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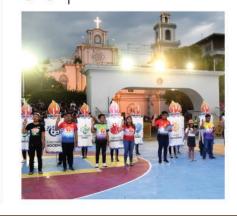
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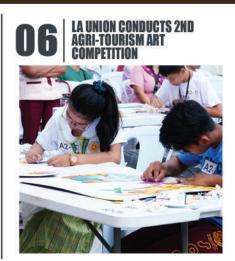






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AGRI-TOURISM VILLAGE ENLIVENS LU ANNIVERSARY

Camille R. Bumatay, OPG-MPIU



With the vision to be the Heart of opening program. Agri-Tourism in Northern Luzon by 2025, La Union opened the Agri-Tourism Village on February 22, 2019 at the Capitol Anniversary Celebration.

"I hope that this Agri-Tourism Village

(LGUs) of the province decorated their and Caba was found along Aguila Road respective booths that were strategically near Kumon Center. Lastly, The South Hill, City of San Fernando, La Union as part positioned around the Capitol Hill, The Eastern Circuit composed of Rosario. of the 169th La Union Foundation North Circuit composed of Sudipen, Pugo and Tubao was located at Orros Bangar, Balaoan, Luna and Santol was Park. positioned at the southern part of the becomes an avenue for our people to have hill between Guerrero Road and Aguila quality time with their loved ones, while Road. The Central Circuit composed of Agri-Tourism products and attractions we City of San Fernando was positioned at offer not only to our own people, but to our the Apiary to the right of the Japanese visitors from outside the province," Gov. Cave. Just adjacent to the Central Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III Circuit was the Central Eastern Circuit Agri-Tourism Bazaar were also opened said in his speech delivered by Vice Gov. composed of Bauang, Naguilian, Burgos, Aureo Augusto Q. Nisce during the and Bagulin can be found behind the

The 20 Local Government Units composed of Agoo, Santo Tomas, Aringay, the Capitol Hill from the usual Trade Fair in

Each booth took pride on what their respective LGU has to offer highlighting their products and tourist spots. were sold at a minimum price in order for more people to avail them. 30 food and non-food booths called the for visitors to enjoy.

This is the first time that the

Japanese cave. The South Circuit anniversary celebration was brought to the City Plaza inspired by the success of last year's Pasko Sa Kapitolyo. This was also done to decongest traffic at the main thoroughfare. The theme of this year's village was rustic life as seen in the wooden booths and decorations, and caged lights depicting the rural life.

The Agri-Tourism Village is open from getting into closer look the various Bacnotan, San Juan, San Gabriel, and the Produces and by-products of the LGUs February 22 to March 9, 2019, 5PM to 10PM. Entry to the village is free with the aim to give a unique and unforgettable experience to La Union residents and tourists. It also aimed to promote inclusive economic growth across all towns in the province.

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GREYHOUND OPERATIONS CONDUCTED **AT LA UNION PROVINCIAL JAIL**

Estrella M. Follosco, GPC OPG-Jail



In coordination with La Union Provincial Jail (LUPJ), the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) agents and 1st La Union Provincial Mobile Force Company (LUPMFC) conduct Greyhound Operations in all detention cells followed by random drug tests on all LUPJ personnel on duty on February 4, 2019 at the LUPJ, F. Ortega Highway, City of San Fernando, La Union.

Provincial Mobile Force Company (LUPMFC) led by SPO2 Marvin A. Tieyab along with the Philippine Drug random drug test was further conducted Enforcement Agency (PDEA) Regional Office I headed by Atty. Marvin O. Tavares conducted Greyhound Operations in all detention cells of the La Union Provincial Jail (LUPJ) in City of San Fernando, La Union on February 4, 2019. The operation is in line with the directive from President the results which will be a criterion in Rodrigo Duterte to eradicate illegal drugs inside jail facilities.

PDEA agents utilized a drug sniffing dog to check and inspect all cells and personal belongings of inmates. operation yielded negative results with respect to illegal drugs. Two improvised

Joint elements from the first La Union knives being utilized by the inmates for their livelihood projects were recovered and confiscated during the operation. A to all jail personnel present led by the La Union Provincial Jail Warden Rimas G. Calixto. Urine samples of 15 personnel were collected and all tested negative for the presence of illegal drugs.

LUPJ Warden Calixto was elated with declaring LUPJ as a drug-free facility. This only shows that the LUPJ, with the full support of Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III, is steadfast in its commitment to maintain drug-free jail personnel and zero proliferation of illegal drugs inside the provincial jail.

LA UNION BOARD OKS SAPATOS PROJECT ORDINANCE

Rafael C. Mosuela, GPC-SP

An initial amount of P500,000.00 was appropriated from the General Fund of the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) to finance the ordinance known as the La Union educational assistance to the poor and underprivileged learners from public elementary school by providing them shoes through the "Sapatos Project."

Sangguniang Panlalawigan Member Geraldine "Denny" R. Ortega mentioned the condition of the school-aged children in the Province of La Union wherein majority of them go to school without wearing any shoes. She said it is the thrust of the PGLU to provide the basic needs for impoverished sectors of the community and facilitate efforts to promote the welfare of the families below the poverty line.

"While La Union is not impoverished, there are still families who are below the poverty line. That is why there is a need to initiate projects like this so that we can assure that they reach their goals in life," BM Denny said. Furthermore, she emphasized, "It's not just purely giving



away shoes. My mission is to inspire and, motivate them that poverty is not a hindrance for achieving a brighter future."

The ordinance aimed to give a pair of shoes to learners from grades one to six who are enrolled in public schools in the province. It will not only preserve their safety and ease their discomfort but will also give every student an equal opportunity to reach their highest potential and increase their confidence in school. This is also to decrease their vulnerability to soil-transmitted diseases and parasites that can cause illness and even death.

An applicant may fill up the form to be provided and submit a copy of the family Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) ID and certification from the concerned school principal/head that the applicant is enrolled in the school.

The said project is hoped to be implemented upon its publication and compliance to the requirements under the Local Government Code.

CDH CELEBRATES 45TH FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY

Marlon C. Runas, GPC-CDH

Caba District Hospital (CDH) celebrated its 45th Founding Anniversary with the theme, "Fortified @ 45" on February 25 and 26, 2019 at CDH, Poblacion Sur, Caba, La Union with wide array of activities.

Said celebration started with a motorcade and distribution of Information Education Campaign (IEC) materials along the national highway of Caba, La Union showcasing the different programs of the hospital which include Programs for Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities; Mobile Blood Donation: Tuberculosis Directly-Observed Short-course Treatment (TB-DOTS) Program; Anti-rabies; Smoking Cessation; Adolescent Health Wellness, Antimicrobial Stewardship; Infection Prevention and Control; Environmental Protection and Preservation and Staff-patient Interaction Programs followed by a thanksgiving mass



Caba District Hospital conducts a motorcade along the National Highway of Caba, La Union showcasing the different health programs of the hospital during the kick off celebration of the hospital's 45th Founding Anniversary on February 25, 2019.

conducted by Rev. Gary Zaldy P. Patiag of St. John the Baptist Parish Church, Caba, La Union.

As a way of giving back to the community and true to CDH's hospital brand "Service with Compassion," a community outreach program was conducted with a total of 10 bed-ridden senior citizens from Barangay Urayong and Wenceslao, Caba, La Union visited in their homes. Free medical check-up with free medicines and gift giving were done.

Other activities were Zumba-Run and Pammadayaw 2019 which took place on February 26, 2019.

Headed by Chief of Hospital, Dr. Gretchen F. Aromin and in support of Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III, CDH will continue to deliver the best quality healthcare and serve the people of the province of La Union with compassion they greatly deserve.

1ST ELYULYMPICS OPENS

Jiroh Joy Marbella, GPC-SP



To further show the unity and Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III program with its kickoff game on February Sangguniang Panlalawigan 28, 2019 at the City Plaza, City of San Fernando, La Union.

partnership with the

leadership of youth in La Union through and the Provincial Federation of sports, the first Elyulympics, an inter-town Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) headed by SK sportsfest, held its opening parade and Provincial President and Ex-officio Member (SPM) Alyssa Kristine B. Sibuma, the sports fest included popular tournament games Initiated by ABONO Party-list headed such as basketball, volleyball, chess, Rep. Vini Nola A. Ortega, in badminton and table tennis. The games Provincial will be hosted by the different towns in the Government of La Union headed by Gov. first and second districts of La Union to

reach wider audience especially those Elyulympics and that the SK Provincial from far flung barangays. A cheer dance Federation will continue this program. "We competition will also be held on April 6, 2019 at the City of San Fernando Plaza Auditorium.

The contingents of each municipality and city of the province started the opening program with a mini parade from the Capitol grounds to the city plaza. Each group had their own unique gimmicks and props such as the contingent from Bangar where they have their famous Abel cloth and their loom-weaving and Iloko bolo props. The City of San Fernando meanwhile turned heads as they were led by a fast-food chain set of mascots, dancing to the rhythm of their team chant. Very proud of their town product, the team from Santo Tomas paraded the city streets with their daing or dried-fish

Upon arrival at the city plaza, the teams were given a chance for a short presentation where they chanted their yells as well as gave a glimpse of their cheer dance moves.

assured that this will not be the last

should all remember the essence of Elyulympics, which is to celebrate local talents and to solidify the youth of La Union," she said.

On behalf of Gov. Pacoy, his wife, Cong. Vini, gave the inspirational message for the SK leadership and youth athletes wherein she said that more than the competition, the event hopes to instill the values of grit, power and determination.

Cong. Vini challenged participating teams as she said, ' should focus on the fruits of these values which are camaraderie, team work, discipline and respect."

International athlete and sprint runner Mary Grace Milgar from the province together with Professional Surfer and Events Organizer Jeff Ortega were the torch bearers who lit the ceremonial urn signifying the start of the games as well as the burning desire of each athlete in winning in their respective sports.

In the kickoff basketball game, the City of San Fernando Men's team SPM Sibuma, in her opening remarks, dominated the Municipality of Santol team with the score of 119-61.

PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT EQUALITY DAY FOR LGBTQs **TEAM CONVENES FOR CY 2019**

Editha A. Cardenas, GPC-PPDO

Management System (SPMS) Guidelines; goals and objectives of the organization. and First Semester 2019 Timeline of

Provincial Planning and Development (OPPDC) Administrative Officer Ms. Glo Ann B. 2nd Semester 2018 ratings, and the CY OPCRs and AWFPs.

Ms. Zenaida Aspiras presented the respectively. updated PGLU SPMS Guidelines. She

The Performance Management Team stressed that the updating of the PGLU (PMT) convened for its first meeting in SPMS is meant to continually ensure that 2019 on February 19, 2019 at the Provincial the organization's vision, mission and core Planning and Development Office, values are well-defined on its strategic Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, plan as these are the "guiding light" in the La Union. The highlights of the said planning and implementation of meeting were Approval of CY 2018 2nd development programs and projects. This Semester Provincial Government of La includes the competency-based capacity (PGLU) Office Performance intervention of the Human Resource Commitment Review (OPCR) Ratings; Development (HRD) for the people's Approval of CY 2019 PGLU Annual Work awareness and benefit, and also to guide and Financial Plans (AWFPs); Approval of and encourage officials and employees to the Updated PGLU Strategic Performance work as a team in achieving the overall

The PMT is a key player in the PGLU Activities of the PMT, among others. SPMS and is responsible in the review and Provincial Administrator Jennifer Joan recommendation of targets and ratings of O. Manguiat presided the meeting being offices and hospitals for the approval of the PMT Chairperson. Office of the the Provincial Governor. It is technically and administratively supported by the Supervising OPPDC as the PMT Secretariat.

Other members of the PMT are Miranda and PMT Secretariat presented Provincial Budget Officer Catherine E. the summary of the results of the OPCR Franco; Provincial Legal Officer Atty. Dominique Jose S. Puzon; HRMO 2019 AWFP of PGLU departments and Evangeline Mendoza; Ms. Zenaida Aspiras hospitals focusing on the strengths and of HRMO; and Ms. Elizabeth Rimando and opportunities for improvement of the said Dr. Alexander Flores representing the 1st and 2nd level rank and file employees

PROPOSED

Editha A. Cardenas, GPC-PPDO

To increase public awareness, every second Saturday of November as and respect for human rights. LGBTQ Equality Day in the Province of La Francisco I. Ortega Provincial Legislative conduct

recognition to the LGBTQs in the province ordinance. who often face discrimination, prejudice promote their importance contributions to the society.

The proposed ordinance encouraged promote inclusiveness, respect and equal the formation of associations of individuals rights to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, of various sex, gender and sexual Transgender and Queers (LGBTQs), orientation from the barangay, municipal, Sangguniang Panlalawigan Member to provincial level with the purpose that (SPM) Nancy Corazon M. Bacurnay the LGBTQs become partners of the local proposed a draft ordinance declaring government in the promotion of equality

Among the proposed activities to be Union during the 137th Regular Session of undertaken during the LGBTQs Equality Sangguniang Panlalawigan on Day are street parades/festivals, February 22, 2019 at Speaker Pro Tempore community events, public speaking, and of education Building and Session Hall, Provincial awareness-raising campaigns to promote Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union. diversity through popular education tools In her privilege speech and like documentaries and tarpaulins. An sponsorship, SPM Bacurnay explained that initial amount of P100,000.00 was the reason for proposing such legislative proposed as funding requirement for the measure is to give importance and implementation of the said proposed

The proposed ordinance and rejection. Having a day for the considered on First Reading and the same LGBTQs will not only boost their morale was referred to the Committees on Social but will also serve as an avenue to Services, Laws, Rules and Privileges and and Justice and Human Rights for further study.



SEAWEEDS PROCESSING LIVELIHOOD. Provincial Agriculturist Ramon F. Landencia talks about empowering women through seaweeds production during the opening program of the Skills Training in Processing Seaweeds-Based Products conducted by Fisheries Research and Training Institute - DMMMSU NLUC at Bacnotan Training Hall, Barangay Bacsil, Bacnotan, La Union on February 12-14, 2019. The training equipped the women sector of the coastal barangays of the Municipality of Bacnotan on seaweeds production and processing.



COLOR IT RED. SHARE LOVE, SHARE BLOOD. Bacnotan District Hospital (BDH) personnel and partner agencies celebrate the day of hearts by extending their love to sick patients needing blood through the 12th Mass Blood Donation Activity in partnership with the Philippine Red Cross – La Union – City of San Fernando Chapter on February 14, 2019 in Bacnotan, La Union. 31 blood units were successfully collected in this activity. Almost 50 blood donors voluntarily came to be screened.



The Provincial Inter-Agency Monitoring Task Force starts the on-site validation of the Local Council for the Protection of Children Functionality in the municipalities of Rosario and Bagulin on February 7, 2019. The said validation is conducted yearly to assess the programs and services of all Local Government Units in La Union especially the measures undertaken for the welfare of children. The members are representatives from the Department of the Interior and Local Government, Department of Education, Provincial Health Office, Provincial Planning and Development Office, Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office, Philippine National Police and Non-Government Organizations.



Public Employment Service Office – La Union supervises the Local Recruitment Activity (LRA) of JKY Customer Management Training Services Inc. on February 1, 2019 held at the 5th Floor of LUPAC Bldg., Quezon Ave., City of San Fernando, La Union. The JKY Customer Management Training Services, Inc. conducted the LRA to fill–up positions for ESL Teachers, Call Center Agents Clerical Positions, IT Specialists, Trainers for Korean, English, Japanese, Mandarin/Chinese Language. 129 job applicants were interviewed during the LRA as part of the Jobs Assistance Desk Service.



HEALTHY LA UNION, HAPPY LA UNION. In line with Gov. Pacoy's health goal for the province, La Union Medical Center's Infection Control Committee (ICC) conducts a two-day Lecture on Infection Control Policies and Procedures on February 14-15, 2019 at the Dr. Eufranio "Franny" C. Eriguel Memorial Hall, Agoo, La Union. The lectures focused on policies, programs and conduct of surveillance and monitoring activities to minimize the risk of spread of infections to patients, clients, visitors and staff while giving emphasis to Anti-Microbial Resistance.



Senior Environmental Management Specialist Engr. Maureen S. Malazo, shares her knowledge with the staff of Balaoan District Hospital (BLDH) and on-the-job students of Luna Vocational School about proper waste management especially hazardous and infectious waste on February 21, 2019 at the BLDH Conference Hall, Balaoan, La Union. In partnership with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the seminar is timely and significant now that people are becoming more aware of the effects of global warming and climate change. Under Gov. Pacoy's leadership, BLDH together with the Provincial Government of La Union support zero waste and clean environment.



In celebration of the National Health Insurance Month, Ms. Jasmine Rivera, PhilHealth CARES (Customer Assistance, Relations, and Empowerment Staff) conducts an Information and education campaign at the outpatient department of Balaoan District Hospital (BLDH) on February 19, 2019 regarding PhilHealth membership categories; all case rate packages; and premium contributions. She also discussed the benefits of indigent patients which is the no balance billing policy. BLDH and the Provincial Government of La Union aim to provide the highest quality of health care services that is accessible and efficient in pursuit Gov. Pacoy's health goal of a "Healthy La Union, Happy La Union by 2022."



The La Union Medical Center (LUMC), in partnership with the Local Government Unit of Agoo (LGU-Agoo) holds a Lecture on Pre-Natal Care and Obstetric Emergencies on February 13, 2019 at the Dr. Eufranio "Franny" C. Eriguel Memorial Hall, Agoo, La Union. The activity was part of the LGU-Agoo's Refresher Course for Midwives, Barangay Nutrition Scholars, Barangay Health Workers and Child Development Workers on Pre-Natal Assessment, Blood Pressure taking, Weight and Height Measurement to enhance their capabilities so as to effectively and efficiently deliver basic services and other related activities in their respective areas of assignment.



The Provincial Health Office spearheaded by Dr. Hector T. Beñas, together with the Oversight Committee of District Hospitals of La Union, discusses the different services of Public Hospitals. One of the topics was the hospital policy on the Medical Assistance Program (MAP) and the availability of hospital funds to cater to the public. The meeting was held at Caba District Hospital, Caba, La Union on February 08, 2019.



The Provincial Government of La Union, led by Gov. Pacoy, hosts the Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Provincial Forum on Prompting Strategies for Early Learners on February 9, 2019 at the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office. Participants parents of children with ASD, pre-elementary, elementary, and high school teachers both from public and private schools, college instructors, nurses and members of the Autism Society of the Philippines, La Union Chapter.



DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS. In observance of the National Down Syndrome Consciousness Month and Mental Retardation Week, Dr. Ardilyn A. Nuval educates parents at the pediatric ward of Bacnotan District Hospital (BDH), La Union on February 20, 2019. Down syndrome also known as Trisomy 21 is one of the most common genetic birth defects affecting approximately one in about 800 babies. It is a genetic disorder that involves birth defects, intellectual disabilities, and characteristic facial features. Dr. Nuval emphasized that parents should be more supportive and understanding in dealing with children with this disorder.



COMMUNITY FISH LANDING CENTER INAUGURATED. Provincial Agriculturist Ramon F. Laudencia congratulates the fisherfolks sector of Luna, La Union during the Awarding of Community Fish Landing Center (CFLC) Project on February 12, 2019 at Barangay Rimos No. 5, Luna, La Union. The project was established under the Targeted Action to Reduce Poverty and Generic Economic Transformation in the Fishery Sector (TARGET) Program of the Department of Agriculture – Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources aiming to improve the socio economic welfare of the fisherfolk sector and promote the sustainability of aquatic resources. This will also serve as hub for landing and trading fish and other seafood products and training center for fish processing, value adding and conservation and protection of fisheries resources in the municipality.



REINFORCED RESOURCE CENTER. The Provincial Government of La Union through the Provincial Library provides assistance to the newly put up Public Library of San Gabriel on February 1, 2019 through donation of two bookshelves, 10 monoblock chairs, 10 wooden chairs, one magazine rack, two study tables, and 274 books that were transported to said municipality.



FREE DIGITAL RECTAL EXAM. Dr. Joel Estanislao, a Urologist, conducts a lecture and free digital rectal exam for men ages 40 and above on February 15, 2019 at the Rosario District Hospital (RDH) to help detect and prevent the development of prostate cancer.



Aiming for effective collaboration, Provincial Assessor Engr. Arnulfo A. Cacho welcomes the participants of the meeting of the Municipal Assessors' League of La Union (MALLU) and the Municipal Treasurers' League of La Union (MTLLU) at the Sea and Sky Hotel and Restaurant on February 8, 2019. General revision issues and concerns were discussed in an open forum and an election of officers took place.



SERVICE BEYOND CHALLENGES. Gov. Pacoy administers the oath of newly-elected officers of the Pederasyon ng may Kapansanan ng La Union on February 18, 2019 at the Provincial Capitol Building, City of San Fernando, La Union.



FEBRUARY RETIREES. The Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) recognizes the work and contributions in public service of February Retirees during the PGLU First Monday Flag Raising Ceremony on February 4, 2019 at the Provincial Capitol Grounds, City of San Fernando, La Union. Awardees were Agriculturist I Ricardo M. Nillusguin and Supervising Agriculturist Rene N. Corpuz of the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist; Security Guard I Cesar D. Flores and Security Guard I Guillermo E. Ancheta, Jr. of the Security Services Unit; and Midwife III Maura O. Nillo of Balaoan District Hospital.



In celebration of the 169th foundation anniversary of the province of La Union, Balaoan District Hospital (BLDH) conducted an outreach program on February 22, 2019 at Nagsabaran Sur Elementary School (NSES) to promote health and wellness. Activities include lectures about adolescent health, rabies awareness, dengue awareness, steps of proper handwashing, and bullying. There was also free medical and dental check ups with free medicine and hygiene kit and feeding program. 144 pupils from NSES and 26 pupils from Nagsabaran Sur Daycare Center were benefitted. Nagsabaran Sur is the remotest barangay of Balaoan who has difficult access to health considering the arduous travel to get there. BLDH is glad to be a catalyst in fulfilling the governor's vision for a Happy and Healthy La Union by 2022.

LA UNION CONDUCTS 2ND AGRI-TOURISM ART COMPETITION

Darlene Joy Acosta, GPC-Tourism

The Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) in partnership with the Artists Guild of La Union (AGLAUN) held the 2nd Agri-Tourism Art Competition on February 26, 2019 at the Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union.

As part of the 169th La Union Foundation Anniversary and in celebration of the National Arts Month, the Art Competition was held to recognize students and individuals who are interested in revealing their talents through arts. It was designed to encourage participants to promote La Union as the Heart of Agri-Tourism in Northern Luzon in an artistic way.

The competition was divided into categories: Amateur and Professional. The Amateur Category was opened to students from various schools in La Union and was divided into two sub categories, Amateur 1 (A1) for elementary pupils and Amateur 2 (A2) for high school students. Professional Category on the other hand was open to individuals ages 18 to 45 that possess a strong artistic skill to paint using oil or acrylic. There were 10 participants for Al, 19 participants for A2 and 31 for Professional Category.

Participants for Al and A2 did their



Jenica Dennise Galleta of Brain and Heart of a Christian Educational Inst., Inc. (left) and Jeril Vonn Rilloraza of Santa Catalina Academy (right) draw their entries for the 2nd Agri-Tourism Art Competition-Amateur 2 Category held on February 26, 2019 at Capitol Grounds, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union. The young artists emerged as champion and first runner up respectively.

artwork on-the-spot at the capitol while participants Professional Category submitted their entries beforehand. The artworks were judged by Mr. John Van't Hullenaar, a Canadian Artist and owner of the Dutchman4art Gallery in Canada, and Dr. Antonio "Ton" Raymundo and Mr. Al Perez, both renowned artists of the Tuesday Group, for the Professional Category while local artists Mr. John Philip Parmisano, Dr. Christine Go and Mr. Rodel Rillera for the Amateur Category. Awarding ceremonies followed after the two and a half hour on-the-spot art making.

Winners for Al were Artemis Barajas as 1st Place; Stiffi Meredith Dazen as 2nd Place; and Jedd Ryle Rilloraza as 3rd Place. A2 winners were Jenica Dennise Galleta as 1st Place; Jeril Vonn Rilloraza as 2nd Place; and Nicole Lim as 3rd Place for A2. Lastly, for Professional Category, Raphael Claude Clemente won 1st Place; Gary D. Agcaoili was 2nd Place; and Darryl Arthus Casugay was 3rd Place.

La Union is the home of many talented artists. The competition aimed to develop the skills of the young artists who bring honor and pride to the province.

CDH RECOGNIZES EMPLOYEES AND PARTNERS IN HEALTH

Marlon C. Runas, GPC-CDH



Caba District Hospital (CDH) recognizes Dr. Conrado A. Vito (5th for Left) for his invaluable service and continous support to CDH during the CDH Pammadayaw 2019 held at CDH conference Hall, Poblacion Sur, Caba La Union on February 26, 2019. In said ceremony, employees & partners in health of CDH were recognized. Also in the photo are Chief Nurse Chona B. Gachallan, Supervising Chief Nurse Geraldine T. Posadas, SPM Nancy Corazon Bacurnay, SPM Christian Rivera, Chief of Hospital Gretchen F. Aromin, Supervising Administrative Officer Anabelle M. Rodriguez, and Administrative Officer Betty S. Quezada.

Caba District Hospital (CDH) recognized employees and partners in health during the Pammadayaw 2019 as part of the culminating activity of the 45th Founding Anniversary celebration of the hospital on February 26, 2019 held at CDH Conference Hall, Poblacion Sur, Caba, La

Chief of Hospital Gretchen F. Aromin thanked the CDH staff for their commitment and dedication in providing quality healthcare service and serving the patients with compassion. She also extended her gratitude to all CDH partners for their continuous support to the hospital programs and projects.

Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III, duly represented by Hon. Christian Rivera and Hon. Nancy Corazon Bacurnay, Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members of the 2nd District of La Union, who served as the Guests of Honor and

Speakers, led the awarding of token and certificates of appreciation and recognition of the awardees.

Awardees were composed of employees, who have rendered their service for 10, 15 and 20 years, CDH's partners like the Nurses Touch Foundation, Philippine Red Cross-La Union Chapter, Department of Health, Local Government of Caba and Provincial Health Office. Other awards given were Best 5S implementers, Employees of the Month of January 2019, Best in Attendance for the month of January 2019 and the winners of Zumba-Run 2019.

Pammadayaw Award is an annual activity of CDH as part of its Founding Anniversary to recognize employees for their exemplary service and loyalty to the hospital and to CDH's partners for their support to the health programs of the hospital.

SP CONDUCTS SESSION IN NEW RESORT TO SUPPORT LU'S AGRI-TOURISM STRATEGY

Rhea Matilde A. Ballesteros, GPC-SP

In support to the Agri-Tourism Development Strategy of the province, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan (SP) of La Union conducted its 135th Regular Session at the new Siblings Resort located at Brgy. Cadapli, Bangar, La Union on February 7, 2019.

Vice Gov. Aureo Augusto Q. Nisce together with the SP Members had a first-hand experience of the resort's amenities resulting to better conduct of the session.

The resort, owned and managed by Hon. George Pinzon's siblings, is found about 34 kilometers east of Bangar town proper. Among its amenities are rooms named after the barangays of Bangar, La Union, lobby lounge, large swimming pool, spacious and fully air-conditioned function hall.

The resort is also seen as a great potential in increasing the tourism industry in the Northern Circuit of La Union as it houses an Art Gallery with paintings and stone sculptures. Gastronomic delights are also offered by the resort's restaurant and Harry Potter inspired Gionnah Café.

With the opening of the Siblings Resort and its unique offerings, it will become one of the preferred tourist destinations in the province that will eventually contribute to the realization of its vision to make "La Union the Heart of Agri-Tourism in Northern Luzon by 2025."



The Sangguniang Panlalawigan headed by Vice Gov. Aureo Augusto Q. Nisce conducts its 135th Regular Session on February 7, 2019 at Siblings Resort, Bangar, La Union in support of the Agri-Tourism Development Strategy of the province.

LA UNION JOB SEEKERS

Rowell Timoteo, GPC-PESO

The Public Employment Service Office (PESO) - La Union supervised the Special Recruitment Activity (SRA) offering employment opportunities to Japan of Phil-Asia Human Resources, Inc. on February 18, 2019 at PESO, 5/F LUPAC Fernando, La Union.

Phil-Asia Human Resources is a registered Philippine Recruitment Agency that helps in the dispatch of Filipino workers as Technical Intern Trainees in Japan under the Organization for Technical Intern Training Program

(OTTIP). The activity included an orientation of what the OTTIP is all about, the trades and occupations available for internship training/ employment in

After the orientation, initial interview Bldg., Quezon Ave., Brgy. II, City of San of 47 job applicants followed. The list of qualified applicants will be announced within 120 days after ng initial interview.

Available employment opportunities in Japan are in the field of construction, livestock, agriculture, cultivation, food manufacturing, welding and machine operator.

JAPAN EMPLOYMENT OFFERED TO CDH SPEARHEADS "GIVE LOVE, SHARE **LOVE THIS FEB-IBIG"**

Marlon C. Runas, GPC-CDH

In celebration of Valentine's Day, the Caba District Hospital (CDH) spearheaded a Give Love, Share Love this Feb-ibig activity for admitted patients, outpatients and their watchers on February 14, 2019 at Caba District Hospital, Poblacion Sur, Caba, La Union.

Chief of Hospital Dr. Gretchen F. Aromin greeted the admitted patients and outpatient clients by sharing simple gifts such as bags and slippers for pediatric patients and herbal soaps for adult patients. A total of 34 patients were visited at the ward and outpatient faster recovery. department (OPD).

This was followed by a staff-patient interaction activity held in the afternoon. A short Information Education Campaign on health and wellness was discussed by Ms. Chenee Rose B. Manangan, CDH Nurse, followed by parlor games.

The aim of this activity is to remind the patients that CDH is ready to give and spread love to their admitted patients and help them realize that to be sick does not mean to be in bed all the time. The hospital aspires to make their patients feel better, and ward off their worries for

SPINSPECTS BOUNDARY LINE OF BANGAR, TAGUDIN

Jane T. Flores, GPC-SP

The Sangguniang Panlalawigan (SP) through the SP Committee on Boundary Disputes chaired by Sangguniang Panlalawigan Member Francisco Paolo P. Ortega V joined by SP Committee on Laws, Rules and Privileges, chaired by Sangguniang Panlalawigan Member Reynaldo M. Mosuela conducted an ocular inspection to the boundary line between Bangar, La Union and Tagudin, Ilocos Sur on February 7, 2019.

The joint committees, composed of the two Chairpersons and SPMs Jonathan Justo A. Orros, Gary N. Pinzon and Alyssa Kristine B. Sibuma, were joined by the Inspection Team from Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office headed by Forrester Maximo Soriano, Jr., Local Government Unit of Bangar composed of the Municipal Engineer, Municipal Planning and Development Officer and the barangays Prim West and

Consuegra and a representative from the Provincial Assessor.

The inspection emanated from the letter of Ms. Gretchen T. Villanueva, Sangguniang Bayan Secretary of Bangar, La Union, furnishing the SP of La Union, SP Resolution No. 069-XVII-2018 Ilocos Sur calling for establishment of the boundary line between the two provinces, particularly the area between the Municipalities of Bangar, La Union and Tagudin, Ilocos Sur. Said resolution specified that there had been reported quarrying activities along the said area amounting to millions of quarry products being extracted but not a single centavo was collected in almost two years from quarry operators inasmuch as there was no permit issued due to the ongoing legal problem on the boundary line.

SPM Paolo mentioned that aside from Barangay Officials and residents of the quarry fees, there is a need to determine the boundary line for taxation the Provincial Boundary Monument is not

purposes. "If we will delay this, more millions will be lost especially to the concerned barangays and its residents, which could be used for their welfare," SPM Paolo said.

During the ocular inspection, on the basis of the old cadastral map, the barangay residents informed that the Provincial Boundary Monument (PBM) 1 could no longer be located as it was washed out during the previous floods and typhoons while PBM 2 was identified near Barangay Pudoc (Old Alzate) Elementary School and the PBM 3 was located at Barangay Consuegra.

SPM Mosuela explained that what the Joint Committee is trying to establish is the boundary line on the downstream portion of Tagudin and Bangar, as the upstream portion was already established between Tagudin and Sudipen.

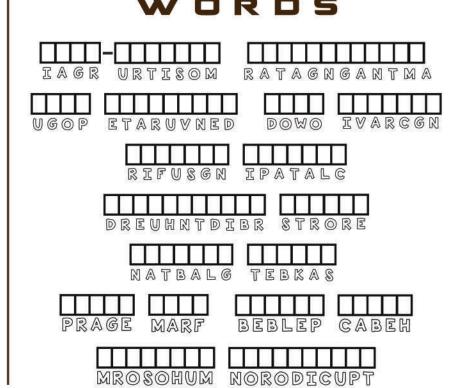
In a separate interview, Provincial Assessor Arnulfo A. Cacho stressed that

necessarily a point of determination of boundary but as a reference point only for verification and surveying purposes.

As of press time, there had not been any boundary case filed regarding the said area between the two concerned LGUs, and that the purpose of the inspection is to initially determine the boundary line and that the alleged point of reference was unofficial and the same had not been duly approved nor adopted. While said issue will be halted pending the conduct of the 2019 mid-term elections, the Joint Committee recommended that concerned authorities from Bangar, La Union would have to prepare all evidences, such as boundaries of tax declarations of concerned lots, tax receipts as well as testimonies of concerned residents in time for the joint meeting of the LGUs concerned after the elections.



FARM CULTIVATOR TURN-OVER. La Union Provincial Agriculturist Ramon F. Laudencia formally turns over a diesel-powered farm cultivator to the Municipality of Naguilian on February 19, 2019 at the Municipal Agriculture Office, Naguilian, La Union. The turning-over is in line with the provincial government's farm mechanization program.



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PGLU CONDUCTS ISO 9001:2015 MANAGEMENT REVIEW FOR DISTRICT HOSPITALS

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The Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) conducted an ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System (QMS) Management Review for the La Union District Hospitals (LUDHs) in compliance to the ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System on February 18, 2019 at Diego Silang Hall, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union.

PGLU Provincial Administrator and ISO 9001:2015 Facilitator Jennifer Joan O. Manguiat and Marlon C. Runas, Assistant Lead Auditor for District Hospitals representing Dr. Gretchen F. Aromin, Lead auditor for District Hospitals, facilitated the management review for district hospitals together with the LUDH Internal Auditors and district hospital's department heads and section heads.

The Provincial Administrator gave an inspiring and motivational message and enumerated the objectives of the management review.

Among the topics tabled were the review and assessment of the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats Analysis by Dr. Fidel Mabalot, Chief of Hospital of Rosario District Hospital; Risk Assessment Registry



Ms. Jennifer Joan O. Manguiat, Provincial Administrator and ISO Facilitator, presents the objectives of the conduct of the ISO 9001:2015 Management Review for District Hospital on February 18, 2019 at Diego Silang Hall, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union.

by Dr. Zenserly Pagaduan, Chief of Hospital of Bacnotan District Hospital; Needs and Expectations of Interested Parties by Dr. Eleanor Dacanay, Chief of Hospital of Naguilian District Hospital; and Opportunities Action Plan by Dr. Mark Anthony Tomboc, Chief of Hospital of Balaoan District Hospital.

Information on the performance and

effectiveness of the Quality Management System (QMS) including the trends in customer satisfaction and feedback, manpower complement were presented by the Administrative Officers and focal point person of each of the district hospitals. Leonora J. Sagun of the General Services Offices tackled the process performance of external providers and conformity of products and services,

Agnes Jaravata of the Data Control Custodians (DCC) presented the status of all documented information of LUDH, Engr. Robert Lelina, BAC Head Secretariat informed the participants regarding the updated procurement process and Evangeline Mendoza, Supervising Administrative Officer of the Human Resource Management Unit presented the current status of training programs.

PA Manguiat closed the program by commending the cooperation and efforts of the district hospitals for continuously implementing the ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System and encouraged each of the participants to work together to maintain the ISO 9001:2015 QMS Accreditation for the District Hospitals and client's satisfaction through the provision of quality health care services for the people of La Union.

LUDH provision of Health Care Services including In-patient, Out-patient, Emergency, Diagnostics and Laboratory has been assessed and registered by NQA against the provisions of BS EN ISO 9001:2015 since November 15, 2017 and valid until November 15, 2020.

LA UNION ENDORSES DECLARATION OF AUGUST AS MONTH OF THE LANGUAGES OF THE PHILIPPINES

Jane T. Flores, GPC-SP

The 21st Sangguniang Panlalawigan (SP) of La Union unanimously approved SP Res. 068-2019 supporting and calling for the declaration of the month of August as Month of the Languages of the Philippines or Buwan ng mga Wika sa Pilipinas during their 66th Regular Session on February 7, 2019 at Speaker Pro Tempore Francisco I. Ortega Provincial Legislative Building and Session Hall, Provincial Capitol, San Fernando City, La Union.

In the Philippines, Buwan ng Wikang Pambansa (Month of National Language) or commonly known as Buwan ng Wika (Language Month) is celebrated every August. However, it focuses only on the national language, Filipino. Other native languages such as Iloko, Pangasinense, and 150 plus other native languages of the Philippines are noticeably absent in Buwan ng Wika activities. If they are

included, they are not given equal importance.

SP Member Reynaldo M. Mosuela said, "the poor representation of our native languages in Buwan ng Wika is somehow not in conformity with the Philippine Constitution, which states that the State shall foster the preservation, enrichment, and dynamic evolution of a Filipino national culture based on the principle of unity in diversity." He further underscored that insufficient attention and appreciation of Philippine languages may threaten their long-term survival, which would be a devastating loss for the country's heritage.

"Saantayo a kayat a mapukaw ti pagsasaotayo nga Iloko, isu a naputar ken inaprubaran ti Sangguniang Panlalawigan ti Local Language Code of La Union [We don't want our Iloko language to disappear, hence the Sangguniang Panlalawigan crafted and approved the Local Language Code of La Union]," explained SPM Mosuela. It is under the same policy that the province of La Union conducts the annual Ayat Festival, to celebrate and further promote Iloko as key to the heritage and identity of the province.

"Babaen ti pannakadeklara ti bulan ti Agosto kas Bulan Dagiti Pagsasao wenno Lenguahe ti Pilipinas, saan laeng a maikkan ti importansia dagiti nadumaduma a lenguahe ngem ketdi masaluadan ken mapatalged ti taginayon a panangusar ti bukodtayo a pagsasao kas panangipategtayo iti kultura wenno kannawidan dagiti Ilokano [Through the declaration of August as the Month of Languages of the Philippines, not only will various languages be given importance, but

also they will be protected and their use sustained as we appreciate the culture and traditions of Ilokanos]," SPM Mosuela underscored in his explanatory speech.

Mr. Firth McEachern, former Consultant to the Provincial Government, fondly remembered as the "Ilocanadian" for being an Ilokano-speaking Canadian, said in an interview that there are a wide range of benefits of native languages and multilingualism, related to environmental knowledge, health, culture and the arts, identity, and even brain function. "Naimbag koma no rambakantayo ti amin a pagsasao ti Pilipinas [It would be great if we celebrated all languages of the Philippines]," he commented.

Said resolution will be transmitted to the Office of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, for his consideration.

CDH BRINGS REAL FUN IN THE ZUMBA-RUN

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Zumba fanatics enjoy the one hour non-stop Zumba challenge held during the Zumba-Run 2019 on February 26, 2019 at Diego Silang Civic Center and Park and Eco-Tourism Plaza, Poblacion Norte, Caba, La Union. The said activity was part of the 45th Founding Anniversary celebration of the hospital.

Caba District Hospital (CDH) spearheaded the Zumba-Run 2019 as part of the hospital's 45th Founding Anniversary on February 26, 2019 at Diego Silang Civic Center and Park and Eco-Tourism Plaza (Municipal Covered Court), Poblacion Norte, Caba, La Union.

Contributing to Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III's health goal for "Healthy La Union, Happy La Union by 2022," this hybrid event combines the rigors of running with the adrenaline-pumping style of Zumba into one fun-filled Tuesday morning led by the La Union Fitness Club.

More than 50 participants led by Chief of Hospital Dr. Gretchen F. Aromin gathered for Zumba-style warm-up session which was started at 5:30 AM, before they hit the pavement to run a distance of three kilometers. Afterwards, they joined the culminating one hour Zumba with an energizing playlist that fused mainstream pop with Latin-inspired beats

While Zumba and running are two very different workout types, they are both great cardiovascular workouts and equally popular activity in the country. These two activities are part of CDH's Health and Wellness Program.

Like running, the beauty of Zumba lies in the fact that it can be enjoyed by anyone and with anyone. Participants of all ages came together to cross the finish line and lose themselves to the upbeat music while burning calories.