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GOVERNOR PACOY DELIVERS 1ST 100 DAYS REPORT


Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III delivered his First 100 Days Report on October 10, 2016 at the Diego Silang Hall of the Provincial Capitol Building, City of San Fernando, La Union.

The report showed Governor Pacoy hit the ground running by immediately passing Executive Order No. 1 on July 1, 2016 establishing the La Union Governance Framework and forming the senior Transformative Leadership Team (STLT) and Oversight for Provincial Strategy (OPS) under the Office of the Provincial Governor (OPG) to assess the effectivity and efficiency of the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU).

To better grasp the needs of the people, Governor Pacoy committed to dynamically engage the different key organizations and all stakeholders to promote cooperation and partnership by supporting various Leagues of elected officials and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs). He

also personally connects with the people through a Grassroots Immersion Program, dubbed I Love My Barangay, I Love La Union. He reorganized the Provincial Development Council, the Provincial Peace and Order Council, Provincial Health Board, Provincial Anti-Drug Abuse Council and the Provincial School Board, to successfully accomplish his goals for the province.

He envisions an Illegal Drug-Free La Union by 2017. He partnered with the Department of Health (DOH) in constructing a Satellite Drug Rehabilitation Center and with the Philippine National Police (PNP) and Department of Education (DepEd) in strengthening the Drug Abuse and Resistance Education (DARE) program.


The Governor is now aligning his administration with the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) by the United Nations (UN) in ending poverty, protecting the planet,  to P2

PGLU PASSES PGS PUBLIC REVALIDA OF ISA

The Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) passed the initiation status of the Performance Governance System (PGS) after Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III successfully defended the vision of the province to become the Heart of Agri-Tourism of Northern Luzon by 2015 through a Public Re-

valida organized by the Institute for Solidarity in Asia during the Dream Philippines Fair held on October 18, 2016 at the M.K. Tan Auditorium of the Bayanihan Center, Unilab Compound, Pasig City.

Speaking before a multi-sectoral panel composed of experts on governance, anti-corruption, strategy

management concepts and programs and knowledge of the presenting institution's field and intended breakthroughs, Governor Pacoy explained that the Province of La Union is still basically agricultural based on his visits to the mayors of the province. With the resounding support of his cabinet, the Governor will  to P3



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Message from the Governor



Welcome aboard MV I Love La Union, the province's Ship of Governance!

Kas Ama ti Probinsia, siak ti Kapitanyo a mangiturong iti La Union agturong iti panagrang-ay ken panagdur-as. Dakayo a kaprobinsiaak ti kaduak nga aggaod ti barkotayo. Kasapulan nga aggigiddan, maymaysa a direksion ken napigsa ti pinaggaodtayo. Aggaodtayo amin mapa ubing, lakay, baket, Mayor, Bise Mayor, Sanggunian wenno Punong Barangay, agtitinnulongtayo nga aggaod.

Our Transformative Governance is our ship's mast. As hard as the Narra Tree, it can withstand any storm that may come our way. No corruption will break it for it is strengthened by our unconditional love for La Union. The ISO and Performance Governance System shall serve as our sails. It will catch all the winds of our concerted efforts to speed-up our voyage in public service and arrive at our common desired destination – La Union: The Heart of Agri-Tourism in Northern Luzon by 2025!

Sangkamaysatayo a pigsaan ti aggaod tapnu saantayo a lumned iti baybay ti kinapanglaw. Awan ti mabati a lokal a gobierno ti La Union, aggigiddan amin a mangipaay ti progreso ken dur-as para kadagiti amin a kaprobinsiaan.

Saan ko a palubusan iti siasinoman a "pirata" nga mangpalned ti barkotayo ken mangtakaw ti sirmatatayo. Kas Kapitanyo, siak iti umuna a makalabanda!

We only started sailing last June 30, yet, we already received major awards which have further strengthened our Ship of Governance. The most recent of which is our recognition from the Cities and Municipalities Competitiveness Index which placed La Union as the 10th Most Competitive Province in the country which is a two-notch higher from our previous rank of No. 12 last 2015. We are also No. 1 in Region 1. Our initial crowning glory was the grant of the DILG Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG) on October 27, 2016. With your help, we will reap more awards as we reach our destination.

All aboard now! This is Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III, Captain of MV I Love La Union, saying "full speed ahead!"

Agay-ayat kadakayo amin,

FRANCISCO EMMANUEL "PACOY" R. ORTEGA III
Gobernador

100 days

...and ensuring that all people enjoy peace and prosperity. He is also fervently targeting a perfect 20 out of 20 component Local Government Units (LGUs) for the Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG). Dedicated to improving the quality of public service, the PGLU will undergo International Standards for Standardization (ISO) training. Governor Pacoy is also eyeing the implementation of Performance Governance Framework (PGS) by partnering with the Institute for Solidarity in Asia (ISA) to boost the productivity of La Union.

Sharing achievements of the province, Governor Pacoy reported that the National Competitiveness Council ranked La Union as first in Northern Luzon. La Union is also one of the four finalists in the search for the Most Business Friendly Local Government Unit (LGU) Award. The Association of Tourism Officers of the Philippines (ATOP) - Department of Tourism (DOT) chose La Union's Surfing Break as the Grand Winner

for the Pearl Award, Best Tourism Event in Sports, Adventure, and Wellness. Governor Pacoy hopes to bring in more accolades and prosperity to the province by pursuing his vision of making La Union the heart of Agri-Tourism in Northern Luzon.

Governor Pacoy honored his predecessors for their sacrifices and contributions to the province by presenting Plaques of Appreciation to Past Governors Manuel C. Ortega, Victor F. Ortega, and the late Justo O. Orros, Jr. represented by Jonathan Justo A. Orros, Jr. who all received a resounding standing ovation.

The milestone event was attended by Immediate Past Governor Manuel C. Ortega, Past Governor Victor F. Ortega, Vice Gov. Aureo Augusto Q. Nisce, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members, City and Municipal Elected Officials, Department Heads and Chiefs of Hospitals of the Provincial Government of La Union, members of the Association of Regional Executives, representatives of the academe, representatives from the Civil Society Organizations and other stakeholders in the province. -Marcel A. Florentino

LA UNION SURFING BREAK CHOSEN AS BEST

La Union Surfing Break (LUSB) was once again chosen as this year's Best Tourism Event in the Philippines for Sports, Adventure and Wellness (Provincial Category) as conferred by the Association of Tourism Officers of the Philippines (ATOP) and Department of Tourism (DOT) during the 11th ATOP-DOT Pearl Awards Night held on October 6, 2016 at Royce Hotel and Casino, Clark Freeport Zone, Pam-

panga.

The ATOP Pearl Awards is an award-giving body designed to honor creative works and exceptional services of the people in the tourism industry. The award is a manifestation of the exceptional practices, innovations and projects of Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) which is a vital part of a fast growing and active tourism industry in the province. It recognizes the effort of

the people behind the success of the event and it sends a strong message to the constituents that creative works and distinctive services and its cause are not going to be declined nor taken for granted but are remembered.

LUSB was evaluated based on achievement of desired outputs, sustainability of the project, involvement of general stakeholders and contribution and impact to the community. the Pearl



La Union Information and Tourism Officer, Mr. Adamor L. Dagang and Department of Tourism Region I Director Martin S. Valera (seventh and eight from left), leads the La Union delegation in receiving the ATOP Pearl Award for La Union Surfing Break as Grand Winner for the Best Tourism Event of the Philippines in Sports, Adventure and Wellness (Provincial Category) conferred by ATOP Officers during the 11th ATOP-DOT Pearl Awards Night held on October 6, 2016 at Royce Hotel and Casino, Clark Freeport Zone, Pampanga.



Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III, proudly showing the iconic I Love La Union Sign after the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) passed the Initiation Stage of the Performance Governance System (PGS) as he successfully defended the Vision of the province "to become the Heart of Agri-Tourism of Northern Luzon by 2025" through a Public Revalida organized by the Institute for Solidarity in Asia during the Dream Philippines Fair held on October 18, 2016 at the M.K. Tan Auditorium of the Bayanihan Center, Unilab Compound, Pasig City. Photo by: Rizalde Buenaventura

TOURISM EVENT IN THE PHILIPPINES FOR THE 4TH TIME

award was garnered for the 4th time and is another milestone on the part of the province. The La Union Surfing Break also won the same award in year 2012, 2013, 2015 and 2nd place in 2014 for the same category.

LUSB is a multi-sectoral tourism project of the Provincial Government of La Union in partnership with Department of Tourism – Region 1, Municipal Government of San Juan, La Union Conventions and Visitors Bureau, La Union Hotels, Resorts and Restaurants Association (LUHRRRA), San Juan Resort Restaurant Hotel Association, Inc. and La Union Surf Club.

LUSB is an exceptional tourism practice of the province with innovations every year and has become Northern Luzon's biggest surfing event of the season.

-Darlene Joy V. Acosta



LA UNION JOBS FAIR OPENS OPPORTUNITIES FOR EMPLOYMENT

The Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) led by Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III through the Public Employment Service Office (PESO) in coordination with the Department of Labor & Employment (DoLE), Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) and other agency partners conducted the La Union Jobs Fair on September 27, 2016 at the Father Burgos Gymnasium, Saint Louis College, Carlatan,

City of San Fernando La Union.

A total of 5,930 job vacancies were solicited. There were 720 registered applicants, 369 for local employment and 351 for overseas employment. As per assessment of the agencies, there were 344 qualified applicants, 253 are for further interview and 100 lucky applicants were hired on the spot. There will be a follow-up to the employers to get the job-placement result. Other National Government Agencies

PGLU Passes... come up with Central, Northern and Southern Circuits. Each circuit will have at least two Agri-Tourism Sites that are accredited by the Department of Tourism and shall be augmented by established tourism destinations. Governor Pacoy explained that the scheme will not only create a dynamic tourism industry with increased tourist arrivals but it will also decrease poverty incidence in the province as most farmers live in poverty.

In answering the question of the panel on where to get support to realize his vision for his province, Governor Pacoy shared that the PGLU has already conducted workshops among PGLU Offices and stakeholders from the private sector to de-

termine their contributions for the realization of the vision. The panel advised Governor Pacoy to include more participation of National Government Agencies in the fulfilment of the vision for a more holistic approach.

After the presentation, Governor Pacoy was congratulated by various leaders from the business, academe and governance sectors. Also present during the Revalida to support Governor Ortega were members of his Cabinet and staff of the Oversight for Provincial Strategy (OPS).

The next day on October 19, 2016, the Governor's Cabinet and OPS staff proceeded to Bataan for Benchmarking Activities with the Bataan Provincial Government and Balanga

ity Government for PGS Benchmarking Activities.

The PGS is highlighted by the creation, execution and sustaining of effective development plans. It takes a holistic approach in meeting the rising needs of public institutions by enabling national government agencies, local government units, professional associations and academic institutions to develop long-term development goals by creating sustainable governance systems. After the Initiation Public Revalida, the PGLU will undergo Compliance, Proficiency and Institutionalization Stage and Public Revalidas before it will become a model of Public transformation through the Performance Governance System.

-Israel O. Rudio

LU RECEIVES SPECIAL RECOGNITION FROM PCCI

The Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) led by Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III, received a special recognition for being adjudged as one of the finalists of the 2016 Most Business-Friendly Local Government Unit (LGU) Award Provincial Category from the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) held on October 5, 2016 at the Don Emilio Yap Boardroom, 3/F Commerce and Industry Plaza, McKinley Town Center, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City.

Centered on this year's theme, "Giant Steps, 2016 and Beyond," the annual search for Most Business-Friendly LGUs recognized and promote models of good and effective governance. It highlighted the LGUs ability to institute good governance reforms to promote trade and investment in their localities and ensure

accountability, transparency and efficiency in the conduct of their day-to-day operations.

Prior to the event, the PGLU submitted an entry for the scrutiny of a panel composed of inputs in business and governance. Out of several provinces, La Union made it to the Top 4 provinces that made it to the shortlist. Upon notification, the PGLU sent a team composed of Provincial Information and Tourism officer Adamor L. Dagang and Administrative Officer II Julius A. Manabat and Administrative IV Arthur S. Cortez for the final defense for the said award and presented the best initiatives and accomplishments of the province. The panel also commended the PGLU for submitting one of the best bid books.

-Dunkin Lee H. Gaerlan,



La Union wins the Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG)! Vice Gov. Aureo Augusto Q. Nisce and BM Manuel Victor "Mannix" R. Ortega, Jr. proudly hold the SGLG Plaque after the awarding ceremony held on October 27, 2016 at the Sofitel Philippine Plaza, Manila. The SGLG is a national award and incentive given to a local government unit with exemplary performance along the areas of Financial Administration, Disaster Preparedness, Social Protection, Business-Friendliness & Competitiveness, Peace & Order, and Environmental Management. I LOVE LA UNION! - Photo by: Israel O. Rudio



Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III together with the townspeople of Bagulin pose in their "I Love La Union" hand gesture during the IP Caravan in celebration of the Indigenous Peoples month on October 14, 2016 at the covered court of Bagulin, La Union. Standing at the right Gov. Pacoy is Mayor Ferdinand D. Tumbaga. - Photo by: Wendell B. Tangalin



Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III (left) turns over copies of his First 100 Days Accomplishment Report, La Union Profile and Anti-Illegal Drug Campaign Initiative of La Union to Department of the Interior and Local Government Secretary Ismael Sueno (right) during the Sulong Pilipinas Local Governance Series Consultation on Peace and Order and Social Development on October 3, 2016 at Dusit Hotel, Makati City. Secretary Sueno appreciated the efforts of Governor Pacoy being the only Local Chief Executive to provide a comprehensive report of his province. Photo by: Wendell B. Tangalin



Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III (Front row, middle) together with Gov. Ryan Luis Singson (right) of Ilocos Sur formally signed the Learning Agreements Relative to the Governors for Health Training launched by Health Leadership and Governance Program Cycle 2 on September 22, 2016 at Department Of Health Regional Office 1 Conference Room. - Photo by: Rizalde Buenaventura



Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III, signs on the location of La Union in a map on the Wall of Support for Sulong Pilipinas during the Local Governance Series Consultation on Peace and Order and Social Development held at Dusit Hotel, Makati City on October 3, 2016. - Photo by: Wendell B. Tangalin



Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III leads Mayors, Philippine National Police Officials, Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency Officials, Punong Barangays and other participants and guests in the pledge of support against illegal drugs during the closing of the La Union Anti-Illegal Drugs Summit held on September 14, 2016 at the Diego Silang Hall of the Provincial Capitol Building in the City of San Fernando, La Union. - Photo by Rizalde A. Buenaventura



ABONO Party-list Representative Vini Nola A. Ortega and her husband, La Union Governor Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III (8th and 9th from right, respectively), lead Barangay Officials and farmers in showing the iconic "I love La Union" sign during the Provincial Government of La Union and ABONO Party-list Joint Agricultural Equipment Distribution on September 9, 2016 at the Capitol Grounds, City of San Fernando, La Union. - Photo by: Rizalde Buenaventura

Governor's Diary

- SEPT. 1 -PCL ACTION PLANNING, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union
 SEPT. 2 -116th PHIL. CIVIL SERVICE Anniversary - FUN RUN 2016, Poro Point, City of San Fernando, La Union
 -115TH Police Anniversary, Camp Brigadier Oscar M. Florendo, Parian, City of San Fernando, La Union
 -Branch Activation Of Belvenie Whisky, Holes, The Cliffs, Thunderbird Resorts
 SEPT. 5 -First Monday Flag Raising Ceremony, PGLU Capitol Grounds, City of San Fernando, La Union
 -Cabinet Meeting, Diego Silang Hall, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union
 -Discussion With Palfox Architecture Group, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union
 SEPT. 6 -Check Distribution For Saranay, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union
 -PDU30-Core (Constitutional Reformers) Federalism Forum, Oasis Country Resort, City of San Fernando, La Union
 -STLT, SP Ante-Room, City of San Fernando, La Union
 SEPT. 7 -Distribution Of Scholarship Checks, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union
 SEPT. 8 -Fellowship Breakfast With Mayors, Diego Silang Hall, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union
 -Mass Oath Taking Ceremony For PGLU's Newly Hired And Promoted Employees, City of San Fernando, La Union
 SEPT. 9 -VMV / ELDAC, Diego Silang Hall, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union
 -Equipment Distribution, PGLU Capitol Grounds, City of San Fernando, La Union
 -Distribution Of Financial Assistance To Honor Students, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union
 SEPT. 10 -Formal Inauguration Of Regional Consular Office La Union, Manna Mall, City of San Fernando, La Union
 SEPT. 13 -Generics Month Awareness Celebration, Diego Silang Hall, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union
 -Stakeholder Engagement And Strategic Communications Training, Hotel Ariana, Bauang, La Union
 -E-Governance Planning Workshop, SP 3rd Basement, City of San Fernando, La Union
 SEPT. 14 -NDH Visit/ Inauguration Of TB-DOTS Center, Naguilian District Hospital, Naguilian, La Union
 -LUPPO Drug Summit Culmination, Diego Silang Hall, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union
 SEPT. 15 -PPOC/ LUADAC, Diego Silang Hall, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union
 -Presentation On The Construction Of PGLU Canteen, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union
 -SP 11TH REGULAR SESSION, SP Session Hall, City of San Fernando, La Union
 SEPT. 16 -PGLU Family Day, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union
 SEPT. 19 -ISO Awareness Training, Diego Silang Hall, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union
 -SGLG Validation, Diego Silang Hall Sea View, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union
 -Meeting With Biosin Central Power, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union
 SEPT. 21 -PGLU Transformative Governance Road Map, Hotel Ariana, Bauang, La Union
 -Red Cross Awarding Of Honorary Chairmanship To The Governor, Red Cross Office, City of San Fernando, La Union
 -Provincial School Board Meeting, Paycopoc Elem. School, Bauang, La Union
 -Meeting With PoCraft Computer Technologies, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union
 SEPT. 22 -Formal Signing Of The Learning Contract Relative To The Governors For Health Training, City of San Fernando, La Union
 -Provincial Development Council Reorganization, Diego Silang Hall, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union
 -League of Municipalities Meeting, Diego Silang Hall, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union
 SEPT. 26 -Provincial Capitol Building, City of San Fernando, La Union
 SEPT. 27 -La Union Jobs Fair, Saint Louis College, City of San Fernando, La Union
 SEPT. 28 -LJMMC Board of Trustees Meeting, Diego Silang Hall, City of San Fernando, La Union
 -Official Launch Of Tuscany Estates, City of San Fernando, La Union
 SEPT. 29 -3rd Industry Research and Development Symposium and Competition, DMMMSU - NLUC, Bacnotan, La Union
 -Hospital Visit to Bacnotan District Hospital, Bacnotan, La Union
 -Hospital Visit to Balaosan District Hospital, Balaosan, La Union
 -Oath Taking Of The Metro San Fernando Water District Contract Monitoring Office, City of San Fernando, La Union
 SEPT. 30 -JUVWI Funwalk, Diego Silang Hall, City of San Fernando, La Union
 -Portasol Distribution, Capitol Grounds, City of San Fernando, La Union
 -Awarding Of Best Brigada Eskwela Implementer, City of San Fernando, La Union
 -Meeting With DILG on The CLIP Committee, Diego Silang Hall Sea View, City of San Fernando, La Union
 OCT. 3 -La Union Governance Charter Clean-Up Session, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union
 OCT. 4 -Sulong Pilipinas Local Government Discussions Northern Luzon Cluster, Dusit Thani Hotel, Makati City
 OCT. 7 -Sulong Pilipinas Local Government Discussions Northern Luzon Cluster, Dusit Thani Hotel, Makati City
 -Strategy Validation For Private Sector, Oasis Country Resort, City of San Fernando, La Union
 -PGLU Retirees Homecoming and Wellness Program, Diego Silang Hall, City of San Fernando, La Union
 -Distribution of Saranay Checks, Office of the Provincial Governor, City of San Fernando, La Union
 -Provincial Elderly Filipino Week, LUTLDTG, City of San Fernando, La Union
 OCT. 8 -Launching Of I Love La Union: I Love My Barangay, Brgy. Canaao, City of San Fernando, La Union
 OCT. 10 -First 100 Days Report, Diego Silang Hall, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union
 OCT. 12 -Department Of Saemaul Studies And Economic Development's Dissemination Seminar, Enderun's Old Library, Manila
 OCT. 13 -Search for the Top 10 Outstanding Policemen in La Union, Diego Silang Hall, City of San Fernando, La Union
 -Mass Oath Taking Of Employees, LUTLDTG, City of San Fernando, La Union
 OCT. 14 -IP Caravan, Bagulin, La Union
 -NSM Month, Diego Silang Hall, City of San Fernando, La Union
 -Check Distribution For Scholars, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union
 -Turn Over Of 1 Computer Set To CIDG, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union
 OCT. 16 -CLOSING PROGRAM OF DISASTER RISK REDUCTION MGMT. YOUTH RESPONDERS CAMP, Burgos, La Union
 OCT. 29 -PHIL. NURSES ASSOC. - LA UNION CHAPTER CONVENTION, Hotel Ariana, Paringao, Bauang



President Rodrigo R. Duterte and Liga ng mga Barangay-La Union Chapter President Manuel Victor "Mannix" Ortega, Jr., shaking hands during the photo-ops of the 2nd day of the Sulong Pilipinas Local Governance Consultation on Peace and Order and Social Development held at Dusit Hotel, Makati City on October 4, 2016. The President also personally thanked Mannix for the free basketball clinics of his Think God Basketball Association which helps in the Anti-Illegal Drugs Campaign in La Union. -Photo By: Israel O. Rudio

10 OUTSTANDING POLICE IN LU RECOGNIZED



The Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) headed by Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III awarded this year's 10 Outstanding Policemen in the Province in a conferment ceremony held on October 13, 2016 at the Diego Silang Hall of the Provincial Capitol Building, City of San Fernando, La Union.

The award was given as a sign of the province's gratitude for their dedication and selfless service.

The 2016 Ten Outstanding Policemen are PSupt. Emmanuel H. Reyes, under Administrative Management Category; PO1 Crispin Lee G. Macusi, under Traffic Management Category; PCInsp. Meilani R. Ordoño, under Criminalistics Category; PSInsp. Jeofrey E. Sanchez, under Anti-Narcotics Category; SPO2 Augustin W. Bati Jr., under Investigation Category; SPO1 Reynold P. Vinluan, under Human Resource Development Category; SPO1 James M. Castro, under Intelligence Category; PO3 Cristina D. Olay, under Police Community Relations Category; PO2 Jennifer D. Algayan, under Medical Category; and PSupt. Reynante S. Panay, under Special Operations Category.

The awardees were carefully chosen among numerous but equally deserving pool of nominees by the

deserving pool of nominees by the Awards Screening Committee headed by Governor Pacoy.

PCSupt. Gregorio R. Pimentel, the Acting Regional Director of Police Regional Office I and PSSupt. Leo M. Francisco, Acting Provincial Director of La Union Police Provincial Office congratulated the awardees for a job well done and encouraged them to continue to excel in public service. They also enjoined other police officers to emulate the commitment, enthusiasm and dedication of the awardees.

Governor Pacoy in his message underscored the role of the police in preserving peace and order in the province especially with the aggressive war on drugs of the current administration. He likewise reassured that PGLU will always support whatever worthy police programs and undertakings.

Also present during the awarding were Vice Gov. Aureo Augusto Q. Nisce and all Members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan.

This is the 4th year of conferment pursuant to SP Ordinance No. 25-2016. Each of the awardees was given a plaque, token, copy of resolution and Php 5,000 cash incentive. -Jane T. Flores, PhD/Jiroh Marbella



TEAM AMIANAN. From Left to right, Governors Ryan Singson of Ilocos Sur, Imee Marcos of Ilocos Norte and Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III of La Union during the Sulong Pilipinas Local Governance Series Consultation on Peace and Order and Social Development held at Dusit Hotel, Makati City. Photo by: Wendell B. Tangalin

MANDATORY SSS COVERAGE ITI BABASSIT A MANNALON, IPURPURSIGE ITI ABONO

Indasar ti ABONO Party-list iti House Bill No. 2505 nga addaan titulo nga "Establishing Mandatory Coverage in the Social Security System (SSS) of Small Farmers and Farmworkers, Amending for the Purpose Sections 9 (a), 9-A (5) and 10 of Republic Act No. 8282 and Sections 8 (3) and 23 (9) of Republic Act No. 7606, and for other Purposes" idi Agosto 3, 2016 diay Kamara de Representante.

Datoy ti inpak-ammo ni ABONO Party-list Representative Vini Nola A. Ortega idi Joint Distribution of Agricultural Equipment of the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) and ABONO Party-list a naangay idi Setiembre 9, 2016 iti Kapitolio, Ciudad ti San Fernando, La Union. Inbaga ti asawa ni Gob. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III ti La Union nga ti gannu-atda iti Kamara de Representative kaduana ni Conrado M. Estrella III a magibagbagi iti ABONO, ket makatulong a mangparang-ay iti kassaad-panagbiag dagiti babassit a mannalon a manam-nama a makatulong iti programa ni Presidente Rodrigo R. Duterte tapnu agtagi-nayon a dumu-as iti sektor ti agrikultura. Iti agdama, ti Republic Act 8282 a maaw-awagan ti SSS Law ket mangipapaay laeng iti coverage kadagiti indibidual a mannalon. Ti met Republic Act 7607 a maw-awagan iti Magna Carta for Small

Farmers ket mangpal-palawag laeng kadagiti rebbeng dagiti mannalon iti social security. Ti dua a linteg ket saan launay a maisaysay-angkat ken ag-kurkurang tapnu makapaay iti Mandat-ory SSS Coverage para kadagiti babassit a mannalon.

Babaen iti naidasar a bill, dagiti benepisario ket mapili babaen dagiti maireport iti SSS iti City weno Municipal Agricultural Office. Ti 50% ti binulan a premium ket maala iti SSS Subsidy Program, iti nababati a 50% ket aggapu met kadagit Local Government Unit (LGU). Para kadagiti munisipio a maibilbi-lang iti 5th-6th Class, ti umuna a 50% ket aggapu iti nasional a gobierno. Nu dumteng iti maika-11th a tawen, ti benepesario ket isunan ti sumungbat iti 5% a binulan a kuntribusion nga aggapu iti LGU weno nasional a gobierno ken agtuloy a manayunan ti 5% kada sumaruno a tawen. Ag-sardeng laeng ti kontribusion dagiti mannalon nu agarupen 50% iti sungbatanda iti kontribusion. Iti bill ket addan iti House Committee on Government Enterprises and Privatization.

Naragsakan dagiti mannalon ken opisial ti Barangay nga imatendar iti programa ti panagibunong ti aramat a pangtalon iti inwaragawag ni Congresswoman Vini ket kas panagayaman, in-siguradoda ti agtululoy a suportada iti ABONO Party-list.

Dagiti dadduma pay a gannuat ti ABONO Party-list para iti sektor ti agrikultura ket pakabilangan ti House Bill No. 1887 nga addaan titulo nga "An Act Abolishing Irrigation Service Fees and other Related Fees, Amending for the Purpose Republic Act 3601, Presidential Decree Nos. 552 and 1702" nga addan iti House Committee on Agriculture and Food; House Bill No. 2906 nga addaan titulo nga "An Act Requiring the Mandatory Inclusion of Basic Farming and Agricultural Awareness in the Curricula of all Public and Private Elementary Schools throughout the Philippines" nga addan iti House Committee on Education and Culture; ken House Bill No. 3509 nga addaan titulo nga "An Act Providing Alternative Source of Livelihood for Small-Scale Fishermen and Subsistence Fishers in Coastal Communities in the Philippines by Deputizing them as Auxiliary Response Team in Natural and Man-Made Calamities and Disasters" a nakapilan para first reading.

Binigbig ni Gobernador Pacoy dagiti gannuat ti ABONO diay Kamara de Representative a namansan met nga inabagina, gapu ta makatulong dagitoy kadagiti inisiatibona a pagbalinen ti La Union kas Heart of Agro-Tourism of Northern Luzon. -Israel O. Rudio



"FOR THE LOVE OF LA UNION"

Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III together with ABONO Party-list Rep. Vini Nola A. Ortega distributes Oral Hygiene Kits and First Aid Kits to Indigenous People (IPs) people during the IP Caravan held at Sudipen, La Union on November 4, 2016. Photo by: Wendell B. Tangalin



Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III leads Mayors, Philippine National Police Officials, Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency Officials, Punong Barangays and other participants and guests in the pledge of support against illegal drugs during the closing of the La Union Anti-Illegal Drugs Summit held on September 14, 2016 at the Diego Silang Hall of the Provincial Capitol Building in the City of San Fernando, La Union.

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THE LA UNION GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK

With the advent of new administration and the people's clamor for change, the mission of the province become the pursuit of good governance and performance in order to better public services delivered by the Provincial Capitol. In exercising its responsibility to provide leadership, direction and management, the Provincial Government sought to explore the use of new systems and processes that would enable effective and efficient government. The primary mechanisms would be identified

benchmark from which the province seeks to not only meet but exceed compliance requirements. The SGLG will warrant good financial housekeeping, disaster preparedness, social protection for the basic sector, business-friendliness and competitiveness, environmental management, law and order and public safety and will be a strong success indicator of the LGUs concerted efforts towards good governance.

The ISO 9001: 2015 Standards on Quality Management System, ISO 14001:2004 Standards



through a transformative governance framework that would serve as an overarching guide in establishing and achieving the objectives of the province.

Transformational governance is enabled by the establishment and adoption of a clearly defined Governance Framework that shall serve as the foundation for the implementation of all governance processes, tools, programs, projects, initiatives and procedures that will be employed in the operations of the Provincial Government. By virtue of Executive Order no. 01 s. 2016 dated 4th of July 2016, the La Union Provincial Governance Framework was established to solidify its new program of government. The framework outlines the core elements that will ensure real change and true transformation towards good governance in the province.

The framework identifies the prioritization of the Provincial Socio-Economic and Physical Development Framework Plan and the Sustainable Development Goals, which superseded the Millennium Development Goals in 2015, as the highest objectives determining the direction and priorities for the Provincial Government over the long term. There is a need to respond to international commitments, especially the 17 Sustainable Development Goals as these are universal calls to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity. The results of the directive of the framework shall contribute to the achievement of the SDGs. The people and province of La Union must strive to act locally to ensure that we are helping the environment globally.

The Medium Term Socio-Economic Development Plan in consonance with the Executive and Legislative Agenda and the Priority Investment Plans shall be the guide to deliver the Medium-Term Results and Outcomes.

As a annual outcome, the Seal of Good Local Governance of the DILG shall be the standard

on Environmental Management System, ISO 37120: 2014 Indicators for Services and Quality of Life, together with the Citizens Charter, e-Governance and Performance Governance System (PGS) shall be employed in the provincial operations to build on the capacities of the departments by focusing on internal systems improvement, thereby responding to the demands for expanded public service and making indicator management, quality management, strategy management and E-governance integral parts of its services at all levels of the organization and in all phases of its processes. In addition, intergovernmental relations and resource mobilization shall be prioritized in aid of integrated service delivery.

REASON FOR ADOPTING PGS

The Provincial Government of La Union is now a practitioner of the Performance Governance System in partnership with The Institute for Solidarity in Asia (ISA) as made for in the Governor's transformative governance agenda. The ISA is a trailblazer in the positive movement for change and advocates implementation of the Performance Governance System (PGS). The PGS is their flagship program for government reform and encourages institutions and communities to create networks of development-oriented LGUs and organizations who share a common vision of change through transformative good governance. The PGS provides tools, systems and sustainable strategies that are designed to position the Philippines squarely on the path to lasting development.

The PGLU officially adopted the PGS by formalizing a Memorandum of Agreement with the ISA which was signed on August 17, 2016. The MOA defines and outlines the partnership between the Province and ISA and the signing was a landmark event that would drumbeat the transformative change envisioned for the greater good for of the people and province of La Union.

Tourism Week 2016, Sinilebraran ti La Union

Kas panangselebrar ti Tourism Week nga addan tema a "Tourism For All-Promoting Universal Accessibility", ti Probinsial a Gobierno ti La Union ket nagbuangay ti makalawas a Tourism Caravan kadagiti nadumaduma a iskuwelaan ditoy probinsia idi Septiembre 19-23, 2016. Dagiti nakip-artisipar a kolehio ken unibersidad ket ti Lorma Colleges, La Finn's Scholastica, Saint Louis College, Cicosat Colleges, Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University-Mid-La Union Campus (DMMMSU-MLUC), Sea and Sky Colleges ken Union Christian College.

Paset dagiti aktibidades ket seminar panggep ti Agri-tourism a naangay idiy Audio Visual Room ti Lorma Colleges idi Septiembre 19 ken inyuna dagiti tallo a Resource Persons nga isuda Mr. Kenneth De Gracia, a nangipakita dagiti balligi ti Costales Nature Farms; Ni Mr. Avelino A. Lomboy, isu ti Ama ti Philippine Vineyards, inbinglay na no kasano ti estratehia na no apay a nagballigi ti Lomboy Grape Farms, ken ni Mr. Adamor L. Dagang, Provincial Information and Tourism Officer ti nangbinsabinsa ti plano ni Gob. Francisco Emmanuel R. Ortega III a sirmata para iti La Union nga agbalin a sentro ti Agri-Tourism iti Northern Luzon inton 2025.

Ti Tourism Caravan ket pakairamanan ti Tourism Exhibit, Tourism Quiz ken Tourism Standee Making Contests ket naballigi a naisayangkat kadagiti sumaruno nga aldaw. Ti pannakabigbig dagiti nangabak iti Tourism Exhibit Contest ken Tourism Standee Making Contest ket napasamak idiy Bacnotan Honey Center kalpasan iti demonstrasion. Ti DMMMSU-MLUC iti nagkampeon para iti Tourism Exhibit Contest ken Saint Louis College ti nangabak para iti Best Tourism Standee award. Idi Septiembre 23, naigannuat ti "Agri-Tour Your Own Province" ket naangay tapno maadalan dagiti estudianten ken mangisursuro panggep ti adda ken mabigbigbig a tourism sites ditoy La Union. Dagiti sumaganad a lugar ket: Honey Center ken River farm Seafood Restaurant iti Bacnotan, Red Clay Pottery iti San Juan, Abut Bamboo Industry iti San Fernando, Naguilian Basi Processing Center iti Naguilian Ramos Grape Farm iti Bauang.

Ti Provincial Tourism Week Celebration ket tinawen a selselebraran kas panangipateg ti turismo ditoy probinsia. Panggep daytoy a selebrasion a maitukit iti puot dagiti agadadal iti turismo ket instrumento para iti progreso a mangiturong iti napasas nga ebolusion, panagkaykaysa ken pamigbigan iti intero a probinsia.

-Darlene Joy Acosta



Dagiti estudianten manipud iti nadumaduma a kolehio ti La Union a nakipaset iti "Agri-Tour Your Own Province" idi Setiembre 23, 2016 kas sinelebraran ti probinsia ti Tourism Week. - Rinetrato ni: Loren Obillo

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SANGAPULO NGA OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS TI LA UNION NABIGBIG

Pinadayawan ti Gobierno Probinsial ti La Union dagiti napili a sangapulo a naisangsangayan a mangisursuro ti publiko a pagiskuelaan ditoy Probinsia ti La Union babaen ti maysa a seremonia a naangay idi maika-25 ti Oktubre, 2016 idia Diego Silang Hall, Kapitolio, Siudad ti San Fernando, La Union.

Daytoy a pammadayaw ket panangipakita ti naimpusuan a panagyaman ti Probinsia ti La Union kadagiti naisangsangayan a mangisursuro a pudno ti panangserbida ti propesiona ken agserbida met a sarming ti adal, laing ken naindalan nga ug-ugali nga wagas ken inspirasion dagiti agtutubo ken sumarsaruno a henerasion ditoy probinsiatayo.

Dagiti sangapulo a napili ket dimmalaan ti napinget nga ebaluasion a pakairamanan dagiti naisubmitar a nomination book, interbiu, ken on-site a panang-paliw dagiti evaluators.

Ket dagiti napili nga Outstanding Public

School Teachers ti Elementary Category ket isuda Ms. Idelisa A. Dotong ti Tubao Central Elementary School; Ms. Lorena M. Garol ti Aringay Central Elementary School; Ms. Judy G. Munar ti Rosario Integrated School; Mr. Van Borin C. Genrosa ti Payocpoc Este Elementary School-Bauang; Ms. Rosebeth R. Gabay ti La Union Special Education (SPED) Center, Siudad ti San Fernando; kenni Ms. Brenda A. Dela Peña ti Padang Primary School ti San Gabriel. Iti Secondary Level, dagiti napadayawan ket da Ms. Zeny Q. Karganilla ti Bacnotan National High School; Ms. Fatima R. Nana ti San Gabriel Vocational High School; Ms. Brenda E. Padilla ti Special Education (SPED) Center - High School kenni Mr. Rodel D. Balderas, President Elpidio Quirino National High School, Agoo, La Union.

Inbinglay ni Sangguniang Panlalawigan (SP) Member Nancy Corazon M. Bacurnay ti pakasaritaan iti pammadayaw ken linaon ti

Ordinansa Bilang 1-2007 kas mangidadaulo ti Komite ti Education ken Culture idia Sangguniang Panlalawigan.

Kinuna met ni Bise Gob. Aureo Augusto Q. Nisce a dagiti mangisursuro ket "silent heroes" ta isuda ti mangpanpanday kadagiti kapanunutan ken

ugali tapno agdur-as ti biag dagiti tattao a mangbukel ti maysa a komunidad.

Impaganetget met ni Gob. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" Ortega III babaen a napateg ti akem ti edukasion a maysa kadagiti priority pillars ti gobierno probinsial ti La Union. Inpainamnamana ti su-

porta ti administrasiona kadagiti eskuelaan babaen ti panangpondo kadagiti programa ken imprastraktura a panangpatalged ken mangpasayaat iti edukasion ditoy probinsia.

Immay met timmabuno iti seremonia amin nga kameng ti Junta Probinsial

ken pasado Gob. Manuel "Manoling" C. Ortega.

Daytoyen ti maika-walo a tawen a panangited ti pammigbig kadagiti napili a mangisursuro babaen ti DepEd-La Union Division.

-Jiroh Joy D. Marbella



Dagiti Sangapulo a Naisangsangayan a Manursuro ti La Union (makinsango a linia) ken dagiti opisial ti probinsia. (maikadua a linia, agpakannawan) SPM Nancy Corazon M. Bacurnay; Vice-Gov. Aureo Augusto Q. Nisce, former Governor Manuel C. Ortega; Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III, Dr. Emiliana M. Boac, Education Program Supervisor and Chief, School Governance Operations Division, SPM Jonathan Justo A. Orros and SPM Manuel Victor R. Ortega, Jr. (maikatlo a linia, agpakannawan) SPM Francisco Paolo P. Ortega V; SPM Carlo Castor U. Concepcion, SPM Christian I. Rivera, SPM Maria Annabelle S. De Guzman, SPM Ruperto A. Rillera Jr., SPM Francisco C. Ortega, Jr.; SPM Gary N. Pinzon; and SPM Reynaldo M. Mosuela. - Rinetrato ni: Rizalde Buenaventura

11th LA UNION SURFING BREAK PRESENTS: MUSIC CARNIVAL



The 11th La Union Surfing Break (LUSB11) held last October 28-30, 2016 at the shores of Urbiztondo and Quirino-Galongen in San Juan and Bacnotan, La Union, respectively, was a weekend of music, food and surfing. The annual 3-day beach festival was a massive celebration of the beach and surf lifestyle attracting thousands and growing exponentially every year.

This year's event was highlighted by the 3rd Annual Poks Forever National Surfing Competition in honor of the life of the local surfer and global surf phenomenon, Ronie 'Poks' Esquivel. Surfing clinics, organized local tours, a showcase of local products; food and bar crawl and music performances featuring various genres are among the other activities undertaken during the festival. As part of the advocacy of the La Union Surfing Break, festival-goers were immersed into a Pawikan Awareness and Conservation Project which reminded locals and tourists that La Union is an active nesting site for pawikans and it is everyone's responsibility to help protect the fifth longest shoreline in the planet.

On the last day, tourists and partygoers gathered at Quirino-Galongen Beach, another emerging surfing destination in the province. Various activities were conducted simultaneously during the days such as Surfboard Paddle Race, Surfboard Painting Contest, Sand Castle Fun Building Contest and Beach Volleyball Tournament, which were participated in by surfers, individuals, schools and local government units. Sunset to midnight beach party concluded the 3-day festival.

LUSB 11 is a multi-sectoral tourism event jointly organized by the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU), Department of Tourism- Region 1 (DOT-R1), La Union Conventions and Visitors Bureau (LUCVB), La Union Surf Club (LUSC), Municipality of San Juan, Municipality of Bacnotan, Philippine National Police (PNP), Philippine Red Cross- La Union Chapter, and Philippine Coast Guard (PCG). This year's event sponsors were Smart, Globe, NLEX-SCTEX, Nestle, Poro Point Management Corporation (PPMC), La Union Electric Company (LUECO), ABONO PartyList and Hon. Eufanio and Sandra Eriguel. -Darlene Joy V. Acosta