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## LA UNION IS PHILS' 10TH MOST COMPETITIVE PROVINCE



**I LOVE LA UNION.** Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III shows his "I Love La Union" hand sign during the meeting of Senior Transformation Leadership Team on August 8, 2016 at the Diego Silang Hall, Provincial Capitol Building, City of San Fernando, La Union. - Photo by: Wendell B. Tangalin, PITO-La Union

## LU PASSES COUNTRY'S FIRST PPP ORDINANCE

The Sangguniang Panlalawigan (SP) of La Union led by Vice Gov. Aureo Augusto Q. Nisce passed SP Ordinance No. 096-2016 titled "An Act Pursuing a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Approach, providing for the procedure for selecting the private sector proponent and providing appropriations and for other purposes," on July 21, 2016 at the Speaker Pro-Tempore Francisco I. Ortega Provincial Legislative Building and Session Hall, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union.

The "La Union PPP Code" pursues a PPP approach through procedures for selecting the private sector proponent in Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) programs, projects and activities. PPP involves a long-term contract between a public sector authority and a private party, in which the private party provides a public service or project and assumes substantial financial, technical and operational risk in the project. PPPs foster new solutions and bring finance in the government through careful analysis of long-term development objectives and risk allocation, local legislators noted.

Prior to the passage of the ordinance, the PGLU has already entered a number of PPPs. It includes the Dialysis Center at the Bacnotan District Hospital and Euro-med Laboratories Inc. - Hemotek and the medical and skills innovative-sharing between Saint Luke's Medical Center and La Union Medical Center.

In his speech to the

Rotary Club of San Fernando La Union, Inc. on August 2, 2016 at the Oasis Country Resort, City of San Fernando, La Union, Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III congratulated BM Jonathan Justo A. Orros and BM Manuel Victor "Mannix" R. Ortega, Jr. for helping in the enactment of the La Union PPP Code as co-sponsors at the landmark legislation. He also invited the Rotarians to participate in PPPs to foster stronger ties with the PGLU. Among Governor Pacoy's platform on governance is the forging of a PPP for the full development at the San Fernando International Sea Port for full and unabated access in the ingress of essential agricultural inputs and egress of agricultural products of the province.

The Province of La Union headed by Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III ranked number 10 nationwide in the 2016 Cities and Municipalities Competitiveness Index (CMCI) conferred by the National Competitiveness Council (NCC). This was announced during the Regional Competitiveness Committee Summit held on July 14, 2016 at the Philippine International Convention Center, Pasay City.

The efforts in raising the bar for excellence and competitiveness of all Local Government Units (LGUs) in the province paved the way in making the Province of La Union land in rank 10 out of 74 provinces that qualified in the entire country. It is worthy to note that La Union has improved by 2 notches from rank number 12 last year.

This year, after three consecutive years of successful staging of CMCI,

the NCC, through the help of the Regional Competitive Councils (RCCs) was able to cover 110 component cities and out of these component cities, the City of San Fernando ranked No. 17.

They were also able to cover 1, 245 municipalities nationwide wherein Agoo landed in rank 18, Nanguilian in rank number 68, Bauang in rank number 77 and Balaoan in rank number 79.

Based on the framework of the Index, LGUs were ranked on three pillars which are Economic Dynamism, Government Efficiency, and Infrastructure.

The ranks of the LGUs' competitiveness were classified into 4 categories: 3rd-6th Class Municipalities, 1st-2nd Class Municipalities, Component Cities and Highly Urbanized Cities. - Amy S. Bilar, PITO-LU



**INSPECTION OF MALICNAO BRIDGE.** Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III inspects Malicnao Bridge in Rosario, La Union on July 12, 2016. It will be one of the priority projects of the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU). Photo by: Wendell B. Tangalin, PITO-La Union

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*Mensahe ti Gobernador*

Iti nagan ti Editorial Board, agyamanak kadakayo amin patgek nga agay-ayat ti La Union ti panangtedyo iti napateg nga orasyo a mangbasa iti kaunaan a tabloid wenno warnakan ti Baro A Timek ti Kapitolio.

Addaan ti Baro a Timek ti Kapitolio ti napigsa ken napuan namnama a mangipaay ken agserbi ti pudno a serbisio publiko. Daytoy ti "timek" dagiti nasurok sangaribu a kameng ti Probinsial a Gobierno ti La Union (PGLU). Kayatmi nga ipakaammo kadakayo nga adda dagiti baro a programa ken pamay-an ti PGLU tapno agtultuloy ti napardas a panagdur-as ti probinsia ken kailian.

Dagitoy ti gapuna a sinabalianmi ti porma ti Baro a Timek ti Kapitolio nga opisial a newsletter ti PGLU iti tabloid. Nalaklaka ken ad-ado ti malaonna a damag ken ladawan ket manamnama a manayunan pay dagiti agbas-basa a maikkan iti bukodda a kopia. Alaek met daytoy nga gundaway tapno ipakaammo nga aniaman a kapannunotan wenno komentario kadagiti mabasayo, maragsakanak no idanonyo koma iti opisial a Facebook Account ti La Union Information and Tourism (<https://www.facebook.com/pitolaunion>). Agtintinulong tayo koma para iti naunday a kappia, ragsak ken nam-ay ti biag tayo amin a sangapada.

Dios ti agngina.

Agay-ayat kadakayo amin,

FRANCISCO EMMANUEL "PACOY" R. ORTEGA III  
Gobernador



## Governor Pacoy Rallies LU Punong Barangays to Transformative Governance

Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III urged the Liga ng mga Barangay-La Union Chapter to embrace his advocacy on Transformative Governance during the second day of its General Assembly Cum Barangay Performance Evaluation held on August 24, 2016 at Hotel Supreme, Baguio City.

Governor Pacoy said that change has come with the advent of President Rodrigo R. Duterte's strong political will to fight crimes especially illegal drugs and graft and corruption which jives on his local governance strategy for La Union. He stressed that Barangay Leaders play a critical role in the success of provincial and national development agenda being the front liners of public service in the grassroots level. Their support determines the overall success of programs, projects and activities of higher local government units and the national government.

The eldest son of former Governor Manuel "Manoling" C. Ortega

also took the opportunity to thank the Barangay Leaders for their support for a clean and honest 2016 local and national elections which paved the way to his victory. He also thanked them for their overwhelming support to the ABONO Party-list which he once represented and now represented by his wife, Cong. Vini Nola A. Ortega. He assured them of more support to the barangays with the combined efforts of the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) and the ABONO Party-list.

In return, the Liga ng mga Barangay-La Union Chapter led by its President, Sangguniang Panlalawigan Ex-Officio Member Manuel Victor "Mannix" R. Ortega, Jr., presented Governor Pacoy with a symbolic pledge of support for his administration signed by barangay leaders. A similar pledge of support was also signed by the village executives for the administration of President Duterte. - Israel O. Rudio, PITO-LU



**A SEA OF LOVE FOR LA UNION.** Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III (6th from right, front row) leads Barangay Officials of La Union in showing the iconic "I Love La Union" sign during the second day of the General Assembly Cum Barangay Performance Evaluation of the Liga ng mga Barangay-La Union Chapter held on August 24, 2016 at Hotel Supreme, Baguio City. Joining him at the front row are Liga President and Sangguniang Panlalawigan Ex-Officio Member Manuel Victor "Mannix" R. Ortega, Jr. and Liga Vice President and Agoo Sangguniang Bayan Ex-Officio Member Erwina Eriguel (4th and 5th from right, respectively). Photo by: Wendell B. Tangalin, PITO-LU

## CCTV ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTED IN LA UNION

The installation and operation of Closed-Circuit Televisions (CCTV) is now mandatory to all government facilities and agencies, schools and business establishments in La Union by virtue of Sangguniang Panlalawigan (SP) Ordinance No. 083-2016 dubbed as the "Provincial CCTV Ordinance."

It is one of the solid measures of the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) against crime and other unruly elements and aims to maintain peace, order and security in the province. It will also hasten crime investigation and solution since video recording can aid evidence to solve crimes.

Business establishments will not be able to apply for new or renew business permits without the CCTV system that will meet the minimum technological specification and which is mandatory to operate 24/7. Establishments shall be given six months from date of effectivity to comply. Owners are also advised to install their cameras at a secured location with a maximum area of coverage of the establishment's business activity.

A provincial monitoring and inspection team was also created to ensure full compliance of all covered establishments in the said ordinance. It is headed by the SP Chairperson on Peace and Order, BM Reynaldo Mosuela.

The team shall map every camera designated in every critical area and shall regularly check the same every six months. It also includes BM Jonathan Justo Orros as the Committee Chair on Information and Communication Technology; BM Ruperto Rillera, Jr. as the Committee Chair on Health and Sanitation and Population Control; BM Bellarmin Flores II as the Committee Chair on Social Services, Women and Family Welfare and Development and Responsible Parenthood and Poverty Alleviation; and La Union Police Provincial Office Director PSSupt. Leo M. Francisco.

The strict implementation of the Ordinance is expected through the cooperation of the 19 municipal and one city Permits and Licensing Offices in La Union and their respective City/Municipal Police Offices. -Joanna Guerrero, PITO La Union

## PERFORMANCE GOVERNANCE SYSTEM MAIMPLEMENTAR

Inbutaktak ni Gob. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III a nakasaganan ti Probinsial a Gobierno ti La Union (PGLU) iti panakaimplementar ti Performance Governance System (PGS) ti Probinsia.

Nagbalin nga opisial daytoy iti panakapirma ti Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) ti PGLU nga inrepresentar ni Gobernador Pacoy ken ti Institute for Solidarity in Asia (ISA) nga inbagi ni Atty. Alexander L. Lacson, Chief Executive Officer ti ISA idi Agosto 17, 2016 iti Diego Silang Hall ti Kapitolio, Siudad ti San Fernando, La Union.

Nakasentro iti aliansa iti gagar ti PGLU ken ISA ti panagbaliw saan laeng iti go-bierno ngem ti tunggal

maysa a Pilipino kinunani Gobernador Pacoy kas pinatalgedanna ti nasao a panagbunggoy. Ingunamgunamna pay ti kinapateg ti panagkaykaysa ti amin tapno iti bassit a gannuat ket mabalin nga agbunga ti nasayaat a gobierno.

Nailanad iti MOA nga umanamong ti PGLU iti panangibaet ti ISA tapno mapabileg ti sistema ti gobierno iti probinsia kas panakaimplementar ti PGS, maysa nga alikamen ti tarawidwid para ti lokal a gobierno, sociedad publiko ken pribado a sektor a mangpasayaat ti panangiyawat ti serbisio ken ti panagbiag ti komunidad.

Kas panangipakita ti suportada ti programa, immatendar met da Bise-Gob. Aureo Augusto Q.

Nisce, SPM Francisco "Kit" Ortega Jr., SPM Reynaldo Mosuela, Philippine Councilors' League President Paolo Ortega V ken PCL Vice-President Teresita O. Garcia a nagapo ti sektor ti lehislatibo.

Kas nangibagi iti gabinete ti Gobernador, pinadayawan met ni Provincial Administrator Dr. Geoffrey S. Tilan ti nasao a MOA a mangbigbig iti panagbaliw a resulta ti panagkakadua ken masapul nga umuna a maipakita dagiti lider.

Ti ISA ket maysa a non-stock, non-profit a korporasion a naorganisa babaen dagiti nadumaduma a linteg a mangtartarigagay ti pagilian a saggaysa a mangrugi kadagiti lokal a gobierno. -Joanna Guerrero, PITO-LU

## PGLU Pinadayawan ti DA kas Rice Achiever

Ti Probinsial a Gobierno ti La Union (PGLU) nga idadauloan ni Gob. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III, ket immawat ti Plaque of Appreciation ken tseke nga agbalar Php 500,000 kas maysa kadagiti Outstanding Provinces kabayatan ti 2015 Agri-Rice Achievers Awards (ARAA) nga inted ti Department of Agriculture (DA) idi Hulo, 28, 2016 idaiy Opisina ti Gobernador (OPG), Kapitolio Probinsial, Siudad ti San Fernando, La Union.

Segun kada Provincial Agriculturist (PA) Imelda Sannadan ken La Union Rice Banner Program Coordinator Myrna Picazo, ti pamadayaw ket naibasar iti nangato a produksion ken apit ti bagas idi 2015 nga agarop 4.50 mt/ha. Ti balligi ket bunga ti panagtitinnulong dagiti mannalon ti probinsia; dagiti 19 a

munisipio ken ti maysa a siudad ti La Union; ken iti DA.

Ti pamadayaw ket mangpatalged kadagiti suporta ti PGLU iti agrikultura baben ti panangipaay ti naduma-duma nga interbension kas iti seed subsidy; panangiwaras ti makina a pangtalon ken ramit; ayuda ti organic nga abono; post harvest facilities; rehabilitasion ti irigasion; ken panagsanay dagiti mannalon.

Ti ARAA ket naiyalnag idi 2011 ken tinawen a tipon ti DA-National Rice program tapno maparigta ti partisipasion dagiti amin a lokal a gobierno ken dagiti dadduma pay a kaginongan iti produksion ti bagas ken tapno mataginayon ti puot, suporta ken komitment tapno magaw-arda ti umanay a taraon.

-Amy S. Bilar, PITO La Union



**RICE ACHIEVER.** Inawat ni Gob. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III (maikapat manipud kannigid) ti Plaque of Appreciation ken tseke nga agbalar Php 500,000 manipud kenni Ms. Eunice Biblanias (maikatlo manipud kannigid) ti DA-Region 1 para iti Probinsia ti La Union kas maysa kadagiti Outstanding Province kabayatan 2015 Agri-Rice Achievers Awards babaen ti Department of Agriculture idi Hulo 28, 2016 iti Kapitolio Probinsial, Siudad ti San Fernando, La Union iti kaadada ti representatives ti DA ken dagiti opisial ti probinsial a gobierno. - Ladawan nga inalaan ni: Wendell Tangalin, PITO-La Union

## PACOY TO FOCUS ON AGRI-TOURISM ADVOCACY

Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega envisions La Union to be The Heart of Agri-tourism in Northern Luzon in 2025. He reiterated this vision during his interview in the "Baro a Timek ti Kapitolio" Radio Program held at the Provincial Capitol, San Fernando City, La Union and aired over DZNL Aksyon Radyo on July 29, 2016.

"We have to be aggressive with our programs," Governor Pacoy said when he was asked how he plans to cope with our losses in the previous year in terms of agriculture due to the typhoons and the extended El Nino. He announced that despite the losses, La Union was still recognized as 105% Rice Sufficient by the Department of Agriculture and was awarded with P500,000 worth of fund for agricultural projects.

His administration plans to im-

prove infrastructures that will make tourism sites in the province more accessible. He added that he already issued a directive to the La Union Information and Tourism Office to prepare various farm tourism packages and he wanted himself together with the capitol employees to be the first to experience the same. He believes that there are potential sites for agri-tourism that need to be discovered and developed.

"I don't feel any pressure at all. I am actually excited," Governor Pacoy answered when asked if he feels pressured because his predecessor, former Gov. Manuel C. Ortega is a multi-awarded leader of the province. He shared that his dad continues to be his inspiration in good governance.

-Joanna C. Guerrero, PITO-La Union





**FOR PEACE & ORDER.** Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III (right) shares his plan with Philippine National Police Region 1 Acting Director PCSUPT Gregorio R. Pimentel during the latter's courtesy call at the Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union on July 22, 2016.  
- Photo by: Wendell B. Tangalin, PITO-La Union



Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III gives financial assistance for medication to an elderly and 49 others under the Enhanced AGE (Access to Golden Existence) program of PGLU on August 2, 2016 at the Provincial Capitol Building, City of San Fernando, La Union.  
Photo by: Sonny A. Buenaventura, PITO-La Union



Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III enjoins business and civic groups to be active & strong partners of the Provincial Government in optimizing potentials of La Union through Transformative Governance as he addresses the Rotary Club of San Fernando, La Union Inc. on August 8, 2016 at Oasis Country Resort, San Fernando City, La Union.



**TRUE TO LIFE HEROES.** Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III delivers his message during the Culminating Program of Blood Donors' Month and Awarding Ceremony on July 28, 2016 at the Diego Silang Hall, Provincial Capitol Building, City of San Fernando, La Union. He commended the "brave blood donors" whom he called "true to life donors" and encouraged them "to continue to give life to the people of La Union." Photo by: Abraham N. Bautista, PITO-La Union



Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III and Rep. Vini Nola A. Ortega of ABONO Partylist (center) visit the Pediatric Ward of Caba Medicare & Community Hospital (CMCH), Caba, La Union prior to the meeting of the Provincial Health Board in the afternoon of July 29, 2016.



PGS MOA SIGNING. Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" Ortega III and Chief Executive Officer of the Institute of Solidarity in Asia (ISA), Atty. Alexander Lacson (seated 3rd and 2nd from left) sign the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) and ISA adapting the Performance Governance System (PGS) in the Province of La Union this on (August 17, 2016), at the Diego Silang Hall, Capitol Bldg., City of San Fernando La Union. Also in the picture to witness the event are ISA Program Coordinator for Local Government Units Mr. Luis Martinez (seated 1st from left), Vice-Gov. Aureo Augusto Q. Nisce (seated 4th from left), Members of the Governor's Cabinet and Sangguniang Panlalawigan. Photo by: Rizalde R. Buenaventura, PITO-LU



Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III (Right) receives the Certificate of Appreciation and token presented by Department of Social Welfare and Development Region 1 Dir. Marcelo Nicomedes J. Castillo (left) and Office of Civil Defense Region 1 Dir. Melchito M. Castro (2nd from left) for being the Guest of Honor and Speaker during the National Disaster Consciousness Month Culminating Activity held on July 29, 2016 at Hotel Ariana, Bauang, La Union.  
Photo by: Wendell Tangalin, PITO-LU



Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega (2nd from left) discusses plans to improve school facilities and to further capacitate personnel with San Juan Mayor Arturo P. Valdriz, Dr. Rowena C. Banzon, Schools Division Superintendent of La Union, and Mr. Reed Delena, Public Schools District Supervisor of San Juan, La Union (3rd, 1st & 4th from left), after the reorganizational meeting of the Provincial School Board (PSB) on July 28, 2016 at San Juan Elementary School, San Juan, La Union.

## Governor's Diary

- JULY 1 -LAUNCHING OF 2016 REGIONAL NUTRITION MONTH, San Gabriel, La Union  
JULY 4 -PGLU FIRST MONDAY FLAG RAISING CEREMONY, Provincial Capitol, San Fernando City, LU  
-FIRST CABINET MEETING WITH DEP. HEADS, ASSISTANTS, AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS, Provincial Capitol  
-OATH TAKING CEREMONY OF SANTOL ELECTED OFFICIALS, Santol, La Union  
-COURTESY CALL, COMELEC RO-1  
JULY 5 -ROTARY CLUB OF SAN FERNANDO 58TH INDUCTION CEREMONIES, Bauang, La Union  
-COURTESY CALL DMMMSU, -Dr. Benjamin Sapitula, President  
-COURTESY CALL COA, BARANGAY CAPTAINS OF SAN JUAN  
JULY 7 -TRANSITION PLANNING FOR CITY OFFICIALS OF BAGUIO CITY, San Fernando City, La Union  
-COURTESY CALL Bureau of Fire and Protection City, Provincial and Regional Fire Departments  
-COURTESY CALL Municipal Officials of Sudipen, Naguilan Barangay Captains, Philippine Trial Judges League  
-COURTESY CALL Naval Forces Northern Luzon Capt. Eric Kagoan (Commander), Capt. Nichols Driz (Deputy Commander)  
-COURTESY CALL Canaoay Barangay Council, Former Pugo Mayor Orly Balloquing, Dep-Ed Regional Office I  
JULY 11 -FIRST REGULAR CABINET MEETING (PRESIDING OFFICER), Provincial Capitol  
-COURTESY CALL PNP - San Fernando Police Station  
JULY 12 -INAUGURATION OF CARANUAN EAST CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER, Rosario, La Union  
-INSPECTION OF MALICNAO BRIDGE, Rosario, La Union  
-DISTRIBUTION OF CHECKS TO RECIPIENTS OF AGE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, Provincial Capitol  
-PRESENTATION OF CCTV SYSTEM BY ELECTRO SYSTEM (Willie Ng), Provincial Capitol  
-INDUCTION OF LUUVV OFFICERS, Provincial Capitol  
-COURTESY CALL Provincial Prosecutors of La Union  
-COURTESY CALLMga Kapitan ng Sudad ng San Fernando  
JULY 13 -PERFORMANCE EVALUATION AND TARGET SETTING WORKSHOP CY 2016, Provincial Capitol  
-PRESENTATION OF PRIMEWATER AND METRO LA UNION WATER DISTRICT, Provincial Capitol  
JULY 14 -SOCIAL HEALTH INSURANCE FORUM OPENING PROGRAM, Prov. Capitol  
-SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN 2ND REGULAR SESSION (Guest), SP Legislative Building, CSF, La Union  
JULY 15 -1st LA UNION ANTI-DRUG ABUSE COUNCIL CONFERENCE, Brgy. Carlatan, CSF, La Union  
-DISTRIBUTION OF CHECKS FOR AGE BENEFICIARIES, Prov. Capitol, CSF  
JULY 18 -TRAINING ON NUTRITION IN EMERGENCIES (MESSAGE), San Fernando City, La Union  
JULY 19 -CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY OF PNP REGIONAL DIRECTOR, Parian, CSF  
JULY 21 -DISTRIBUTION OF APPROVED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE CHECKS, Prov. Capitol, CSF, La Union  
JULY 22 -VISIT TO ROSARIO DISTRICT HOSPITAL, Rosario, La Union  
JULY 24 -1ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2016-2019 (LEAGUE OF PROVINCES OF THE PHILIPPINES), Pasay City  
-STATE OF THE NATION ADDRESS (SONA) OF THE PRESIDENT, House of Representatives, Manila  
JULY 25 -PROVINCIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING AND REORGANIZATION (CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD), San Juan, La Union  
-PRESENTATION OF CHECK BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE-MANILA TO THE PGLU AS RICE ACHIEVER AWARDEE - OPG, CSF, La Union  
JULY 29 -BLOOD DONORS MONTH CULMINATING PROGRAM, Provincial Capitol  
-ASSOCIATION OF REGIONAL EXECUTIVES GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND INDUCTION PROGRAM, Prov. Capitol  
-MEET AND GREET WITH LA UNION MEDICAL CENTER EMPLOYEES, Agoo, La Union  
-128TH LUMC BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING AND OATH TAKING, Agoo, La Union  
-PROVINCIAL HEALTH BOARD MEETING AND HOSPITAL VISIT TO CMCH, Caba, La Union  
-NATIONAL DISASTER CONSCIOUSNESS MONTH CELEBRATION OF THE OFFICE OF THE CIVIL DEFENSE, Bauang, La Union  
AUG. 1 -BARO A TIMEK ITI KAPITOLIO RADIO PROGRAM, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union  
-FLAG RAISING CEREMONY FOLLOWED BY CABINET PROGRAM, Provincial Capitol  
-CABINET MEETING, Diego Silang Hall, Provincial Capitol  
-COURTESY CALL/PRESENTATION JORDAL, PARIAN BRGY. COUNCIL, LUHERRA, Nicky Valero San Juan Resort Project  
-COURTESY CALL DMMMSU-MLUC CHANCELLOR PULITO NISPEROS  
-ORIENTATION OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS ON PHILIPPINE RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, Prov. Capitol  
AUG. 2 -ROTARY SAN FERNANDO REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING, San Fernando City, La Union  
-DISTRIBUTION OF CHECKS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, Provincial Capitol  
-PRODUCT PRESENTATION GUMEX CORP., Provincial Capitol  
-COURTESY CALL NATIONAL IRRIGATION ADMINISTRATION ENGR. GAUDENCIO DE VERA  
-COURTESY CALL Pag-IBIG FUND  
AUG. 3 -PRODUCT PRESENTATION FIBER OPTIC, Provincial Capitol  
-COURTESY CALL DOST Engr. William B. Roxas, PHILIPPINE AIR FORCE Group Commander Lt. Col. Antonio Onedua Deputy Lt. Col. Gerry Paneda  
AUG. 6 -INNER WHEEL CLUBS OF THE PHILIPPINES, INC. DISTRICT 379 INDUCTION CEREMONIES, San Fernando City, LU  
AUG. 8 -COURTESY CALL LGU-SAN JUAN  
AUG. 9 -STLT MEETING, Provincial Capitol  
-COURTESY CALL R-1 Commissioner Pastor Robert Alfredo  
-COURTESY CALL NATIONAL GRID CORP. OF THE PHILIPPINES  
AUG. 10 -PRODUCT DEMO PLDT, Provincial Capitol  
-(Closing Message) LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR PGLU SUPERVISORS, Provincial Capitol  
-Courtesy call 1590  
-PDEA COURTESY CALL Reg. Dir. Geoffrey C. Pacio  
AUG. 11 -PAY-OUT FOR ABONO FINANCIAL AND BURIAL ASSISTANCE, San Fernando City, La Union  
-ZUELLIG FAMILY FOUNDATION, Provincial Capitol  
-COURTESY CALL Philippine Navy, Capt. Buscit - Navy Doctor, Capt. Recupero - Navy Nurse  
-COURTESY CALL SP PAOLO ORTEGA  
-COURTESY CALL National Police Commission Dir. Evangeline Almirante  
-COURTESY CALL COMELEC-LA UNION Atty. Joel Gines, Provincial Election Supervisor  
AUG. 12 -PHIL. COUNCILORS LEAGUE PROVINCIAL FEDERATION AND LA UNION ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND OATH TAKING, Provincial Capitol  
-PAY-OUT FOR ABONO FINANCIAL AND BURIAL ASSISTANCE, San Fernando City, La Union  
-(Closing Message) LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR PGLU SUPERVISORS, Provincial Capitol  
-Courtesy Call DOST  
-COURTESY CALL PAGE (Phil. Asso. For Grad. Educ)  
AUG. 13 -BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT INTER-ZONE 2016, San Fernando City, La Union  
AUG. 15 -UNVEILING AND BLESSING OF THE LIFE-SIZED STATUE OF DON JOAQUIN ORTEGA, San Fernando City, La Union  
-COURTESY CALL OWWA SERGIO B. BORGUETTA, JR. - IOC  
-Courtesy Call POPCOM  
AUG. 16 -SSS-Agao Courtesy call  
-Courtesy Call Philippine Coast Guard  
AUG. 17 -PGS MOA SIGNING, Provincial Capitol  
-JOINT MASS OATH-TAKING OF DMMMSU-FAD AND NTA OFFICERS, San Fernando City, La Union  
-COURTESY CALL NEDA REGIONAL DEV'T COUNCIL, Regional Directors of NEDA, DA, DSWD, DPWH, DENR, DILG and Judge Costales  
AUG. 18 -PORTASOL DISTRIBUTION, (Sudipen, Bangar, Balaoan, Santol), La Union  
-WORK AND FINANCIAL PLAN PRESENTATION TO PARTNER LGUS OF LA UNION, Provincial Capitol  
-COURTESY CALL San Francisco Brgy. Council  
-COURTESY CALL AND OATH-TAKING ASTG-LU  
AUG. 19 -PORTASOL DISTRIBUTION, (Luna, Bacnotan, San Gabriel, San Juan), La Union  
AUG. 22 -CONFERENCE WITH VIVANT, Provincial Capitol  
-SPECIAL REGIONAL PEACE AND ORDER COUNCIL MEETING, San Fernando City, La Union  
-PAFC Oath-Taking, Provincial Capitol  
-Courtesy Call NFA  
AUG. 23 -VICE-MAYOR'S LEAGUE ELECTION, Provincial Capitol  
-1ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY CUM BRGY. PERFORMANCE EVALUATION, Bagui City  
AUG. 24 -DICT ORIENTATION (Free Wifi), Provincial Capitol  
AUG. 25 -PORTASOL DISTRIBUTION, San Fernando City, La Union  
AUG. 26 -14TH FOUNDATION DAY OF SAN JUAN NHS, San Juan, La Union  
-PORTASOL DISTRIBUTION, (Rosario, Sto. Tomas, Pugo, Tubao), La Union  
-16TH REGIONAL TECHNICAL CONFERENCE OF PHIL. INSTITUTE OF CIVIL ENGINEERS, INC., Bauang, La Union  
AUG. 27 -INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S WEEK 2016 UBAYA FESTIVAL, Burgos, La Union  
AUG. 30 -COURTESY CALL Phil. Statistics Authority Provincial and Regional Office, Ms. Danites Tefido

## ADBOKASIA TI ABONO PAKIREDEN NI CONGRESSWOMAN VINI



Abono Party-List Representative Vini Nola A. Ortega (3rd from left) shares her advocacies and programs for farmers and fisherfolk of La Union during the "Baro a Timek iti Kapitolio" radio program on July 29, 2016 at the Office of the Provincial Governor, Capitol Building, City of San Fernando, La Union. To her right is Gov. Francisco Emmanuel R. Ortega III who also explained his Transformative Governance agenda. Also in the photo are (L-R) are Provincial Information and Tourism Officer, Adamor L. Dagang, Mr. Ruben C. Ballesteros and Ms. Milagros L. Abuan of DZNL. - Photo by: Wendell B. Tangalin, PITO-La Union

Pakireden ni ABONO Party-List Representative Vini Nola A. Ortega dagiti adbokasia ken planona para kadagiti mannalon ken mangngalap ti La Union. Daytoy ti insiguradona iti "Baro a Timek iti Kapitolio" a programa ti radio a nangngegan ti Aksyon Radyo DZNL idi Hulo 29, 2016 manipud iti opisina ti Probin-sial a Gobernador, Kapitolio, Ciudad ti San Fernando, La Union.

Ingaba ni Representative Ortega a kas maysa a mangibag-bagi ti Party-List, gandatna a makaaramid iti paglengtan para kadagiti mannalon ken mangngalap tapno mapapintas ken sumayaat ti biagda. Inwaragawagna nga addan inpasana a tallo a bill idia kongreso ket maysa a katinnulongna pay ni Cong. Conrado Estrella, umuna a representante ti ABONO Party-List. Karaman ditoy iti pangipaay ti libre nga irigasion para kadagiti mannalon; mangipatakder ti pagadalan ti mannalon ken nayon a paggapuan ti danum para kadagiti mannalon a pakabilangan dagiti

water basin.

Naibaga pay ni Deputado Vini ti suportana kenni La Union Vibrant Women, Inc. Chair Madam Geraldine R. Ortega a katuganganna, ti mangidaulo ti organisasion a mangpadur-as kadagiti sirmata ken pagsayaatan dagiti babae. "Kasapulan a manayunan pay ti puso ti panagtulong," kinunana kas ituloyna dagiti nairugi ti asawana a ni Gob. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III a dati nga ABONO Party-list Representative. Tapno umasideg kadagiti tattao, kayatna nga isuna mision ti mangited ti medical ken burial assistance dagiti tapno maam-ammoana isuda. Imbagana pay a nangitedda ti pondo idia Ilocos Training and Regional Medical Center (ITRMC) a mausar para ti medical assistance dagiti napanglaw a saan a makabayad. Kasapulan laeng a mangiparangda kadagiti requirements tapno mapasingked ti kinapanglawda.

-Dunkin Lee Gaerlan, PITO La Union



Ibunbunong da Gob. Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III ken kapi si pusona a ni ABONO Party-list Representative Vini Nola A. Ortega dagiti makinaria a pagtalon manipud iti Probin-sial a Gobierno ti La Union (PGLU) ken ABONO Partylist iti maysa a mannalon iti Sudipen, La Union idi Agosto 18, 2016 iti Gymnasium ti munisipio. Adda met iti retrato ni Bise-Mayor Edwin Belisoa (Kannawan). Idi met lang nga aldaw, nangiwaras met laeng ti agassawa ti kapada a makinaria kadagiti ili ti Santol, Balaoan, ken Bangar.  
Photo by: Wendell B. Tangalin, PITO-LU



## PGLU TURNS OVER FIVE SCHOOL BUILDINGS TO DEPED-LA UNION

Before the term of Governor Manuel C. Ortega concluded on June 30, 2016, Provincial School Board (PSB) of the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) turned over five school buildings that were constructed and funded under the Special Education Fund (SEF) to the Department of Education (DepEd) -La Union in a fitting Turnover Ceremonies held on June 27, 2016 at the Diego Silang Hall, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union.

Deed of Donations were signed by the Governor and the heads of the recipient schools and witnessed by Schools Division Superintendent Dr. Rowena C. Banzon; Board Members Francisco "Kit" C. Ortega, Jr., Nancy Corazon M. Bacurnay and Ruperto A. Rillera, Jr.; and Provincial Administrator Geoffrey S. Tilan. Markers to be installed on the buildings were also turned-over.

Dr. Banzon, thanked the PGLU for the "Gift of Love" rendered to the Division Office of La Union, as she led the teachers in singing "Thank You" to the provincial officials led by Governor Ortega.

The beneficiaries of said school buildings are La Union Special School for Culture and Arts in Santol, La Union; Cabaroan Integrated School and Fernando Elementary School in Sto. Tomas, La Union; Sta. Lucia Elementary School in Aringay, La Union; and Naguilian Central School in Naguilian, La Union.

The event was attended by present and past members of the Provincial School Board (PSB), the Federated Parent-Teachers Association (PTA) presidents of the different municipalities of La Union and the school heads and teachers of the five beneficiary-schools. - Editha A. Cardenas, Governor's Press Corps

## LA UNION IMPLEMENTS FRIDAY AS PLASTIC STRAW HOLIDAY

Friday is now Plastic Drinking Straw Holiday in the Province of La Union. Through the leadership of Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III together with the Sangguniang Panlalawigan (SP) led by Vice Gov. Aureo Augusto Q. Nisce, the Provincial Government aims to intensify its pollution reduction efforts by regulating the use of plastic straws with the passing of Ordinance No. 094-2016 also known as the Plastic-Drinking-Straw Holiday Ordinance.

BM Nancy Corazon M. Bacurnay authored the Ordinance in accordance with the responsibility of the local government to protect and advance the right of the people to a healthy environment.

The holiday shall be implemented every Friday in all food stores and establishments in the province of La Union.

Violating this ordinance may penalize the business operator or proprietor as well as the customer. For the business operator or proprietor, a fine of P 2,000.00 will be imposed for the 1st offense, P 3,000.00 for the 2nd offense, and P 5,000.00 or imprisonment of not more than a year or both depending on the discretion of the court for the 3rd and succeeding offenses. For the customer or in-diner, a fine of P 1,000.00 will be imposed for the 1st offense, P 2,000.00 for the 2nd offense, and for the 3rd and succeeding offenses, P 5,000.00 or imprisonment of not more than a year or both depending on the discretion of the court.

However, drinks that may not be consumed without a straw such as, but not limited to, shakes or milk teas are exempted from the ordinance. - Marcel Florentino, PITO

## GOV. PACOY ADMINISTERS OATH OF NEW PCL-LA UNION OFFICIALS

Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III inducted the newly-elected officials of the Philippine Councilors' League (PCL)-Provincial Federation of La Union on August 12, 2016 at the Diego Silang Hall, Provincial Capitol Building, City of San Fernando, La Union.

The election was done on the same day and Hon. Francisco Paolo P. Ortega V of the City of San Fernando emerged as the unopposed winner for the Presidency. Other elected leaders were Councilors Teresita O. Garcia of Aringay as Vice-President; Maria Rosario Eufrosina P. Nisce of the City of San Fernando as Secretary General; Violeta L. Balbin of Agoo as Treasurer; Nicky A. Oller of Tubao as Auditor; Miguel Corleone B. Magsaysay of San Juan as P.R.O; Michael M. Viray of Bangar as Business Manager; Rachel N. Pinzon of Luna, Editha Millares of Santol, Juvenal Basallo of Pugo, Isagani L. Dumaoang of San Gabriel, Melvin Macusi of Sudipen, Danilo

Soriano of Naguilian, Reynaldo Cabico of Santo Tomas and Bonifacio Malinao Jr. of Bauang as the Eight Federation Directors.

"I shall consider you my partners as we all together say 'I Love La Union and everything that I do is for the love of La Union,'" this resounded in the hall as Governor Pacoy invited the members of PCL-La Union for a collaboration towards quality public service for the people of the province. Governor Pacoy also conveyed his warm and best wishes to the newly-elected officers and expressed his support to the same.

Also present to show their support to the organization were La Union 1st District Cong. Pablo C. Ortega, ABONO Party-list Rep. Vini Nola A. Ortega, Vice-Gov Aureo Augusto Q. Nisce, BM Annabelle De Guzman and National PCL Exec. Vice-Pres. Benito J. Brizuela of Lucena City.

- Joanna C. Guerrero, PITO La Union



**PCL Officers.** Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III (left) administers the oath of office of the newly-elected officers of the Philippine Councilors' League (PCL)-Provincial Federation of La Union headed by Councilor Francisco Paolo P. Ortega V as President (2nd from left) held on August 12, 2016 at the Diego Silang Hall of the Provincial Capitol Building, City of San Fernando, La Union. Photo by Sonny Buenaventura, PITO-La Union

## VM ALF ELECTED AS PRESIDENT OF THE VMLP LA UNION CHAPTER

For the 2016-2019 term, City of San Fernando VM Alfredo Pablo "Alf" R. Ortega was elected as President of the Vice Mayors' League of the Philippines (VMLP)-La Union Chapter on August 23, 2016 at the Diego Silang Hall, Provincial Capitol Building, City of San Fernando. He succeeded Naguilian VM Abraham P. Rimando, who now serves as the Chapter Vice President.

The other elected officers were Vice Mayors Allan S. Sabangan of Rosario, Secretary General; Romeo L. Resurreccion of Luna, Treasurer; Jacquelyn Y. Chan of Aringay, Auditor; Michael Antonio A. Magsaysay of San Juan, PRO; Henry B. Balbin of

Agoo, Mauricio P. Canutab of San Gabriel, Isidro G. Dacpano of Pugo, and Floresto C. Sayangda of Santol, Board of Directors. The election was facilitated by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) - Provincial Office headed by OIC-DIR. Roger P. Daquiaoag.

Vice Mayor Ortega congratulated and thanked his fellow officers and Vice Mayors. He emphasized the need to strengthen the bonds between the members of the league and highlighted the importance of non-partisanship to achieve unity for the development of the Province of La Union.

Governor Pacoy

administered the oath of the newly-elected officers. In his closing message, he quoted President Rodrigo R. Duterte on change that if it is to be permanent and significant, it must start with us and in us. He imparted his unending love for the province and pledged his commitment towards transformative governance for La Union. He also enjoined the support of the Vice Mayors to his vision of establishing the province as an agri-tourism beacon in Northern Luzon. The Governor concluded his message by congratulating the new set of officers and strongly reassuring them of his full support. - Marcel A. Florentino, PITO-LU



Hon. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III administers the oath of office of the newly-elected officers of the Vice-Mayors' League of the Philippines-La Union Chapter, headed by Vice Mayor Alfred R. Ortega of San Fernando as President (2nd from left). - Photo by: Rizalde A. Buenaventura, PITO-LU

## LU, MANGIPATAKDER TI PAGADALAN TEKNIKAL/BOKASIONAL

Tapno mapaado ti pagbirukan dagiti umili, ti Probinsial a Gobierno ti La Union (PGLU) nga idadauloan ni Gob. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III, babaen ti Sangguniang Panlalawigan (SP) nga imatmatonan ni Bise-Gob. Aureo Augusto Q. Nisce ket mangipatakder ti saggaysa a pagadalan iti tunggal distrito ti La Union babaen ti SP Ordinance No. 087-2016 a maawagan ti La Union Technical/Vocational Schools Act of 2015.

Ti edukasion ket maibilang kas nasayaat a pagpuonan tapno masolbar ti kinapanglaw isunga ti PGLU ket nangipaay ti pangrugian a pondo a saggatlo a milyon para iti dua a pagadalan.

Impakaammo ni BM Reynaldo M. Mosuela, Vice-Chair on Education and Culture a kasapulan unay a solusian ti ngumatngato a bileg ti

Job Mismatch wenna ti saan nga umno a nagadalan dagiti agtutubo ken iti adda a bakante a trabaho. Daytoy nga ordinansa ket gandatna a solusianan ti problema babaen ti panangipaay ti naalibtak a panagsanay ken tapno makasuro ti umno nga abilidad dagiti taga-La Union nga agturong iti produktibo a kameng ti kagimongan ken kas Overseas Filipino.

Ti Probinsial a Gobierno ket gammadna a makitinulog ti Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) iti pannakaiyaramid ti nasao a dua a pagadalan tapno maisiguro iti nasayaat a pannakaimaniharna. Ti Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) ket maipatungpalen iti kabiitan a panawen babaen ti PGLU ken TESDA tapno maipatakder ti nasao a proyekto. - Marcel Florentino, PITO LU

## SP EMPOWERS NGOS, CSOs in LU THROUGH ACCREDITATION



The Sangguniang Panlalawigan Committee on People's Organizations (POs), Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and Indigenous Peoples chaired by SPM Maria Annabelle S. De Guzman and the SP Committee on Laws, Rules and Privileges, chaired by SPM Reynaldo M. Mosuela held a Joint Committee Hearing for the reaccreditation of CSO and NGO on August 9, 2016 at the Conference Room of the Speaker Pro-Tempore Francisco I. Ortega Provincial Legislative Building and Session Hall, City of San Fernando, La Union.

It was attended by 74 members and officers of various POs and NGOs in the province. SPM De Guzman welcomed the participants and DILG Provincial Director Roger P. Daquiaoag gave a brief review of the roles of CSOs and NGOs in collaboration with the Provincial Government. The participants were also given the chance to ask questions and clarify issues regarding the accreditation of their organization.

Also present during the Joint

Committee Hearing were SPM Gary N. Pinzon, SPM Nancy Corazon M. Bacurnay, SPM Reynaldo M. Mosuela, Provincial Planning and Development Officer Dr. Mauro A. Libatique, Jr. and SP Secretary Donato A. Rimando.

The legislators urged the various organizations to secure requirements for their immediate reaccreditation so they could continue being the bridges of communication and partners in governance and development of the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU). "The NGOs and CSOs are our vital partners in the government, as they are instrumental in bringing government service closer to the people," said SPM De Guzman.

The Joint Committees will screen the submitted requirements as per DILG MC No. 2013-70 and submit the same to SP for accreditation. Accredited CSOs and NGOs will be invited to receive the resolution and certificate of accreditation during one of the sessions of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan. -Jiroh Joy D. Marbella/Jane T. Flores,

## INCUMBENT LUVWI OFFICERS RETAIN POSITIONS

The La Union Vibrant Women, Inc.-Provincial Federation held a meeting for Induction of New Officers on July 12, 2016 at the Diego Silang Hall, Provincial Capitol Building, City of San Fernando, La Union. The program started with an Open Forum which centered on the awarding of financial assistance to the LUVWI Scholars from Agoo and schedule of lecture on common diseases affecting children. It was followed by the election of Provincial and Municipal Officers.

The set of incumbent officers of the provincial federation were retained since old and new members overwhelmingly voted to retain them.

Madam Geraldine R. Ortega urged all LUVWI members and offi-

cers to continue strengthening the LUVWI's commitment to cooperate in future programs and projects. "Let us continue to be a good role model to our constituents and to feed those who have less," she said. Mrs. Ortega commended the officers and members of LUVWI for their continued support of the various programs of the organization centered on women's empowerment.

The Provincial officers are Ms. Ruth Jo A. De Guzman, President; Ms. Loida C. Rivera, Vice-President; Ms. Bionalyn Guerra, Secretary; Ms. Judy Micheale K. So, Treasurer; Ms. Ma. Vicenta Regacho, Auditor; and Ms. Ma. Lydia Tadije, P.R.O.

- Dunkin Lee Gaerlan, PITO La Union

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# DRUG SURRENDEREES NAGSAPATA KENNI PACOY NGA AGBALBALIW

Inkari ni Gob. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III ti naananay a tulong ti gobierno kadagiti 2,494 a drug surrenderere kalpasan nga insapatada ti panagbalbaliwda bayat iti 1st La Union Anti-Drug Abuse Council Conference idiaiy Camp Diego Silang Grandstand, Carlatan, Siudad ti San Fernando, La Union idi Hulo 15, 2016.

Inbaga ni Gobernador Pacoy a ti amana a ni pasado Gobernador Manuel C. Ortega idi Mayor pay laeng isuna ti San Fernando, ket kanayon a mangpalpalagip kenkuana a ti laban kontra kriminalidad, dagiti mangipapatungpal ti paglintegan ket kasapulan a dagiti ganuatda ket marikna dagiti kriminal tapnu maaramid dagiti kasapulan a maaramid. Inyebkasna iti namanamana babaen iti direksion nga insayangkat dagiti mangiturturong iti pagilian kontra kriminalidad aglalo iti droga. Inbaga nga iti boluntario a panagsuko dagiti durugista ket umuna a baddek agturong iti pannakaresolbar iti problema ti droga babaen iti tulong ti probinsial a gobierno

ken dagiti amin a mayor ti probinsia. Kas panagyaman, binilin ti Gobernador ti Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer, Ranilo P. Ipac a mangaramid iti programa a makatulong kadagiti simmuko iti kundision a masapul a tulonganda met ti bagbagida.

Binagbagaan ni Gobernador Ortega dagiti simmuko a seriosuenda iti sapatada nga agbaliw ta iti sibubokel a kagimongan ket serioso met a tumulong kadakuada. Inawisna amin a kaaliado kontra droga nga agkaykaysada tapnu maresolba ti problema ti droga para iti masakbayan aglalo para kadagiti anak dagiti simmuko ken tapnu matungpal ti panggep iti kaaduan a mapukaw ti droga iti Probinsia ti La Union.

Pinadayawan pay ni Gobernador Pacoy dagiti kameng iti La Union Police Provincial Office (LUPPO) nga idadauloan ni PSSupt. Angelito D. Dumangeng; Naval Forces Northern Luzon nga ipanguloan ni Capt. Erick A. Kagaoan; Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency; local government units (LGUs); ken Civil

Society Organizations gapu kadagiti ganuatda tapnu agbaligi ti programa.

Inyebkas met ni Police Senior Superintendent Dumangeng kadagiti simmuko ken sangaili, iti panagyamanna kadagiti tumultulong tapnu malabanan ti ilegal a droga. Inpakaammona a dagiti sindikato ti droga ket addaan ti nalalawa a koneksion laeng ken iti agkaykaysa a ganuat dagiti gimong ti makaresolba datoy a problema. Nagiwaras pay dagiti opisial ti Biblia kadagiti simmuko.

Nalpas ti programa babaen iti panagsapata dagiti simmuko ken panaggirma iti katulagan kadagiti amin a tumultulong iti laban ti probinsia kontra droga. Sakbay iti programa, naisayatang ti umuna a miting ti La Union Anti-Drug Abuse Council nga idadauloan ni Gobernador Ortega idiaiy LUPPO Conference Hall. Napagdidiskusyonan dagiti

resolusion a mangsusuporta ti gandat ni Presidente Rodrigo R. Duterte a mapukaw iti kriminalidad ken ilegal a droga iti tallo agingga innem a bulan; pangalukoy iti Sangguniang Panlalawigan a mangpanday iti ordinansa a mangtulad ti "Double Barrel Project" kas Anti-Illegal Drug Action Plan ti La Union; pangalukoy kadagiti LGUs, Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), Department of Health (DOH), Department of Education (Dep Ed), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), ken dadduma pay nga ahensia ti gobierno ti paglintegan iti La Union nga aktibo a mangipaay kadagiti kasapulan a tulong para iti Provincial Anti-Drug Abuse Council (PADAC) maipapan iti panangisangkayat iti "Double Barrel Project." - Israel O. Rudio, PITO La Union

## PRESIDENT DUTERTE HAILS MANNIX'S SPORTS PROGRAM

President Rodrigo R. Duterte commended Sangguniang Panlalawigan Ex-Officio Member Manuel Victor "Mannix" R. Ortega, Jr. for his sports program which keeps away the youth of La Union from illegal drugs.

In a pre-recorded video played on August 24, 2016 during the second day of the General Assembly Cum Barangay Performance Evaluation of the Liga ng mga Barangay-La Union Chapter held at Hotel Supreme, Baguio City, President Duterte expressed his gratitude for the continued free basketball clinics of Mannix which he said, is effectively helping him in his fight against drug addiction. The President urged the Barangay Officials of La Union to continue supporting the sports program of their Liga President for the effective eradication of the drug menace in the grassroots level. He also congratulated them for their successful General Assembly as well as for dedication for the realization of change in the

country.

The video was sent by the President through Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III whom he met prior to the General Assembly. Serving as Guest of Honor and Speaker, Governor Pacoy urged the Liga ng mga Barangay-La Union Chapter to embrace his advocacy on Transformative Governance. "Change has come with the advent of President Rodrigo R. Duterte's strong political will to fight crimes especially illegal drugs and graft and corruption which jives on our local governance strategy for La Union. You play a critical role in the success of provincial and national development agenda being the front liners of public service in the grassroots level. Your support determines the overall success of programs, projects and activities of higher local government units and the national government," Governor Pacoy said.

In response, the Liga signed pledges of support for the ad-



ministrations of President Duterte and Governor Pacoy.

Mannix announced that after his last term as Punong Barangay and Liga President should the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections push through on October 31, 2016, he will not bow out of public service. In his capacity as a private citizen, he will strengthen his Think God Basketball Association, Inc. by expanding its membership province-wide and reach out more of the youth through sustained basketball clinics and other community services. He said this will be his contribution for the transformative governance and anti-illegal drug advocacies of President Duterte and Governor Pacoy.

Other guests included PSSUPT Rollie M. Saltat, Chief of the Police Community Relations

Office of the Police Regional Office-1 and Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency-Region 1 Director Jeoffrey Tacio who both gave an update on the government's fight against illegal drugs; La Union Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Director Roger P. Daquioag who gave an overview of the La Union Barangay Performance Evaluation; DILG Cluster Head Rocelyn Charina Flora who explained the Sangguniang Kabataan Reform Act; and City of San Fernando, La Union Local Government Operation Officer Lily Ann Colisao who rendered a topic on Barangay Anti-Drug Abuse Council (BADAC). Other topics included Federalism and the 10-point Agenda of President Duterte.

- Israel O. Rudio, PITO-La Union