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Central Luzon Bags Awards in 2022 PSA Sports Fest

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The delegation of Central Luzon ended up victorious in various sports category after bagging awards during the 2022 PSA Sports Festival Luzon Conference held in various areas of the Luzon group.

The basketball team and women volleyball team of CL both secured the first runner up after falling short against the National Capital Region (NCR). Meanwhile, badminton women's doubles finished champion after recording zero lost while men's double ended up second runner up.

On the other hand, the region's bet for men's and women's table tennis single categories both bagged the first runner up award. The Mobile Legend groups A and B both managed to snatch the second runner up. Moreover, the bowling team of the region won second runner up.

The darts delegation also secured the following awards: champion for women's single category, second runner up for women's doubles, second runner up for mixed doubles, second runner up for men's singles, and second runner up for men's doubles.



PSA Central Luzon Launches CRVS and CBMS

By JRTD

The commemoration of the 2022 Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) Decade and official launching of the national rollout of the 2022 Community-Based Monitoring System officially kicked-off in Central Luzon through a back-to-back press launch on 01 August 2022 at the City of San Fernando, Pampanga.

A motorcade in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga opened the celebration of the 2022 CRVS which was participated in by the officials and staff of PSA RSSO III, PSA Pampanga, and Local Civil Registrars (LCR) from various municipalities and cities in the region. Following the motorcade at SACOP Ephatha, Maimpis, City of San Fernando, Pampanga was the unveiling of the CRVS Bahay Kubo which bore the tagline "Get Every Pinoy and Pinay in the Picture". PSA RSSO III OIC-RD Arlene M. Divino and Association of Civil Registrars (ACRE) official Richard Lacerona together with the Chief Statistical Specialists (CSS) of the seven provinces and Chief Administrative Officer in the region graced the picture taking ceremony. Mr. Lacerona highlighted in his message the importance of data generated from vital statistics and an improved status of vital events registration. Thus, he encouraged the civil registrars to even intensify the efforts and activities to reach and register everyone, especially the vulnerable sectors of the society.

Meanwhile, DILG III Assistant Regional Director Jay E. Timbreza assured their commitment to the national rollout of 2022 CBMS. In his message of support, ARD Timbreza underscored the significance of data generated from CBMS as these provide the policy makers and local chief executives with relevant statistics useful for evidence-based planning and policy formulation.

Moreover, Mr. Paolo De Leon, Project Evaluation Officer, delivered a message of support on behalf of Hon. Crisostomo Garbo, City Mayor, Mabalacat City, Pampanga. According to Mr. De Leon, the city is poised to partake and pledges its full support to this banner project of the government.

To officially mark the start of the conduct of CBMS in Central Luzon, OIC-RD Divino, ARD Timbreza, PEO De Leon, and PSA Provincial Heads posed for a photo opportunity at the jeepney backdrop of CBMS bearing the tagline "Swak na Datos para sa Komunidad na mas Maayos, 2022 CBMS Aarangkada Na!"

In order to ensure a wide coverage and dissemination of the launching, various media outfits and the respective Provincial Information Officers (PIO) of the provinces were invited to cover and disseminate the event. Representatives from the Regional Line Agencies, Local Civil Registrars, and PSA regional and provincial staff were also present in the press launch.



RSSO 03 Conducts Training on the Geo-enabled Master

By JLC

PSA RSSO 03 successfully conducted the second level training on the Geo-enabled Master Sample: Primary and Secondary Sampling Unit Validation via a hybrid set-up from 25 to 29 September 2022. The Regional Map Focal and Statistical Analyst of RSSO 03, Ms. Joan L. Cabusao together with Ms. Angelie B. Lopez and Ms. Roxanne B. Lerio both Statistical Analyst of PSA Pampanga and PSA Zambales, respectively, served as the resource persons of the five-day training.

The activity was also graced by the Officer-in-Charge of the Census Planning and Coordination Division Ms. Mari-Belle Dy who observed and catered to queries from the participants throughout. The activity was attended by 103 participants of which 50 participated onsite at Quest Hotel and Conference Center, Clark Freeport Zone while 53 joined virtually via zoom from their provincial offices. The participants were the Provincial Map Focal Persons, Map Data Processors, Map Data Reviewer and selected staff from the regional and provincial offices.

The activity is in connection with the development of the new master sample frame for household surveys based on the 2020 Census of Population and Housing result. It aimed to check the accessibility of PSUs composed of merged Enumeration Areas/Barangays, check if SSUs or housing units with geotagged points are within the PSU boundary, and finalize the list of PSUs.

The training also served as a venue to promote applications of modern GIS platform in the statistical business processes and the integration of statistical and geospatial information. The operation of the said activity is set to rollout in October 2022.



Finalization Workshop on the Municipal Assessment on the Adoption of the 2019 Updates to the 2009 PSIC and PSGC

By JDTP



The PSA RSSO 03 conducted series of municipal assessment on the adoption of the updated 2019 PSIC by the municipal Business Permit and Licensing Office (BPLO) in all of the provinces in Central Luzon. To ensure that more BLPOs representatives will attend the workshop, it was conducted into three clusters. Cluster 1 was the combined BPLOs from the provinces of Aurora and Nueva Ecija which was conducted on 18 July 2022 at Hotel Consuelo, Sta. Rosa, Nueva Ecija. This was simultaneously held with Cluster 2 which was composed of BPLOs from Bulacan and Pampanga which was conducted at KLIR Waterpark Resort and Hotel, Guiguinto, Bulacan. Meanwhile Cluster 3 (Bataan, Tarlac and Zambales) was held at Subic Bay Travelers Hotel and Event Center, Subic Bay Freeport

Zone on 19 July 2022. Representatives from PSA Central Office, PSA RSSO, and PSOs served as the resource persons during the workshop. They presented the objectives of the workshop and the Overview of the Municipal Assessment on the Adoption of the 2019 Updates to the 2009 PSIC and PSGC Revision 1 and data appreciation using PSIC and PSGC based on the Preliminary Results of Listing of Establishments. Moreover, initial findings and results on the Municipal Assessment on the Adoption of PSIC and PSGC was also discussed.

The said activity was in line with the Republic Act 11032 or the Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018 and the Joint Memorandum Circular No. 1 series of 2021, titled "Guidelines for Processing Business Permits, Related Clearances and Licenses in all cities and municipalities. Also, this activity was conducted to further expand the reach of the PSA Board Resolution No. 18 series of 2021 – Enjoining support to the nationwide adoption of the PSIC and PSGC in the Unified Business Permit Application Form (UBPAF), Generation and Data Sharing of Comparable Municipal Level Industrial Statistics from the Business Permit Licensing System and which was also supported by 16th Regional Development Council (RDC) Resolution No. 03-36-2022 enjoining Local Government Units (LGUs) in Central Luzon to support the data sharing project of the PSA.



RSSO 03 Hosts ML Competition

By KCCV



The Philippine Statistics Authority managed to find a way to have a breather in between their deliverables – numerous surveys and censuses, civil registration and national ID registration services. The PSA 2022 Sportsfest was composed of tournaments on basketball, volleyball, table tennis, badminton, darts, chess and mobile legends.

PSA Central Luzon hosted the Luzon Conference: Mobile Legends (ML) Tournament as part of the 2022 Philippine Statistics Authority Sportsfest on 24-25 September 2022. The two-day event was participated in by ML delegates from the different regions in Luzon namely Region I (Ilocos Region), Region II (Cagayan Valley), Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR), Region III (Central Luzon), Region IV-A (CALABARZON), MIMAROPA Region, Region V (Bicol Region), and the National Capital Region (NCR). The ML tournament, despite being an online based game, was just as exciting and interesting as the other physical games. The players showcased the best moves of their respective characters in the game as they attacked bearing their team strategy in mind.

The ML delegates from each region were divided into two groups - Group A and B, of six teams each where they played in a round-robin format until the best teams proceeded to the finals. Both Groups A and B of NCR won the battle to be the representative of the Luzon Group in the National Conference while CALABARZON Group A and MIMAROPA Group B came in as first runners-up. Meanwhile, Central Luzon Group A and B were awarded as second runners-up.



CL Joins Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) Summit By IDC

The Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) Summit- Workshop on Procurement Republic Act 9184 and Its 2016 Implementing Rules and Regulations was conducted at Hotel Lucky China Town on September 26-30 2022, which was spearheaded by the PSA Central Office Bids and Awards Committee.

The activity was participated in by all Regional Directors of PSA, who are also the Heads of the Procuring Entities in the Regional Bids and Awards Committees (RBACs). The RBAC Chairpersons, Heads of RBAC Secretariat, and Heads of RBAC Technical Working Group (TWG).

For Central Luzon, the attendees were Regional Director Arlene M. Divino, RBAC Chairperson, Chief Administrative Officer, Elna Ruth F. Casasola, Head of the BAC Secretariat, Ivy D. Capulong and Head of TWG, Jessie D. Lobo

The objectives of the summit were to have a review of the procurement concepts, the duties and responsibilities of every personnel involved in the procurement process, and discuss the different methods of procurement. It was emphasized in the activity about The Governing Principles of Government Procurement, which were: transparency; competitiveness; streamlined procurement process; accountability; and public monitoring.

The topics discussed were the following: Review of Procurement Concepts, Review of Roles and Responsibilities/Accountabilities, Procurement Planning PPMP/APP for CY 2023 Developing the Project Requirement, Writing the Technical Specifications, Scope of Work and Terms of Reference, Preparation of PPMP/APP, Procurement Planning Various Methods of Procurement, Procedures of Competitive Bidding, Procedures of Alternative Method of Procurement, and Review of the Guidelines of Contract Implementations.

Ms. Minerva Eloisa P. Esquivias, Officer In-Charge, CTCO, Deputy National Statistician, Central Office BAC Chairperson presented the synthesis of the five-day summit. She emphasized that “aside from the realizations and learnings, procurement is not just a compliance to all the rules and guidelines, it should be something that we need to embrace as part of our functions, not just compliant in nature but it should be strategic in the point of view of the organization because we discover our weaknesses”.



RD Divino Takes Oath of Office

By JRTD

The newly appointed and now full-fledged Regional Director of PSA RSSO 03, RD Arlene M. Divino, formally took her oath of office on 05 September 2022 at the City of San Fernando, Pampanga. The ceremonial oath taking was personally officiated by PSA's Undersecretary and National Statistician and Civil Registrar General, Mr. Dennis Mapa, together with other dignitaries and staff from the central office.



RD Divino was the Chief Statistical Specialist of the Statistical Operations and Coordination Division (SOCD) of PSA RSSO 03 where she served for almost five years before she was designated as the officer-in-charge of the regional office in October 2020.

Duay Qualifies for 2022 PSA Innovation Summit

By JRTD

Out of the various innovation projects submitted by PSA employees around the country, the project of Statistical Specialist II John Rey T. Duay of PSA RSSO 03 qualified as one of the 23 innovation projects presented during the 2022 PSA Innovation summit held on 27-28 July 2022 at Crowne Plaza Hotel, Ortigas City.

Mr. Duay presented one of his creative projects during the summit by highlighting the importance of data accessibility and availability. According to him, the project was rooted from the frequent usage of social and economic data being collected and generated by PSA during data dissemination forum, media interviews, meetings, and even causal conversations with colleagues from different agencies.



The project of Mr. Duay is titled Interactive Database of Frequently Used PSA Data which was developed using the macros of Microsoft Excel. It houses data on Consumer Price Index (CPI), Inflation, Employment Situation, Gross Regional Domestic Product (GRDP), Poverty, and Population.

The 2022 PSA Innovation Summit was on its second series since its first conduct in 2018. It primarily aimed to promote innovations in the workplace and encourage the employees to take advantage of the technology in developing projects and innovations which will further improve the services of the agency.

2022 Central Luzon Mid-Year Assessment and

By JRTD

The 2022 regionwide mid-year assessment and review, general assembly, and sports festival of Central Luzon was held from 03 to 06 August 2022 at Clark Freeport Zone, Pampanga. The four-day activity was participated in by the regular staff and office-based contractual personnel of the regional and provincial offices.

During the first day of the activity, RD Arlene M. Divino delivered a presentation of the key deliverables of the agency based on PSA's 2023-2025 Strategic Plan. She emphasized and highlighted the reports and activities needed to be submitted by the regional as well as the provincial offices. In order to assess the accomplishments of the divisions and Provincial Statistical Offices (PSO), each division chief and chief statistical specialist was asked to present their actual accomplishments for the first semester of 2022 based on the discussed key deliverables. This will further assist them in identifying the targets they already met and enable them to recognize the deliverables that they still need to execute for the next semester.



The second day of the activity was a presentation-filled one. The provinces were tasked to present their outputs on the required forms to be accomplished during their respective provincial mid-year assessment and review. CSS Maria Virginia R. Olveña of PSA Pampanga led the presentation on the 2022 Second Semester Work Program. Her presentation was followed by the discussion on the Workload by Project and Activity by CSS Francisco P. Corpuz of PSA Bataan. Meanwhile, SvSS Girlie De Guzman of PSA Nueva Ecija and OIC-CSS Marcelino O. De Mesa of PSA Bulacan shared their outputs on the Review of Risk and Opportunity Registry and Action Plan (R/ORAP).

Moreover, the List of Challenges and Setbacks identified for the statistical operations and civil registration and administrative matters among the field offices was discussed by SvSS Bernadette Joy Ular of PSA Tarlac and CSS Norman L. Bundalian of PSA Zambales, respectively. On the other hand, Ms. Shiney Marie Caluruan of PSA Aurora and CSS Bundalian presented their offices' best practices and innovation.

Review, General Assembly, and Sports Festival



In addition to these, SS II John Rey T. Duay of the RSSO III was asked to present the innovation project of the region titled: "Interactive Database of PSA's Frequently Used Data." The said database was a qualifier and presented during the 2022 PSA Innovation Summit. Furthermore, the functional and quality objectives anchored to the key deliverables were presented by AO IV Sara Armada of CRASD and a demonstration of the PRAMIS was facilitated by SA Nikko Montemayor of Nueva Ecija.



Another highlight of the four-day activity was the launching of the 2022 PSA Central Luzon Sports Festival. The momentous event was formally opened through the ceremonial parade of flags, torch, and colors followed by the oath of sportsmanship by the participants. OIC Divino underscored in her opening message the virtue of sportsmanship as the participants give their best and battle for greatness. Alongside with it was the simultaneous conduct of general assembly and team building wherein participants ignited the spirit of camaraderie while they enjoy the different challenges and activities prepared by the regional office staff. During the night, the participants showcased their dance skills as they grooved and owned the dance floor with the music of 60's. The retirees were also paid with tribute and awarded with plaque and token of appreciation for their unparalleled dedication and commitment to public service.



The four-day activity was formally closed with the presentation of the official delegation of Central Luzon for the Luzon-wide sports conference.



First Consultative Meeting on IAC-CRVS

PSA RSSO 03 successfully conducted the first consultative meeting on Central Luzon Inter-Agency Committee on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CL-IAC-CRVS) on 20 September 2022 at City of San Fernando, Pampanga. The activity was participated by the members and representatives of the CL-IAC-CRVS. The Chairperson of the committee, RD Arlene Divino presented the agenda and discussed the flow of the meeting.

Registration Officer IV Rowena Escoto presented the composition of the CL-IAC-CRVS and discussed the specific functions of the committee. On the other hand, Chief Administrative Officer Elna Ruth Casasola, Head Secretariat presented the CL RSC 03 Resolution No. 02 s. 2022: Approving the creation of CL-IAC-CRVS. Moreover, Chairperson Divino confirmed with the PSA Provincial Offices that they had already established their Provincial Statistics Committee. Through PSC, they can just create Technical Working Groups on CRVS in order to create plans and programs of their respective provinces and identify gaps and issues at the local level in order to achieve the national target on civil registration and vital statistics programs, activities and projects.

The consultative meeting served as the venue to discuss the issues and concerns of partner agencies and stakeholders regarding civil registration and vital statistics. It was agreed that the CL-IAC-CRVS will be conducted quarterly in order to strengthen the partnerships, create plans and implement projects in order to improve the whole civil registration and vital statistics system in the region.



PSA 9th Year Anniversary Celebration



The Philippine Statistics Authority celebrated its 9th year Anniversary on 12 September 2022 with the theme “Improving Implementation Strategies through Digital Transformation.” The activity was hosted by Sara Armada.

The activity commenced with the flag raising ceremony then followed by the Thanksgiving Mass which was officiated by Rev. Fr. Ramon Torres and was attended by PSA RSSO III Personnel.

Regional Director Arlene M. Divino delivered her anniversary message followed by the presentation of PSA RSSO 03 Anniversary video.

In addition to this, PSA RSSO III also conducted an awarding of certificates of recognition to PSA employees who have successfully completed their Masters Degrees. The Career and Self Development Awardees under the Master in Business Administration were: Joana Marie B. Dumalus, Cherry Anne T. Mercado, Patricia D. Ramos and Jessie D. Lobo. The awardees under the Master in Public Administration were: Annalyn Joy M. Dimaun and John Rey T. Duay.

PSA RSSO 03 also recognizes the Outstanding Employees of RSSO 03, COSWs and Outstanding CRS Associates.



CL's bet is Ginoong PSA 3rd Runner Up

By JRTD



The representative of Central Luzon in the search for the 2022 Ginoo at Binibining PSA ended up bagging the third runner up award during the pageant's coronation night held on 09 September 2022 in Metro Manila.

Mr. Jan Nikko Montemayor, Ginoong Central Luzon, is currently working as a Statistical Analyst of PSA Nueva Ecija. Aside from winning the 3rd Runner Up tilt, Mr. Montemayor was also awarded as the Best in Regional Costume where he wore an ensemble proudly representing the region for being known as the Rice Granary of the country.

Joining Mr. Montemayor in the pageant was Binibining Central Luzon, Ms. Emilen R. Enriquez, Administrative Aide VI of PSA Nueva Ecija.

Aside from showcasing the physical beauty and attributes, wit, and talents of the contestants, the pageant primarily aimed to select Gender and Development (GAD) ambassadors of PSA. The search will be an opportunity of the representatives to address gender-related issues in the workplace, thus promoting gender equality, empowerment, and diversity.

