

LA UNION BAGS SEAL OF GOOD LOCAL GOVERNANCE AWARD 2017



Gov. Pacoy (2nd from left) receives from presidential political adviser Secretary Francis N. Tolentino (left) a document reflecting the Province of La Union's passing the Seal of Good Local Governance 2017 during the SGLG Awarding Ceremony on November 27, 2017 at Manila Hotel, Tent City, Manila. Also in the photo are DILG Provincial Director Paulino G. Lalata, Jr and DILG Region 1 Director James F. Fadrilan (3rd and 4th from left).

The undaunted efforts of the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) under the leadership of Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III towards transformative governance prompted the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) to award the province the Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG) during the 2017 SGLG Awarding Ceremony held on November 27, 2017 at Manila Hotel, Tent City, Ermita, Manila.

Said ceremony, which centers on the

theme "Gobyernong may malasakit tungo sa pagbabago at patuloy na pag-unlad," have awarded 28 provinces, 61 cities and 359 municipalities nationwide this year. These include 9 out of 20 Local Government Units within the province, which significantly increased from 5 out of 20 last year. They are the municipalities of Bacnotan, Bangar and San Gabriel for the First District and Bauang, Burgos, Caba, Pugo, Santo Tomas and Tubao for the Second District of La Union.

The inclusion of the Province of La Union in the list of awardees for two consecutive years is a fruit of the harmonious collaboration of the Executive and Legislative branches of PGLU and strong partnership with other government and non-government organizations, private sector and other stakeholders.

SGLG recognizes the excellent compliance and performance of Local Government Units in all the parameters as basis of

Good Local Governance such as Financial Administration, Tourism, Culture and Arts, Disaster Preparedness, Peace and Order, Social Protection, Business Friendliness and Competitiveness, and Environmental Management.

SGLG National Validation for the Province of La Union was conducted last August 24 at the La Union Agri-Tourism Center, City of San Fernando, La Union.

-Joanna C. Guerrero

10 OUTSTANDING PROVINCIAL PUBLIC SERVANTS HONORED

The Ten Outstanding Provincial Public Servants (TOPPS) of 2017 were honored as the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) celebrated its Annual Recognition and Christmas Program on December 15, 2017 at the PGLU grounds, City of San Fernando, La Union.

The 10 outstanding employees awarded were Marilou Alviar, Local Treasury Operations Officer IV of the Office of the Provincial Treasurer; Ruby Jean Balanon, Administrative Officer IV of the Office of the Provincial Planning and Development Coordinator; Ruben Daclan, Farm Worker I of the Office of the Provincial Veterinarian; Joanna Cruz-Guerrero, Administrative Officer IV of the Provincial Information and Tourism Office; Luz Casuga, Administrative Aide I of the Office of the Provincial General Services; Noel Ducusin, Laborer I of the Office of the Provincial Accountant; Leony Gagni,

Agricultural Center Chief II of the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist; Remegio Loraña, Administrative Aide I of the Office of the Provincial Administrator; Marlon Runas, Administrative Officer I of Caba District Hospital and Evelyn Corpuz, Nurse IV of Rosario District Hospital.

The awardees were nominated by their respective department heads based on a criteria specified in the memorandum of the Governor Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III and were thoroughly screened by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan Committee on Civil Service and Human Resource Development headed by SPM Jonathan Justo A. Orros. The TOPPS were conferred under SP Resolution 651-2017.

Each awardee received a plaque and P5,000 cash.

"When a company has a truly great and outstanding employee, that employee carries value that

cannot be replaced." SPM Orros said after he gave the overview of the award. He also said that employees are the greatest assets of one organization.

One of the awardees, Joanna C. Guerrero of the Provincial Information and Tourism Office responded with a commitment to level up public service and values.

"More than a recognition, may this award serve as a challenge to level up our public service...to level up values and to shift the way we see our work from a mere commitment to passion. May we never get tired of providing the people that EXTRA MILE with a smile.

Vice-Governor Aureo Augusto Q. Nisce delivered a short message for the PGLU employees. He then gathered all the Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members on stage to perform a Christmas song.

-Jiroh Joy D. Marbella



SUSTAINING GOOD GOVERNANCE. Gov. Pacoy, Vice Gov. Aureo Augusto Q. Nisce, Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members, Department Heads and Chiefs of Hospitals of the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) present the awards of the province including the recent Seal of Good Local Governance 2017 (SGLG) plaque awarded by the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) during the 1st Monday Flag Raising Program on December 4, 2017 at the Provincial Capitol Grounds, City of San Fernando, La Union.

Ingungutek a Kaprobinsiaan,

**Ti nabuslon a parabor ti APO
a Namarsua itedna koma
tapno agbannawag ti AYAT iti
intero a LA UNION ken PILIPINAS.
Naragsak a Baro a Tawen
kadatayo amin!**

Agay-ayat kadakayo amin!



NEW OCD HQ TO RISE IN GOVERNMENT CENTER

The Provincial Government of La Union led by Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega spearheaded the Blessing and Groundbreaking Ceremony of the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) Region 1 Building and Regional Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council - Emergency Operations Center on November 8, 2017 at the Government Center 2, City of San Fernando, La Union. The event was attended by Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) Secretary Mark A. Villar, Regional Directors and guests from different national line agencies, ABONO Party-List Representative Vini Nola A. Ortega, and La Union 1st District Representative Pablo C. Ortega.

Governor Pacoy expressed his gratitude for the presence of DPWH Sec. Mark A. Villar and for always keeping La Union in the development plans of DPWH. To show his administration's dedication to disaster preparedness, reduction and response through force multiplication and sharing of resources, the Governor unveiled plans for the construction of the new Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council (PDRRC) and La Union 911 Operations Center less than a stone's throw away from the future OCD

Headquarters. Pacoy added, "I firmly believe that safe people are productive people. Productive people have economic freedom, and productive people are happy people." He concluded by congratulating the Office of Civil Defense for finding its new home.

DPWH Sec. Villar congratulated the Provincial Government of La Union for the progressive state of the province and DPWH Region 1 led by OIC Regional Director Ronnel M. Tan for being the top performing regional office in the Philippines. Villar stated that disaster preparedness is a priority of the DPWH under their resiliency program and more projects are to be expected. He reported an update that the Pozurrubio Exit of the Tarlac-Pangasinan-La Union Expressway (TPLEX) will open this month.

The Government Center 2 along Aguilera Road is currently home to the Civil Service Commission Field Office, Bureau of Treasury, Bureau of Plant Industry and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) - Provincial Office. It serves as a hub dedicated to the convenience for client transactions, faster communication and better synergy between agencies. -Marcel A. Florentino



BUILDING THE FUTURE. Gov. Pacoy together with Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) Secretary Mark A. Villar, ABONO Party-List Representative Vini Nola A. Ortega, La Union 1st District Representative Pablo C. Ortega, Office of Civil Defense (OCD-RO1) Director Melchito M. Castro, and DPWH RO1 OIC Director Ronnel M. Tan lead the groundbreaking ceremony of the soon to rise OCD RO1 Building and Regional Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council - Emergency Operations Center on November 8, 2017 at the Government Center 2, City of San Fernando, La Union.

FIRST REGIONAL EVACUATION CENTER IN THE COUNTRY OPENS IN BACNOTAN, LU

With its strategic location and exit points, Bacnotan, La Union hosts the first ever regional evacuation center erected in the Philippines. The said municipality has met the criteria of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) for the venue of the Country's First Regional Evacuation Center. The said facility will respond to the needs and comfort of evacuees during strong typhoons and calamities.

With the mandate to transformative governance, Governor Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III, together with Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) Secretary Mark Villar and Bacnotan Mayor Francisco Angelito Fontanilla led the ceremonial cutting of ribbon and inauguration of the newly built Regional Evacuation Center on November 8, 2017 at the Barangay Agtupal, Bacnotan, La Union.

The said center has a land area of around 3090 sqm donated by the Local Government Unit of Bacnotan. The center is composed of two-storey building with complete amenities such as dining room, kitchen, laundry area and storage rooms. The facilities are gender sensitive because it has separate male and female bathrooms. It also has breastfeeding area for lactating mothers and area for aging

and persons with disabilities (PWD).

Further, it has its own water tank, generator, communication room, garbage disposal area and other additional facilities such as drainage system, street lighting and power load center. Government offices such as Office of the Civil Defense and Regional Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council (RDRRC) will soon be located there.

In his message, Gov. Pacoy guaranteed to strengthen relationships between government agencies in order to bring about true citizen centered transformation in performance of the mandate of LGUs in delivering basic services to the constituents. In line with his vision of good governance, he also recognized the efforts and contributions of various government agencies such as DPWH, OCD and National Disaster Risk Reduction Management Center (NDRRC) for the project's success.

In line with this, Gov. Pacoy looks forward to all endeavors and future engagements of PGLU and Department of Public Works and Highways. He assured that the administration will continue to support DPWH's programs and its advocacies.

-Hana Josua C. Martinez



PGLU DONATES SCHOOL LOT TO DEPED



Gov. Pacoy, in behalf of the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) turns over a land donation of PGLU to the City Schools Division of San Fernando, La Union, Department of Education (DepEd) represented by Dr. Fatima R. Boado, CESO VI, Schools Division Superintendent on November 24, 2017 at La Union National Highschool (LUNHS), City of San Fernando, La Union. Also in photo are City Councilor Ramon "Mon" Laudencia, OIC ASDO Diosdado I. Cayabyab, Chief Education Supervisors Dr. Jose Mari Almeida and Agnes Cacap and LUNHS Principal Madeleine O. Corpuz.

As mandate to transformative governance, the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) presented by Governor Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III turns over a parcel of land to Department of Education (DepEd) City Schools Division of San Fernando as represented by Dr. Fatima R. Boado, CESO VI, Schools Division Superintendent on November 24, 2017 at La Union National Highschool (LUNHS), City of San Fernando, La Union.

"If giving that land is meant for development in the education sector then I am willing to give you that land," said Gov. Pacoy.

The whole school lot being occupied by La Union National Highschool which PGLU donated to DepEd is situated in Catbangan, City of San Fernando, La Union with a land area of around 86,497 sqm. This includes the oval which serves as great venue for track and field events and for national competitions being held in the

province.

In his message, Gov. Pacoy reinforces the educators with the administration's vision to make La Union the Heart of Agri-Tourism in Northern Luzon by 2025 which according to him, will only be realized through the harmonizing ardor and diligence of teachers, School Division Supervisors and Department Heads. As part of the advocacy to promote transformation, Gov. Pacoy extends his earnest desire and commitment, in behalf of his father, past Governor Manuel "Manoling" Ortega.

"Agyamanak ti ayat ken suportu iti umili agraman ti panangayat ni Apo Manoling kadakayo amin," said Gov. Pacoy.

In line with this, Gov. Pacoy looks forward to all endeavors and future engagements of PGLU and DepEd. He assured that the administration will continue to support DepEd's programs and advocacies.

-Hana Josua C. Martinez



COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION. Gov. Pacoy together with 2nd District Representative Sandra Y. Eriguel, Former 2nd District Representative Eufanio C. Eriguel lead the ceremonial ribbon cutting and inauguration of the Naguilian Senior High School Stand Alone Building, Barangay Ortiz, Naguilian, La Union on November 15, 2017.

PGLU HOSTS CHILDREN'S DAY CULMINATION

The Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) through the leadership of Governor Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III hosted the closing ceremony of the 25th National Children's Month with the theme: "BATA: Iligtas sa Droga" on November 24, prizes. Renielle Jan Gun-

dran of the City of San Fernando bagged the 2nd place in the place in Poster-Making contest while Sarah Grace Sophia T. Rullan also bagged 2nd place in the Draw and Tell contest.

The whole day activity through singing, draw and Tell contest. "There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children: one of these is roots, the other, wings." Gov. Pacoy said explaining the need to teach the children to be grounded and to learn and appreciate good values and

culture, to be able to reach their highest potential. He further explained that Children's Month celebrates the great joy of being a child and the great responsibility to raise the children in the best way possible, that they can be the best they can be. The said celebrations ran from November 22 up to November 24 and also in San Fernando, La Union. The children's Congress and Forum which gives the children and those working with the children the awareness of the rights of a child and how to protect them in a situation where the child's welfare is at stake. The activity also focused on the issue of malnutrition and gender issue during work immersion.

-Lorena C. Luna

PGLU, ABONO DISTRIBUTE SEEDS FOR FARMERS

The Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) led by Gov. Francisco Emmanuel R. Ortega III in partnership with ABONO Party-list distributed foliar fertilizers, mung beans, gingers, certified palay and corn seeds to farmers on November 8, 2017 at the Boy Scouts of the Philippines Building, Aguilera Road, City of San Fernando, La Union.

ABONO Party-list Representative Vini Nola A. Ortega assured the attendees of her continued efforts in Congress to address the needs of the agricultural sector. She is one of the principal authors of House Bill 5670 that has been approved on third and final reading which aims to bolster efforts in assisting farmers with free irrigation to boost their income and efficiently increase crop yield. Gov. Pacoy expressed his gratitude for the support of the attendees and told them that more projects that will benefit La Union's agricultural sector are coming in connection to the vision of the PGLU to make the province the Heart of Agri-Tourism in Northern Luzon by 2025. Moreover, the Governor reported that the province has received its share in the fund received from tax collected by virtue of Republic Act 7171 of the Tobacco Excise Tax Law and he promised that such fund will be allocated for the further development of agriculture throughout La Union.

The program distributed a total of 460 bags of mung beans, 150 bags of ginger, plus hundreds of bags of high quality seeds and El Niño resilient palay and corn to the different city and municipalities of La Union. The El Niño Rehab seeds will thrive even when there is shortage of water. The Governor stated that the distribution program is in line with the aggressive efforts to increase food supply and maintain consistency as La Union was adjudged with the Rice Achievers Award in a ceremony held last May of this year.-MAF



LOVE FOR FARMERS. Gov. Pacoy addresses the attendees during a program partnered with ABONO Party-list that distributed foliar fertilizers, mung beans, gingers, certified palay and corn seeds to farmers on November 8, 2017 at the Boy Scouts Building, Aguilera Road, City of San Fernando, La Union.

PGLU REINFORCES ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN AMONG THE YOUTH

The Provincial Government of La Union, headed by Governor Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III joins the Council for Welfare of Children (CWC) in celebrating La Union Youth Congress through a symposium which is in line with the 25th National Children's Month on November 17, 2017 at the La Union Technology and Livelihood Development Center (LUTLDC) with the theme "Bata: Iligtas sa Droga!"

The said event aims to create anti-drug awareness among the youth in various municipalities of La Union. This project is sponsored by the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO) in cooperation with the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency Region 1 (PDEA-RO1).

PSWDO Officer Ranilo P. IPAC welcomed youth leaders as he acknowledged their major role in nation building while Ms. Jayralyn Siddayao of PDEA-RO1 discussed topics on Illegal Drugs and its Harmful Effects affecting both physical and psychological aspect of an individual. On her list are commonly used illegal drugs including marijuana, shabu, inhalants, ecstasy, new psychoactive substances (NPS), opiates, Bangkok pills, cocaine and sedatives. She also said that the use of illegal drugs is often linked to health problems such as mood swings, depression, anxiety, paranoia, violence and hallucinations. Furthermore, users of illegal drugs are frequently hospitalized due to severe intoxications. She pointed there have been an increasing number of suicides among adolescents associated with it. As part of PDEA's campaign on alleviating spread of illegal drugs, she challenged the youth to "dislike" drugs.

"Each child has a right to a wholesome family which will provide love, care, understanding and guidance which is essential to build a harmonious relationship. If these rights are achieved, there is a tendency that the young generation of today will be restrained from the use of illegal drugs," said Ms. Elнора Dela Cuesta of PSWDO when she expounded the topic.

The celebration of 25th National Children's Month is pursuant to Republic Act No. 10681 declaring the month of November of every year as National Children's Month (NCM).

-Hana Josua C. Martinez



Gov. Pacoy hands over a certificate of recognition to Ms. Therosha Ballesteros, one of the scholars of the Provincial Government of La Union who graduated Cum Laude, on November 15, 2017 at the Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union. Also in photo are Vice Governor Augusto Aureo Nisce and Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members Bellarmín A. Flores II and Nancy M. Bacunay.



The Sangguniang Panlalawigan led by Vice Governor Aureo Augusto Q. Nisce (second row, 6th from left) recognizes the Ten Outstanding Provincial Public Servants (TOPPS) for 2017 during the Provincial Government of La Union Annual Recognition on December 15, 2017 at the Sangguniang Panlalawigan Grounds, City of San Fernando, La Union. The awardees are (1st row, L-R) Ruben C. Dacian, Office of the Provincial Veterinarian; Mariou A. Alviar, Office of the Provincial Treasurer; Ruby Jean N. Balanon, Office of the Planning and Development Coordinator; Evelyn V. Corpuz, Rosario District Hospital; Joanna C. Guerrero, Office of the Provincial Information and Tourism; Luz C. Casuga, Office of the Provincial General Services; Remegio L. Loraña, Office of the Provincial Administrator; Leony O. Gagni, Office of the Provincial Agriculturist; Marlon C. Runas, Caba District Hospital and Noel R. Ducusin, Office of the Provincial Accountant. The said recognition is pursuant to Sangguniang Panlalawigan Resolution No. 651-2017 acknowledging the TOPPS Awardees who passed the screening of the committee and acclaimed them for their commitment and hard-work in performance of their respective duties.



Gov. Pacoy is joined by Dr. Geoffrey Tilan, ISO Facilitator of Provincial Government of La Union, Dr. Hector Benas, Deputy Facilitator for Hospitals and Dr. Glenn Ernest Fonbuena, CEO of La Union Medical Center (LUMC) in receiving the ISO Certification from National Quality Assurance Philippines (NQA) represented by Mr. Rani Bernardino. The ISO Certification is awarded to Caba District Hospital, Rosario District Hospital, Naguilan District Hospital, Balaan District Hospital and Bacnotan District Hospital and La Union Medical Center in compliance to the ISO 9001:2015 (Quality Management System) applicable to the provisions of Quality Health Care Services including In-Patient, Out Patient, Emergency, Diagnostic and Laboratory. Also in photo are Vice Governor Aureo Augusto Q. Nisce and Board Member Francisco "Kit" C. Ortega, Jr.



Gov. Pacoy, Chairperson of the Provincial Peace and Order Council hands over the financial aid to one of the former rebels who surrendered and returned their allegiance to the government on December 28, 2017 at Diego Silang Hall, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union. Also in photo are Vice Governor Aureo Augusto Q. Nisce, Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Regional Director James F. Fadrihan and PSSUPT Rodelio Samson, OIC of Philippine National Police La Union Provincial Police Office (PNP LUPPO).



Governor Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III together with 82 Recovering Drug Dependents (RDDs) hold a Bonsai Tree symbolizing reformation of the RDDs from being canners of society to leaders of the community during the Moving Up Ceremony of Recovering Drug Dependents on November 15, 2017 at the Covered Court of Santol, La Union.



CELEBRATION OF CULTURE. Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III participates in a cultural dance during the 106th Foundation Anniversary and Opening of the 2nd Tinungbo Festival on December 11, 2017 in Pugo, La Union.

PPOC/LUADAC/CFPCJS REGULAR MEETING



Gov. Pacoy together with Board Member Reynaldo M. Mosuela present a Resolution of Commendation, prepared and passed by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of La Union led by Vice Governor Aureo Augusto Q. Nisce, to outgoing Philippine National Police Region I (PNP-RI) Director PCSUPT Charlo C. Collado during a Joint Council Meeting on December 13, 2017 at the Diego Silang Hall, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union. The retiring Regional Director was given the commendation for being an instrumental driving force in upholding peace and order throughout the province and region.



Gov. Pacoy, San Gabriel Mayor Hermie M. Velasco together with Eat Bulaga's Miss Millennial Philippines 2017 1st Runner Up Carina Cariño and local tour guides of San Gabriel, La Union trek the mountains of Brgy. Amontoc after visiting the famous Tangadan Falls on November 28, 2017.



Gov. Pacoy and Vice Gov. Augusto Aureo Q. Nisce attends the Eucharistic Celebration in Honor of the Feast of Christ the King on November 26, 2017 at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Quirino, Bacnotan, La Union. Said feast is a Catholic gathering which unites the faithful in honoring Jesus as the Christ the King.



Gov. Pacoy spearheads the La Union Medical Center (LUMC) Board Meeting on November 29, 2017 at the Agri-Tourism Center, Mabanag Hall, City of San Fernando, La Union. Also in photo are Dr. Glenn Ernest Fonbuena, Chief Executive Officer of LUMC and Provincial Administrator Geoffrey S. Tilan.



Gov. Pacoy together with members of the Girl Scouts of the Philippines-La Union Council pose with the "I Love La Union" gesture during the 46th Girl Scouts Junior Provincial Camp on November 9, 2017 at Villa Navarro Beach Resort and Camp Site, Caba, La Union. The said camp aims to build the confidence of girls through team building exercises.



Gov. Pacoy welcomes the members of the Boys Scouts of the Philippines La Union Council during the 31st Provincial Jamboree on November 9, 2017 at the Agoo Eco-Fun World, Sta. Rita Central, Agoo, La Union. In the event, Gov. Pacoy challenged the BSP to become agents of change by preserving natural resources and keeping the environment clean.

LA UNION COMMEMORATES BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF PRESIDENT ELPIDIO R. QUIRINO



WREATH LAYING CEREMONY. Gov. Pacoy leads the ceremonial offering of wreath in the photo of the late President Elpidio Quirino in celebration of his 125th Birth Anniversary on November 16, 2017 at Provincial Capitol Lobby, Capitol Bldg., City of San Fernando, La Union. Also in photo is late president granddaughter Madam Cory Quirino.

The Provincial Government of La Union headed by Governor Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III commemorated the birth anniversary of the late President Elpidio R. Quirino on November 16, 2017 at the Provincial Capitol Lobby, Capitol Building City of San Fernando, La Union.

This celebration is in reference to Sangguniang Panlalawigan Ordinance No. 116-2017 declaring every 16th of November as Elpidio Quirino Day in the Province of La Union in commemoration of the

birth anniversary of the sixth President of the Republic of the Philippines and first Ilokano President who served from April 15, 1948 to December 30, 1953.

Also on the same day, wreath-laying ceremonies were also held in three other venues in the province where the late president left a mark. First is in Barangay Gana, Caba where the late president served as a public school teacher. Second is in Elpidio Quirino National High School in Agoo and in a barangay in Bacnotan that is named after him.

Pangasinan 2nd District Representative Leopoldo N. Bataoil, a relative of the late president together with Ms. Cory and Connie Quirino, his granddaughters, were present in the said activity.

The celebration serves as a reminder of the life and career of the late President as a hardworking teacher and a public servant which encourages and inspires every Filipino to strive hard and follow his good example in public service.

-Arnel O. Mamaril

LA UNION STRENGTHENS PEACE AND ORDER PROGRAMS

The Provincial Peace and Order Council (PPOC), La Union Anti-Drug Abuse Council (LUADAC), and the Council of the Five Pillars of the Criminal Justice System (CFPCJS) convened in a joint meeting on December 13, 2017 at the Diego Silang Hall, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union to discuss programs and updates on the illegal drugs campaign and the peace and order situation of the province.

Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III opened the meeting by presenting a resolution of commendation, prepared and passed by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan led by Vice Governor Aureo Augusto Q. Nisce, to outgoing Philippine National Police (PNP) Regional Director PCSUPT. Charlo C. Collado as appreciation for the latter's dedication and distinguished service to the joint council. The Governor expressed gratitude towards the retiring Regional Director for being an instrumental driving force in upholding peace and order throughout the province and region.

The La Union Provincial Police (LUPPO) led by OIC - Provincial Director Rodelio C. Samson presented its new Local Anti-Criminality Action Plan (LACAP) and a report on the peace and order situation in the province. In the report, they showed that there is a 13% decrease in index crimes as there were 392 crimes from January to November of 2017 compared to 451 crimes committed in the same period of 2016. LUPPO noted that this downtrend of index crimes is a

manifestation of the efficacy of the campaign against illegal drugs and focused police operations. The Joint Council in the same meeting approved the new LACAP dubbed as Project PACOY (PNP ken PGLU Agkaykaysa nga idauloan ti Capitolio a mang Obra kontra ti ilegal a droga tapno urnos ken talna Yaman ited na) Reloaded. This plan will focus on strengthened efforts and operations focusing on the campaign against illegal drugs through the implementation of a two pronged approach, clearing operations of drug affected barangays accounting of high value targets which involve financiers, distributors, protectors, manufacturers, importers, and traffickers of illegal drugs.

The Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) Region I led by Director Bryan B. Babang reported the successful marijuana eradication operation at Mt. Baukok, boundary of Ilocos Sur and Benguet on November 20, 2017 resulting to the destruction of marijuana from seven sites amounting to Dangerous Drug Board (DDB) value of P 11,474,800. The report also stated that the rampant selling and using of illegal drugs in the province has significantly decreased.

With the Province of La Union recently being conferred with the Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG) by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Governor Pacoy expressed his commitment in sustaining such a strong thrust towards making La Union the Heart of Agri-Tourism in Northern Luzon by 2025. -Marcel A. Florentino



Gov. Pacoy expresses his gratitude to the police officers of Bangar, La Union during the presentation of Certificate of Commendation for their commitment and hard work in performing their duties on December 12, 2017 at the Municipal Police Station of Bangar, La Union. This commendation is in recognition for their contribution to the success of La Union being recently awarded with the Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG). On the same day, Gov. Pacoy gave the same commendation to the police officers of Rosario, La Union. Also in photo is 2nd District Board Member Bellarmín A. Flores II.



NEWLY RENOVATED FREEDOM PARK INAUGURATED

The Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) in coordination with the Multi-Sectoral Governance Council (MSGC) inaugurated the newly-restored Freedom Park also known as Heroes Hill on December 15, 2017.

The Freedom Park Stairway or Heroes Hill lies west of the Capitol Hill in Guerrero Road, Brgy. II, City of San Fernando, La Union. It has a total of 183 steps and along the way up, 9 statues of Heroes are standing, signifying the people's reverence to their works and sacrifices in attaining the freedom of the nation. They are Dr. Jose Rizal, the Philippine National Hero; Fr. Jose Burgos, leader of the Filipino Martyrs "GOMBURZA"; Marcelo H. Del Pilar, editor of La Solidaridad; Andres Bonifacio, founder of the Katipunan; Gen. Antonio

Luna, greatest general of the Revolution; Ramon Magsaysay, 3rd President of the Philippine Republic; Manuel A. Roxas, 5th President of the Philippine Republic; Manuel L. Quezon, President of Philippine Commonwealth; and Emilio Aguinaldo, 1st President of the Philippine Republic. When one reaches the top, a beautiful overlooking view of the West Philippine Sea can be found.

Highlighting the inauguration ceremony is the unveiling of the new statue of the new Diego Silang, a native of Caba, La Union. This is in honor of his courage and bravery to fight for the country's freedom. His monument is the 10th statue in the park. The unveiling is followed by the ceremonial ribbon cutting which signifies the official re-opening of the Heroes

Hill which now has a pavilion and comfort room.

Governor Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III thanked the MSGC for spearheading the project together with Provincial Engineering Office, Provincial General Services Office, Office of the Provincial Agriculturist, Oversight for Provincial Strategy and Provincial Information and Tourism Office. MSGC Vice Chairman Jerry V. Parlan also shared his message saying that the inauguration is part of their continued efforts to uphold the tourism in La Union. Board Members Nancy Bacurnay, Francisco Naldito Mosuela were present during the inauguration.

The aforesaid upgrade of the Freedom Park is part of the Adopt-a-tourist-site program of MSGC-DVA

GOVERNORS' PARTY

NOVEMBER 6, 2017 (Monday)

First Monday Flag Raising Ceremony, Capitol Grounds, City of San Fernando, La Union

Cabinet Meeting, Diego Silang Hall, Capitol Building, City of San Fernando, La Union

NOVEMBER 7, 2017 (Tuesday)

Distribution of Financial Assistance for AGE, Rural and Medical Programs, Capitol Building, City of San Fernando, La Union

Courtesy Visit of Francis Almodovar, Office of the Provincial Governor, Capitol Building, City of San Fernando, La Union

Distribution of Checks to POU Scholars, Diego Silang Hall, Capitol Building, City of San Fernando, La Union

Courtesy Visit of Mr. Te Roberson from Pinamulan La Union, OFC, Capitol Building, City of San Fernando, La Union

Courtesy Visit of CDR Jayson J. Calles Philippine Coast Guard Chief of Staff, Coast Guard District Northwestern Luzon, CSF-LU

NOVEMBER 8, 2017 (Wednesday)

Distribution of Seeds for Various Recipients, OFAG Grounds, City of San Fernando, La Union

Ground Breaking Ceremony For The Office of Civil Defense Building, Government Center, City of San Fernando, La Union

Birthday Celebration Of Mayor Abel Concepcion, Balaon Municipal Plaza, Balaon, La Union

NOVEMBER 9, 2017 (Thursday)

Boy Scouts Of The Philippines - 31st Provincial Jamboree Ago-Eco Fun World, Sta. Rita Central, Ago, La Union

GOAL SCOUTS OF THE PHILIPPINES - 48TH JUNIOR PROVINCIAL CAMP, Villa Nueva Resort, Santiago Sur, Caba, La Union

Courtesy Visit of General Arce Lombao, Office of the Governor, Capitol Building, City of San Fernando, La Union

Courtesy Visit of the Philippine Economic Zone Administration, Capitol Building, City of San Fernando, La Union

Interview with POU Applicants by Promotion, Office of the Governor, Capitol Building, City of San Fernando, La Union

Courtesy Visit of Liga ng mga Barangay President of Burgos, Jesse Pama, Capitol Building, City of San Fernando, La Union

Awarding of Resolution of Commendation to Policemen in the Province of La Union, SP Session Hall, City of San Fernando, La Union

NOVEMBER 10, 2017 (Friday)

La Union La Union, Lungsod ng Rosario, Rosario Town Plaza, Rosario, La Union

NOVEMBER 13, 2017 (Monday)

Ground Breaking Ceremony Of The Evacuation Center And LTO Extension Office, Ago, La Union

Magnolia Governance Outreach, Kalana Hotel, San Juan, La Union

Regional Meeting of Region I Board Members, SP Lobby, Legislative Building, City of San Fernando, La Union

NOVEMBER 14, 2017 (Tuesday)

Distribution of Checks, Certificates and Resolution of Commendation to CDM Leaders in the Province of La Union, CSF-LU

NOVEMBER 15, 2017 (Wednesday)

SP Caravan, Budpod, La Union

J.A.N. Redaction Camp, Satal Municipal Plaza, Satal, La Union

Ribbon Cutting And Inauguration Of Naguilan Senior High School Stand Alone Central School, Brgy. Orta, Naguilan, La Union

Ribbon Cutting And Inauguration Of Naguilan National High School, Brgy. Imelda, Naguilan, La Union

Ribbon Cutting And Inauguration Of Eastern Naguilan National High School, Brgy. Guesen, Naguilan, La Union

Ribbon Cutting And Inauguration Of Southern Naguilan National High School, Brgy. Otag, Naguilan, La Union

Ribbon Cutting And Inauguration Of Ambacosa Senior High School, Naguilan, Ambacosa Sur, Naguilan, La Union

NOVEMBER 16, 2017 (Thursday)

Wreath Laying for the 81st Anniversary of Pres. Epifanio Quins, Capitol Building, City of San Fernando, La Union

4th Quarter Meeting Of POFAD, Diego Silang Hall, City of San Fernando, La Union

Courtesy Visit of Coaguard Northwestern Luzon District Commander Capt. Joseph M. Coyne, Capitol Building, CSF-LU

NOVEMBER 17, 2017 (Friday)

Coronation Night And Night For The Honors Of Luna Nat'l High School, Luna NHS, Barrientos, Luna, La Union

La Union Youth Congress LUTDC, RWDO, City of San Fernando, La Union

Oath Taking of Vice Mayor Wendy Joy Bugarin, Office of the Provincial Governor, Capitol Building, City of San Fernando, La Union

Courtesy Visit of Joy Teyano from Marana Hall, Office of the Provincial Governor, Capitol Building, City of San Fernando, La Union

NOVEMBER 18, 2017 (Saturday)

Ground Breaking Ceremony Of The New UOC Building, Union Christian College, City of San Fernando, La Union

Interview with LUMAC Applicants, Office of the Provincial Governor, Capitol Building, City of San Fernando, La Union

Courtesy Visit of Agri Agriculture and Fisheries Council, Capitol Building, City of San Fernando, La Union

NOVEMBER 19, 2017 (Sunday)

Distribution of Stipends to Schools, Balaon, San Juan, La Union

Courtesy Visit of LUPPO OIC Provincial Director PSSgt. Rodolfo Samson, Capitol Building, City of San Fernando, La Union

NOVEMBER 20, 2017 (Monday)

Launch of the Project EXARNA Union National High School, City of San Fernando, La Union

Regional Children's Month, Diego Silang Hall, Provincial Capitol Building, City of San Fernando, La Union

Courtesy Visit of the Coalition of OFWs in La Union, Capitol Building, City of San Fernando, La Union

Provincial School Board Meeting, Admin Conference Room, Capitol Building, City of San Fernando, La Union

NOVEMBER 21, 2017 (Tuesday)

Coronation of the Jewel of Luna, Luna Sports Center, Luna, La Union

NOVEMBER 22, 2017 (Wednesday)

Video Shoot with Mata La Union Cinema Center for the Tourism Promotional Video, Tangapan Falls, San Gabriel, La Union

Celebration of Christ the King of the Universe, St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Bacnotan, La Union

NOVEMBER 27, 2017 (Monday)

Seal of Good Local Governance Awarding, Manila Hotel, Tenz City

Oath Taking of the La Union Tourist Operators and Drivers Association, Capitol Building, City of San Fernando, La Union

Courtesy Visit of the Cecilia Mungposu Cooperative, Capitol Building, City of San Fernando, La Union

NOVEMBER 28, 2017 (Tuesday)

Conferment of 10 Outstanding Day Care Workers, Diego Silang Hall, Capitol Building, City of San Fernando, La Union

La Union Medical Center Board of Trustees Meeting, LUMAC, Ago, La Union

DECEMBER 1, 2017 (Friday)

Ground Breaking of Total Pipe Rehabilitation Project Rosewell Restaurant, Budpod, La Union

True Lighting Ceremony of the Government of San Fernando, In Front of the City Hall, City of San Fernando, La Union

Courtesy Visit of Com. Wilfredo Bugarin Jr., New Commander of the Naval Forces Northern Luzon, CSF, La Union

DECEMBER 2, 2017 (Saturday)

Annual Human Rights Congress For Young And Active High School Students, Villa Marand Resort and Spa, Bausang, La Union

DECEMBER 4, 2017 (Monday)

First Monday Flag Raising Ceremony, Capitol Grounds, City of San Fernando, La Union

Cabinet Meeting/Diego Silang, Capitol Building, City of San Fernando, La Union

Courtesy Visit of OIC Provincial Director of the La Union Police Provincial Office Rodolfo Samson, CSF, La Union

DECEMBER 5, 2017 (Tuesday)

STLT Meeting, Diego Silang Hall, Sea View, Capitol Building, City of San Fernando, La Union

Awarding of Certificate of Commendation to Supten Municipal Police Station, Supten Municipal Police Station, Budpod, La Union

Awarding of Certificate of Commendation to TODA Annual Year End Assessment/ Christmas Program, Budpod, La Union

DECEMBER 6, 2017 (Wednesday)

SP Caravan, Brgy. Otag, Otag Covered Court, Bausang, La Union

DECEMBER 7, 2017 (Thursday)

Birthday Celebration Of Mayor Francis Fontanilla, Balaon Plaza Covered Court

Federalism Summit, Otag Country Resort, City of San Fernando, La Union

DECEMBER 8, 2017 (Friday)

Awarding of Certificate of Commendation to Baguin Municipal Police Station, Baguin Municipal Police Station, Baguin, La Union

Awarding of Certificate of Commendation to Baguin Municipal Police Station, Baguin Municipal Police Station, Baguin, La Union

Awarding of Certificate of Commendation to Burgos Municipal Police Station, Burgos, La Union

Burgos Market Vendors Assoc. And BUDODA Christmas Program, Burgos Public Market, Burgos, La Union

DECEMBER 9, 2017 (Saturday)

Annual Human Rights Congress For Young And Active High School Students, Villa Marand Resort and Spa, Bausang, La Union

DECEMBER 10, 2017 (Sunday)

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DECEMBER 30, 2017 (Saturday)

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DECEMBER 31, 2017 (Tuesday)

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LOCAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT FUND UTILIZATION							
For the Fourth Quarter, CY 2017							
Province: LA UNION							
Particulars	Quick Response Fund (QRF)	Mitigation Fund	NDRMF	From Other LGUs	From Other Sources	Total	
A. Sources of Funds (Unaudited Balances)							
Current Appropriations	5,809,412.50	35,368,402.72				41,176,015.22	
Continued Appropriations		13,303,676.53				13,303,676.53	
Previous Year's Appropriations		12,732,834.40				12,732,834.40	
Transfers from the Special Fund							
Total Funds Available	5,809,412.50	59,203,114.65				65,012,527.15	
B. Utilization							
Payment to AGRI Refrigeration Center for the replacement of defective parts of rescue vehicle SFA-12 of PORMBAO, ChAF1485236 REV-2017-10-013758		5,900.00				5,900.00	
Traveling expenses incurred by Betty Vahli while on official travel to Marikina City last August 30, 2017 to attend a seminar conducted by Informatics Inc. in order to prevent the accomplishment report on its FEMA Project in Pangasinan, RD 161 REV-2017-01-013894			808.00			808.00	
Payment to Philippine Association of Police Officers (PAPO) for the replacement of the vehicle of the Marikina City for the relief and rehabilitation program of the Local Government Unit of Marikina City, Marikina City, ChAF1484400 REV-2017-10-013828	100,000.00					100,000.00	
Payment to Toyota La Union for the accessories of the new service vehicle of the PORMBAO with plate no. SAA-2000 (Initial: ChAF1485412 REV-2017-01-013167		76,755.00				76,755.00	
Payment to Dine's Eatery for meals and snacks served during the 10th High Level and Basic Life Support Training, WAB336, ChAF1453233 REV-2017-10-012626		230,500.00				230,500.00	
Payment to PORMBAO for the replacement of PORMBAO for administration and training division files REV-2017-10-013725		2,869.00				2,869.00	
Materials for the repairing of PORMBAO REV-2017-10-013725		1,500.00				1,500.00	
Payment to PORMBAO for the replacement of PORMBAO for the replacement of PORMBAO REV-2017-10-013725		1,000.00				1,000.00	
Expenses incurred by AGRI QRF while on official travel to Palawan to attend the Disaster Supervisors' Conference, ChAF1453222 REV-2017-10-013725		4,336.00				4,336.00	
Traveling expenses while on official travel to Philippine Heart Center to transport patient REV-2017-10-013718		400.00				400.00	
Payment of financial assistance to Cherry Valmonte for the replacement of defective parts of rescue vehicle SFA-12 of PORMBAO, ChAF1485313 REV-2017-10-013416						20,000.00	
Payment to PORMBAO for the replacement of PORMBAO for the replacement of PORMBAO, ChAF1485313 REV-2017-10-013416						20,000.00	
Payment to Dine's Eatery for meals and snacks served during the 10th High Level and Basic Life Support Training, WAB336, ChAF1453233 REV-2017-10-012626		230,500.00				230,500.00	
Payment of financial assistance to Tereza Eugenio of Bataan, LU for emergency shelter assistance during a house was totally damaged by fire, ChAF1484933 REV-2017-10-013822	20,000.00					20,000.00	
Payment to Toyota La Union for the repair and accessories of the PORMBAO service vehicle with plate no. SAA-2000 (Initial: ChAF1485412 REV-2017-01-013167		6,839.38				6,839.38	
Payment to Aglian Auto Supply for the replacement of the defective part of SFA 823 used as rescue vehicle at PORMBAO, ChAF1485313 REV-2017-10-013812		13,350.00				13,350.00	
Payment to Spantex Trading Corporation for the tools and equipment used for Police Extension and Water Search and Rescue (WASAR) Training, ChAF1485313 REV-2017-10-013812		16,779,000.00				16,779,000.00	
Payment of financial assistance to NDRMF for the replacement of PORMBAO for the replacement of PORMBAO, ChAF1485313 REV-2017-10-013812		3,000.00				3,000.00	
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Payment to Toyota La Union for the repair, replacement and repair of SAA 8200 under PORMBAO, Rev 4373 ChAF1485313 REV-2017-10-013807		61,452.00				61,452.00	
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LU CITES TOP 10 DAY CARE WORKERS



Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III acknowledged the Top 10 Day Care workers in La Union for their passion and commitment in nurturing young children with love and affection as well as good values on a Conferment Ceremony on November 29, 2017 at the Diego Silang Hall, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union.

"You are teaching the love of learning, the sense of discovery and the power to dream. That is why you have the most important job of all. I know our children and our future are in good hands," said Gov. Pacoy emphasizing the value of day care workers.

With the advocacy to uphold basic education, the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) in partnership with Children Development Centers situated in every municipality, seeks to promote harmonious fun learning experience to every daycare child, which is vital in their growth and development during their formative years.

In the awarding ceremony, the ten Daycare workers were given certificates of recognition for their outstanding performance. The awardees are Glenda G. Andrada of San Fernando City; Rosemarie S. Barde of Sinapangan, San Juan; Leonila N. Casipit, Luna; Elvira D. Gagua, Balaoan; Milagrina A. Madriaga, Tubao; Veralee V. Noto, Bangar; Letecia A. Oriente, Santol; Salvacion C. Pacetes, Bacnotan; Cheryll G. Putil, Sudipen; and Maritess G. Tejano, Bauang.

Gov. Pacoy also expressed his earnest desire and commitment to continue the mission of imparting love for children for the greater benefit of people towards greater progress and prosperity. He also emphasized that the vision to transform La Union as the Heart of Agri-Tourism in Northern Luzon will only be realized through the harmony of efforts and diligence of the local officials, daycare workers as well as the parents across the province.

-Hana Josua C. Martinez

LA UNION REMEMBERS 121ST ANNIVERSARY OF DR. JOSE RIZAL'S MARTYRDOM



Gov. Pacoy graces joint celebration of the Provincial Government of La Union and City Government of San Fernando of the 121st Anniversary of Dr. Jose Rizal's Martyrdom on December 30, 2017 in front of Municipal Hall, City of San Fernando, La Union.

GOVERNOR'S NIGHT CAPS TABOAN FEST 2017

The Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) in coordination with Bauang Local Government Unit and the National Committee for Literary Arts (NCLA) which is one of the 19 national sub-committees of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA), held the Taboan Festival Governor's Night last November 29, 2017 at the Diego Silang Hall, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union.

In behalf of Governor Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III, Vice Governor Aureo Augusto Q. Nisce welcomed participants, delegates and organizers to La Union and hoped that its beauty will entice to create more inspiring works of art. The message was followed by the reading of an excerpt from Manuel Arguilla's literary piece "How My Brother Leon Brought Home a Wife" which was read by Mr. John Bengan, member of NCLA and Representative of Davao Writers Guild and Ms. Djuna Alcantara, President of Gunglo Dagiti Mannurat Nga Ilokano-San Fernando City (GUMIL-SFC) for the Iloko version of the excerpt. Further, a showcase of an outstanding cultural performance from Saint Louis College Choir was witnessed by attendees as they sang various Iloko songs.

Second part of the program is the NCCA Posthumous recognition to NCCA-

NCLA Members and NCCA Writers Prize. Dr. Hope Yu, NCCA-NCLA Committee Head, shared her message to the participants for a tribute to their committee. Stage readings of winning work and recognition of the Awardees for the NCCA Writers Prize Award happened thereafter.

"Taboan" is a Visayan word for "marketplace," and every year, the Festival strives to be a market place of ideas for writers interacting with one another and with their audience. Official delegates consist of the most prolific and prodigious of the country's poets, fiction writers, playwrights, essayists and mixed media artists. Activities are open to the public and include a conference, a book fair, performances by local artists' groups, cultural tour, and this year, a celebration of life and works of Manuel Arguilla on the last day of the Festival.

The Taboan Writers' Festival, a flagship program of the NCCA, is a three-day annual gathering of writers, readers, scholars, researchers, and passionate to Philippine literature, from all over the country. Hundreds of writers and literary teachers attended this year's Taboan Writers Festival from November 27 to 29 in Bauang and City of San Fernando, La Union.

-Darlene Joy V. Acosta

The Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) headed by Governor Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III commemorated the great sacrifices and martyrdom of the most prominent Filipino hero, Dr. Jose Rizal with the theme "Mabuting Kaisipan, Susi sa Kaunlaran" in front of the Municipal Hall of City of San Fernando, La Union on December 30, 2017.

Gov. Pacoy together with City of San Fernando Mayor Hermenegildo "Dong" Gualberto, 2nd District Board Member Nancy Bacurnay and Ex-officio Justo H. Orros and PGLU and City Government of San Fernando Department Heads led the wreath-laying ceremonies in honor of the life and many accomplishments of Dr. Jose Rizal.

"Dr. Jose Rizal's vision for his countrymen inspires us all. The Provincial Government of La Union takes inspiration from his visionary love for the Filipino people emulating from his great thinking. With our collective minds and hearts, the people of La Union has fought so hard to establish our own vision for change. The leaders and thinkers of the province have helped to form our own vision as we aspire to

become the Heart of Agri-Tourism in Northern Luzon by 2025," said Gov. Pacoy.

Gov. Pacoy and Mayor Dong Gualberto both highlighted Dr. Jose Rizal's most remarkable and outstanding contribution in the field of literature, science, philosophy, medicine and politics.

Accordingly, Rizal may not have fought the tyranny with bolos or rifles nevertheless his ways has the greatest impact; armed with his intellect and values that sparked the fires of revolution and ignited the nationalism in the minds and heart of every Filipino through his writings.

Up until now, Dr. Jose Protacio Rizal Mercado y Alonso Realonda is indeed one of the greatest intellectual scholar who gained utmost respect and admiration in the Philippines and in the entire world.

Moreover, Rizal Day is commemorated in the country in accordance with the proclamation order issued by President Emilio Aguinaldo declaring December 30 every year as a national day of mourning in honor of Rizal and the great Filipino patriots who fought against Spanish regime. -Hana Josua C. Martinez