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### LA UNION'S "PASKO SA KAPITOLYO 2018" BRINGS CHRISTMAS LOVE

Robert Albert J B. Pasion



The "Pasko sa Kapitolyo 2018" opened on November 30, 2018, at the Provincial Capitol Hill, City of San Fernando, La Union. Highlights Kapitolyo 2018," a month-long Christmas of the opening day were the led by Ceremonial Lighting Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III and Vice Gov. Aureo Q. Nisce; a pyro musical show; a drum and lyre performance, and the parade of non-food

The Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) stages the "Pasko sa event which aims to bring the Christmas Joy to the public through various attractions and entertainment this Yuletide season.

At the Christmas bazaar, 30 local entrepreneurs showcased their food and products. Christmas

handicrafts, apparels, novelty items, native delicacies were among the goods sold at the bazaar, located along the stretch of the Guerrero Road.

Shows and performances scheduled every Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, 6pm to 8pm, also brought free entertainment to the public. Performances included Christmas chorale caroling, dance showdown, acrobatic shows, puppet shows, lights

exhibition, and the thrilling Dance Exhibition from Frank Fabroa, Philipinas Got Talent grand finalist.

Friends and families also enjoyed picture-perfect moments at the Instagram stations put up at various parts in the Capitol Hill. Picture-takers may also win prizes when their photos uploaded in Facebook get the most number of likes.









### **LA UNION RUNNERS BRAVE TOURI-ZOMBIE FUN RUN**

Justin Paul D. Marbella

Runners from all over the Province of La Union gathered for a fun run which featured probably the scariest road obstacles - zombies!

A total of 227 runners participated in the Touri-Zombie Fun Run 2018, a fund-raising activity by the La Union Alliance of Travel and Tour Agencies (LUATTA) on November 3, 2018.

For P500 registration fee, the runners received race bibs, shirt, snack, water, and the thrilling experience of being chased by "zombies."

Tourism students dressed up as "zombies" and, in full character, scared the wits out of the runners and gave them the most thrilling run of their lives.

The runners, in turn, braved the five-kilometer route from Se-Bay Surf Central Resort, Urbiztondo, San Juan, to the City of San Fernando (CSF) Plaza, as they struggled to protect their "hearts" from the hungry zombies.

The zombies tried to snatch the runners' hearts out, to prevent them from finishing the race. But in the end, most



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runners made it to the finish line, and the first three finishers won medals and cash prize.

The runners then gathered at the CSF Plaza for a zumba with the "zombies." The LUATTA also gave away raffle prizes, such as Palawan tour package, overnight stay at Thunderbird Resorts and Ranch EZ Hotel, and gift certificates.

LUATTA Pres. Robert Ranchez expressed his thanks to the participants in supporting the group's first major fund-raising activity. "We are happy that many took interest in our event which aimed to raise funds for the LUATTA's community-based sustainable tourism initiatives," Ranchez said.

The activity, which was co-presented by the Provincial Government of La Union, was LUATTA's contribution in re-invigorating the tourism industry players in the province, as part of the vision to make the La Union as the "Heart of Agri-Tourism in Northern Luzon by 2025"

# LA UNION WELCOMES MISTER CONTINENTAL INTERNATIONAL BETS

Arnel O Mamari

Taking pride of its famous tourist attractions, Agri-Tourism products and the hospitable people, La Union was chosen to host several activities of the Mister Continental International 2018 (MCI) which includes the Welcome Dinner on November 12, 2018; photo and video shoot, talent competition and fashion show on November 13, 2018; and the La Union Tour and Pre-Pageant Night on November 14, 2018.

The Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) sponsored a fellowship dinner to welcome the candidates at the Diego Silang Hall, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union. Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III, through Provincial Tourism Officer Mr. Adamor L. Dagang, extends his gratitude to the MCI candidates and organizers for holding the said pageant in the province.

The candidates visited various La Union resorts for their photo and video shoot. The talent competition and a fashion show were held at San Juan Gymnasium,



Mr. Continental International 2018 bets visit the Provincial Capitol in the City of San Fernando, La Union on November 13, 2018 for a welcome dinner hosted by the Provincial Government of La Union

San Juan, La Union where candidates presented their country's native costumes and attires.

The candidates went on a provincewide tour which includes the Grape Farm in Bauang, St. Michael the Archangel Parish and the Sericulture Research and Development Institute of Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University in Bacnotan.

The Pre-Pageant Night was held at Awesome Hotel Convention Center where the candidates showcased their formal attires and country costumes.

The coronation night of MCI was held on November 15, 2018 at Teatrino Promenade, Green Hills, City of San Juan, Metro Manila where Mr. Jared Matanane representing Guam bagged the crown.

Hosting an international pageant such as MCI paved way to showcase what La Union has to offer in line with Gov. Pacoy's vision to make La Union the Heart of Agri-Tourism in Northern Luzon by 2025.

#### LA UNION, CITY OF SAN FERNANDO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OFFICES JOIN HANDS FOR 2ND PEOPLE'S DAY JOBS FAIR

Rowell B. Timoteo

The Public Employment Service Office (PESO) – La Union and PESO – City of San Fernando, La Union partnered in conducting the 2nd People's Jobs Fair on November 7, 2018 at CSI Atrium, CSI Mall, Biday, City of San Fernando, La Union.

The Provincial PESO La Union rendered assistance to the PESO City of San Fernando in the planning, preparation, dissemination, organization and facilitation of the 2018 Second People's Jobs Fair.

The jobs fair was participated in by 33 local employers offering 1,818 jobs and 15 overseas employers offering 6,647 jobs. Employers present during the job fair conducted initial screening for various positions in the field of accounting and finance; administrative and human resources; business development; building and construction; computer and information technology; engineering; healthcare; and hotel and tourism. For overseas employment, the countries for



City of San Fernando 2nd People's Jobs Fair organized by the City Government of San Fernando in coordination with the Provincial Public Employment Service Office La Union and Department of Labor & Employment (DOLE) La Union Field Office on November 7, 2018 at CSI Atrium, CSI Mall, Biday, City of San Fernando, La Union.

deployment include Saudi Arabia, Oman, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Japan and United Kingdom.

PESO San Fernando City Manager Mr. Roderick D. Gacayan reported that 96 jobseekers were Hired on the Spot (HOTS) that is equivalent to 16.40% of the 586 jobseekers registered for job interview during the event.

Present during the 2nd People's Job Fair were City of San Fernando Chief of Staff Ms. Mikka Francesca H. Buenaventura, Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Regional Dir. Nathaniel V. Lacambria, DOLE Assistant Regional Dir. Ms. Honorina Dian – Baga, DOLE La Union Provincial Officer Ms. Veronica A. Corsino and Provincial PESO Manager Ms. Charito C. Dator.

Job Fairs are conducted to open up careers to the unemployed, fresh graduates, skilled and unskilled workers vocational graduates, OFW Returnees and displaced skilled OFWs.

# LA UNION LGUS CONFERRED AS CHILD FRIENDLY LOCAL GOVERNANCE AWARDEES

Zenaida Sellem

The 19 municipalities and one city in La Union were all awarded with the 2017 Seal of Child Friendly Local Governance (SCFLG) award on November 9, 2018 at Rosario Farmers Center, Rosario, La Union, during the Provincial Children's Month Celebration and "Balubal Dagiti Ubbing ti La Union."

On behalf of the Council for the Welfare of Children (CWC) chaired by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), the award was conferred by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Regional Office I Dir. James F. Fadrilan. All the 20 Local Government Units (LGUs) of the province of La Union passed the 2017 Child Friendly Local Governance Audit.

Our government aimed for a



Child-Friendly Philippines, hence, the program audit was designed to enhance the delivery of social services for children which includes 12-point indicators to assess the overall performance of every LGU.

Top indicators include safety measures for children in the community and schools, the extent of mainstreaming children's rights to survival, development, protection and participation in the Core Development Agenda (CDA), and presence of policies concerning children.

The SCFLG award is based on the results of the mandatory Child-Friendly Local Governance Audit (CFLGA), which is conducted annually and covers all cities and municipalities throughout the country.

#### LA UNION SUSTAINS TOURISM DEVELOPMENT THROUGH STATS

Joy Ann L. Gurtiza

To further improve La Union tourism development plans, La Union delegates participated in the Advanced Tourism Statistics Training (ATST) Phase II at the Casa Pilar Beach Resort, Manoc-Manoc, Boracay Island, Malay, Aklan on November 12 – 16, 2018.

This five-day training on tourism statistics, which was conducted in collaboration with the Department of Tourism (DOT) - Office of Tourism Development Planning, Research and Information Management (OTDPRIM) and DOT - Region 1, was participated in by tourism officers and technical tourism staff from across the region. It aims to develop and strengthen the organizational and institutional mechanism at the national, regional and local levels to support the generation of tourism statistics. It is the second of the three part series of Standard Local Tourism Statistics System being implemented by the DOT and the Japan Cooperation International Agency (JAICA).

La Union delegation was composed of representatives from each tourism circuits: City of San Fernando and San Juan from the Central Tourism Circuit, Luna from the Northern Tourism Circuit, Bauang from the Central Eastern Tourism Circuit and Agoo from the Southern Tourism Circuit.

"Proper tourism statistics gathering is vital in industry development in the region," said Senior Tourism Operations Officer Ramil S. Basuel of the DOT –



La Union delegates discuss and prepare their outputs on the Assessment of the Implementation of the Visitor Surveys during the Advanced Tourism Statistics Training Phase II at the Casa Pilar Beach Resort, Manoc-Manoc, Boracay Island, Malay, Aklan on November 12-16, 2018.

OTDPRIM, who served as the Resource Speaker during the training. "We have to ensure accuracy in our reports," Basuel added.

Throughout the training, the participants learned about data interpretation and analysis after learning basic tourism statistics data and conducting surveys during the first ATST last year. They learned how to properly acquire data on annual volume of visitors, length of stay, daily expenditure, favorite activities/attractions, and among other trend parameters. The participants were also able to generate reports and graphic presentations using data from the surveys; understand the concept of tourism marketing and promotion in relation to database building; and use the output of the basic and advanced data gathering methodologies in marketing and promotion.

Moreover, they were trained on the formulas to compute for the amount of money spent by tourists during their stay in the province which reflects how tourism contributes to economic growth.

Through ATST II, the provincial government can plan better projects and identify specific areas that need to be developed. This will also capacitate Local Government Units in effectively utilizing and implementing a destination visitor survey which will allow them to generate reliable local tourism insights gleaned from survey results.



SGLG AWARDEE. The Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU), represented by Provincial Administrator Jennifer Joan O. Manguiat, receives the 2018 Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG) from the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), in an awarding ceremony on November 6, 2018 at the Tent City Manila Hotel, City of Manila.



A resident of Barangay Sagayad, City of San Fernando, La Union receives a bag of relief goods from the Provincial Government of La Union during their Relief Operations for Typhoon Rosita on November 9, 2018. A total of 800 relief goods were given to the affected residents of said barangay.



Participating Local Disaster Risk Reduction Management (LDRRM) Council Members complete different activities on camp management during the Camp Coordination and Camp Management Training for LDRRM Members of La Union on November 5-7, 2018 at Hotel Supreme, Baguio City. Said training, spearheaded by the Provincial Government of La Union through the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office, aims to ensure readiness of LDRRM Councils in terms of managing evacuation centers during disasters.



The Department Heads and staff of Provincial Treasurer's Office, Provincial Engineering Office, Provincial Assessor's Office, and Provincial General Services Office make their individual plans and presentations during the Writeshop for the completion of the Provincial Governance Reform Roadmap (PGRR) held at Holiday Inn, Baguio City on November 7, 2018. The PGRR addresses the needed infrastructure support, as well as reforms in local roads management and public financial management.



Bacnotan District Hospital (BDH) supports the 18-Day Campaign to End Violence against Women by hosting a lecture participated in by hospital personnel, barangay officials, barangay health workers, and residents of Poblacion, Bacnotan, La Union on November 28, 2018. The audience had an interactive discussion during the open forum with resource speaker from the La Union Police Provincial Office (LUPPO), Police Inspector Arcellie O. Pang-ag.



A total of 30 registered participants with their tour guides offer prayers and candles at Cresta Del Mar Resort during the La Union Kararua Tours III on November 11, 2018. The tour was co-presented by the Provincial Government of La Union in partnership with the Association of Tourism Industries and Networks in La Union, Association of Tour Guides in La Union, Department of Tourism Region 1, and the City of San Fernando. The tourists visited the creepiest landmarks in La Union including the Provincial Capitol, Japanese Cave, Poro Point Lighthouse and Cresta Del Mar Resort.



Gov. Pacoy highlights the contributions of cooperatives in the growth and progress of the province during the Culminating Program and Awarding Ceremonies of the Cooperative Month on November 14, 2018 at the Diego Silang Hall, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union.



Gov. Pacoy together with Ms. Michaela Louise T. Delfinado of the Office of the Provincial Strategy and Mr. Gerry D. Binas-o of Information and Communication Technology Unit attend a briefing with the representatives from LUECO and LUELCO at the Diego Silang Hall, Provincial Capitol Building, City of San Fernando, La Union on November 12, 2018. The session tackled the power consumption installation and payment proposal of the Province-Wide Wireless Mesh High Speed Infrastructure Project that will interconnect the 19 Municipalities and one City including the five district hospitals, one medical center and other strategic locations.



Bacnotan District Hospital (BDH) nurses educate women and expectant mothers on family planning, pregnancy, maternal and new-born care at the BDH out-patient department on November 13, 2018. Among the topics tackled were the benefits of enrolling to PhilHealth with its Newborn Care Package. Such activity is regularly conducted during the hospital's pre-natal day to achieve the health goal of Gov. Pacoy which is "Healthy La Union, Happy La Union by 2022."



Provincial Administrator and Performance Management Team (PMT) Chairperson Jennifer Joan O. Manguiat spearheads the Office Performance Commitment Review 2018 and talks about this year's first semester ratings and second semester targets during the PMT Meeting at Diego Silang Hall, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union on November 8, 2018.



Vice Gov. Aureo Augusto Q. Nisce addresses around a hundred youth leaders and youth rights advocates during the La Union Youth Congress, held as part of the 26th National Children's



Rosario, La Union elementary pupils present a dance number during the Provincial Children's Month celebration dubbed as "Balubal Dagiti Ubbing Ti La Union" on November 9, 2018 at Rosario Farmers Center, Rosario, La Union. The said event is also the Conferment of the Seal of Child Friendly Local Governance wherein all the 19 municipalities and one city of the province are all awardees.



In observation of the World Diabetes Month, Dr. Washington Agustin Jr. of Balaoan District Hospital (BLDH) conducted a lecture about diabetes on November 23, 2018 at BLDH Conference Room, Balaoan, La Union. After the lecture, a free Random Blood Sugar Testing was done. BLDH adheres to Gov. Pacoy's vision and the province's mission of a Healthy La Union, Happy La Union by 2022.



The Provincial Government of La Union, in partnership with ABONO Party-List, awards chemical sprayer vehicles to 10 Farmers Associations in the Province of La Union on November 23, 2018 at the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist Grounds, City of San Fernando, La Union.



Dr. Hector T. Beñas welcomes the participants of the Field Health Service Information System (FHSIS) and Local Government Unit Health Scorecard (LGUHSC) Card Semi-Annual Data Validation and Reconciliation held at LeFern Hotel, Baguio City on November 20-21, 2018. This activity is to validate, ensure the integrity of the semi-annual and 3rd Quarter FHSIS and LGUHSC report.



AGRI-REHAB. Local Government Units and farmers affected by Typoon Ompong receive hybrid seeds (palay and yellow corn), mungbean and fertilizers on November 9, 2018 at the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist. The ceremonial awarding is a part of the rehabilitation assistance of the Provincial Government of La Union in partnership with the Department of Agriculture.



The League of Local Planning and Development Coordinators of the Philippines, Inc.-La Union Chapter, composed of the different City and Municipal Planning and Development Coordinators of the 20 Local Government Units of La Union, convenes on November 16, 2018 at the People's Hall, Municipal Hall, San Juan, La Union. Things discussed in the meeting include Comprehensive Land Use Plans Status and Moving Forward; the Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) Preparation Status integrating Climate and Disaster Risk Assessment (CDRA); RA 10587 otherwise known as "Environmental Planning Act of 2013" Salient Points; and Localization of Philippine Development Plan (PDP) CY 2017-2022 and Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).



Bacnotan District Hospital (BDH) joins the commemoration of the National Consciousness Week against Counterfeit Medicines by conducting lecture at the in-patient lobby of BDH, Bacnotan, La Union on November 23, 2018. Pharmacist Ms. Maria Teresa G. Ramos teaches patients' companions on how to recognize fake medicines.



A personnel from the Office of the Provincial Veterinarian (OPVet) administers a free anti-rabies vaccination to a dog of a resident of Brgy. Nagatiran, Bacnotan, La Union on November 22, 2018. The free vaccination aims to help provide safe communities in the province through the OPVet's Massive Rabies Vaccination.

# LA UNION COMMEMORATES QUIRINO'S BIRTH ANNIVERSARY

As part of the celebration of the 128th unveiling of the newly-restored painting of birth anniversary of the late President Quirino, the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) headed by Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III conducted a flag raising and wreath laying ceremony at the Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union on November 16, 2018.

Augusto Q. Nisce highlighted the achievements of President Quirino and the inspiration that people of La Union should get from him.

Also present in the ceremony are (SPM) Nancy Bacurnay and Geraldine Ortega who both led the ceremonial December 30, 1953.

the image of President Quirino. SPM Bacurnay shared that before President Quirino was elected as president, he was once a public school teacher in the Municipality of Caba and his mother is from Agoo, La

The celebration was conducted in In his speech, Vice Gov. Aureo reference to Sangguniang Panlalawigan Ordinance No. 116-2017 declaring November 16 of every year as Elpidio Quirino Day in the Province of La Union to commemorate the birth anniversary of the sixth President of the Republic of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members Philippines and first Ilokano President who served from April 15, 1948 to



ELPIDIO QUIRINO DAY. Board Members Geraldine Ortega and Nancy Bacurnay spearhead the unveiling of the newly-restored photo of the late President Elpidio Quirino and ceremonial offering of wreath on November 16, 2018 at the Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union. The said activity is in commemoration of his 128th Birth Anniversary.

### PGLU PROMOTES DEAF-FRIENDLY TOUR GUIDES IN LA UNION

Omme Atiyah B. Gonting

With the aim to equip tourism front on effective with skills communication for all, the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) conducted a three-day seminar workshop on Basic American Sign Language for Tour Guides on November 22-23, 2018 at the La Union PasaLUbong Center, City of San Fernando, La Union.

This program, attended by more than 30 tour guides across the province, is in partnership with the Association of Tour Guides in La Union (ASTG-LU) headed by Mr. Xavier Mercado.

PGLU and ASTG-LU recognized the importance of learning basic sign language for the inclusion of the deaf community in the tourism industry. The activity served as an avenue for La Union tour guides to level up their competencies in tour guiding and welcoming more tourists in a larger market.

Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III through Provincial Tourism Officer Mr. Adamor Dagang extended his



La Union tour guide Ms. Joy Ann Gurtiza is being assisted by Special Education Teacher Ms. Rosebeth R. Gabay while explaining the Provincial Seal to Senior High School deaf students during their mock tour at the Provincial Capitol Building, City of San Fernando, La Union on November 23, 2018. The said activity is part of the Basic Sign Language for Tour Guides, a project of the Provincial Government of La Union in partnership with Association of Tour Guides in La Union (ASTG-LU).

appreciation to all community guides who participated in the training for their willingness to learn new tour guiding skills in order to further promote La Union.

Special Education (SpEd) Teachers of SpEd City Schools Division of San Fernando City, La Union served as Learning providers in the seminar.

The seminar included lectures on what are the possible causes of these disability, lectures on basic signs of alphabets, numbers and colors. Also in the seminar were the different signs of municipalities in the province and proper gestures in implying a message by means of verb and noun hand gestures.

seminar highlighted the The significance of Accessible Tourism in achieving the province's vision to make La Union the Heart of Agri-Tourism in Northern Luzon by 2025 by ensuring quality service delivery to all potential tourists in the province regardless of their physical limitations, disabilities or age.

### **ABONO REP ORTEGA ELECTED AS**

Marcel A. Florentino

La Union's first lady, ABONO Party-list Rep. Vini Nola A. Ortega was elected as Deputy Majority Leader on Nov. 27, 2018. Majority Floor Leader Cong. Rolando "Nonoy" G. Andaya Jr. manifested Rep. Ortega's nomination in the plenary and it was subsequently approved by the body.

As one of the Deputy Majority Leaders in Congress, Rep. Ortega's duties, as directed by Rep. Andaya, include directing of the deliberations on the floor in the absence of the Majority Leader, being the spokesperson of the majority party in the absence of the Majority leader, and assisting the Majority Leader in all matters relevant to the Rules of the House, specifically the Calendar of Bill and Business, and preparation of Order of Business.

Ortega has consistently Rep. championed the cause of the ABONO Party-List which was founded for the benefit of the agricultural and marginalized sector. Some of its programs are focused on providing alternative livelihood programs for farmers and other sectors, support of agri-research and development, production and marketing province.



assistance for increased crop and profit yields. With combined resources and effort, ABONO has been one of the invaluable partners of the Provincial Government of La Union in reaching a wider audience, benefiting the needy and uplifting lives of farmers throughout the

# ANDUYAN BRIDGE, ARINGAY-TUBAO ALTERNATE

**Emille Martinez** 

Anduyan-Rizal-San Union. Pascual-Nangalesan-Asin and the 14.24km Aringay-Tubao Alternate Route Provincial leading to Asin Hot Spring Elizabeth and Baguio City were 26, 2018.

attended by Department of Martin S. Valera, Municipal Hon. Dante S. Garcia, May 22, 2015 and was leisure.

The 360 lineal meter Barangay Officials and completed on May 31, 2018

Francisco will Gov. P. Sias, R emphasized the roles of the The inauguration was province saying, "The reduce the construction of

The Mayor of Tubao, La Union construction started on tourism, investment and

Anduyan Bridge along residents of Tubao, La with a total cost of almost Php494M. These projects benefit Road in Tubao, La Union Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. motorists per day and will Ortega III, represented by lessen traffic congestion Engineer along Agoo-Baguio City 0 a d

The Anduyan Bridge inaugurated on November projects for the progress and the Aringay-Tubao and development of the Alternate Route will also travel the from two hours to 35 Public Aringay-Tubao Alternate minutes contributing to the Works and Highways Road and the Anduyan vision of the Province of (DPWH) Secretary Mark A. Bridge further reinforces La Union to become "The Villar, DPWH Region 1 the crucial role of La Union Heart of Agri-Tourism Director Ronnel M. Tan, as an administrative, in Northern Luzon by Department of Tourism economic and commercial 2025," by attracting more (DOT) Region 1 Director center in North Luzon." investors and tourists project to visit La Union for

# PANNAKAISARDENG TI IMPLEMENTASION TI BARO NGA ORTOGRAPIA TI ILOKO NGA INPAULOG TI KWF, SUPORTADO TI LA UNION SP

Jane Flores



Insayangkat ti Committee on Laws, pagiwaranakan. Rules and Privileges ti Sangguniang Panlalawigan (SP) ti La Union ti maysa a committee hearing idi maika-15 ti Nobiembre, 2018, sadiay Cong. Eufranio "Franny" C. Eriguel Hall, SP Building, Siudad ti San Fernando, La Union, maipapan iti Baro nga Ortograpia ti Iloko nga inapulog ti Komisyong ng Wikang Filipino (KWF) nga Ortograpia ti Pagsasao nga Iloko.

Iti nasao a hearing, inlawlawag dagiti naawis a resource speakers a pakairamananda Ret. Judge Joven F. Costales, Eddy Almodovar, Errol Abrew, Djuna Alcantara ken Neo Valdez, ti epekto iti daytoy a panagpabaro ti (GUNGLO) ortograpia nga inaramat ti KWF.

"Dakkel nga insulto kadatayo nga Ilokano, no suruandatayo ti baro a tarabay ti bukodtayo a pagsasao," inpeksa ni Costales. Iti panangipalawagna, kinunana a maipatulad iti Tagalog dagiti sao nga Ilokano babaen iti nasao nga Ortograpiya ta manayonan dagitoy ti letra "y." Kaspangarigan, ti sao a "biag" ("buhay" ti Tagalog; "life" iti Ingles) ket manayonan ti "y" ken agbalin a "biyag." Mabaliwanton ti paulo ti agdindinnamag nga epiko ti Iloko pinasingkedan ti SP ti suportana ti a "Biag ni Lam-ang" nga agbalin a "Biyag ni Lam-ang."

Innayon met ni Valdez, Secretary General ti Gunglo dagiti Mannurat ti Iloko Pilipinas, nga awan napasamak a pannakainuman ti KWF Nakipaset ti daytoy a tallaong dagiti dagiti mannurat ti Iloko kasanguanan nga 2018, kameng ti komite nga idauloan ni Bokal impaulogna ti baro nga Ortograpiya. pannakapasardeng ti implementasion ti Reynaldo M. Mosuela, dagiti mannurat ti Naklaat lattan dagiti mannurat ta baro nga ortograpia ken maangay ti nga addangtayo" Iloko, ken dagiti nangibagi kadagiti lokal a inpaaramatnan iti DepEd ti nasao a konsultasion kadagiti amin a maseknan. Ti Mosuela.

tarabay.

Calinawagan, retirado a propesor iti University of the Philippines, a dakkel a pakatikawan dagiti ubbing ti parnuayen ti baro a tarabay ta sabali ti panagsao ken implementasion ti nasao a tarabay. panagsuratan ti Iloko kas maibatay kadagiti surat dagiti simmalip iti essay writing contest iti kalkalpas nga "Ayat Festival."

Gapu kadagitoy a panangilawlawag, pannakatubeng ti implementasion ti baro a tarabay wenno ortograpia babaen ti dua ken sangsangkamaysa nga inaprobaran ortograpia dagiti kameng ti SP.

Ti umuna nga SP Resolution No. 150maiturung ti KWF

sumaruno, SP Resolution No. 151-2018 ket Kinuna met ni Dr. Elizabeth dumawdawat ti suporta dagiti diputado ti La Union, Hon. Pablo C. Ortega, Hon. Sandra Y. Eriguel ken Hon. Vini Nola A. Ortega para ti pannakateppel ti

"Maawatanmi dagiti sasaaden dagiti mannurat ti Iloko. Ti lengguahe ket paset ti kultura ti maysa a lugar, ket no pati umno nga usarna daytoy ket idiktarda kadatayo, anian ti serbitayo nga Ilokano. Sibubukel ti suporta ti Sangguniang Panlalawigan maipanggep daytoy panangpasardeng a resolusion nga indatag ni Bokal Mosuela ti implementasion daytoy baro nga Iloko nga inpaulog ti KWF. Saan laeng a para kadatayo a mannurat ngem para kadagiti ti agtutubo, ti masakbayanda ken ti kulturatayo nga Ilokano daytoy kinuna ni Bokal

### RPAB APPROVES RAMUT-PUGUIL FARM-TO-MARKET ROAD IN SANTOL, LA UNION

**Emille Martinez** 

kilometer Farm-to-Market Road (FMR) in Santol, La Safeguards of Regional November 20, 2018 at the Department of Natural Resources Unit. Agriculture (DA) - Regional Office 1, City of San Fernando, La Union,

of the Provincial Government of La Union Engineering Office technical staff. The (PGLU), costs Php239M. 10% of the cost RPAB is composed of Regional Directors of shall be financed by the PGLU. Since the the DA, Department of Trade and Industry remaining funds of the PGLU are (DTI), Department of Agrarian Reform insufficient to complete the Local (DAR), Department of the Interior and Government Unit (LGU) counterpart, Local Government (DILG), Department of Mayor Wailan agreed to allocate funds for Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and the LGU counterpart

The meeting was attended by Resources (DENR). Provincial Engr. Elizabeth P. Sias; Project Mauro A.

The Regional Project Advisory Board Municipal Mayor of Santol, La Union Hon. (RPAB) approved the inclusion of the Magno A. Wailan; and representatives from Ramut-Puquil I-Build; Social and Environmental Union to the Philippine Rural Development Coordination Office; and Office of the Project (PRDP) during the a meeting on Provincial Governor- Environment and

The feasibility study of the said project was presented to the RPAB by The road, which is one of the projects Engr. Sias along with the Provincial balance. Department of Environment and Natural

The bidding of the project shall Management and Implementation Unit proceed once the necessary requirements Libatique; and paperwork are completed.

### LA UNION SHINES IN NORTH PHILIPPINES TRAVEL EXPO

Julius A. Manabat

hailed as the third Best Booth for the who in turn win prizes. Local Government Unit (LGU)

For this year, La Union was Northern Luzon. Flyers of La Union Packages from the Travel and Tour Agencies were given out to clients. Several inquiries on accommodations, itineraries were answered by the contingent from the Tourism Office of La Union. To highlight the province, a La Union Trivia Hour was held. Tourism Promotional Videos were shown on the event's LED Wall followed by trivia

The Province of La Union was questions answered by the audiences

NorthPhil is a three-day event Category during the North Philippine showcasing pavilions and exhibit Travel Expo (NorthPhil) at SM City booths of popular, new and emerging Clark, Angeles, Pampanga on tourism destinations, attractions, November 16 to 18, 2018. travel-related products and services in North of Manila. exhibited as an Agri-Tourism Hub in Department of Tourism-led event in partnership with the Association of Tourism Officers of Central Luzon and (ATOCEL) the Philippine Exhibitions and Trade Corporation (PETCO).

> Around 104 booths were available for tourism related entities, LGUs, traders (SMEs), DOT offices in the country, and foreign convention and visitors bureaus.

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### PGLU CONDUCTS IP DEVELOPMENT CARAVAN

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In celebration of the Indigenous Peoples (IP) Week in the province of La Union and the 21st Year Anniversary of the Indigenous People Rights Act (IPRA Law, Republic Act 8371), the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) held a whole day IP Development Caravan on November 8, 2018 in the Municipal Auditorium of San Gabriel, La Union.

The IP Caravan was organized through Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III's initiative to provide assistance and support to the programs that empower the IPs and Indigenous Cultural Communities (ICCs) to ensure their continuing development and growth. Provincial Tourism Officer Mr. Adamor L. Dagang, representing both Gov. Pacoy and Congw. Vini Nola Ortega, asked the IPs to help strengthen their own culture and support all other cultural programs of the PGLU.

Sangguniang Panlalawigan (SP) Member and Chairman of the SP Committee on People's Organizations,



SERVICE WITHIN REACH. A member of the Indigenous People receives health service during the IP Development Caravan Launching Ceremony on November 8, 2018 in the Municipal Auditorium of San Gabriel, La Union.

Indigenous People's Organizations, and Non-Government Organizations Maria Annabelle S. De Guzman, through Dr. Jane T. Flores, discussed the IPRA Law and its benefits to the IPs.

Also present to show their support in the event were President of the Indigineous Peoples Cultural Society of La Union, Inc., Mr. Gegorio Orine; Indigenous People Mandatory Representative (IPMR) for San Gabriel Mr. Florosol Uyaan; and San Gabriel Sangguniang Bayan Member Divina C. Daligues-Velasco.

The IP Development Caravan program was conducted in partnership with ABONO Party-List, Department of Health, and Department of Environment and Natural Resources and was providing numerous activities including medical-dental services, pampering services, orientation on IP-related services of regional line agencies, distribution of assorted seedlings and job assistance desk.

# PGLU EQUIPS EMPLOYEES IN PROMOTING LA UNION

Arnel O. Mamaril

With the aim to further promote the tourism destinations in La Union, the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) headed by Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III, in coordination with Department of Tourism – Region 1 (DOT-R1), conducted a Community Guiding Training Course held at Clique, San Juan, La Union on November 12 – 17, 2018. It was participated in by 31 employees of PGLU.

Provincial Tourism Officer Adamor L. Dagang, discussed the various tourism destinations, attractions and activities to give background to the participants of what the province has to offer in terms of tourism. Chief Tourism Officer of DOT-I Modesto "Ding" Baloloy gave an overview of the Tourism Industry and the different Tourism programs and marketing activities.



One of the tour guide-aspirants explains the symbols in the Provincial Seal of La Union during their Mock Tour activity at the Provincial Capitol Building, City of San Fernando, La Union on November 16, 2018. The activity is a part of the six-day Community Guiding Seminar for Provincial Government of La Union employees.

Local History, Culture, Geography, Flora and Fauna in La Union; Safety and Security Precautions; First Aid and Basic Life Support, among others, were also discussed in the training.

DOT – ASEAN Trainer Enrique Esguerra imparted his knowledge on how to manage crisis situation through a role playing exam. He also discussed Practical Guiding Techniques with Tour Guiding Do's and Don'ts, Tour Guide Code of Ethics and The Role of the Tour Guide.

As part of the training, participants underwent a mock tour on the last day as a practical application of their learnings.

The newly trained tour guides were encouraged to apply for accreditation to play an important role placing La Union as The Heart of Agri-Tourism in Northern Luzon by 2025.



Public Employment Service Office (PESO) - La Union staff together with PESO Tubao set-up a Job Assistance Desk and assist clients in searching for jobs during the Indigenous Peoples Caravan held on November 16, 2018 in the Tubao Municipal Covered Court, Tubao La Union.



Bacnotan District Hospital (BDH) personnel headed by Dr. Zenserly D. Pagaduan conducts health advocacies caravan, medical and dental mission to the indigenous peoples of Brgy. Arosip, Bacnotan, La Union on November 27, 2018. Health teachings like proper hand washing and proper nutrition were discussed to the parents and children. Free consultation, random blood glucose test, tooth extraction and fluoride application have been provided to achieve the Health Goal of Gov. Pacoy which is "Healthy La Union, Happy La Union by 2022."