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Gov. Pacoy (center) with the Sangguaniang Panlalawigan Members led by Vice Governor Aureo Augusto Q. Nisce (center, in white) during the Annual New Year's Call together with the newly appointed Regional Director PCSUPT Romulo Sapitula (from the left) and Provincial

Director PSSUPT Rodelio Samson (to the right) along with fellow officers of Philippine National Police Region I (PNP- RO1) and La Union Provincial Police Office (LUPPO) at the Provincial Capitol Grounds, City of San Fernando, La Union on January 9, 2018.

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LA UNION PROVINCIAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL CONVENED

Hana Josua C. Martinez

The La Union Provincial Development Council held its first regular meeting for the year on January 26, 2018 at Diego Silang, Provincial Capitol City of San Fernando, La Union.

The highlights of the said meeting include approval of the La Union Transformative Sectoral Framework, Updates on the Annual Investment Programs (AIP) Performance for 2017 and 2018, and endorsement of the proposed construction of Naguilian Transport Terminal and Town Center and the construction of Mini- Hydro Power Plant.

Provincial Development Council Chairman Governor Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III stressed the province Transformative Governance Sectoral Framework which defined the path of the Provincial Government in sustaining real change and true transformation. It was then approved by the body.

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PGLU LAUNCHES MANGROVE PLANTING PROGRAM

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The Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) led by Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III held a Mangrove Planting Program in partnership with the ABONO Party-List, Local Government Unit of Bauang, Department of Environment and Natural Resources Region 1 (DENR-I), and the Bauang Fishing Group Consumer Cooperative on January 26, 2018 at Brgy. Parian Oeste, Bauang, La Union.

Bauang Mayor Eulogio Clarence Martin P. De Guzman welcomed the volunteers and guests of the activity. He expressed his gratitude towards the different partners who made the program possible. The Mayor also conveyed enthusiasm about the tourism potential of the site if established as a Mangrove Ecopark.

ABONO Party-list Representative Vini Nola A. Ortega considered this event a milestone towards making La Union the Heart of Agri-Tourism in Northern Luzon



FOR THE FUTURE. ABONO Party-list Representative Vini Nola A. Ortega plants a mangrove propagule during the Mangrove Planting Activity held on January 26, 2018, Bauang, La Union.

by 2025. In her message, she stressed on the importance of the event in preserving the environment.

"What we do here today would have a great effect in the future," said Rep. Ortega as she encouraged the people of Brgy. Parian Oeste to bring their kids to the event in order to raise awareness and foster care for the environment. The Congresswoman then proceeded to participate in the planting program and inspected the viability of the site.

According to DENR-I, about twenty-six thousand mangrove propagules will be planted throughout this program. Promoting biodiversity, mangroves serve as nursery grounds for fishes, prawns, crabs, and support fishery production in coastal waters hence dubbed as the Nursery of the Sea. Mangroves also provide protection for coastal areas and communities from storm surges, tidal currents, and typhoons.

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our Province with the directives of the National Leadership," Gov. Pacoy said.

The proposed projects of Naguilian Mayor Reynaldo J. Flores on the construction of Naguilian Transport Terminal and Town Center and construction of Naguilian Mini-Hydro Power Plant received a nod from the council and will be endorsed to the Regional Development Council (RDC).

Said meeting was graced by Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO) Assistant Secretary Ana Marie Banaag. Her team supported by the Philippine Information Agency Regional Office I headed by Director Jennilynne Role, invited

local officials and their information officers to the 2018 National Information Communication Convention on February 19 to 21, 2018 in Davao City. With the theme Spurring Development and Empowering Communities through Information, said gathering of information officers and officials aims to strengthen partnership between private and public-sector communicators, with the goal of nurturing a well-informed and enlightened citizenry.

Also, ASec. Banaag commended Gov. Pacoy for his effective thrust in promoting programs and advocacies with a heart, highlighting the vision of his administration that is to transform "La Union as the Heart of Agri-Tourism by 2025."



LA UNION HOSTS 1ST REGIONAL PRESS BRIEFING IN REGION I

Hana Josua C. Martinez

Presidential Spokesperson Atty. Harry Roque and La Union Governor Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III spoke before the members of the press in a briefing on January 17, 2018 at Diego Silang, Provincial Capitol City of San Fernando, La Union.

During the televised briefing, Atty. Roque gave local media and members of the Malacañang Press Corp updates on national issues. He also noted the low crime incidents recorded in the province for 2017. Atty. Roque commended Gov. Pacoy for his effective thrust in maintaining peaceful, orderly and safe as well as insurgency free province.

During the press conference, Gov. Pacoy was asked on his advocacies on business, trade and industry including creation of job opportunities. With this he highlighted the vision of his administration that is to

transform "La Union as the Heart of Agri-Tourism by 2025."

"This administration is founded on a program of Transformative Governance. The change that we aspire for has been progressive as we sought to align our Province with the directives of the National Leadership," said Gov. Pacoy.

President Duterte firmly stated, "For change to be permanent and significant, it must start with us and in us. Truly, change has come. As it has shaken the very foundation of our comfort zones, so has it ushered in unprecedented opportunities for progress and innovation."

Further, Gov. Pacoy stressed the province Transformative Governance Framework that defined the path of the Provincial Government in sustaining real change and true transformation. With the Province of La Union re-

cently being conferred with the Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG) by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), where 9 out of 20 component LGUs received the seal.

Also, Governor Ortega together with Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members led by Vice Governor Aureo Augusto Q. Nisce guaranteed through legislation to dedicate their efforts in sustaining Peace and Order which is a strong thrust in sustaining the vision of La Union to become the Heart of Agri-Tourism by 2025.

The Province of La Union hosted the 1st Regional Press Briefing in Region I for 2018. Presidential Spokesperson Atty. Roque explained that he intends to conduct press conferences in the province in order to bring the administration closer to the people.

PGLU AND 1590 EC PARTNERSHIP

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PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP. La Union Governor Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III and Mr. Arlo AG Sarmiento, President of 1590 Energy Corp. lead the signing of a five-year Lease Agreement for the operation, maintenance & rehabilitation of the Bauang Diesel Power Plant (BDPP). Said partnership project under the La Union PPP Code (Ordinance No. 096-2016) will ensure that the 215-Megawatt BDPP will

The Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) led by Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III and the 1590 Energy Corporation (EC) have entered into a historic Public-Private Partnership (PPP) on January 19, 2018 at the Diego Silang Hall, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union. The Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members led by Vice Governor Aureo Augusto Q. Nisce, media partners, and guests attended to witness the landmark event.

Gov. Pacoy, in his speech, expressed the PGLUs commitment to the success of the partnership. He stressed on the importance of the role of the private sector in Local Economic Development which is beneficial to the Agri-Tourism Strategy of his administration. The Governor further stated that the fruits of such a partnership will be used for more strategic collaboration with other potential partners in the private sector towards building a safe, peaceful, and investor friendly La Union.

continue to contribute to the stability of power supply and provision of ancillary services to the Grid. The partnership signed on Friday, January 19, 2018 at the Provincial Capitol, San Fernando City, La Union will take effect on January 2019 to December 2023.

The signed agreement is pursuant to Sangguniang Panlalawigan Ordinance No. 096-2016, also known as the La Union PPP Code, which is a lease contract that will start from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2023. The partnership will focus on the operation, maintenance, and rehabilitation of the plant to further improve power stability throughout the province and Luzon.

The Bauang Diesel Power Plant (BDPP) is a 215 Megawatt capacity bunker oil-fired 21-Engine diesel plant located in

Barangay Payocpoc, Bauang, La Union. It is connected to the 230 Kilovolt Transmission Line of the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP). 1590 EC, a subsidiary of Vivant Corporation, assumed operations of the plant in 2010. Not only does it provide jobs to the people of Bauang, 1590 EC is also an active partner of Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) that participates in the National Greening Program (NGP) annually.

COURTESY CALLS



New CSF PNP Chief PCINSP John Guagua.



LCDR Benedicto Bartolome of STN, CMDR CGS CSFLU



Capt. Joseph M. Coyne, PCG



Police Senior Inspector Leoncio Alcantara



Sec. Harry Roque, Presidential Spokesperson



Math Wizards from Brain and Heart of a Christian Institution Inc.



Representatives of LGBT Naguilian.



Fire Marshalls from Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) in the 20 Municipalities in La Union.



Representatives of Provincial Agriculture and Fisheries Council- La Union



Ms. Rosalinda G. Valdez, OIC Director V; Mr. Herman Banayat, TROA and Mr. Cesar D. Gavina, CTOO III of Bureau of Treasury



Gov. Pacoy and Mr. Rafael F. Simpao, Jr., Chairman of Security Bank Foundation (SBF), City of San Fernando Mayor Hermenigildo "Dong" A. Gualberto, Dr. Fatima Bado, DepEd Division Superintendent and Jeanny S. Hao of La Union Lions Club lead the ceremonial ribbon cutting on January 24, 2018 at San Fernando North Central School, Brgy. Tanqui, City of San Fernando, La Union. Said activity is in line with the "Build a School, Build a Nation: The Classrooms Project" of Security Bank Foundation in partnership with Ateneo de Manila University, DepEd Division of San Fernando City, La Union and City Government of San Fernando, La Union.



Gov. Pacoy, as Guest of Honor and Speaker, addresses the attendees of the 37th Foundation Anniversary of the Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University North La Union Campus (DMMMSU-NLUC) on January 15, 2018 in Bacnotan, La Union.



Gov. Pacoy together with Provincial Planning and Development Officer Dr. Mauro Libatique Jr., Provincial Engr. Elizabeth Sias and Mr. Justino F. Casuga of the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist (OPAG) show four recently received awards of the Province of La Union which were conferred by the Philippine Rural Development Project (PRDP) and Regional Project Coordination Office I on January 24, 2018 at Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union. Gov. Pacoy also received a Plaque of Appreciation for his committed support and active partnership in the implementation of PRDP in Ilocos Region.



Gov. Pacoy and Mr. Rafael F. Simpao, Jr., Chairman of Security Bank Foundation (SBF) unveil the marker of the newly built San Fernando North Central School Security Bank Foundation Building on January 24, 2018 at San Fernando North Central School, Brgy. Tanqui, City of San Fernando, La Union. Also in photo is City of San Fernando Mayor Hermenigildo "Dong" A. Gualberto.



Gov. Pacoy, Mdm. Geraldine Ortega, Mr. Ives O. Nisce, President and CEO of Rang-ay Bank and Mr. Ives Jesus C. Nisce II, Vice President of Operations and Director of Rang-ay lead the blessing and inauguration of Rang-ay San Fernando Highway Branch on January 16. It is the 3rd branch in the City of San Fernando and is another milestone for Rang-ay Bank in celebration of its 62nd Anniversary.



RAISING AWARENESS. Gov. Pacoy and Mutia ti La Union 2018 Candidates participate in the releasing of baby sea turtles in partnership with SIFCare (Science of Identity Foundation): Project Coastal Underwater Resource Management Action (CURMA) on January 20, 2018 at Urbiztondo Beach, San Juan, La Union. The event was led by Mr. Toby Tamayo, Program Director of SIFCare. The turtles are vital in maintaining the healthy ecology of the ocean as they help control the jelly fish population and they eat sea grass and algae.



Gov. Pacoy greets representatives from various Regional line Agencies during the opening of PGS Mini Boot Camp (MBC) on January 29, 2018 at Agora Event Center, Thunderbird Resort, Poro Point, City of San Fernando, La Union. This event aims to strengthen partnership between the PGLU and different Regional line agencies to attain the vision of the province to become the Heart of Agri-Tourism in Northern Luzon by 2025.



Gov. Pacoy reviews the accomplishment reports of Bacnotan District Hospital, Bacnotan, La Union (BDH) during his visit on January 18, 2017. Also in photo is Dr. Zenserly Pagaduan, Chief of Hospital of BDH.

SANGGUNIAN PANLALAWIGAN IN ACTION



On behalf of Governor Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of La Union headed by Vice-Governor Aureo Augusto Q. Nisce awards a Resolution of Congratulations to Ms. Anne Marie Nuval Napeñas of Luna, La Union for being the 8th placer in the 2017 Mining Engineer Board exam held on August of 2017. Ms. Napeñas will also receive a cash incentive of 10,000 pesos.

SPM Maria Annabelle S. De Guzman delivers her privilege speech in which she stood firm that IPs be provided mandatory representation in all local Sanggunians where they are qualified based on lands population computation. The Lady Legislator from Bauang, La Union urged the SP to assist, through appropriate legislative measure, IPMRs who are not fully receiving their compensation and benefits as provided by law. The issues she brought out was referred to the SP Committees on Laws, Rules and Privileges, People's Organizations, Non-Government Organizations and Indigenous Peoples, Justice and Human Rights and Finance, Budget and Appropriations, for appropriate action.



SEND-OFF PROGRAM OF PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATOR

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With the advocacy of promoting tourism industry, January born employees of the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) take a pose before dipping in the refreshing water of Tangadan Falls, Brgy. Amontoc, San Gabriel, La Union on January 26, 2018 for the monthly PGLU Staff Development Program. They also had lunch and yoga sessions at the Lotus Valley in Brgy. Dasay, San Juan, La Union. These activities are in line with province's vision to make La Union the Heart of Agri-Tourism in Northern Luzon by 2025.



Gov. Pacoy welcomes Barangay Captains and Kagawads during the Distribution of monobloc chairs, fishing gear paraphernalia and post-harvest equipment on January 18, 2017 at the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist (OPAG) Grounds, City of San Fernando, La Union.



Gov. Pacoy conveys La Union's Transformative Governance Charter, Awards and Recognitions to Presidential Spokesperson Atty. Harry Roque at the Governor's Office at the Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union, January 17, 2018.



Gov. Pacoy together with Lt. Col. Charles DS Castillo, New Commander of Philippine Army Spartan Battalion; Capt. Joseph M. Coyne, PCG- North Western Luzon PSSUPT Rodelio Samson and Regional Director Bryan O. Babang of Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) poses with the "I Love La Union" gesture during their courtesy call on January 31, 2018 at Thunderbird Resort, City of San Fernando, La Union.



Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III discussed the concerns of the members of the Federation of Senior Citizens Association during their courtesy call at the Diego Silang, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union on January 10, 2018. In the said event, Gov. Pacoy expressed his undaunted support with programs and advocacies of the federation.



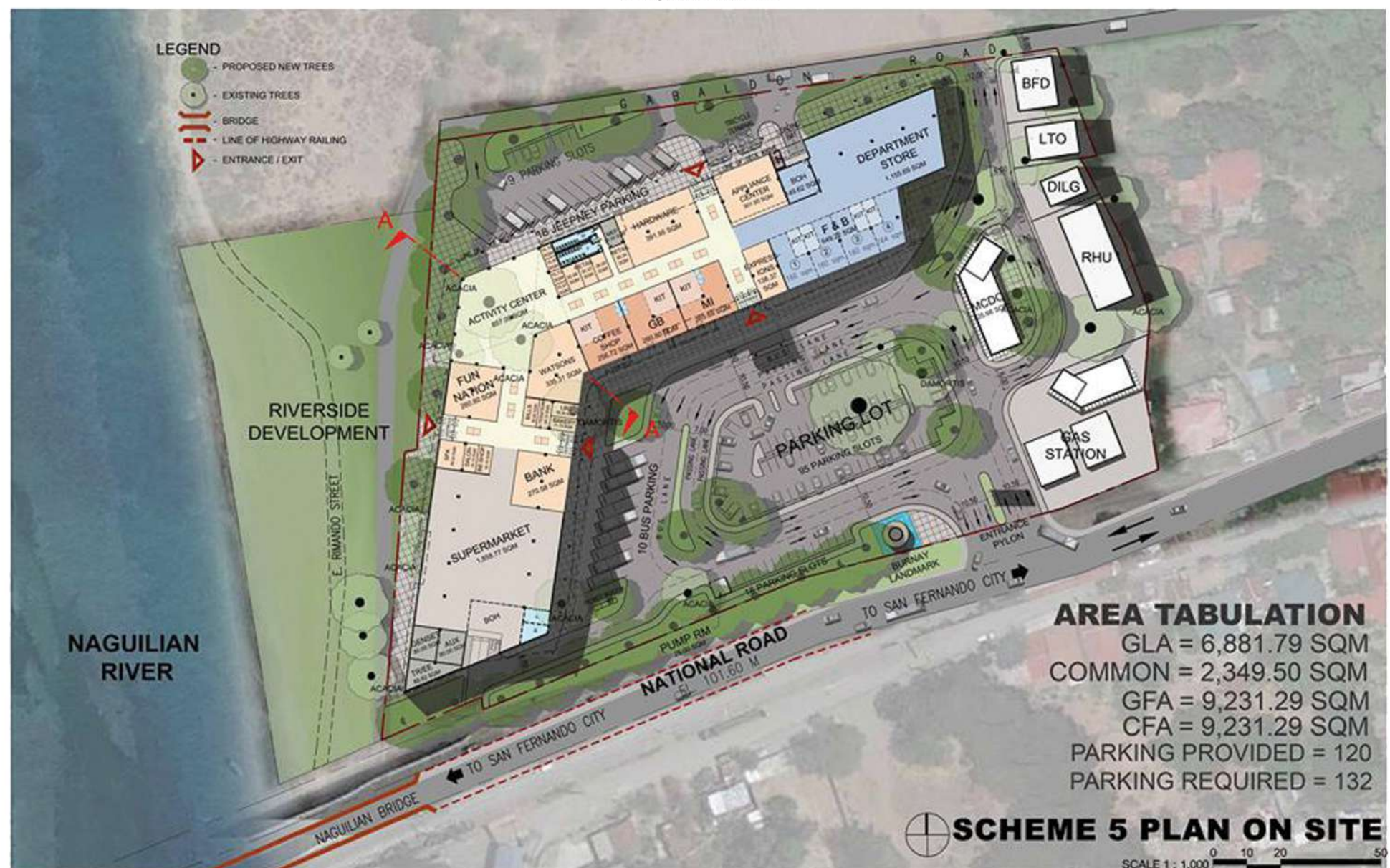
Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III administers the oath of Mr. Edwin M. Beliso, Jr. as the newly appointed Sangguniang Bayan Member of the Municipality of Sudipen at the Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union on January 9, 2018. Also in photo is Sudipen Mayor Alexander O. Buquing.



DYNAMIC PARTNERS. ABONO Party-list Representative Vini Nola A. Ortega (center) pose for a photo ops with officers of Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) led by PD SUPT. Christine Cula (front row, second from left) and all the Fire Marshalls of La Union on January 9, 2018 during their New Year's Call at the Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union.

LA UNION PDC OKS NAGUILIAN TRANSPORT TERMINAL AND TOWN CENTER

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NAGUILIAN CITY CENTER MALL

Brgy. Ortiz, Naguilian, La Union

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The La Union Provincial Development Council (PDC) led by its Chairman Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III approved the Construction of Transport Terminal and Town Center in the Municipality of Naguilian, La Union during a meeting on January 26, 2018 at Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union.

Said project will be endorsed to the Regional Development Council (RDC) for technical assistance in the sourcing of fund. The said project is proposed by Naguilian Mayor Reynaldo J. Flores which seeks to cater the needs of the Municipality by constructing a community mall and transport hub accessible to the people.

With its strategic location, the transport terminal and town center will be situated in a land area covering 3.334 hectares alongside Naguilian-Baguio Road at Barangay Ortiz, Naguilian, La Union.

Mayor Flores explained that the project will serve as a catalyst for sustainable social and economic development for Naguilian as well as its neighboring towns of Bauang, Burgos and Bagulin.

The construction of said project will also invite investors and stakeholders to capitalize in establishing malls which will generate more jobs and livelihood opportunities. Lodges and hotels will also be built in order to accommodate travelers and backpackers during their stay in the area. The Municipality of Naguilian also plans to erect offices in the new town center including Bureau of Fire (BOF), Land Transportation Office (LTO), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and Rural Health Unit.

With all these projects, Mayor Flores guaranteed the development of common roads and drainage systems as well as safety and security of the people through the initiative of various agencies in line with the directives of the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) to achieve the vision of transforming La Union to become the Heart of Agri-Tourism in Northern Luzon by 2025. The proposed construction of Naguilian Mini- Hydro Power Plant also received a nod from the council and will be endorsed to the RDC.



During the PDC meeting, Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO) Assistant Secretary Ana Marie Banaag commends La Union officials' dedication to improve the lives of the people through various programs and projects. Also gracing the event is PCOO New Media Director Princess Duque.



Naguilian Mayor Reynaldo J. Flores explains to the Provincial Development Council how the proposed Transport Terminal and Town Center will help in attaining to the vision of the Province. Also in photo are members of the Council, Pugo Mayor Priscilla M. Martin, Aringay Mayor Eric O. Sibuma, Bacnotan Mayor Francisco Angelito L. Fontanilla, Santol Mayor Magno A. Wailan and San Juan Mayor Arturo P. Valdriz.

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Governor Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III and newly appointed Regional Director PCSUPT Romulo Sapitula with the Sangguniang Panlalawigan Board Members convened in a joint meeting during the annual New Year's Call of the Philippine National Police Region I (PNP- RO1) and La Union Provincial Police Office (LUPPO) on January 9, 2018 held at the Provincial Capitol Grounds, City of San Fernando, La Union.

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), 9 out of 20 component LGUs received the seal. Gov. Pacoy emphasized his firm belief that Peace and Order is the foundation of all the elements with regard to the criteria of DILG in giving said award. Hence, Financial Administration, Tourism, Culture and Arts, Disaster Preparedness, Social Protection, Business Friendliness and Competitiveness, and Environmental Management can only be achieved when Peace and Order, Safety of communities are guaranteed, preserved and safe guarded.

"This is the strength of the province of La Union: a peaceful, orderly, and safe province with no insurgency... and I have you, the men and women of the Regional and Provincial Police Offices to thank. With your enduring and dedicated service to our beloved province...we aim for transformative governance in our effort to make La Union the Heart of Agri-Tourism in Northern Luzon by 2025." Gov. Pacoy said.

"Congresswoman Vini and I are your



"Dynamic Duo" - where she is, I am there too and where I am, I bring her love to all of you." Gov. Pacoy added.

To express his committed support to the Regional and Provincial Police Officers, last Christmas Season, Congresswoman Vini Nola A. Ortega and Gov. Pacoy personally visited all the PNP Police stations in the 20 component LGUs and personally extended their sincerest gratitude to the men and women of the PNP for their service, sacrifice and love for our province.

Moreover, La Union Provincial Police (LUPPO) led by OIC- Provincial Director Rodelio C. Samson presented current peace and order situation in the province

which according to him, La Union enjoys relatively peaceful environment due to the implementation of the Enhanced Managing Police Operations and sustained focused police operations which include implementation of search warrants, arrest of wanted persons, neutralization of gun for hire and crime groups in the province also immensely contributed to the favorable situation.

For the period from January to December 2017, the total Index Crime decreased by 68 incidents or 13.88% as compared to the 490 crimes recorded for CY 2016.

On the campaign against illegal drugs from January to December 2017, a

operations were conducted that resulted to the arrest of one hundred seventy one (171) drug personalities and three (3) died in police operations. Likewise, on the accounting of High Value Targets, (HVTs) a total of fifteen (15) HVTs were accounted. Three (3) surrendered, ten (10) arrested and two (2) Died in Police Operation.

On surrenders from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2017, a total of six hundred seventy one (671) drug personalities have voluntarily surrendered to the different police stations and to La Union PPO. One hundred forty three (143) under watchlist and five hundred twenty eight (528) newly identified.

As of January 8, 2017, a total of four hundred twenty one (421) drug affected barangays were already cleared out of four hundred ninety (490) drug affected barangays. There were remaining sixty nine (69) drug affected barangays to be cleared.

With these successes of the province, Gov. Pacoy lauds two influential people in his life: his father, immediate past Governor Manoling Ortega, and the late Roberto "Bobby" Ortega for their dedication, courage, resilience and selflessness.

Also, Governor Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III together with Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members led by Vice Governor Aureo Augusto Q. Nisce directed and guaranteed through legislation, the annual allocation of 1% of the total income of the province as dedicated funds for Peace and Order which is a strong thrust in sustaining the vision of La Union to become the Heart of Agri-Tourism by 2025.



PGLU First Monday Flag Raising Program Welcomes 2018

Marcel A. Florentino

The Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) headed by Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III welcomed 2018 with the monthly First Monday Flag Raising Ceremony program held on January 8, 2018 at the Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union.

With the awards and recognitions won by the province in 2017, Gov. Pacoy wished for a happy and prosperous New Year

for the attendees as he gave the call to buckle down to work harder in bringing more accolades in the name of the province and focusing on priority pillars and thrusts in the vision of making La Union the Heart of Agri-Tourism in Northern Luzon by 2025.

In his message, the Governor also expressed gratitude and appreciation for the competence and excellence in public service exemplified by Provincial

Administrator Geoffrey S. Tilan who retires on January 31, 2018. The storied career in public service of Dr. Tilan spans decades in different government agencies and serving La Union as its Provincial Administrator under the tenure of four Governors.

Gov. Pacoy conveyed his sympathies to the relatives of the victims in the tragedy that happened on Christmas Day in Agoo where a jeepney and bus

figured in a collision resulting to multiple casualties. The PGLU has extended assistance to the families and Gov. Pacoy stated his commitment to preventing such horrific accidents from happening again through effective protocol and policy formulation.

The Governor and the Sangguniang Panlalawigan led by Vice Governor Aureo Augusto Q. Nisce also honored the other retirees namely: Nenita A.

Lomboy, 40 years of service, Provincial Health Office (PHO); Virginia C. Beroña, 38 years of service, Naguilian District Hospital (NDH); Fely O. Carmelo, 41 years of service, Provincial Treasurer's Office (PTO); Erma J. Dasalla, 22 years of service, Office of the Provincial Assessor (OPASS); Aurora R. Obra, 42 years of service, Bacnotan District Hospital (BDH); Evelyn V. Corpuz, 40 years of service, Rosario District Hospital

(RDH); Cecilio C. Reyes, 24 years of service, Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO); and Oscar M. Rivera, 19 years of service, Balaoan District Hospital (BLDH). The Provincial Treasurer's Office (PTO), Provincial Assessor's Office (OPASS), and the Provincial Information and Tourism Office (PITO) spearheaded the First Monday Flag Raising Ceremony for the month of January.



GRATITUDE FOR RETIREES. Gov. Pacoy hands over a plaque of recognition to Mr. Oscar M. Rivera, a retiree for faithfully serving the Province of La Union for 19 years at Balaoan District Hospital (BLDH) during the First Monday Flag Raising Ceremony on January 8, 2018 at the Provincial Capitol Grounds, City of San Fernando, La Union. Also in photo are Vice Governor Aureo Augusto Q. Nisce and 1st District Board Member Francisco "Kit" C. Ortega.