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HEALTHY LA UNION. Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III and 2nd District Representative Sandra Y. Eriguel lead the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony during the Inauguration of the Decentralised Waste Water Treatment System (DEWATS) Facility and Tuberculosis - Directly Observed Treatment, Short course (TB-DOTS) Clinic, and Signage of the Caba District Hospital (CDH) on March 8, 2018 in Caba, La Union. Also in photo are ABONO Party-List Representative Vini Nola A. Ortega, former 2nd District Representative Eufranio C. Eriguel, and CDH Chief of Hospital Dr. Gretchen F. Aromin. Story on page 2.

LU PARTNERS WITH PHILTOA IN AGRI-TOURISM PROMOTION

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To strengthen the brand of La Union being an Agri-Tourism hub, the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) headed by Governor Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III forged partnershp with the Philippine Tour Operators (PhilTOA) led by Mr. Cesar R. Cruz through the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement on March 15, 2018 at the Fira Beach Cub, Thunderbird Resorts - Poro Point, City of San Fernando, La Union.

Said document define the roles of each party in the promotion of La Union's vision to be the Heart of Agri-Tourism in Northern Luzon by 2025.

PGLU in partnership with the Department of Tourism (DOT) - Region 1, hosted a three-day province wide Agri-Tourism Familiarization Tour (Fam Tour) on March 15 - 17, 2018. On March 15, 2018 for the Members of PhilTOA which consisted of industry stakeholders such as accommodation establishment owners, travel agencies, tour operators and transportation sector all around the Philippines. Said tour aims to familiarize PhilTOA Members with the variety of tourism products the province has to offer

and to come up with a La Union tour package to sell to a bigger market.

Highlights of the tour included a visit to the province's major pilgrimage destinations such as the Shrine of Nuestra Senora Virgen Del Mar Cautiva in Sto. Tomas; Basilica Minore of Our Lady of Charity in Agoo; Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Bauang; Ma-Cho Temple in San Fernando; the Shrine of Our Lady of Namacpacan in Luna and St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Bacnotan. The group also experienced the province's natural and man-made wonders such as the PuGad in Pugo; Thunderbird Resort, Poro Point Lighthouse and Baywalk, Halo Halo de Iloko – Balay, Provincial Capitol and La Union Agri-Tourism Center in San Fernando; Camp Spencer, Stone-Hand Art Gallery, Baluarte and Pebble Beach in Luna; Urbiztondo Beach and Pottery Industry in San Juan and the 50-feet high Tangadan Falls in San Gabriel. Showcasing La Union's craftsmanship and excellence, the participants also immersed themselves to a variety of creative industries and products of the province such as the, Loomweaving in

Bangar; Apiculture and Sericulture Indus- such as PhilTOA.

tries and Riverfarm in Bacnotan; and Grape-picking in Bauang.

Gov. Pacoy expressed his gratitude to PhilTOA for its commitment to developing Agri-Tourism packages for the province. He stressed that the success of the branding and marketing of Agri-Tourism strategy lies on partnership and collaboration with the key players of tourism and travel industry

Group Forum was held on February 20, 2018 at the PhilTOA Office, Cityland Tower, Makati City. Mr. Cruz emphasized that a well-planned itinerary (tour package) will create more business resulting from reputation of the tour operator for reliability and high quality service and reputation of the local government in tourism development.





Marcel A. Florentino

Anniversary of Caba District Hospital (CDH) led by Chief of Hospital Gretchen F. Aromin, the hospital's new facilities such as Decentralised Waste Water Treatment serve the medical needs of people of La System (DEWATS) and the Tuberculosis -Directly Observed Treatment, Short tuberculosis. course (TB-DOTS) Clinic was inagurated on March 8, 2018.

Ortega III thanked 2nd District by DEWATS is still not safe for drinking Representative Sandra Y. Eriguel and the local government unit of Caba led by Mayor Philip Caesar P. Crispino for contributing to the development of the currently at phase one but they are the said hospital. He then congratulated the employees of Caba District Hospital pre-fabricated fiberglass chambers headed by Dr. Aromin for the years of embedded underground which are more health service. In conclusion, the Governor parted with a reminder saying leakages. that everybody has a role and should play it well in order to bring more progress and development to La Union.

TB-DOTS is the internationally recommended highly efficient and

As part of the 44th Foundation effective strategy as well as being a cost-effective treatment in combatting tuberculosis. The opening of the TB-DOTS Clinic in CDH is an addition to better Union through preventing the spread of

DEWATS is important in containing infections and the treatment and Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" recycling of waste water. Water processed however it may be recycled to be good enough for watering plants and flushing toilets. Right now, CDH DEWATS is hospital equipped with durable and effective in preventing

A new site marker coupled with the inauguration of both DEWATS and TB-DOTS Clinic goes with their anniversary's theme "Breakthrough @ 44 of Health Service" and in providing modern and high quality healthcare.

PGLU CAPACITATES HEAD FOR TRANSFORMATIVE RESULTS-BASED MONITORING

The Provincial Government of La Union conducted a Capability Building for Transformative Results Based Monitoring and Evaluation (RBME) on April 16-18, 2018 at the Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union.

Said activity was a refresher course and the use of statistics of RBME. It aims to enhance the capability of the participants in the monitoring and evaluation of the progress of implementation of their annual work plans and budgets and programs and projects. It also aims to develop their skills in monitoring development results, including field validation and problem solving activities within their M&E process and set their M&E work plan for 2018 with 1st Quarter assessment of progress.

Workshops and group discussion were conducted on the preparation of project Log Frame; monitoring procedures; preparing a project result matrix and budget and

The participants also conducted field visits to selected projects implemented by PGLU in order to have a hands-on experience on the actual process of monitoring and evaluation of projects. The projects visited include the La Union Agri-tourism Center, Freedom Park, Provincial Health Office and Provincial Assessor's Office, all located in the City of San Fernando.

"It takes leadership commitment to achieve a better performing organization plus redeployment of resources to build M&E systems, plus individuals who are committed to improve public sector performance, so, it comes down to a combination of institutional capacity and political will," said Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III as echoed by consultant Agnes Grace A. Cargamento who served as overall facilitator during the three-day activity. Other resource persons during the training were Mr. Jessie Miranda, Economic Development Specialist from NEDA-ROI and Governor's Consultant on Planning & Development Marilyn Castino.

The training was participated in by Department Heads, Chiefs of Hospitals, Division Chiefs and designated Monitoring and Evaluation Officers of the various PGLU departments/offices and district hospitals.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY GOV. Celebrating life, Gov. Pacoy and his family plant bani seedlings on March 26, 2018 at the Filipino-Chinese Friendship Pagoda in the City of San Fernando, La Union.



MOVING FORWARD, Provincial Information and Tourism Officer Adamor L. Dagang welcomes participants to the 2018 Cities and Municipalities Competitiveness Index Briefing and Orientation held on April 5, 2018 at the Diego Silang Hall, Provincial Capitol Building, City Of San Fernando,



SCHOLAR GRANTEES. Gov. Pacoy and Cong. Vini Nola a. Ortega pose with the ABONO Scholars during the distribution of scholarship grants for said scholars on April 3, 2018 at the Diego Silang Hall, Provincial Capitol, City Of San Fernando, La Union.



Gov. Pacoy hands over a check to Caba Mayor Philip Caesar P. Crispino as the municipality's prize for being a Cleanest, Safest and Greenest (CSAG) Awardee in 2017 on April 3, 2018 at the Office of the Provincial Governor, Capitol Building, City of San Fernando, La Union. Also in the photo are Sangguniang Bayan Members of Caba, La Union



TESTAMENT OF LOVE. Gov. Pacoy imparts to the faculty members and students of Bangbangolan National High School the importance of education during the inauguration of newly-built facilities of said school on April 4, 2018.



Gov. Pacoy listens attentively to the presentation of Vice Chairman Leonardo N. Quitos, Jr. of the Metro San Fernando Water District-La Union about the Integrated Water and Waste Program (IWWP) on April 3, 2018 at the Office of the Provincial Governor, Capitol Building, City of San Fernando, La Union

LU DADS HONOR WOMEN DURING ITS 88TH SESSION

Jiroh Joy D. Marbella

In celebration of the International Women's Day, Vice-Governor Aureo Augusto Q. Nisce, for a moment, yielded his chair as presiding officer to the two lady board members. SPM Maria Annabelle S. De Guzman and SPM Nancy Corazon M. Bacurnay as a gesture of giving honor to women during the SP's 88th Regular Session on March 8, 2018 at the Speaker Pro Tempore Francisco I. Ortega Legislative Building and Session Hall. Both the women legislators delivered their respective privilege speeches centered on the topic of women empowerment and protection as well as the call to revisit the Gender and Development Code of the Province of La Union (SP Ord. 071-2015).

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They urged the Sangguniang Panlalawigan to seek out the help of the executive branch of the province in getting an update on the status of implementation of the said code problems encountered and/or provisions that need to be revised/amended as well as the impact to the lives of women in the province.

Nancy Corazon Bacurnay, encouraged all Local Government Units, Organizations, Government Government Organizations and



speech centered on the topic of woman empowerment and protection on March 8, 2018 at the Speaker Pro we wanted a society where women are empore Francisco I. Ortega Legislative Building and Session Hall.

Civil Service Organizations to observe International Women's Month with a promote the development of women in

sectors like livelihood health and series of social service programs to participation environment protection, hope that, that society is the Province of La trainings on risk reduction management

and seminars about women's rights.

SPM De Guzman shared some statistics taken from The Philippine Statistics Office where it revealed that although women are higher than men in terms of functional literacy rate at 92%-88%, they are still behind in terms of Labor Force Participation Rate at 46.2%-76.2% and the percentage of Occupied Elective Positions with women only at 21.5% while men are at 78.5% as of March 2018.

Based on the statistics from the Philippine National Police, violence against women dropped from 12, 304 reported cases in 2016, to 10, 262 reported cases in 2017, but still considered as high prevalence.

SPM De Guzman also quoted two popular empowered women in the person of Margaret Thatcher and Angelina Jolie-Pitt. To close her speech she left a quote for the board and audience to ponder on "We, women do not aspire that we should be higher than men or stronger than men or more empowered than men, loved and respected and seen not as an object of desire but truly a co-equal, wellness, partner of transformative change. It is our

LA UNION TURNS-OFF LIGHTS

The people of La Union led by Governor Francisco Emmanuel R. Ortega III joined in the celebration of Earth Hour 2018 by turning off the lights from 8:30 pm to 9:30pm on March 24, 2018.

Also a program hosted by the Local Government Unit of Bauang on the said date was held. It revolved on the theme "Raniag Bauang" and it has an official social media hashtag #Connect2Earth

Being a mother herself, ABONO Party-List Representative Vini Nola A. Ortega appealed to the audience to take care of Mother Earth just as they care for each one's mothers, and to be committed in helping out and stopping the destruction of Mother Nature not just through participating in Earth Hour, but through little ways that may be integrated in our day to day lives.

Bauang Municipal Mayor Martin P. De Guzman III asked the people to join him in praying the "Prayer for Mother Nature in Sustaining Our Planet Earth". He also expressed his joy that the Municipality of Bauang was chosen to host the Earth Hour in the Province of La Union.

Gov. Pacoy who was serenaded by the crowd for his upcoming birthday in the Bauang for being the host. In his message, falls on the last Saturday of March, Earth he emphasized howbeautiful the planet

connected. La Union is our home. Let us continue to love our home."

A candle lighting ceremony where the materials were made from recycled tin cans was led by the Governor along with other local officials. Earth Hour 2018 program concluded with a commitment signing participated by the key figures present. Also the BAGGAK Band entertained audience with different genres of music, coupled by a film viewing showcasing the beauty of the Municipality of Bauang, La Union.

Blessing was earlier done by Rev. Ronald Raymund O. Chan, Parish Priest and Bauang Vice Mayor Bonifacio Molinao welcomed the guests and

Earth Hour is a worldwide movement Nature (WWF). The event is held annually 2018. encouraging individuals, communities, and businesses to turn off non-essential of March or March's last Saturday, as a institutions, displaced workers and employees seeking advancement. said event thanked the participation of all symbol of commitment to the planet. the attendees especially the people of Occasionally, in years when Holy Saturday Hour is moved a week early rather than its traditional date.

PESO GATHERS MORE JOBS FOR LA UNION

and he talked about the importance of The City Government of San Fernando in coordination with the Provincial Government earth, life, and how blessed we are to be a of La Union through the Public Employment Service Office (PESO) conducted the San part of it. He added, "Everything is Fernando City People's Job Fair held on April 17, 2018 at the CSI Atrium, CSI Mall, Biday, City of San Fernando, La Union. Guests during the event are DOLE - RO I Regional Director Nathaniel V. Lacambra, Hon. Alfredo Pablo R. Ortega, City Vice Mayor & Hon. Antonio Jucar, City Councilor/Chairman, Committee on Workforce Development.

There were 43 employers who participated both for local and overseas employment. Participating agencies were not only from the province of La Union but also from other cities/provinces like Baquio City, Pangasinan, Tarlac City and Metro Manila. As per record, there were 2,563 local job vacancies and 2,600 job vacancies for overseas offered for jobseekers. Local Jobs available include customer and technical service representatives, clerks, sales representatives, managers, supervisors, marketing personnel, hotel workers, engineers, electricians, cashiers, skilled and non-skilled workers and others. Job vacancies for abroad/overseas employment were skilled/construction workers, medical courses, service crew/factory workers, drivers, computer related courses for deployment in Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates. Qatar, New Zealand and Taiwan. A total of 414 registered jobseekers (291 for local employment and 123 for overseas employment) were interviewed while 31 lucky jobseekers were Hired on the Spot (HOTS). There will be a follow-up with the employers to get the job-placement result.

The PESO - La Union also rendered technical assistance to the Local Government Unit of Sudipen in conducting their Jobs Fair held on April 24, 2018 at the ABC Hall, organized by the World Wide Fund for Municipal Hall, Sudipen, La Union as part of the celebration of Annual Kawayan Festival

Jobs Fair is an employment facilitation strategy to fast track the meeting of job seekers, local & overseas employment agencies in our venue at a specific date to electric lights for one hour, from 8:30 - reduce cost, time and effort particularly on the part of applicants. Job fairs are open to 9:30 PM on a specific day towards the end all unemployed, skilled and unskilled workers, college graduates, graduates of training





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and Speaker during the declaration of Sudipen as a "Drug-Free" Municipality held at the Sudipen Honor and Speaker during the declaration of Caba as a "Drug-Free" Municipality held at Diego Silang Municipal Gym, La Union on April 25, 2018. In support of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte's all-out war Civic Center and Historical Park and Eco-Tourism Plaza, Caba, La Union on April 26, 2018. against illegal drugs, the Local Government Unit of Sudipen, La Union under the leadership of Hon. Alexander O. Buquing, Municipal Mayor/MADAC Chairman, is working actively with all the sectors of the community to institute mechanisms, programs, activities to effectively put an end to the drug menace in Sudipen.



ONWARDS TO PROGRESS. Gov. Pacoy ABONO Party-List Representative Vini Nola A. Ortega, and Former 2nd District Representative Eufranio C. Eriguel lead the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony during the Inauguration and Blessing of the San Manuel Sur Farm-to-Market Road held on March 23, 2018 in Agoo, La Union. Also in photo is Provincial Engineer Elizabeth P. Sias.



Gov. Pacoy hands over a Plaque of Merit to PSI Leoncio P. Alcantara Jr. for the 101st Maritime Police Immediate Management at the Senior Citizen Conference Room, Naguilian, La Union on April 19,2018. Station for being adjudged as RMU 1 Maritime Police Station of the year 2017 on April 3, 2018 at the Office The Symposium was attended by NDH partners in the Service Delivery Network from the Municipalities of



National Bureau of Investigation on April 17, 2018 at the Provincial Capitol Building, City of San Fernando,



TOGETHER WITH FAITH, LOVE, UNITY AND SOLIDARITY. Gov. Pacoy punches in as the Guest of Honor GOOD WILL WIN. WE WILL WIN! Gov. Pacoy leads in flashing the "I Love La Union" sign as the Guest of



the province during the Inauguration and Blessing of the newly rehabilitated/upgraded Bail-Casilagan Road held on March 23, 2018 in Bail Elementary School, Sto. Tomas, La Union. Also in photo is ABONO Party-List Representative Vini Nola A. Ortega



NDH - Lorma Partnership. Naguilian District Hospital (NDH) Chief & Hospital Dr. Eleanor G. Dacanay hands over a token to Dr. Romeo G. Molano, Jr. Chief of Hospital, cardiologist of Lorma Medical Center (LMC), one of the Resource Speakers of NDH-LMC's Symposium on Acute Coronary Syndrome and its



Employees from Naguilian District Hospital (NDH) Nursing Service Department (NSD) flashes the "I Love Gov. Pacoy and ABONO Party-list Representative Vini Nola Ortega turn over five computer units to the La Union sign during the First Ever Orientation on Policies and Protocols on April 16, 17 & 20, 2018 at the Old Senior Citizen's Office in Natividad, Naguilian, La Union. This event was launched to make hospital personnel aware of NSD's mission, vision, goals; policies and procedures.

PGLU INFO OFFICERS UNDERGO TRAINING



University of the Philippines Open University Chancellor Dr. Melinda dP. Bandelaria discusses Social Media Marketing for Development to the members of the Governor's Press Corps April 12, 2018, of the News Writing and Social Media Marketing Seminar-Workshop in Hotel Veniz, Baguio

The Provincial Government of La Union Newswriting and Photo Captioning. (PGLU) through the Provincial Information and Tourism Office (PITO) led by Adamor to keeping up with the latest space for L. Dagang conducted the reorganization media consumption. Participants learned and training for the Governor's Press Social Media Marketing for Development Corps (GPC) from April 10 to 12, 2018 at from UP Open University Chancellor Dr. the Hotel Veniz, Baquio City. This was Melinda dP. Bandalaria. attended by 45 members from selected offices and hospitals under PGLU.

Mark Anthony Latoja, Retail Manager of awareness campaign towards the vision of Globe Telecom and an experienced making La Union the Heart of trainer, while Dr. Cecilia Fe Abalos, Agri-Tourism in Northern Luzon by 2025. Associate Professor at the University of of Development Communication.

fundamental principles in

The third and last day was dedicated

In his message, Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III stressed The first day of training consisted of on the vital role of GPC being front and teambuilding exercises facilitated by Dr. center in the promotion, marketing, and

The Governor's Press Corps was the Philippines (UP) Baguio, served as the formed pursuant to Executive Order No. main speaker as she discussed the basics 009 Series of 2008 by immediate past Governor Manuel C. Ortega. It aims to More writing exercises followed on deliver complete, accurate and timely the second day of training as Jason Paolo information on the various development Telles, Instructor for Broadcast initiatives, programs, and projects that the Communication at UP Baguio, taught the PGLU is implementing for the welfare of

PGLU LAUNCHES NEWLY REFURBISHED WEBSITE

Jamie Rose N. Mifa

The Provincial Government of La 2017. The National Government initiated a Union (PGLU) headed by Gov. Francisco Government Web Template of the Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III iGovPhil Program which aims to enhance introduced the new template of the official effectiveness, efficiency and transparency websiteof La Union in line with the of Government through interconnectivity. province's vision to be the "Heart of The province chose to use Wordpress Agri-Tourism in Northern Luzon by 2025" which is the easiest and most powerful during the 4th Cabinet's Meeting on April website Content Management System in 10, 2018 at the Diego Silang Hall, existence today. It is also low cost and Provincial Capitol Building, City of San open-source. An application of Search Fernando, La Union.

www.launion.gov.ph domain name was the website as a top result for searches. accepted and registered at the The new website will provide constituents, Department of Science Technology-Advanced Science and better user experience. Technology Institute since 2005. Through in-house web hosting last September

Engine Optimization to optimize online The Province of La Union's content so that search engines can show

the years, web hosting were news releases, videos and reports for and rehabilitation center at the Ilocos congratulated La Union for their accommodated by external providers transparency and accountability were Training and Regional Medical Center, organized ADACs. He concluded by done by Lorma Colleges and LivCom uploaded. Different articles which and other programs. The Governor, stressing the importance of strong Technologies. But with the improvement features the La Union Agri-Tourism represented by Provincial Jail Warden leadership at different levels of the of hardware infrastructure of the PGLU, the Circuits and Tourism Packages were also Rimas Calixto, expressed his optimism government to properly promote the full Information and Communication included. Through the website, there will that with the leadership of Technology Division (ICTD) implemented be information exchange and availability of the province's products and services.



website of La Union in line with province's vision to be the "Heart of Agri-Tourism in

ANNUAL ITR CY 2017: FILED, PAID AND SUBMITTED

Income Tax Returns (ITRs) CY 2017 of Job or before April 15 of the ensuing year. Order (JO) and Contract of Service (COS) of La Union (PGLU).

have already submitted their ITRs.

This is in compliance to BIR Revenue

The Office of the Provincial Memorandum Circular No. 69-2017 and in Accountant (OPAcc) submitted to the pursuance to the provisions of the Bureau of Internal Revenue - Revenue National Internal Revenue Code of 1997 District Office (BIR-RDO) No. 3 the Annual on the filing and payment of Annual ITR on

JO and COS personnel were personnel of the Provincial Government reminded of the Revenue Memorandum Circular No. 19-2015, where in taxpayers OPAcc submitted to BIR the first batch using the Electronic Platform in filing tax of said documents on April 13, 2018 while return or the eBIRForms for the JO and second batch was submitted on April 16, COS personnel of the PGLU, shall submit 2018. A total of 308 JO and COS personnel the ITRs and attachments to the RDO office within 15 days from the date of eFiling.

PGLU HOST LUPPO CASCADING OF RECOVERY AND WELLNESS PROGRAM



SERVICE WITH DIGNITY. Police Community Relationships Group Director PCSUPT Rhode O. Sermonia, who serves as Guest of Honor and Speaker during the Cascading of the Philippine National Police Recovery and Wellness Program, discusses the importance of strong leadership from the Local Government Units in the success of the war on drugs or April 16, 2018 at the Diego Silang Hall, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union.

Police Provincial Office's (LUPPO) the war on drugs will be a success. Cascading of the Philippine National Police (PNP) Recovery and Wellness Director Police Chief Superintendent Program on April 16, 2018 at the Diego Rhodel O. Sermonia, the main speaker, Silang Hall, Provincial Capitol, City of San hails from the National Headquarters of Fernando, La Union.

of La Union against illegal drugs through million houses visited and around 1.3 various activities. The PGLU conducted million surrenderers. PCSUPT Sermonia is province and even hosted region-wide going all over the country to promote a dangerous drugs summits. It also fully holistic approach in helping the drug supports several programs such as the users through a well-developed strengthening Anti-Drug Abuse Councils community-based recovery program. (ADACs) Mamamayang Ayaw Sa According to the Department of and researchers, travelers and bidders a Panagbalbaliw of Aringay, "Talikuran na wellness programs. ang Droga Ngayon na" of Santol, "Simula Agri-Tourism information as well as ng Pagbabago" of Caba, the treatment programs, PCSUPT

In support of the war on drugs, the the police and the PGLU's all-out support, Provincial Government of La Union the spirits and souls of those who have (PGLU) led by Gov. Francisco Emmanuel surrendered to the mission of love, "Pacoy" R. Ortega III hosted the La Union recovery, and wellness will be saved and

Police Community Relations Group the PNP. He reported that Operation Gov. Pacoy reiterated the commitment Tokhang "Katok at Pakiusap" resulted to 8

Anomalya, Mamamayang Ayaw sa Ilegal Health, as reported by Sermonia, 90 na Droga (MASA-MASID), Barangay Based percent of drug users may be fully Rehabilitation Program of Bauang, Oplan rehabilitated through these recovery and

Encouraging more action and recovery of drug addicts.



Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III introduces the new template of the official Northern Luzon by 2025" during the 4th Cabinet's Meeting on April 10, 2018 at the Diego Silang Hall, Provincial Capitol Building, City of San Fernando, La Union

PGLU GEARS UP FOR THE 2ND QUARTER OF 2018

Coming back from the observance of the Holy Week, the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) buckled down to work as it prepares for the eventful 2nd quarter of the year as announced by Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III during the monthly First Monday Flag Raising Ceremony program on April 2, 2018 at the Provincial Capital Grounds, City of San Fernando, La Union.

Welcoming the 2nd Quarter of 2018, the Governor instructed Capitol employees to take advantage of the sunny days and lay out the necessary work in anticipation of the rainy days ahead as he shared the classic fable of Aesop, the Ant and the Grasshopper, where the characters learned the value of play time, and the value of hard work and how to work hand in hand in storing food and enjoying the sunshine.

Gov. Pacoy concluded, "The story is not always what it seems. The story can be written, re-written, told and re-told. This story that we are writing for our beloved Province has taken stock of the very narrative to make La Union the Heart of Agri-Tourism in Northern Luzon by 2025. We are the actors playing the different roles that we have been chosen for."

Moreover, Gov. Pacoy reminded the attendees about the events that will be held in April such as the Garantisadong Pambata Week and World Health Day with the theme, "Universal Health Coverage: Everyone, Everywhere," commemoration



HOLY WEEK REFLECTIONS. Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III greets the Capitol employees during the First Monday Flag Raising Program on April 2, 2018 at the Capitol Grounds, City of San Fernando, La Union. Gov. Pacoy expressed his gratitude to the Almighty Father for the abundant blessings bestowed upon the province.

of our heroes during the Araw ng retirees. They are Teresa C. Bermudez, 28 Maynes, 28 years of service, Office of the Kagitingan, and the National Geographic years of service, Provincial Health Office Provincial Veterinarian (OPVET); and The Provincial Health Office (PHO) Earth Day Run and International Earth (PHO); Wilfredo G. Nariz, 34 years of Bonifacio Y. Mingaracal Jr., 31 years of spearheaded the First Monday Flag Day. The PGLU also honored its recent service, Provincial Jail; Teodoro M. service, Naguilian District Hospital (NDH). Raising Ceremony for the month of April.



ABONO DISTRIBUTES GRANTS TO SCHOLARS

The ABONO Party List held its second meeting with scholars on March 23, 2018 "Pacoy" R. Ortega III have started. at the Diego Silang, Provincial Capitol City Of San Fernando, La Union.

Ortega graced the event and greeted about education as something that can each member of the ABONO Scholars never be stolen from us. "Saan tayo lipaten Association (ASA) also in the same event, iti nakatulong kadatayo. Iramantayo iti she presented their individual checks kararag tayo," Mr. Aglugub said. representing their scholarship grant.

thoughts on how important education is social activities for the scholars such as and how it can mold the future of the Tree Planting and Team building students.

ABONO will not stop their help through interviews for scholarship applicants who the scholarship but would also continue to have complied with the requirements set help and support them to look for a job by CHED and ABONO are currently being after graduation which is what her

husband, Gov. Francisco Emmanuel

Moreover, Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Education Supervisor ABONO Party-list Rep. Vini Nola A. II Mr. Rudolfo E. Aglugub, shared insights

ASA was organized on December In her message, she expressed her 2017 and is currently active in forming programs. Application for scholarship is She also assured the scholars that open to secondary students and regular

(PGLU) led by Gov. Francisco Emmanuel R. Ortega III has convened the Provincial Task Force Against Emerging & Re-Emerging Diseases on March 12, 2018 at the La Union Technology and Livelihood Development Center (LUTLDC) in the City of San Fernando, La Union.Provincial Health Officer Dr. Hector T. Beñas reported that the whole province of La Union is Malaria free. However, the task force reported a rising number of chikungunya cases. In pursuit of "Healthy La Union, Happy La Union by 2025," this situation is under control and is expected to improve over time as the task force immediately addressed the issue to prevent the onset of outbreaks.

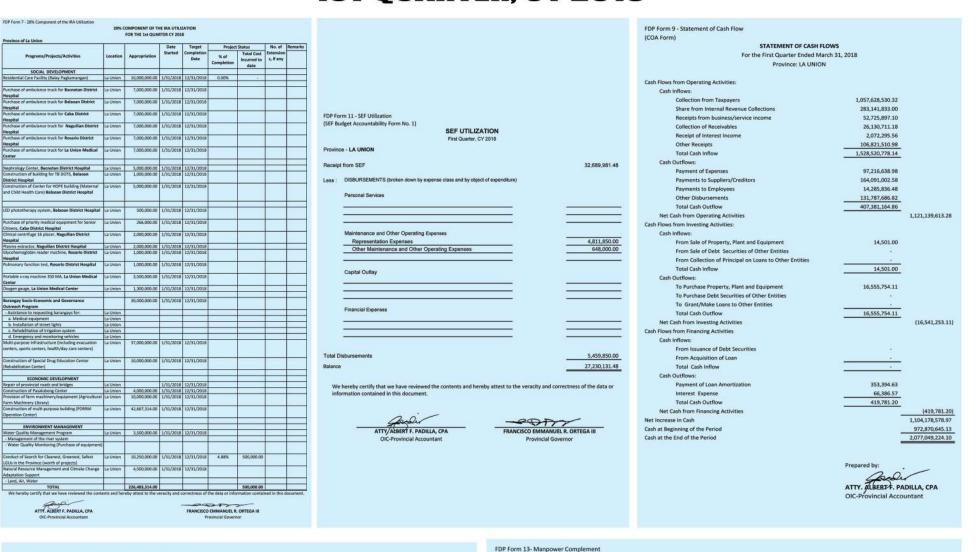
Department of Health - Region 1 (DOH-R1) - Environmental and Sanitary Engineer Ashley B. Antonio, served as the main speaker of the engagement. He talked about important tips in combatting dengue and other mosquito borne diseases through the DOH's 4S Kontra Dengue Campaign. He discussed the Search and Destroy tactic in inspecting businesses and



HEALTHY LA UNION. Provincial Health Officer Dr. Hector T. Beñas leads the Provincial Task Force Against Emerging & Re-Emerging Diseases meeting on March 12, 2018 at the La Union Technology and Livelihood Development Center (LUTLDC) in the City of San Fernando, La Union. The meeting focused on updates on the current situation of dengue, chikungunya and other diseases to prevent unnecessary public fear and panic.

breeding ground mosquitoes. He stressed that self-protection must also be practiced through proper clothing and various mosquito repellants. With dengue, time is of the essence as Engr. Antonio said that seeking consultation is essential and should not be delayed when there is a suspected case. Lastly, when there is an impending outbreak, Engr. Antonio recommends to say "yes" to fogging. He advocates that such practices should be institutionalized down to the barangay level in order to be more effective in eradicating or mitigating vector-borne diseases. Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" Ortega serves as the Honorary Chair of the said task force whereas Dr. Hector T. Beñas, Provincial Health Officer, is the Team Leader. The focus of the meeting centered on updates with regard to dengue, chikungunya and other vector-borne diseases. It was attended by hospital chiefs, members of the La Union Provincial Police Office (LUPPO), and representatives from different key agencies.

PGLU - FINANCIAL REPORT 1ST QUARTER, CY 2018



FDP Form 8 - Local Disaste	er Risk Reduction and Manageme	nt Fund Utilization			
(COA Form)					
	LOCAL DISASTE	R RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEM	MENT FUND UTILIZ	ATION	
		For the First Quarter, CY 20	18		
		Province: LA UNION			

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	LRRRMF						
Particulars	Quick Response Fund (QRF) 30%	Mitigation Fund 70%	NDRRMF	From Other LGUs	From Other Sources	Total	
A. Sources of Funds (Unutilized Balances)							
Current Appropriations	18,731,741.10	43,707,395.90				62,439,137.00	
Continuing Appropriations	10 10	1,142,921.53		i i	0	1,142,921.53	
Previous Year's Appropriations transferred to the Special Trust Fund		33,278,461.66				33,278,461.66	
Transfers/Grants							
Total Funds Available	18,731,741.10	78,128,779.09	1961		191	96,860,520.19	
B. Utilization							
Payment for maintenance of Rescue vehicle with Plate no. SAA 2071 (Ambulance) Chk# 1616696 JEV-2018-03- 003749		2,355.09				2,355.09	
Payment to Toyota La Union for the repair of rescue vehicle with plate No. SAA 2071 Chk#1616697 JEV-2018- 03-003753		11,875.93				11,875.93	
Payment of oxygen tank used for rescue operation and gas tank used during the fire rescue training Chk#1616955 JEV-2018-03-003555		1,635.00				1,635.00	
Payment of repair and maintenance of rescue vehicle with plate nos. SAA 6350 and URI 537 Chk#1616955 JEV- 2018-03-003555		1,800.00				1,800.00	
Payment to Carr Brake Auto Supply for the maintenance of SFH-832 (Rescue) under PDRRMO. V# 1258 chk# 1616640 JEV-2018-03-004016		8,480.00				8,480.00	
Total Utilization	2	26,146.02		2	100	26,146.02	
Unutilized Balance	18,731,741.10	78,102,633.07		2		96,834,374.17	

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. Job Order/Contract Service

special or technical skills not available in the employing agency, to be accomplished within a specific period, which in no case shall exceed one year, and perfor

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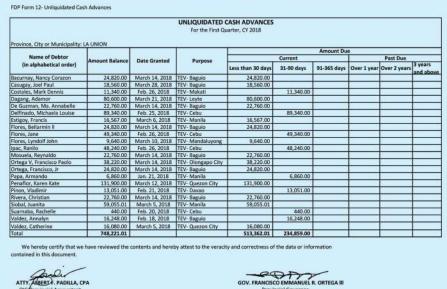
107,881,484.3

8,424,635.92

116,306,120.23

government employees. The job order covers piece work or intermittent job of short duration not exceeding six months on a daily basis. (Source: Omr

Program or Project	Location Total Cost	Date Started	Target Completion Date	Project Status		No. of		
				% of Completion	Total Cost Incurred to Date	Extensions, if any	Remarks	
Supplementary Feeding Program	La Union	900,000.00	12/01/17	11/30/18	6.14%	55,286.92		
LGSF-Assistance to Indigent Individuals or Families	La Union	8,000,000.00	10/01/17	09/30/18	79.64%	6,371,000.00		
Performance Challenge Fund	La Union	7,000,000.00	07/01/17	06/30/18	57.13%	3,999,260.00	8 8	
LGSF-CMGP-Rehabilitation & Improvement of Dumarang- Carcarmay-Cabalitocan (Ubbog- Paagan) Road	La Union	39,000,000.00	09/20/17	05/12/18	53.75%	5,832,439.16		on-going
LGSF-CMGP-Rehabilitation, Improvement, Upgrading of Rosario-Tubao Road	La Union	47,000,000.00	11/15/17	07/07/18	35.13%	2,366,800.61		on-going
LGSF-CMGP-Rehabilitation, Improvement, Upgrading of Casilagan-Bail Road	La Union	9,870,265.00	09/20/17	12/20/17	100.00%	7,497,077.44	30 calendar days	under time suspension





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PEACE AND ORDER STATUS OF LA UNION REVIEWED

Governor Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III convened the Provincial Peace and Order Council (PPOC), La Union Anti-Drug Abuse Council (LUADAC) and the Council of the Five Pillar of Criminal Justice System (CFPCJS) in a joint meeting at the Diego Silang Hall, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union on April 24, 2018.

In the said meeting, PSupt. John F. Charongen of the La Union Police Provincial Office (LUPPO) reported the State of the Peace and Order Situation of the Province for the 1st Quarter of CY 2018. He said, the Province of La Union continues to enjoy a peaceful environment which is attributed to the collective efforts of the local government units, the community and the law enforcement units.

Likewise, Agent Darnel L. Bacate, Provincial Officer of PDEA-La Union, reported the Anti-illegal Drug Situation of the Province for the 1st Quarter of CY 2018. He reported that there are four municipalities in the Province of La Union that were declared drug-free to include the municipalities of Burgos, Bagulin, Rosario and Balaoan. He also informed that the municipalities of Sudipen and



Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III presides over the Joint Meeting of the Provincial Peace and Order Council (PPOC), La Union Anti-Drug Abuse Council (LUADAC) and the Council of the Five Pillar of Criminal Justice System (CFPCJS) held at the Diego Silang Hall, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union on April 24, 2018. Seated from L-R: LUPPO Provincial Director PSSupt Genaro V. Sapiera, Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III, PDEA-La Union Provincial Officer Darnel L. Bacate and DILG-LU Representative Calvin Lubrin.

Caba are expected to be declared drug-free this week.

The CY 2018 1st Quarter Status of the La Union Major Cases Filed in Court or under Prosecution and the Status of Cases of Provincial Jail Inmates were reported by Provincial Prosecutor Danilo C. Bumacod and PJW Rimas G. Calixto, respectively.

In response to the reports of Prosecutor Bumacod and PJW Calixto, RTC Executive Judge Alpino Florendo presented the Actions Taken on RTC Cases and Proposals to Facilitate Action. He also reported the Summary of Criminal Cases Filed and Disposed for the 1st Quarter. Judge Florendo commended the efforts of the LUPPO and PDEA-RO1 in their campaign against illegal drugs as he reported that there was a considerable drop in the number of drug cases filed this year as compared to the previous years.

Forhis part, Gov. Pacoy thanked all the Council members and urged them to keep up the good work because "Battles may have been won, but the war is not yet over," he said.

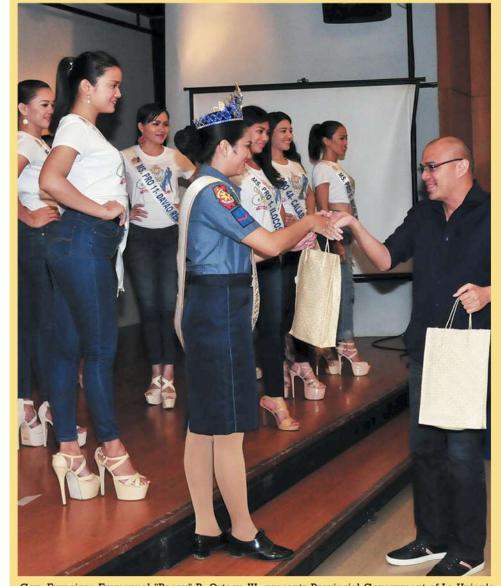
The PPOC, LUADAC and the CFPCJS are special bodies in the Provincial Government of La Union chaired by Gov. Pacoy Ortega.

GANDA PULIS 2018 CANDIDATES VISIT LA UNION



BEAUTY AND ADVOCACY. Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III and PCSUPT Rhodel O Sermonia flash the I love La Union gesture with Ganda Pulis 2018 Candidates. They highlighted La Union as a Drug-Free province with the joint effort of Philippine National Police and

Multisectoral Community during the Provincial Government of La Union's Flag Raising Ceremony at the La Union Provincial Capitol on April 16, 2018.



Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III presents Provincial Government of La Union's tokens of gratitude to the 26 Ganda Pulis 2018 Candidates during the Welcome Dinner held on April 16, 2018 at the Diego Silang Hall, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union.



Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III introduces the Guest of Honor and Speaker, PCSUPT Rhodel O Sermonia during the Provincial Government of La Union's Flag Raising Ceremony at the La Union Provincial Capitol on April 16, 2018.



PMA BROTHERS. Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III gives a token of appreciation to his Philippine Military Academy comrade and Police Community Relationships Group Director, PCSUPT Rhodel O Sermonia during the Ganda Pulis 2018 Welcome Dinner on April 16, 2018 at the Diego Silang Hall, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union. Such token is Provincial Government of La Union's expression of gratitude to Philippine National Police for choosing La Union as one of the destinations of Ganda Pulis 2018 candidates during their Nationwide tour.