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The statistics wizard of the Central Luzon State University (CLSU) emerged as the Central Luzon's regional champion of the 26th Philippine Statistics Quiz (PSQ) on 14 November 2022, at the City of San Fernando, Pampanga. Mr. Peter Ryuken Hermosura, a Bachelor of Science in Meteorology student, bested the other 36 contestants coming from the different colleges and universities in Central Luzon. The 26th PSQ was simultaneously conducted by the 17 regions of the country at various regional centers.

Meanwhile, Mr. John Renz Magtalas of the Don Honorio Ventura State University and Ms. Princess Ericka Serrano of the Holy Angel University came in as the first and second runners-up, respectively. Mr. Hermosura represented Central Luzon in the national championship slated on 07 December 2022 in Metro Manila.

Although suspended for the past two years due to Covid-19, PSQ is back and now on its 26th series. It is a nationwide annual contest designed to test the knowledge on statistics of first year college students enrolled in colleges and universities in the 17 regions of the country. The quiz primarily aims to identify and nurture talents in the field of statistics and instill deeper appreciation on the significance of statistics for evidence-based decision-making.

**26th
PSQ**
Regional Winners



Central Luzon Celebrates 33rd

After two years of celebrating the National Statistics Month (NSM) through the aid of various virtual platforms due to the threats of pandemic, Central Luzon was able to return to the face-to-face way of conducting activities as it commemorated the 33rd NSM this year. Reported below are the detailed activities lined up to highlight the celebration of NSM in the region.

Opening Ceremony

The celebration of the 33rd NSM in the region was formally opened through the Data Dissemination Forum of the 2021 Full Year Poverty Statistics on 11 October 2022 at the City of San Fernando, Pampanga. PSA RSSO

03's OIC, SOCD, Arlene Z. Torrico, excitedly welcomed the attendees and expressed her elation since the opening of NSM resumed to the old way of conducting which was temporarily restricted for two years due to the COVID-19. In her opening message, Ms. Torrico highlighted the importance of data on poverty to the policy makers in diagnosing and creating responsive programs and projects to alleviate poverty-related problems. Regional Director Arlene M. Divino presented the official 2021 Poverty Statistics covering data both on the national and sub-national levels. The regional director of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) Regional Office 03, Gina T. Gacusan, was also invited in the forum to deliver the policy implications of the poverty statistics in the development trajectory of the region. The half-day activity was participated in by representatives coming from the Regional Line Agencies (RLAs), academes, private sectors, provincial government units, and media outfits in the region.



On-the-Zoom Essay Writing Contest



The best essayist of the PSA provincial offices and CRASD showcased their writing prowess as they compete in the 3rd NSM On-the-Zoom Essay writing contest on 05 October 2022. The participants were given an hour to finish their entries which revolved around the topic: "How significant are the data we provide to policy-makers and in nation building?". Ms. April Camille Magtoto of the Civil Registration and Administrative Support Division (CRASD) of RSSO 03 emerged as this year's champion. Ms. Lacson was also the winner of the 1st NSM On-the-Zoom Essay writing contest held in 2020.

National Statistics Month By JRTD

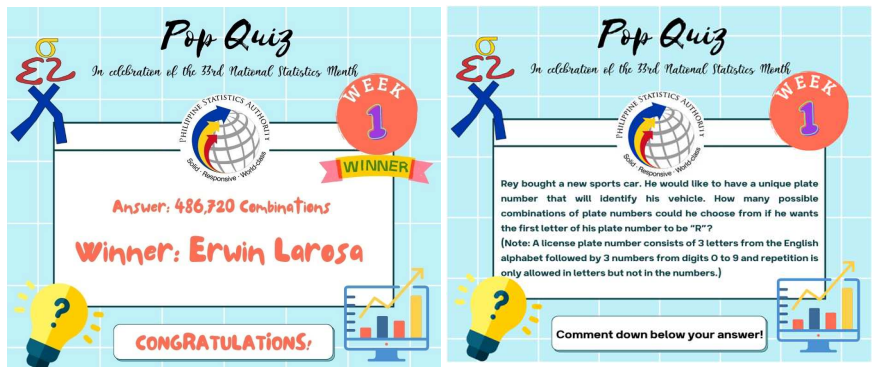
NSM Infographic Making and PhotoCon



The 3rd Infographic Making, and Photo Contest were officially announced and commenced during the opening of NSM on 11 October 2022. Attendees were encouraged to submit their entries in the said contests following the criteria set by PSA. Entries were accepted from 11 to 30 October 2022, giving participants ample time to prepare. Mr. Sean Rain D. Fastidio and PSA Pampanga emerged as the champions for the PhotoCon and Infographic Making, respectively.

Weekly FB PopQuiz

In order to reach a broader scope and coverage of participation in the celebration of NSM, PSA RSSO 03 conducted weekly FB Pop Quiz during the whole month of October. Weekly questions were posted in the official Facebook page of PSA RSSO 03 which was opened to everyone. The winners of the FB Pop Quiz were also posted in the FB page and received PhP500 via G-Cash.



On-the-Spot Poster Making Contest

The first NSM On-the-Spot Poster Making Contest was held on 17 October 2022 at PSA RSSO 03 Training Room, Maimpis, City of San Fernando, Pampanga. Five junior high school students coming from the different schools representing their respective provinces battled with each other. Mr. Xyrus Basilio from Becuran High School, Pampanga was declared as the eventual winner of the said contest.



Information Campaign and Statistics Appreciation Activity



As part of the 33rd celebration of NSM in the region, PSA RSSO 03 spearheaded series of information campaign and statistics appreciation activity in various universities and colleges in Central Luzon. The regional staff delivered topics on data appreciation, employment statistics, CPI and Inflation, poverty statistics, PSA website, OpenStat portal, and civil registration matters. The said activity primarily aimed to instill deeper appreciation on the significance of statistics and drum public awareness on the different services and activities that PSA is conducting.

Workshop on the Preparation of Releases

In order to continually improve the quality of various publications that PSA releases, PSA RSSO 03 technical staff spearheaded a two-day training workshop on the preparation of special and press releases on 24-25 October 2022 at Balibago, Angeles City, Pampanga. During the training, the resource speakers presented the observation in the recent releases published by the provinces, topics on technical writing and tips, and official templates to be used in preparing such publications. The participants in the training were also tasked to review and prepare releases which were presented towards the end of the workshop.



PSA Regional Quiz Bee, NSM Closing, and Awarding Ceremony

The month-long celebration of the 33rd National Statistics Month with the theme “Boosting the Country’s Economy through Informed Decisions, Better Policies” was officially capped off through the PSA Regional Quiz Bee on 04 November 2022 at SACOP, City of San Fernando, Pampanga.

The closing ceremony was made exciting as the representatives of the members of the Central Luzon Regional Statistics Committee (CLRSC) showcased their wit and knowledge on the mandates of PSA as they battle for the PSA Regional Quiz Bee. The Department of Agriculture’s (DA) bet, Ms. Jennelyn Ibale, victoriously bagged the championship tilt. Ms. Ibale represented Central Luzon in the national championship on 07 December 2022 in Malate, Manila.

The closing ceremony also served as the venue for the awarding of various contests conducted in line with the celebration of NSM in the region. These included the 3rd On-the-Zoom Essay Writing Contest, 3rd Infographic Making, 3rd Photo Contest, and On-the-Spot Poster Making Contest which was participated in by the RLA, Private Sector Representatives (PSR), schools, and PSA provincial offices.

The observance of NSM was also celebrated in the different provincial offices of PSA in Central Luzon wherein various activities were also held to promote and instill deeper appreciation on the importance of statistics.



RD Divino Joins Phils. Delegation in SIAP By JRTD



PSA RSSO 03 Regional Director, Arlene M. Divino, joined the delegation of the country during the Eighteenth Session of the Governing Council of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP), Eight Meeting Network for the Coordination of Statistical Training in Asia and the Pacific, and Seventeenth Management Seminar for the Heads of National Statistical Offices in Asia and the Pacific from 12 to 15 December held at Chiba, Japan.



The Philippine delegation was composed of Usec. Claire Dennis S. Mapa, Assistant National Statistician Kristine Joy S. Briones, Regional Director Arlene M. Divino, and Executive Director Josephine Almada of the Philippine Statistical Research and Training Institute (PSRTI).

The participation of Philippines in the international conference aimed to continuously engage the country, through PSA, in the statistical community in the Asia-Pacific region towards the formulation of statistical policy through the delivery of interventions on key topics of concern such as climate change, environment, granular data, and training challenges.

Duay Talks About CBMS By JRTD

In line with the aspiration to intensify awareness and enjoin more Local Government Units (LGU) to conduct the Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS), SS II John Rey T. Duay of PSA RSSO 03 SOCD was invited by the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) to act as resource



speaker during the CBMS Advocacy Forum organized by DILG on 28 October 2022. Mr. Duay presented the salient features of PSA-led CBMS and its calendar of activities. It was virtually attended by different LGUs in Central Luzon. Moreover, an open forum was also slated during the activity to answer the inquiries of the attendees which was moderated by Ms. Princess Marie D. Romero, ISA I of PSA RSSO 03.

Present also in the forum were representatives from NEDA and LGU of Anao, Tarlac. The said activity was part of the Open Townhall Meeting spearheaded by DILG.

RSSO 03 Attends Listahanan 3 Data Sharing *By JLC*



The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Region 3 conducted a one-day orientation and consultation dialogue relative to Listahanan 3 Data Sharing or the National Household Targeting System for Poverty Reduction (NHTS-PR) on 18 November 2022. The activity is an initiative of the agency to intensify the project popularization and advocacy to further increase the data users or stakeholders for the Listahanan 3 results.

The National Household Targeting Section (NHTS) of the agency officially launched the results of Listahanan 3 Assessment wherein 270,456 households or 17.88% were categorized as poor vis-à-vis 1,512,928 assessed households regionwide.

Senior Statistical Specialist Jun Dave T. Patricio and Statistical Analyst Joan L. Cabusao attended the activity and brought up the role of PSA in the Listahanan and discussed the commitments and continuous provision of quality, relevant, reliable, and general-purpose statistics and the efforts of PSA in Civil Registration especially to the informal sectors.

PSA conducts the 1st HSDV Survey to Utilize CAPI

The 1st Household Survey on Domestic Visitors (HSDV) to use Computer Assisted Personal Interview (CAPI) will be conducted by the PSA and the Department of Tourism (DOT) this 2022.

The 2022 HSDV is stand-alone nationwide collection of data on domestic and outbound tourism, specifically on the profile and socio-economic characteristics of households and household members 15 years old and over.

The 2022 HSDV 2nd level training was conducted at Azzurro Hotel, Balibago, Angeles City from October 10 to 14, 2022. HSDV Regional Focal Person Patricia D. Ramos and Provincial Focal Person Editha U. Briguela served as trainers for the whole duration of the training. Interactive discussions and mock interviews were conducted to ensure that everyone is well equipped and ready before going out in the field. All participants including hired statistical researchers were trained in single class of which a recap each day was presented by host provinces for the topics discussed.

Field Operation was conducted from 17 October to 18 November 2022 while the data processing at the Provincial and Regional Offices ended on 09 December 2022.



CLRSC Convenes for Q4 2023 By JRTD



The Central Luzon-Regional Statistics Committee (CLRSC) convened for the fourth quarter of the CY 2022 on 08 November 2022 at the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) 03 Regional Development Council (RDC) Hall, City of San Fernando, Pampanga.

The following agenda were discussed during the said meeting.

- Updates on Environmental Accounts;
- Data Dissemination of 2021 Annual Survey of Philippine Business and Industry (ASPBI);
- Updates on the Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS);
- Presentation on the Quarter Three Regional Economic Situation; and
- Updates on the Inter-Agency Committee on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics

In 2022, the committee was able to passed and approved seven CLRSC Resolutions and reactivated the Provincial Statistics Committee of the seven provinces in Central Luzon.

LGUs in CL Join October CBMS Rollout By JRTD



A total of additional 22 Local Government Units (LGUs) in Central Luzon participated in the October 2023 national rollout of the CBMS.

The additional 22 LGUs that took part on this banner project of the government were comprised of all LGUs in Aurora and Bataan, Balagtas, Bulacan, and Mabalacat City, Pampanga.

In 2022, Central Luzon has a total of 32 LGUs, August

and October Rounds, who participated in CBMS.

The enumeration for the October Round was slated from 17 October to 16 December 2022. Meanwhile, the August batch LGUs are currently conducting their Map and Data Processing at their respective processing centers.

New CRS Serbilis Outlets Open Anew in R3

By CDM

The CRS Outlet in Tarlac was officially inaugurated on 23 September 2022. The inauguration ceremony was led by PSA's Undersecretary Dennis Mapa, Assistant National Statistician Marizza Grande, and Regional Director Arlene Divino.

Meanwhile, the 50th PSA CRS Serbilis Outlet was opened at Baler, Aurora on 27 October 2022. The inauguration ceremony was led by PSA's ANS Marizza Grande, RD Arlene Divino, OIC CSS Julita Valdez and Governor Christian Noveras.



The newly-opened Serbilis facilities are the fourth and fifth outlets in Central Luzon along with City of San Fernando, Pampanga, Cabanatuan City, Nueva Ecija, and Olongapo City, Zambales.

BREQS Training and Installation at Sta. Rita, Pampanga

By CDM

Through the efforts of Sta. Rita LGU headed by Mayor Arthur Salalila and the LCRO administered by LCR Janice Javier, the LGU of Santa Rita Pampanga finally inked the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with PSA to implement the Batch Request Query System (BREQS).

On 11 November 2022, PSA personnel conducted BREQS Training and Installation at the said municipality. BREQS is a scheme where PSA authorizes a partner to receive requests and release PSA-issued copies of Birth Certificate, Marriage Certificate, Certificate of No Marriage, and Death Certificate. The actual processing of the requests is done at the San Fernando, Pampanga Serbilis Outlet.

The residents of Sta. Rita Pampanga need not anymore to travel to distant PSA Civil Registry System Outlets to request for Civil Registry Documents (CRDs). They can now file their applications directly at LCRO.

