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LU WAVES ROLL ON 13TH LA UNION SURFING BREAK

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LA UNION SURF BREAK 2018. Provincial Administrator Jennifer Joan O. Mangual and Provincial Tourism Officer Ademar L. Dagang lead the ceremonial launching of the 13th La Union Surfing Break 2018 on October 26, 2018 at San Juan, La Union.

Manifesting its zeal to promote La Union as a sports and adventure destination as well as the premier surfing destination in Northern Luzon, the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) led by Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" E. Ortega III, through the Provincial Tourism Office, launched the 13th La Union Surfing Break (LUSB) on October 26, 2018 in Urbistondo Beach in San Juan, Gablon-Quirino Beach in Bacnotan and Sol Arena Beach in Caba, La Union.

This biggest annual surfing event by volume in the Philippines was organized in collaboration with the Department of Tourism - Region I and Local Government Units of San Juan, Bacnotan and Caba and supported by the La Union Conventions and Visitors Bureau and other tourism stakeholders.

Considering the importance of social responsibility, this year's LUSB was held with different activities dispersed throughout several establishments in various hotels and restaurants in the vicinity of Urbistondo. The idea is to avoid the build-up of waste along the shores and to also encourage local businesses to thrive.

The first day of the 13th LUSB started in the afternoon of October 26, 2018 with a Drum and Lyre and Dance Performance of the La Union National High School students at the beach front of Kahuna Beach Resort and Spa, Urbistondo, San Juan, La Union. On behalf of Gov. Pacoy, Provincial Administrator Jennifer Joan O. Mangual welcomed everyone to the event. Also present in the event were San Juan Mayor Arturo P. Valdivia, Bacnotan Tourism Officer Francis

C. Gonzalez, Caba Vice Mayor Ignacio L. Dagaña, Board Member Reynaldo M. Novales, Provincial Tourism Officer Ademar L. Dagang and 13th LUSB Event Organizer Jeff Ortega.

On the second day, the Caba leg threw a Music Fest in the evening with "Never the Strangers" Band and "DJ Ben Poe" as their guests to entertain music enthusiasts, tourists and locals; Bacnotan leg as for sports enthusiasts with activities such as Beach Volleyball Competition, Sand Castle Fun Building Contest, Surfboard Design Contest and Kayak Race. Ending the 13th LUSB, a Mangrove Planting and Coral Gardening was done to give a good investment for future generations while resort owners, tourists and locals worked hard in hand for a Community Beach Clean-up to keep and preserve the cleanliness of the event

area.

Aside from millennials coming from Metropolitan Manila, Baguio, and part of the Northern Luzon, many of the visitors in Urbistondo Beach were foreigners who flew all the way from South Korea, Europe, and the United States of America to witness and be a part of the 13th LUSB.

The La Union Surfing Break was conceptualized in 2006 with the aim of educating and exposing surfing to the general public through entertainment and music. This national surfing event has already positioned the province as the Surfing and Active Lifestyle Holiday Destination of the Philippines. It solidified its standing in the country's major festivals and events which brought great impact in achieving the province's vision to be the Heart of Agri-Tourism in Northern Luzon by 2035.



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PGLU LEADS NATIONAL STATISTICS MONTH CELEBRATION

Edith A. Cardenas

The Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) and the Provincial Statistics Committee (PSC) chaired by Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Paco" R. Ortega III led the nationwide celebration of the 29th National Statistics Month (NSM) in La Union. Various activities have been lined-up for the month-long celebration.

With theme "Exploring Philippine Woodens in Numbers: Statistics Towards Sustainable Tourism Development (Panagsikapal ti Dayag ti Filipinas Basesen ti Numero: Estadistika Para ti Agroturismo a Panagdur-as ti Turismo)," the event kicked-off with the Search for Best NSM Float through a motorcade cum float parade around the City of San Fernando, La Union on October 2, 2018. The float of the Municipality of Sadipen emerged as winner.

A Statistical Info Exhibit was opened at the Passabong Center. Chief Tourism Operations Officer Modesto D. Balcoy and Board Member Jonathan Justo A. Orta led the ceremonial cutting of the ribbon of the exhibit.

In the Jingle Making Contest for secondary level, Don Eulogio De Guzman Memorial National High School (DEGMNHS), Basing, La Union bagged the First Place while Regional Science High School (RSHS), Baggao, La Union and Bacnotan National High School got the second and third place, respectively.

On October 5, 2018, secondary and tertiary students, teachers and coaches from the different schools provincially; and government and private employees



LA UNION NATIONAL STATISTICS MONTH OPENING CEREMONY. Department of Tourism (DOT) - Region I Chief Tourism Operations Officer Mr. Modesto D. Balcoy and Board Member Jonathan Justo A. Orta lead the Ceremonial Ribbon Cutting for the Opening of the Statistical Info Exhibit at the Agri-Tourism Passabong Center, City of San Fernando, La Union on October 2, 2018.

joined the simultaneous NSM contests which include Essay Writing, Statistics Quiz, Oratorical and Poster-Slogan Making Contest in the Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union.

The Essay Writing contest concluded with First Placers Hannah Reyes Casades of Rosario Integrated School (RIS) for the secondary level, Darryl Abasco of Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University-South La Union Campus (DMMSU-SLIC) for the tertiary level, and Nasser Dugayan of Naguilan National High School for the employee level.

For the Poster-Slogan Making Contest, First Placers were Edward Calonge, Jr. of

Rosario Integrated School (RIS) for the secondary level, and Arlo Wright Panglinan of Lorma Colleges for the tertiary level.

A Statistics Quiz Contests were also held with BHC Educational Institution for the secondary level and Saint Louis College for tertiary level emerging as First Placers.

For the Oratorical Contest, First Placers are Jilienne Frances Loceran Valdez of BHC Educational Institute for the secondary level and Carla Barza Alcaransa from DMMSU-SLIC for the tertiary level.

All First Place winners of the different

contests will represent the Province of La Union in the Regional Contest to be held on October 17, 2018 at the University of Northern Philippines, Vigan City.

A Symposium on Statistics: A Campus Tour for Secondary Schools were held at Bangabangolan National High School, San Fernando City, San Gabriel Vocational High School and Pogo National High School on October 10, 11 and 18, 2018, respectively.

The following activities were also slated for this year's NSM celebration: Statistical Training on Infographics and Tourism Statistics on October 17, 2018 at the Passabong Center, City of San Fernando, La Union; Coastal Clean Up along the seashore of the Ago-Damarita Protected Landscape and Seascap (ADPLS) Area, Sta. Rita, Agoon, La Union on October 18, 2018. A Search for Best LGU NSM Exhibit will also be conducted for the different municipalities and city in the province.

The month-long NSM celebration in the Province will culminate with the Awarding and Closing Ceremonies to be conducted on October 26, 2018 at the Diego Silang Hall, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union.

The NSM was institutionalized by P.D. No. 647 and is being celebrated during the month of October of each year with the objective of promoting, enhancing and instilling awareness and appreciation of the importance and value of statistics in local governance specifically on decision making, planning, financial management and project implementation.

PGLU HOSTS AMBURAYAN RIVER SYSTEM WQMA CONVERGENCE MEETING

Glenn Libong

The Provincial Government of La Union hosted the Amburayan River System Water Quality Management Area (WQMA) convergence meeting on October 17 and 18, 2018 at Villa Masand Resort and Spa Hotel and Restaurant, Basing, La Union.

WQMA aims to protect, through stakeholder collaboration, the water body and its tributaries by keeping their water quality within the Water Quality Guidelines conforming to the water body's classification.

Amburayan River System has two WQMA designations, the Lower



Amburayan River System (LARS) and Upper Amburayan River System (UARS). LARS is composed of the Municipalities of Sanol, Sadipen and Bangar of La Union and the Municipalities of Cervantes, Sigay, Sagpon, Soyo and Tagudin of the Province of Ilocos Sur. On

the other hand, UARS is composed of Municipalities of Atok, Tublay, Baku, Baggao, Kapanagan and Kibungan of Benguet.

The designation was initiated by the Technical Working Group in partnership with Jaime Y. Coggins Foundation as one of the components of the

project, "Protecting and Defending the Amburayan River Basin and Watershed through Good Governance and Active People's Participation" in collaboration of the three provinces and the different agencies.

The convergence

for the WQMA Governing Boards to present plans, results and accomplishments on how they effectively and sustainably manage their various water resources. Supervising Environmental Management Specialist Ms. Annalyn Rosario Valdes delivered Gov. Francisco

Ortega III's welcome message saying "Kas karna na dagiti agkakabes wenno agkakabaq, daytoy a karayan ket isa ti kasla bagis wenno urat nga agartayay ti bagi tay amin, ti daram ket isa met daytoy ti dana nga agay ayas ti inroto a sistemnatayo ken isu ti mangted bag kadatyo amin," the governor further noted that water is life, the Amburayan River System is the grand water resource that has breathed life to the people of the Ilocos Cordilleras. Thus, there's an urgent need for the management council to provide interdependent support to the WQMA.

PGLU PAYS TRIBUTE TO ELDERLIES

RAJ K. Pazon

The Provincial Government of La Union showed its love and support to the senior citizens of La Union through the Provincial Elderly Week celebration with a theme, "Kilalanin a Parangalan: Yaga Salong Ng Kapapatan Ng Nakatatanda Tungo Sa Lipnang Makapaghalang" held on October 8, 2018 at the La Union Technology and Livelihood Development Center, Guerrero Road, City of San Fernando, La Union.

Various activities were organized during the said celebration to raise awareness and supporting elders and to recognize their achievements. Activities in the week-long celebration include old music entertainment and dance numbers. They were also oriented of the special discounts they can get from businesses.

Provincial Board Member and Committee Chairman on Social Services, Bellarmin A. Flores II delivered the speech of Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Paco" R. Ortega III to more than 100 attendees



SWEET LIFE. The Senior Citizens of La Union enjoying the old music entertainment and dance exercise during the Provincial Elderly Week celebration with a theme, "Kilalanin a Parangalan: Yaga Salong Ng Kapapatan Ng Nakatatanda Tungo Sa Lipnang Makapaghalang" held on October 8, 2018 at the La Union Technology and Livelihood Development Center, Guerrero Road, City of San Fernando, La Union.

saying, "Man is composed of body and soul and as such they have to take care of their physical self - their body by maintaining a healthy lifestyle and nourish their spiritual self - their soul by maintaining a healthy relationship with the Lord Almighty God the giver of life, to enjoy an even long and happy life." RM. Flores also committed P10,000 to the senior citizens as additional cash prize for their singing competition called "Hinig Hardog Para sa Nakatatanda."

Senior Marketing Head of Renato E. Herrera (R.E.H.) Herbal Trading and Manufacturing, Mr. Erni F. Zabot also briefed the Senior Citizens on a deeper understanding about diabetes. A Bingo Game was played by the participants.

Provincial Elderly Week is under Proclamation No. 1903, s. 1975, and declares the period from October 1 to 7, 1984, and every first week of October of every year as Linggo ng Estandaang Filipino (Elderly Filipino Week).

LA UNION HOSTS NATIONAL CREBA CONVENTION

RAJ E. PASTOR

The Province of La Union hosted the Chamber of Real Estate and Builder's Association, Incorporated (CREBA) 27th Annual National Convention held on October 18, 2018 at the Thunderbird Resorts and Casino, Porto Point, City of San Fernando, La Union. It was attended by more than 300 participants including CREBA associates from different places of the Philippines.

In his speech, Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III extended his appreciation to CREBA's National Chairman Mr. Charlie Gorayeb and La Union Chapter President Mr. Reynaldo Q. Nisce for choosing the Province of La Union as the venue for the convention. Gov. Pacoy talked about the Provincial Government of La Union's (PGLU) vision to become the Heart of Agri-Tourism in Northern Luzon by 2025 through the development of nationally competitive and sustainable tourist circuits. He also emphasized on how La Union gives importance to investors through POLU's programs to ensure ease in doing



Gov. Pacoy greets the members of the Chamber of Real Estate and Builder's Association, Incorporated during the 27th Annual National Convention held on October 18, 2018 at the Agos, Thunderbird Resorts and Casino, Porto Point, City of San Fernando, La Union.

business. "I am delighted that the Provincial Government of La Union shares the same principles with you in aiming to uplift the quality of lives of our people not only in the province, but of the whole country," he said.

The National Convention tackled about Legislative Updates on Housing and Real Estate Development. It also highlighted CREBA's agenda for housing which is "A Home for Every Filipino," Emerging Markets and Best Practices to Sustain Real estate Growth; Achieving the Country's Public-Private Housing Vision; Monetary Policies to Sustain the Real Estate Boom; Raising the Bar for World-Class Philippine Real Estate Profession were also discussed.

CREBA's vision is to enable its members to effectively fulfill their respective roles in land and housing development by initiating cooperation with government and other economic and social sectors towards formulation of programs and policies that would foster national development.

PGLU INSTALLS PROVINCE-WIDE WIRELESS MESH HIGH SPEED LOCAL NETWORK

Jasir Rose N. Milla

The Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU), through the Office of the Governor - Information and Communication Technology Unit (OPG-ICTU), partnering with a third party contractor - PCCraft Computer Technologies, Inc. and coordinated with the 10 Local Government Units of La Union to kick start the installation of a Province-Wide Wireless Mesh High Speed Local Network on October 2018.

The Wireless Mesh Network (WMN) infrastructure is a component of the Public Safety Program on establishing a Network Enabled Emergency Operations Center (NEEOC).

Through the establishment of the WMN the province can have a devoted wireless network that it fully owns and controls. It will provide a dynamic private



Wireless Mesh Network technicians install poles and antennas for the province-wide Wireless Mesh High Speed Local Network Project at the Naguilan Commercial Center on October 17, 2018.

network that can make the NEEOC and other provincial services operational and accessible real-time across the province.

The mesh technology was preferred over a fiber optic connection because of better connectivity, cost-effectivity, reliability, flexibility, faster transmission and low downtime capability while taking consideration of the geographic location of the province.

This project, through the initiative of Gov. Pacoy Ortega, will be contributory to the attainment of the province's vision to be the "Heart of Agri-Tourism in Northern Luzon by 2025". With the WMN acting as support for the NEEOC, the province will be a safe destination equipped with world class safety and security for all its citizens and visitors.

PGLU SIGNS MOA FOR COMMUNITY POLICING SYSTEM

Maria Dolor Rilar

The Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) has entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with other stakeholders for a strengthened implementation of peace and order in the community through an improved policing system.

The PGLU, through Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III, has signed the MOA for the governing mutual obligations, roles and responsibilities in the implementation of the Community and Service-Oriented Policing (CSOP) System, on October 16, 2018 at the Diego Silang Hall, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union.

The National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM) through executive officer Atty. Rogelio T. Casura, Philippine National Police (PNP) - Regional Office 1 through Regional Director PCSUPT Bernaldo E. Sepúlveda, and the Liga Ng Mga Barangay - La Union Chapter through Ex-Officio Provincial Board Member Geraldine E. Ortega also signed in the MOA.



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The MOA defined the roles of all the parties to undertake in relation to the maintenance of peace, order and public safety in the locality.

The CSOP System has been developed by the NAPOLCOM to empower the PNP to perform its role as a community and service-oriented agency. It ensures the establishment of coordinative and cooperative mechanisms through a triad composed of the local chief executives, the chiefs of police and the community leaders. This system promotes and enhances the peace order and law enforcement functions of governments towards the accomplishment of basic services, socio-economic benefit and development to the localities.

In his message, Gov. Pacoy manifested the strong commitment of the PGLU in assuring the sustainability of peace, order and safety in the province. He emphasized that peace and order has always been among the pillars of transformative governance in the province's effort to become the Heart of Agri-Tourism in Northern Luzon by 2025.



LU AS MOST BUSINESS FRIENDLY FINALIST. On behalf of Gov. Pacey, CPG Chief of Staff, Ma. Joy K. Ortega (3rd from right) together with Mr. Adanor L. Dagang, Tourism Officer and Local Economic and Investment Promotions Officer-Designate (2nd from left) receives a Plaque of Recognition for the Province of La Union as Finalist to the FICCI Most Business Friendly Local Government Unit Award 2018. Handing the plaques are Mr. Renato G. Sibalalan, FICCI Director of Chamber & Industry Association Development; (2nd from left) Mr. George T. Barcelona, FICCI BOD Chairman (4th from left), Atty. Jose Alejandro, Chairman, FICCI LGU Awards (2nd from right) and Mr. Sergio R. Ortiz-Lala, Jr., FICCI BOD Honorary Chairman.



Concerned agencies composed of Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Mines and Geosciences Bureau, Provincial Government of La Union, and the Local Government Unit of San Juan, La Union meet on October 3, 2018 to discuss the ongoing construction along the shoreline of San Juan, which was seen to pose a threat to the sea turtles' nesting area. As a result of the meeting, the team issued a temporary stoppage of construction activity while waiting for the result of coastal assessment.



Sangguniang Pambalayan Member Reynaldo Morales and Provincial Tourism Officer Adanor Dagang attends the Hearing of the Committee on Tourism for House Bill No. 9693 declaring La Union as the Surfing Capital of the North on October 4, 2018 at the Senate of the Philippines, Pasay City. Said bill was sponsored by ABONO Party-List Rep. Virg Nola A. Ortega.



La Union Sangguniang Pambalayan Members (SPMs) participate in mangrove planting during their on-site visit at the mangrove nursery and mangrove plantation of Puerto Princesa City, Palawan on October 14, 2018. The SPMs were also briefed in an orientation on the mangrove plantation program by the City Environment & Natural Resource Office of Puerto Princesa City.



Gov. Pacey hands over checks to La Union Police Provincial Office Director Ricardo Layag Jr. on October 3, 2018 at the Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando. La Union representing Provincial Government of La Union's financial assistance to the office's Mobile Police Intelligence Course to reinforce the peace and order in the province.



Gov. Pacey highlights the contributions of the Provincial Peace and Order Council (PPOC), La Union Anti-Drug Abuse Council (LUAADAC) and the Council of the Five Pillars of Criminal Justice System (CFPJS) in the Provincial Government of La Union's attainment of its third Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG) Award during their joint meeting held at the Diego Silang Hall, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union on October 04, 2018.

“For the third consecutive year, the Provincial Government of La Union, on November 3, will again be honored with the seal of local governance. We cannot have done it by ourselves and I would like to specially thank the members of the Provincial Peace and Order Council, La Union Anti-Drug Abuse Council as well as the Council of the Five Pillars of the Criminal Justice System for their cooperation, collaboration and partnership.” **Gov. Pacey**



Provincial Government of La Union's Security Services Personnel together with hospital security guards undergo Readiness Precision and Familiarization Training at Camp Brigadier General Oscar M. Florendo, Farolan, City of San Fernando City, La Union on October 11, 2018.



Differently abled persons participate in the deboning of nilfish which is one of the activities of the Pederasyon ng May Kapansanan ng La Union's skills competition ABLYMPICS on October 6, 2018 at the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO), City of San Fernando, La Union. The competition was spearheaded by the PSWDO and includes food preparation, cooking, flower arrangement, chess, scrabble and waste re-use.



NEW HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT. Bacnotas District Hospital (BDH) Operating Room Staff learn carefully to the demonstration on the use of a 1000-liter capacity associate equipment for ventilation. The new equipment, which was received by the hospital on October 8, 2018, is part of Gov. Faeys's initiatives to modernize the province's district hospitals in line with the province's transformative governance on health.



Tourism Operations Assistant Joy Ann L. Gustina of the Provincial Tourism Office discusses about tourism reception and ceremony grading techniques to the members and officers of associations and cooperatives in La Union on October 18, 2018 at the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist (OPAG), City of San Fernando, La Union. The activity is sponsored by the OPAG in support of the vision of the province to be the Heart of Agri-Tourism in Northern Luzon by 2025. This is also part of the 2018 Provincial Cooperative Month Celebration.



On behalf of the Provincial Government of La Union, Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Paco" E. Ortega III accepts a check from the Land Bank of the Philippines on October 18, 2018 at the Office of the Provincial Governor, Capitol building, City of San Fernando, La Union. The fund will be utilized to cover the expenses used for the restoration of the province from the damages brought about by Typhoon Ondoy on September 14-15, 2018.



The Provincial Inter-Agency Monitoring Task Force (PIAMTF) validates team conduct personal interview to one of the nominees for the 2018 Search for Outstanding Day Care Workers for the Province of La Union at the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office, City of San Fernando, La Union on October 18, 2018.



The Office of the Provincial Governor-Security Services Unit (SSU) learns from Mr. Albert M. Aguiño, Chief Communication Equipment Operator, OPG-Information Communication Technology Unit, on the proper equipment care and communication protocol of the additional 10 units of handheld radios, which they received on October 18, 2018. The equipment will be used to strengthen the capabilities of the SSU personnel to preserve the security in the Capitol.



Legal Officer III Amy Philip Raymond E. Rivera of the Cooperative Development Authority - Regional Office I leads the Orientation on Co-op Audited Financial Statement Information System Encoding for Micro-Coops, Federations, and Data Privacy Act at the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist, City of San Fernando, La Union on October 17, 2018.



Provincial Government of La Union representatives participate in the workshop on the formulation of the Provincial Governance Reform Roadmap (NGRR) or local road management and public financial management held on October 15 to 17, 2018 at Hotel Strossberg, Clark, Pangasinan. The workshop aimed to align the Conditional Matching Grant to Provinces (CMGP) to the Sustainable Development Goals in partnership with the Department of the Interior and Local Government - CMGP and the United Nations Development Program. Participating Offices were Provincial Assessor, Planning and Development, Engineering, Treasury, Accounting, Bids and Award Committee and General Services.



Gov. Paco poses with Municipality of Bangor's Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) members after the Love to Lead Seminar on October 18, 2018 at ABCD Resort, Bangor, La Union. The seminar aims to align the SK with the goals and strategies of their municipality and the province.

PGLU ENACTS 3 EOS, NO CASUALTY IN LU AFTER TY ROSITA

Carillo E. Zamatoy

Three Executive Orders were enacted by the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) as a pre-emptive measure for Typhoon Rosita which resulted to no casualties and no major damages as it traversed the province on October 29 to 31, 2018.

With the directive of Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Paco" R. Ortega III and after conducting an Emergency Response and Preparedness Meeting, Acting Gov. Aureo Augusto Q. Niece signed Executive Order No. 19 series of 2018 declaring suspension of classes on all levels in public and private schools and suspension of work in all government institutions in La Union on October 30 and 31, 2018.

To mitigate possible incidents brought about by liquor intoxication, E.O. No. 20 s. 2018 was signed by Acting Gov. Niece that temporarily imposed liquor ban in the province until Typhoon Rosita left the Philippine Area of Responsibility. E.O. No. 21 s. 2018 declaring suspension of work in private institutions in La Union in



Vice Governor Aureo Augusto Q. Niece calls an Emergency Response and Preparedness Meeting to strengthen La Union's readiness for Typhoon "Rosita" on October 28, 2018 at the Diego Silang Hall, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union. Pre-disaster Risk Assessment and delegation of cluster tasks were discussed in the meeting.

the afternoon of October 30 and the whole day of 31, 2018 was also passed.

Urgent Memorandum No. 973-2018 was also signed ordering the mobilization of the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (PDRMO) headed by Mr. Armando F. Sulista III to activate an emergency response support for the province and the Activation of Emergency Operations Center.

Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 3 was raised in the province in the evening of October 29, 2018 and Rosita made its landfall in Dinapogan, Southern Ilocos in the morning of October 30. PAG-ASA immediately lifted the storm signal upon exit of the typhoon in San Fernando, La Union on the afternoon of October 31.

A total of 1,393 families were served and a total of Php401,086 from the PGLU, Local Government Units, Department of Social Welfare and Development, and Office of Civil Defense was spent for the assistance of those affected by the typhoon.

LUPJ OBSERVES NATIONAL CORRECTIONAL CONSCIOUSNESS WEEK

Estrella M. Polanco

The La Union Provincial Jail (LUPJ) celebrated the National Correctional Consciousness Week (NACOCOW) with activities intended to rehabilitate and transform Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDL) into normal and responsible citizens on October 22 to 26, 2018 at the LUPJ, Pias, City of San Fernando, La Union.

"This celebration is pursuant to Presidential Proclamation 581 series of 1985, which aims to recognize and value the dignity of every PDL and guarantee full respect for human rights," LUPJ Warden Rimas G. Calixto said.

With the theme "Pagbabago sa Kanlangan ug Pistas ay Tunay na Makabansan sa Makabagong Pansamayan," the LUPJ in coordination with partner agencies and inmates, conducted various activities which included the provision of spiritual and guidance counseling, poster making contest, pañon games, and sportsmanship



La Union Provincial Jail conducts different sports activities and talent search to uplift the Persons Deprived of Liberty during the celebration of 2018 National Correctional Consciousness Week from October 22-26, 2018, La Union Provincial Jail, Pias, City of San Fernando, La Union.

drive from the Parole and Probation Office, Search for Feeling Poet and Gardening LUPJ was also held, that served as the culmination program.

NACOCOW aims to raise the level of consciousness and promote awareness in both public and private sectors on the plight of prisoners, detainees, probationers and parolees. It also made an impact on the re-socialization process of every inmate for their eventual reintegration to the society.

The Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU), headed by Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Paco" R. Ortega III, recognizes the potential contributions of PDLs in the attainment of the vision of the province to make La Union the Heart of Agri-Tourism in Northern Luzon by 2025.

The LUPJ, with the full support of the PGLU, commits to continuously improve and level up the celebration of NACOCOW in the coming years.

CROSS WORD PUZZLE

Across

1. A famous destination in the City of San Fernando which means "a place where they dig fish." This is where they first built a San Guillermo the Great Parish in 1708.

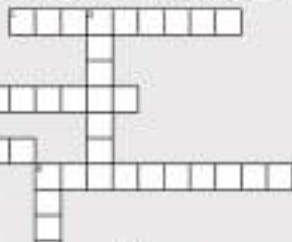
3. Famous lake found in San Gabriel, La Union.

4. Group: The Most A. Ortega authored House Bill 9803, an Act declaring the Municipality of San Juan as former Destination and the _____ Capital of the North.

6. A festival in Agoo, La Union related to the much-loved Bicolano dish.

8. _____ Code in Pursuant to Provincial Ordinance 029-2012 which requires the use of the local language.

9. Our Lady of _____ Church in Davao, La Union is also called St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish.



Down

1. District in Cabalan and the Site in the Province of La Union.

3. A famous dish which was first found in Baguio, La Union.

5. Philippine River also was known in Caba, La Union.

7. A municipality in La Union with highest population.

LA UNION HOLDS 1ST LUTODA FRIENDSHIP CUP

Rizzen Este Casay

One of the Rural-based Organizations of La Union under the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist, La Union Tricycle Operators and Drivers Association (LUTODA), held its first ever Basketball Friendship Cup on October 6 and 7, 2018 at the Covered Court of Brgy. Pora, San Fernando City, La Union.

To promote unity and cooperation among the tricycle operators and drivers of La Union, six chessered teams competed in the two-day activity using knockout system of elimination. Group 1 was composed of San Juan and Bacnotan TODA; Group 2 was composed of Sadipen, Bangor and Luna TODA; Group 3 was composed of San Gabriel, Sarral and Balaoan TODA; Group 4 was composed of Bawang, Naguilian, Bagulin and Burgos TODA; Group 5 comprised of Agoo, Aringay and Caba TODA; and Group 6 was composed of Pugo, Sto. Tomas, Tabaco and Rosario TODA.

A program led by LUTODA President, Mr. Juan O. Dacanay, LUTODA's focal person Mr. Francisco B. Reyes, Jr. and Assistant Provincial Agriculturist Ma. Myrna Fricaso kicked off the tournament. Board Members Carlo Castro U. Concepcion of the First District of La Union and Maria Annabelle S. De Guzman of the Second District of La Union sponsored and graced the event.

The Agoo-Aringay-Caba bagged the championship and was awarded P6,000.00 cash and trophy while the Sadipen-Bangor-Luna TODA landed as first runner up and received P4,000.00 cash and trophy. Bawang-Naguilian-Bagulin-Burgos TODA also took home P2,000.00 cash and trophy for being the second runner-up.

Conrad Manzanaga of the Agoo-Aringay-Caba TODA was named Finals Most Valuable Player. He received a medal, trophy, and cash prize worth P500.00.

PGLU CONFERS 2018 10 OUTSTANDING POLICE OFFICERS OF LA UNION

Edith A. Cardenas



The Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU), headed by Gov. Pacoy, confers 10 Outstanding Police Officers in the Province of La Union for 2018 on October 11, 2018 at the Diego Silang Hall, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union. Each awardee was given a Plaque of Recognition and P10,000.00 as cash incentives from the PGLU.

The Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU), through Sangguniang Panlalawigan Resolution No. 539-2018, conferred the Ten Outstanding Police Officers in the Province of La Union (TOPPEU) for 2018 on October 11, 2018 at the Diego Silang Hall, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union.

This year's awardees are PCINSP Fernin A. Fario (Investigation); PC2 Zensaida Q. Claco (Police Community Relations); PFINSP Reginaldo V. Dalipias (Intelligence); PC3 Bryan D. Pascua (Special Operations); PCINSP Bedelyn B. Antonio (Criminalistics); PC3 Roberto D. Aspillaga, Jr. (Traffic Management); SPO2 Marvin G. Marquez (Human Resource

Management); PC2 Glenn B. Almonte (Anti-Narcotics); FINSP Rosemarie S. Rafanan (Medical); and PSUPT Richmond L. Tadena (Administrative Management).

The affair was attended by Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" S. Ortega III, Vice-Gov. Aimeo Augusto Q. Nisco, Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members, La Union Police Provincial Office (LUPPO) P8Supt Ricardo G. Layug, Jr., Chiefs of Police, offices of the Police Regional Office 1 (PRO1) and LUPPO, municipal officials and families of the awardees.

In his message, Gov. Pacoy emphasized that the peace and order situation of the province is one of the

reasons why tourists come to La Union. He thanked the Philippine National Police (PNP) for being active partners in the implementation of the peace, order and safety programs in the province citing that one of the major indicators why La Union was again given the Seal of Good Local Governance (SOGL) Award for 2018 is Peace, Order and Public Safety. "No adds award nga maasip ti probinsipya tayo, it is not only because of the governor but it is a concerted effort of everyone," he added. He likewise assured the PNP of the PGLU's full support on their programs and projects.

Vice-Gov. Aimeo Augusto Q. Nisco

praised La Union Police Officers in their performance of duty in his message saying, "...our police force especially here in La Union are tenacious in performing their duties."

The finalists were evaluated by a screening committee based on their attitude, accomplishments, awareness of current issues and responsible citizenship.

Said award was institutionalized by virtue of Sangguniang Panlalawigan Ordinance No. 025-2012 which was aimed at giving tribute to the top 10 best men and women of the PNP assigned within the Province of La Union who have shown exceptional accomplishments in the different fields of police work.

PGLU URGES LGUs TO CREATE TOURISM PLANS

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With the aim of urging all local government units (LGUs) in the province to formulate their respective tourism plans, the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) in collaboration with the Department of Tourism - Region 1 (DOT-RO1), conducted an Extended Local Tourism Development Planning Workshop on October 9 - 13 and 16, 2018.

The activity was the third workshop conducted for Local Tourism Development Plan (LTDP) which provided documentation tips and strategies. It was participated in by Municipal Planning Officers, Municipal Tourism Officers and Municipal Agriculturists. In her message, DOT Regional Director Martin S. Valera encouraged the LGUs to ensure that all their best practices are duly documented.

Throughout the activity, participants underwent mini-workshops on using the LTDP templates. The participants were given the chance to present to the body their workshop outputs which were critiqued by the evaluators from the DOT-RO1, Provincial Planning and Development Office, Provincial Tourism Office and Provincial Agriculture. They were also provided inputs on how to improve their tourism plans. Areas of



Participants from the Southern Circuit discuss and prepare their inputs during the Extended Local Tourism Development Planning Workshop conducted on October 16, 2018 at the Agoo Swimmers World Resort and Hotel, Agoo, La Union.

convergence were also encouraged and identified in order to maximize benefits and to ensure that tourism is made inclusive and sustainable to the community.

Moreover, the LGUs were able to refine the vision and goals of their tourism area, prepared the investment program and ranked the programs and projects and formulated the action plan as well as the monitoring and evaluation strategy.

The plan will provide a comprehensive framework and strategic guide for LGUs for tourism activities in the short, medium and long term to encourage more investors and will standardize the industry services and accreditation process.

PGLU is currently putting emphasis on local economic development with focus on tourism and investments. The output of each LGUs were turned over to the evaluators for any correction. The provincial government is set to conduct the similar workshops per LGU for the finalization of their plans on November 2018 and the final plan will be endorsed by their respective Sangguniang Bayan for approval and implementation.