional Director James F. Fadrilan emphasized that there can be no substitute for preparedness, citing that the country experiences an average of 20 typhoons every year.

"We expect that with the issuance of the manuals, local chief executives (LCEs) will be properly guided in times of typhoons because sets of disaster preparedness activities are already listed," he added.

The launching of the enhanced Operating Listo Manual was also conducted in the four provinces of the region: Province of Ilocos Sur on March 11, 2019; Ilocos Norte March 12, 2019; Pangasinan on March 13, 2019; and La Union on March 19, 2019. Each provincial launching was attended by the LCEs, local DRRM officers, chief of police, fire marshals, and city/municipal local government operations officers (C/MLGOOs).

During the launching, aside from the presentation of the enhance Listo Manual, the Office of the Civil Defense also presented the different DRRM tools and programs. The PNP and BFP also shared their disaster preparedness strategies while selected LGUs shared their best practices.

The activity also served as a venue for the renewal of the various stakeholder's commitment in a more disaster-resilient region 1. **(LGOO IV Karen C. Casulla)**

THE DILG ROI QUALITY POLICY

DILG Region 1 shall provide effective technical and administrative services, exercise oversight function and reward excellent and exemplary performance in local governance.

We shall guarantee equal opportunities for career growth, equitable delineation of responsibilities and give due recognition as we foster integrity, commitment, teamwork and responsiveness.

We shall continue to improve our Quality Management System and comply to applicable requirements to ensure prompt, efficient and quality service delivery to our clients.