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**AWARDING OF FREE CERTIFICATES OF LIVE BIRTH (COLB) IN SECURITY PAPER (SECPA) TO BRAP BENEFICIARIES DURING ARAW NG KATUTUBO IN MORONG, BATAAN**

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*Seven (7) children from Ayta Indigenous Cultural Communities/Indigenous Peoples (ICCs/IPs) received the PSA-issued Certificates of Live Birth in SecPa copy through the Birth Registration Assistance Project (BRAP) in Morong, Bataan*

MORONG, Bataan – In partnership with the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Morong, the Philippine Statistics Authority – Bataan proudly awarded seven (7) free PSA-issued Certificates of Live Birth printed in Security Papers (SecPa) through the Birth Registration Assistance Project to the beneficiaries during Araw ng Katutubo at Sitio Kanawan, Binaritan, Morong, Bataan on 18 October 2024.

PSA – Bataan headed by Chief Statistical Specialist Francisco P. Corpuz together with Morong Municipal Mayor Cynthia G. Linao-Estanislao, MD., Municipal Vice Mayor Leila Linao-Muñoz, RN. and Municipal Civil Registrar Eduardo Perez awarded the SECPA copy of PSA Birth Certificates to its beneficiaries. Registration Officer I Jherico Ryan G. Herrera, and Statistical Analyst Marielle A. Tuazon was also present in the activity to assist.



Seven (7) children in Ayta Indigenous Cultural Communities/Indigenous Peoples (ICCs/IPs) namely Rhian Caye B. Quitain (16), Ric Miguel B. Quitain (11), Romeo C. Dela Junta (9), Lian R. Dullete (6), Jhon Marlo F. Bugay (5), Cyron B. Jimenez (5), Venice T. Dumlao (4), Precious Jane F. Bugay (3), and Sania B. Jimenez (2) received their PSA-issued COLB.

As of 30 October 2024, a total of 9,299 birth records were received by PSA-Bataan for verification. Out of this number, a total of 9,299 birth records had been verified, wherein 7,148 of which have no birth record. Out of those that have been verified, a total of 535 birth records were processed through delayed registration before the concerned Local Civil Registry Offices while 336 COLBs were printed in PSA SECPA and issued to the beneficiaries, free of charge.

The Birth Registration Assistance Project (BRAP) is continuously implemented around the country, more and more Filipinos have benefited from this project. The BRAP aims to increase the level of birth registration, especially in marginalized communities such as those belonging to the Indigenous People (IPs), Muslim Filipinos, and the poorest sectors in the country. It also aims to ensure that these groups are enrolled in Philippine Identification (PhilID) card which is a gateway for them to claim their social benefits and legal identity. With these, the affected population can now avail social services and fulfill their basic rights because they can now present birth records and PhilID to prove their legal identity.

For more updates on the PhilSys Birth Registration Assistance Project please visit PSA's official website [www.psa.gov.ph](http://www.psa.gov.ph) and PSA Bataan's Facebook page [www.facebook.com/psa.bataan](https://www.facebook.com/psa.bataan).

  
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