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LA UNION PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS TAKE OATH

Camille R. Bumatay, OPG-MPIU

Elected Provincial Officials of La Union took oath before Punong Barangay Geraldine R. Ortega during the Inauguration Program 2019 on June 25, 2019 at the Diego Silang Hall, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union.

The officials who took oath were Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III; Vice Gov. Mario Eduardo C. Ortega; First District Board Members Francisco Paolo P. Ortega V, Jonathan Justo A. Orros, Gary N. Pinzon, Jennifer C. Mosuela, and Gerard G. Ostrea; and Second District Board Members Nancy Corazon M. Bacurnay, Maria Annabelle S. De Guzman, Christian I. Rivera, Frank O. Sibuma, and Abraham P. Rimando.

In his inauguration speech, Gov. Pacoy highlighted all the achievements of the Provincial Government of La Union in his first term. He also expressed his gratitude to all who believed in his leadership and said "I am extremely grateful to be accorded a new mandate as we move forward in our commitment of transformation and reformation."

Vice Gov. Mario Ortega expressed his gladness and excitement to be back in capitol in his inauguration speech. "I hope that I will be a big plus to whatever our present administration has been doing fine and well," he said.

Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Regional Director James F. Fadrilan

congratulated all the elected officials and challenged them to remain accountable to the people of La Union. "Together we will push harder and further to attain our vision of becoming the region's Agri-Tourism hub," he said.

As a sign of the closing of the leadership of the outgoing provincial officials, Gov. Pacoy turned over the accomplishment report and transition documents of the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) for the term 2016-2019 to DILG Regional Director Fadrilan and DILG Provincial Director Paulino G. Lalata, Jr.. This is in compliance to DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2019-39.

Present to witness the event were officials of the National, Regional and Provincial Offices; family members of the elected officials; and PGLU Department and Unit heads, Hospital chiefs and employees.

The sending off of outgoing Vice Gov. Aureo Augusto Q. Nisce and outgoing Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members (SPMs) followed in the afternoon. The officials will take their post on July 1, 2019.

Most of the members of the 22nd Sangguniang Panlalawigan (SP) were also members of the 21st SP. They are SPMs Ortega, Orros, Pinzon, Bacurnay, De Guzman, Rivera and Ex-Officio BMs Geraldine R. Ortega and Alyssa Kristine B. Sibuma who are now joined by Vice Gov. Mario and SPMs Mosuela, Ostrea, Sibuma, and Rimando.

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PRESENTS**

LU AS AN AGRI-TOURISM DESTINATION

LOTUS VALLEY FARM



Tagged as the new economic game-changer, Agri-Tourism is one of the drivers for economic development. The word "Agri-Tourism" is coined from words agriculture and tourism. Primarily, Agri-Tourism involves an agriculturally-based operation or activity that draws visitors to a farm, ranch or any natural site like vegetable plantations, orchid farms and bee farms for outdoor recreational activities, education, shopping or even lodging.

Based on the Republic Act 10816 or known as the Farm Tourism Development Act of 2016, "Farm tourism or Agri-Tourism is the practice of attracting visitors and tourists to farm areas for production, educational and recreational purposes. It involves any agricultural – or fishery – based operation or activity that brings visitors, tourists, farmers and fisherfolk to a farm who want to be educated and trained on farming and its related activities, and provides a venue for outdoor recreation and accessible family outings."

The vision of the province of La Union to become the Heart of Agri-Tourism in Northern Luzon by 2025 is mainly anchored on the province's potentials in both fields of agriculture and tourism. The rise of innovative agriculture leads to a wider range of tourism. Farms have developed their sites to cater to more visitors offering various activities.

BUNGOL FARM. Bungol Farm is a potential demo farm for organic red and brown rice production which is located in Brgy. Bungol, Balaoan, La Union. The farm received various support from the Provincial Government of La Union through the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist. It is also being supported by the municipal government. It is one of the biggest producers of organic red and brown rice in the Northern Tourism Circuit.



BUNGOL FARM

FER-GIE NAVARRO FARM.

The farm, located at Brgy. Damortis, Santo Tomas, La Union, pioneered the off-season vegetable farming and it is engaged in the development of technology, production and marketing of safe, healthy and quality vegetables which signifies the farm as the first Good Agricultural Practices-Certified Vegetable and Fruit Farm in the province. The farm leveled up when it was accredited by the Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) as a Learning Site for the On the Job Trainings and as Agri-Tourism Site in the Southern Tourism Circuit of La Union.



IBIT'S FARM

IBIT'S FARM. Ibit's Farm is an integrated diversified and Department of Tourism (DOT) accredited farm site owned and managed by Mr. Manuel G. Acosta located at Brgy. Masicong, San Fernando City, La Union. Its vision is to be a farm tourism and learning site for natural farming and good agricultural practices. The farm practices organic farming and is committed to natural food production. To ensure that they are in line with their farms' promotion, their enterprising activities utilize vermicomposting, a process where food and animal wastes are fed to worms which generate fertilizers.

LG AGRI-TOURISM FARM.

Established in 2005 and nestled in Brgy. Amlang in Rosario, La Union, LG Agri-Tourism Farm is an integrated farm producing pinakbet vegetables, rice, papaya, organic chicken, fishpond, mushroom, aquaponics and the like. Activities in the farm include seed sowing and pick & pay. It is also accredited by the ATI and Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) as a learning site providing workshops for those who wish to learn about sustainable organic farming and farm tourism. Their farm also caters to visitors who opt to relax and experience farm life for a day.

ROCAPOR'S FARM



FER-GIE NAVARRO FARM



LG AGRI-TOURISM FARM



LOMBOY FARMS. Lomboy Farms in Brgy. Urayong, Bauang, La Union as the pioneering vineyard in 1972 is where the propagation of viticulture within the Philippines began. For over four decades, founder and so-called "Grape King" Avelino Lomboy has supplied the country with freshly grown grapes. He also served as the trailblazer for the establishment of other family-owned grape farms in the municipality such as Manguerra Grapes Farms, Salino Grapes Farm, Ancheta Grapes Farm, Estigoy Grapes Farm and Franklyn Calica Grapes Farms which are all DOT-accredited farm sites.

LOTUS VALLEY FARM. Lotus Valley Farm is located in Brgy. Dasay in San Juan, La Union. It is an organic farm, nestled in a valley, that has become a model of sustainable agriculture. Aside from all the trees, they organically grow rice, beans, vegetables, fruits, healing herbs, and even materials for housing like bamboo and anahaw. Plant based food prepared from the gardens are bursting with goodness to energize visitors.

ROCAPOR'S FARM. Rocapor's Farm is a 2.5-hectare multi-awarded farm and duly ATI-accredited agricultural learning site in Brgy. Tabtabungao, Rosario, La Union. It is a learning lotus land for young farmers, scholars and even tourists for a chance to be educated on developments in farming techniques and technologies. It is being managed and owned by Mr. Rolando M. Rorapor, National Outstanding Farmer Awardee for 5 consecutive years.

LOMBOY FARMS

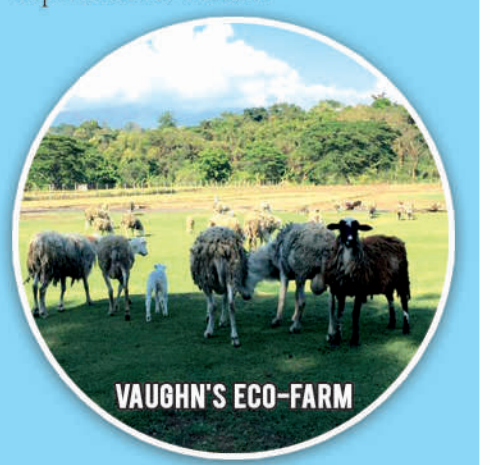


VAUGHN'S ECO-FARM.

Vaughn's Eco-Farm consists of almost 50 hectares of land, situated in Brgys. Carunoan West and Carunoan East in Rosario, La Union. It boasts of hundreds of mahogany and gmelina trees. There are also mango and other fruit-bearing trees. Rice plantation contributed a lot to the beauty of the place. The farm maintains an environment-friendly poultry and piggery facilities and it does not emit obnoxious odor. There are also fish and an exotic Burmese Python. Apart from raising animals, they grow fruit-bearing plants like calamansi, vegetables and herbs. They have a good source of water for the plants through the well-maintained dam. Visitors can experience an adrenaline rush through tractor-ride passing by the irrigation site, on the uphill parts of the farm and into the woods. Eco-trail and camping are big things in the future for this place.

These farms are great examples of how Agri-Tourism offers a path to improving a strong and competitive agricultural sector while contributing to the booming tourism sector in La Union. As Governor Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III advocates, "If we really want to change the landscape of prosperity for all in our province, we must pay attention and give importance to our farmers and other players in agriculture."

The province's agriculture sector has grown by leaps and bounds over the past number of years. The most important concern is bringing continuity between agriculture and tourism to provide the best possible experience for visitors.



VAUGHN'S ECO-FARM

LU GUIDES ASSOCIATION NOW A MEMBER OF TGFED

Arnel O. Mamaril, GPC-PIO

The Association of Active Tour Guides of La Union (ASTG-LU) took oath as one of the newest members of the Philippine Federation of Professional Tour Guides, Inc. (TGFED) on the third day of the 10th National Tourism Convention and General Assembly on June 15 – 17, 2019 at Albay Astrodome, Legazpi City, Albay.

The Provincial Government of La Union headed by Gov. Francisco Emmanuel “Pacoy” R. Ortega III supported the participation of 17 members of ASTG-LU in said event.

The event, conducted by the Philippine Federation of Professional Tour Guide Associations (TGFED) in partnership with the Bicol Tour Guides Association Inc., was attended by delegates from various travel and tour agencies and tour guides association from different regions all over the



Mr. Albert Gadia, president of Philippine Federation of Professional Tour Guides, Inc. (TGFED), administers the oath of membership of the Association of Active Tour Guides of La Union (ASTG-LU) held at Albay Astrodome, Legazpi City, Albay on June 17, 2019. TGFED is an organization composed of Tour Guide Associations from the entire country.

country.

TGFED membership and procedure was presented by Mr. Manu Del Rosario, TGFED Vice President for

Luzon as part of the convention. Different speakers also joined the said event to discuss various topics relevant to tour guiding and tourism

promotions.

The participants had a tree planting activity at Kawa-Kawa Lake in City of Ligao, visited the historic Cagsawa Ruins and experienced the ATV ride in Daraga. They also dropped by the Sumlang Lake to look over the majestic view of the Mayon Volcano.

During the Governor's Night, participants wore their regional attire depicting their regions' culture. They were also welcomed by Provincial Tourism, Culture and the Arts Officer Ms. Dorothy F. Colle. Albay Governor Al Francis Bichara also emphasized the importance of sustainable tourism.

The convention, with the theme, “Filipino Tour Guide, A Decade of Intensity and Resiliency,” made a clear visualization on proper management and protection of the booming tourism industry of La Union.

PGLU JOINS TOURISM MARKETING EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR

Joy Ann L. Gurtiza, GPC-PIO

To increase marketability of tourism destinations, promote sustainable and responsible tourism and achieve global competitiveness as well as promote travel excellence, the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) through the Provincial Information Office – Tourism Operations Unit participated in the five-day Marketing Management for Sustainable Community Development Seminar conducted by the Tourism Promotions Board (TPB) on June 17 – 21, 2019 at the Park Lima Hotel, Malvar, Batangas.

The activity took off with a pre-tour of the participants who were local tourism officers, destination managers and Department of Tourism (DOT) regional officers involved in destination marketing and management to three sustainable tourism destinations in the Province of Batangas. The itinerary included a visit at Milea Bee Farm in San Jose, Kahariam Farms in Ibaan, and the Lagadlarin Mangrove Sanctuary in Lobo, Batangas.

The participants experienced various activities from the different destinations exemplifying sustainable practices on beekeeping and honey production, organic farming practices, and immersing themselves to the fishing community hosting the Lobo Mangrove Conservation Area. As part of the group's Corporate Social Responsibility and support to sustainable communities, the participants made a legacy and adopted a site for the planting of 300 mangrove saplings.

During the seminar proper, SAM Holdings, Inc. Founder Mr. Ralph Layco graced the program and shared ideas on how to maximize participation in Travel Marts and Visual Merchandising for Booth Exhibition and Pavilions. The participants



The Region 1 delegates which include the provinces of La Union, Ilocos Norte and Pangasinan prepare their Business Pitch on Tourism for Sustainable Development Goals during the five-day Marketing Management for Sustainable Community Development Seminar conducted by the Tourism Promotions Board on June 17 – 21, 2019 at the Park Lima Hotel, Malvar, Batangas. The seminar aimed to clarify the concept of destination branding and explain the value of unified regional destination branding. It provided useful and practical ways for the participants to equip and inspire them in branding their destinations.



La Union Tourism Officer Association President Mr. Daryl Dacumos presents their output as a group on Tourism for Sustainable Development Goals during the five-day Marketing Management for Sustainable Community Development Seminar conducted by the Tourism Promotions Board on June 17 – 21, 2019 at the Park Lima Hotel, Malvar, Batangas.

underwent workshop on the rapid prototyping and creation of a branded pavilion and booth design representing different tourism destinations and a Business-to-Consumer engagement from chosen representatives of the different groups. On the other hand, TAAP World Founder Ms. Apple Allison Perez discussed about the Tourism for Sustainable Development Goals. Inputs were consolidated to outline the recommendations reflecting strategies, operational, tactical action plans in an attempt to be more concise and cohesive in the execution of the appropriate referred destination branding for each region.

Other topics included making digital presence effective, focusing on tourism and digital marketing, digital content development, and promotion. Likewise, Business Pitching and development of the participants' negotiating skills were done to forge beneficial win-win partnership with the various actors in the tourism value chain.

DOT – Region 12 Director Nelly Nita Dillera also presented the different training programs offered and the partnership and linkage that can be built by Department of Trade and Industry and DOT.

In as much as the concept of destination branding is a new marketing approach, the seminar provided useful and practical ways for the participants to equip and inspire them in branding their destinations.

After the seminar, participants from the LGUs and DOT Regional Offices particularly the delegates from La Union are expected to be enablers in implementing successful tourism destination strategies and help in achieving the province's vision to be the Heart of Agri-Tourism in Northern Luzon by 2025.



ELYU YOUNG ARTISTS. Tam-awan Village, Baguio City resident artist Ms. Grettalou Apolinar teaches the basics of drawing to one of the participants of the Summer Arts Camp - Visual Arts Workshop on June 4, 2019 at the Diego Silang Hall, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union. More than 20 elementary pupils participated in said workshop where the basic techniques in oil pastel were also taught.



MANGROVE PLANTING ON LUATTA'S ANNIVERSARY. La Union Alliance for Tour and Travel Agencies (LUATTA) president Engr. Robert Sanchez spearheads the planting of 100 mangrove saplings in Brgy. Carlatan, City of San Fernando, La Union on June 28, 2019 in celebration of the association's first year anniversary. The activity was participated in by the officers and members of the association with the support of the Provincial Government of La Union through the Provincial Information Office-Tourism Operations Unit.



The Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) receives a Plaque of Recognition for the approval of the 10-year Solid Waste Management Plan of the province during the 4th Ecological Solid Waste Management Summit on June 25, 2019 at Marand Resort and Spa, Bauang, La Union. The PGLU also received a certificate of appreciation for sharing its best practices on solid waste management. La Union is the only province that has an approved plan in Region 1 as presented by Environmental Planner Marygail Antonnette Naanep, OIC-Chief of the Ecological Solid Waste Management Section of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources – Environmental Management Bureau (DENR-EMB). La Union has the most number of approved municipal solid waste management plans and sanitary landfill facilities established compared to other provinces in the region.



Nurse Grethel Pascua conducts a lecture on Dengue Awareness at the Outpatient Department of Balaoan District Hospital (BLDH) on June 18, 2018 in Balaoan, La Union as part of the dengue awareness month. Dengue is a mosquito-borne viral infection. Careful clinical detection and management can significantly reduce mortality rates from severe dengue therefore awareness advocacy is necessary for prevention and early detection.



Middle Management Heads of the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) participate in the leadership and competency development activities of the Management Development Series at Hotel Ariana, Paringao, Bauang, La Union on June 20-21, 2019. Same activity was participated in by PGLU Top Management Heads on June 18-19, 2019 in the same venue.



Mr. Anthony Javelosa of Satrap Power Corporation presents an update on the Waste-to-Energy Project in La Union during the regular Provincial Solid Waste Management Board Meeting on June 21, 2019 at the Cong. Eufanio "Franny" Eriguel Hall, 3rd basement, Sangguniang Panlalawigan Building, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union. Members of the Board from the Local Government Units, House of Representatives, Academe, Non-Government Organization, and Holcim also attended the meeting.



OIC-Provincial Treasurer Mr. Bernabe C. Dumaguin discusses with the Municipal Treasurers of La Union the status of updating of the Electronic Statement of Receipts and Expenditures and Real Property Tax Bureau Target on June 13, 2019 at the Provincial Treasury Office, Capitol Building, City of San Fernando, La Union



76 daycare workers from the Municipalities of Bagulin, Burgos, Tubao, Pugo and Santol; Provincial Government of La Union; and La Union Police Provincial Office participate in the Capability Training on the National Early Learning Curriculum and the New Early Childhood Care and Development Accreditation Standards conducted by the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office on June 19-21, 2019 at the La Union Technology and Livelihood Development Center, Guerrero Road, City of San Fernando, La Union.



Being the Guest Speaker and Inducting Officer, Gov. Pacoy encourages new university and campus officials to use the bible as guidance in their service during the Oath Taking of 2019-2021 University and Campus Officials of Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University (DMMMSU) on June 13, 2019 at the DMMMSU North La Union Campus, Bacnotan, La Union.



DUCK. COVER. HOLD. With the aim to strengthen their disaster preparedness, Provincial Government of La Union employees led by Gov. Pacoy employ the "duck, cover, and hold" technique as they participate in the National Simultaneous Earthquake Drill 2019 on June 20, 2019 at the Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union.



LA UNION PRIDE IN ARTS. Mr. Rodel Rillera (center) receives his plaque and cash prize of P300,000.00 for winning the second place for the Non-Representational Category in the 2019 Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) National Art Competition during its Awards Night on June 7, 2019 at GSIS Financial Center, Pasay City. His art work is called "Insekto sa Lipunan." Mr. Rillera outshined more than 500 entries in said competition.



The Provincial Government of La Union through the Provincial Information Office – Tourism Operations Unit conducts a guided familiarization tour dubbed as "Tour Your Own Province" on June 13-14, 2019 in the different tourist destinations of La Union. Tourism and Hospitality Management students from various colleges and university in the province participated in the said activity which aimed to introduce and expose students to different tourism products and services of the province.

STUDENTS INTRODUCED TO LU TOURISM SITES

Omme Atiyah B. Gonting, GPC-PIO

To further promote La Union as "The Heart of Agri-Tourism in Northern Luzon by 2025," the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) through the Provincial Information Office – Tourism Operations Unit conducted a two-day Guided Familiarization Tour dubbed as "Tour Your Own Province" on June 13 – 14, 2019 in the different tourism destinations in the province.

College and University students participated in the said tour that aims to expose and enrich the knowledge of the students by experiencing the various tourists destinations, products and services of La Union. Participating schools included Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University – Mid La Union Campus, Saint Louis College, LORMA Colleges and Polytechnic College of La Union. The activity served as a useful informative tool for transforming learning experience beyond the traditional classroom.

The tour included destinations in the first and second districts of the

province such as the Ma-Cho Temple in City of San Fernando; Basi Processing Center and Silvercraft Industry in Naguilian; Pugo Adventure in Pugo; Grape picking in Bauang; Basilica Minore of Our of Charity Church, Museo de Iloko and Agoo Eco fun World in Agoo; and Bahay na Bato, Namancapacan Church and Baluarte Watchtower in Luna.

They were given brief information of the history of pottery making and hands on experience at Red Clay Pagdamilian in San Juan. The students were also introduced to the traditional way of Abel Making in the Municipality of Bangar.

Serving as the guide in the said tour, La Union tour guide Randall Brioso says, "Students' participation in these type of activities brings about knowledge, appreciation and awareness of the different products, services, and what the whole Tourism Industry of La Union has to offer. Thus, encouraging involvement in all matters on tourism conservation and promotion."

PGLU CELEBRATES WORLD BLOOD DONOR DAY

Renerose A. Beninsig, GPC-PHO

Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) employees registered as potential blood donors were screened in celebration of World Blood Donor Day held at the Diego Silang Hall, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union on June 14, 2019.

The whole-day bloodletting activity was spearheaded by the Provincial Health Office (PHO) in partnership with La Union Medical Center (LUMC). The event served to raise awareness on the need for regular blood donations to ensure that all individuals and communities have access to affordable and timely supply of safe and quality-assured blood and blood products, as an integral part of Universal Health Coverage and a key component of an effective health system.

Prior to the activity, the Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III requested the respective offices to submit names of interested potential



WORLD BLOOD DONOR DAY. The Provincial Government of La Union, headed by Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III, joins the celebration of World Blood Donor Day through a Mobile Blood Donation spearheaded by the Provincial Health Office and La Union Medical Center on June 14, 2019 at the Diego Silang Hall, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union. A total 26 units of blood were collected in said activity.

donors to the PHO and advised them on the basic requirements to become a successful donor.

In preparation for scheduled blood donation, interested donors were advised that they must be well rested, eat a full meal, and drink plenty of non-alcoholic, non-caffeinated beverages. They were also reminded to refrain from heavy lifting, drinking alcohol, and smoking for several hours after donation. Blood typing of the successful donors were done by Medical Technologists from PHO and LUMC.

The LUMC is the official blood bank of the PGLU. It is necessary to guard and grow the blood supply and continue to actively recruit new donors, as well as encourage the return of prior donors to become regular donors in order to meet the medical needs of ageing population.

FDP Form 7 - 20% Component of the IRA Utilization

20% COMPONENT OF THE IRA UTILIZATION FOR THE 2ND QUARTER CY 2019							
Province of La Union							
Programs/Projects/Activities	Location	Appropriation	Date Started	Target Completion Date	Project Status % of Completion	Total Cost Incurred to date	No. of Extensions, if any
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT							
Construction of Bahay Pag-asia (Phase II)	La Union	10,000,000.00	1/31/2019	12/31/2019			
Barangay Socio-Economic and Governance Outreach Program	La Union	33,000,000.00	1/31/2019	12/31/2019			
Barangay Service Delivery Support	La Union	15,893,947.00	1/31/2019	12/31/2019			
Municipal Assistance Program - Multi-Purpose Infrastructure/Projects	La Union	20,000,000.00	1/31/2019	12/31/2019			
Construction of isolation room with ante room at the main building, Bacnotan District Hospital	La Union	200,000.00	1/31/2019	12/31/2019			
Partial completion of the Nephrology Center, Bacnotan District Hospital	La Union	1,800,000.00	1/31/2019	12/31/2019			
Expansion of ER to include additional 3 fr beds, Balaosan District Hospital	La Union	750,000.00	1/31/2019	12/31/2019			
Upgrading of dark room, storage area and control booth at the X-ray room, Balaosan District Hospital	La Union	500,000.00	1/31/2019	12/31/2019			
Construction of overhead reservoir, Balaosan District Hospital	La Union	750,000.00	1/31/2019	12/31/2019			
Hospital Equipment Upgrading - Naguilian District Hospital	La Union						
- (1) HBA1C Lipid Panel Testing		300,000.00	1/31/2019	12/31/2019			
- (1) ECG machine with analyzer		200,000.00	1/31/2019	12/31/2019			
- (1) Examining table		300,000.00	1/31/2019	12/31/2019			
- (2) Mechanical bed with mattress, side table, footstool, overbed table		200,000.00	1/31/2019	12/31/2019			
Screening of rooms (ward) - Naguilian District Hospital	La Union	200,000.00	1/31/2019	12/31/2019			
Change of existing water pipelines and provision of chlorinator to the existing and new water supply - Naguilian District Hospital	La Union	800,000.00	1/31/2019	12/31/2019			
Procurement and Upgrading of Equipment - Rosario District Hospital	La Union						
- (2) Laryngoscope		90,000.00	1/31/2019	12/31/2019			
- (2) Nebulizer Machine		24,000.00	1/31/2019	12/31/2019			
- (10) Tympanic thermometer		50,000.00	1/31/2019	12/31/2019			
- (5) BP Apparatus with stand		150,000.00	1/31/2019	12/31/2019			
- (5) BP Apparatus desk type		120,000.00	1/31/2019	12/31/2019			
- (2) UV light		160,000.00	1/31/2019	12/31/2019			
- (4) Ecg machine		350,000.00	1/31/2019	12/31/2019			
Physical Infrastructure Development Project - Rosario District Hospital	La Union						
- Renovation and drilling of eroded deep well		726,000.00	1/31/2019	12/31/2019			
- Fabricated water tank, 500 to 1000 gal capacity for the dietary and main building of the hospital		330,000.00	1/31/2019	12/31/2019			
Waterproofing and tiling of roofdeck, Caba District Hospital	La Union	900,000.00	1/31/2019	12/31/2019			
Installation of water analysis facility, Caba District Hospital	La Union	500,000.00	1/31/2019	12/31/2019			
Laboratory Equipment - Caba District Hospital	La Union						
a. Hemoglobin A1C		500,000.00	1/31/2019	12/31/2019			
b. Refrigerator (for laboratory)		100,000.00	1/31/2019	12/31/2019			
Procurement of hospital/medical equipment - La Union Medical Center	La Union						
- (4) Diagnostic Set		300,000.00	1/31/2019	12/31/2019			
- (4) Stretcher, heavy duty		800,000.00	1/31/2019	12/31/2019			
- (2) Cardiac Monitor		600,000.00	1/31/2019	12/31/2019			
- (5) Air Mattress		200,000.00	1/31/2019	12/31/2019			
- (6) Pipettes 1-10 ul		21,000.00	1/31/2019	12/31/2019			
- (4) Pipettes 20-200 ul		24,000.00	1/31/2019	12/31/2019			
- (4) Pipettes 50-100 ul		28,000.00	1/31/2019	12/31/2019			
- (3) Pipettes 1000-10000 ul		27,000.00	1/31/2019	12/31/2019			
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT							
Maintenance of Roads and Bridges	La Union	30,000,000.00	1/31/2019	12/31/2019			
Construction of POS-ECOC building	La Union	28,000,000.00	1/31/2019	12/31/2019			
Tourism sites/facility/infrastructure development	La Union	10,000,000.00	1/31/2019	12/31/2019			
Capital Assistance for Livelihood Entrepreneurship (Equipment)	La Union	5,000,000.00	1/31/2019	12/31/2019			
Culture and heritage structure enhancement	La Union	3,000,000.00	1/31/2019	12/31/2019			
ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT							
Assistance to LGUs in establishment of sanitary landfill	La Union	20,000,000.00	1/31/2019	12/31/2019			
Assistance to LGUs in establishment of wastewater treatment facility	La Union	50,000,000.00	1/31/2019	12/31/2019			
Watershed management	La Union	3,000,000.00	1/31/2019	12/31/2019			
Conduct of Search for Cleanest, Safest and greenest LGUs in the Province (worth of projects)	La Union	11,000,000.00	1/31/2019	12/31/2019	4.55%	500,000.00	
TOTAL		248,893,947.00				500,000.00	

We hereby certify that we have reviewed the contents and hereby attest to the veracity and correctness of the data or information contained in this document.

ATTY. ALBERT F. PADILLA, CPA
Provincial Accountant

FRANCISCO EMMANUEL R. ORTEGA III
Provincial Governor

FDP Form 11 - SEF Utilization
(SEF Budget Accountability Form No. 1)

SEF UTILIZATION
Second Quarter, CY 2019

Province - LA UNION

Receipt from SEF

51,813,234.12

Less : DISBURSEMENTS (broken down by expense class and by object of expenditure)

Personal Services	
Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	
Representation Expenses	7,883,150.00
Other Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	204,000.00
Capital Outlay	
Financial Expenses	
Total Disbursements	8,087,150.00
Balance	43,726,084.12

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FDP Form 9 - Statement of Cash Flow
(COA Form)

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
For the Second Quarter Ended June 30, 2019
Province: LA UNION

Cash Flows from Operating Activities:			
Cash Inflows:			
Collection from Taxpayers	41,244,136.19		
Share from Internal Revenue Collections	305,093,757.00		
Receipts from business/service income	45,973,205.75		
Collection of Receivables	9,168,544.67		
Receipt of Interest Income	4,865,078.98		
Other Receipts	91,546,686.36		
Total Cash Inflow	497,891,408.95		
Cash Outflows:			
Payment of Expenses	220,736,225.77		
Payments to Suppliers/Creditors	150,624,050.07		
Payments to Employees	11,111,292.87		
Other Disbursements	170,482,575.83		
Total Cash Outflow	552,954,144.54		
Net Cash from Operating Activities		(55,062,735.59)	
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:			
Cash Inflows:			
From Sale of Property, Plant and Equipment	44,205.00		
From Sale of Debt Securities of Other Entities	-		
From Collection of Principal on Loans to Other Entities	-		
Total Cash Inflow	44,205.00		
Cash Outflows:			
To Purchase Property, Plant and Equipment	188,725,045.11		
To Purchase Debt Securities of Other Entities	-		
To Grant/Make Loans to Other Entities	-		
Total Cash Outflow	188,725,045.11		
Net Cash from Investing Activities		(188,680,840.11)	
Cash Flows from Financing Activities			
Cash Inflows:			
From Issuance of Debt Securities	-		
From Acquisition of Loan	-		
Total Cash Inflow	-		
Cash Outflows:			
Payment of Loan Amortization	353,394.63		
Interest Expense	2,101,886.02		
Other Financial Charges	-		
Total Cash Outflow	2,455,280.65		
Net Cash from Financing Activities		(2,455,280.65)	
Net Increase in Cash		(246,198,856.35)	
Cash at Beginning of the Period		1,548,364,780.66	
Cash at the End of the Period		1,302,165,924.31	

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FDP Form 8 - Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund Utilization
(COA Form)

LOCAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT FUND UTILIZATION
For the 2nd Quarter, CY 2019
Province: LA UNION

Particulars	LRRRMF		NDRRMF	From Other LGUs	From Other Sources	Total
	Quick Response Fund (QRF) 30%	Mitigation Fund 70%				
A. Sources of Funds (Unutilized Balances)						
Current Appropriations	20,332,796.00	87,443,191.00				87,775,987.00
Continuing Appropriations		5,427,621.53				9,427,621.53
Previous Year's Appropriations transferred to the Special Trust Fund						-
Transfers/Grants		45,993,261.39				45,993,261.39
Total Funds Available	20,332,796.00	100,865,073.92				121,196,866.92
B. Utilization						
Payment to SmartGuard Philippines, Inc. for the delivered Mass Notification Siren for use at the PDRMDO (TS), JEV-2019-01-000013, CWA1563380		5,989,000.00				5,989,000.00
Payment for the wheel balancing and vulcanized tires of rescue vehicle SAA 2018 JEV-2019-04-004357		1,313.00				1,313.00
Payment to National Disaster Preparedness and Response stockpiles of Relief Goods of Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office JEV-2019-06-007436 Check # 1799673		916,000.00				916,000.00
Payment to Sungsang Phils., Inc. for the purchase of medical equipment to be used at the Operation Center and ambulance of the PDRMDO, JEV-2019-06-000917 Ch#8		4,345,965.00				4,345,965.00
Total Utilization		10,852,278.00				10,852,278.00
Unutilized Balance	20,332,796.00	90,013,795.92				110,346,591.92

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FDP Form 13- Manpower Complement

MANPOWER COMPLEMENT
Republic of the Philippines
Budget Year 2019
Second Quarter

Nature of Appointment or Employment	Number	Compensation and Other Benefits		Total
		Salaries and Wages	Other Monetary Benefits	
I. Permanent	1,438	190,390,096.38	100,636,279.04	291,026,375.42
II. Contractual				
III. Job Order/Contract Service	314	12,724,550.07		12,724,550.07
Grand Total	1,752	203,114,646.45	100,636,279.04	303,750,925.49

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Notes:

- Contractual personnel are those whose employment in the government is in accordance with a special contract to undertake a specific work or job, requiring special or technical skills not available in the employing agency, to be accomplished within a specific period, which in no case shall exceed one year, and performs or accomplishes the specific work or job, under his own responsibility with a minimum of direction and supervision from the hiring agency. (Source: PRESIDENTIAL DECREE No. 807 October 6, 1975)
- Contract of Services/Job Orders are employees whose services rendered are not considered governments services and do not enjoy the benefits enjoyed by government employees. The job order covers piece work or intermittent job of short duration not exceeding six months on a daily basis. (Source: Omnibus Rules Implementing Book V of E.O. No. 292 and other pertinent Civil Service Laws)

Note: Permanent Position - includes caterminus but plantilla position; permanent casual but plantilla position
Job Order/Contract Service - includes Casual; compensation from MOOE; caterminus but NOT plantilla position

FDP Form 6 - Trust Fund Utilization

CONSOLIDATED QUARTERLY REPORT ON GOVERNMENT PROJECTS, PROGRAMS OR ACTIVITIES
FOR THE SECOND QUARTER, CY 2019

Province: LA UNION

Program or Project	Location	Total Cost	Date Started	Target Completion Date	Project Status		No. of Extensions, if any	Remarks
					% of Completion	Total Cost Incurred to Date		
Performance Challenge Fund - Procurement of Two Rescue Vehicle	La Union	7,000,000.00	01/31/19	12/31/19	0.00%	-		
Medical Assistance Program	La Union	5,851,734.00	01/09/18	12/31/19	68.34%	3,999,149.69		
Construction of Communal Toilets in Coastal Areas	La Union	800,000.00	01/01/19	12/31/19	0.00%	-		
Delivery of Basic Health Services to Indigenous Cultural Communities	La Union	200,000.00	01/01/18	06/30/19	81.05%	162,100.00		
Provincial Malaria Elimination & Response/Sustenance of the Malaria Status of the Province	La Union	1,000,000.00	01/31/19	12/31/19	0.00%	-		
Rice Achievers Award 2015-2016	La Union	4,000,000.00	01/01/18	12/31/19	60.71%	2,428,229.00		
LGSP-Assistance to Indigent Individuals or Families	La Union	8,000,000.00	10/01/17	06/30/19	100.00%	8,000,000.00		
LGSP-Assistance to Indigent Individuals or Families	La Union	7,000,000.00	01/31/19	12/31/19	5.47%	383,000.00		
LGSP-Assistance to Indigent Individuals or Families	La Union	25,000,000.00	01/31/19	12/31/19	2.93%	731,500.00		
LGSP-CMGP-Rehabilitation and Improvement of Bacnotan-San Gabriel Road	La Union	16,316,528.00	05/18/18	01/13/19	100.00%	16,316,528.00	75 calendar days	
LGSP-CMGP-Rehabilitation and Improvement of Bangar-Castro Road	La Union	20,000,000.00	05/18/18	08/01/19	79.60%	10,992,933.85	255 calendar days	With suspension
LGSP-CMGP-Rehabilitation and Improvement of Santol-San Gabriel Road	La Union	30,000,000.00	06/18/18	09/02/19	81.55%	22,459,611.54	277 calendar days	With suspension

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FDP Form 12- Unliquidated Cash Advances

UNLIQUIDATED CASH ADVANCES
For the Second Quarter, CY 2019

Province, City or Municipality: LA UNION

Name of Debtor (in alphabetical order)	Amount Balance	Date Granted	Purpose	Amount Due					
				Current			Past Due		
				Less than 30 days	31-90 days	91-365 days	Over 1 year	Over 2 years	3 years and above
Acosta, Marissa	24,360.00	06/24/19	Travel - Manila, June 26-28, 2019	24,360.00					
Aplido, Dexter Mark	5,256.66	05/23/19	Travel - Muntinlupa City, May 23-24, 2019		5,256.66				
Bacer, Lara Geraldine	66,700.00	06/06/19	Travel - Cebu City, June 17-19, 2019	66,700.00					
Bunstay, Camille	3,340.00	06/27/19	Travel - Baguio City, June 30-July 3, 2019	3,340.00					
Cabuling, Karen	22,068.00	06/04/19	Travel - Cebu City, June 17-19, 2019	22,068.00					
Cacananta, Lorie Ann	70,600.00	06/04/19	Travel - Cebu City, June 17-19, 2019	70,600.00					
Celixo, Rimas	56,162.20	04/25/19	Travel - Alabel, Sarangani, April 26-30		56,162.20				
Camacho, Arvin	258,560.00	05/31/19	Travel - Pampanga and Manila, May 31-June 2, 2019	258,560.00					
Cortez, Arthur	77,060.00	06/10/19	Travel - Manila, June 13-16, 2019	77,060.00					
Costales, Hiram Nephi	1,370.00	06/27/19	Travel - Baguio City, July 1-3, 2019	1,370.00					
Dagang, Adamor	77,960.00	06/27/19	Travel - Manila, June 27-30, 2019	77,960.00					
Duen, Santos	13,873.32	04/11/19	Travel - Muntinlupa City, April 11-12, 2019		13,873.32				
Flora, Norma	47,976.00	04/03/19	Travel - Bacolod City, Negros Occidental, April 21-27, 2019		47,976.00				
Fujihara, Minoru	11,080.00	05/27/19	Travel - Batangas City, June 17-21, 2019	11,080.00					
Gacayan, Steven-Jay	59,954.00	06/04/19	Travel - Cebu City, June 17-19, 2019	59,954.00					
Gamer, Edgar	25,970.00	05/30/19	Travel - Cebu City, June 17-19, 2019	25,970.00					
Guerrero, Joanna	17,640.00	06/10/19	Travel - Manila, June 13-16, 2019	17,640.00					
Jucar, Noemi	35,160.00	05/23/19	Travel - Pasig City, June 26-27, 2019	35,160.00					
Jucutan, Norcelle	25,610.00	05/17/19	Travel - Bacolod, Negros Occidental, May 19-23, 2019		25,610.00				
Lo, Bryan Kylie	41,560.00	06/11/19	Travel - Cebu City, June 17-19, 2019	41,560.00					
Lopez, Lea	22,068.00	06/04/19	Travel - Cebu City, June 17-19, 2019	22,068.00					
Mamanit, Arnel	34,120.00	05/27/19	Travel - Manila, June 6-9, 2019	34,120.00					
Manabat, Julius	74,150.72	06/10/19	Travel - Legazpi, Albay, June 15-18, 2019	74,150.72					
Manalang, Jesibel	6,338.33	06/19/19	Travel - Mandaluyong City, June 20-21, 2019	6,338.33					
Marbella, Justin Paul	9,720.00	06/27/19	Travel - Baguio City, July 1-3, 2019	9,720.00					
Mendoza, Evangeline	20,900.00	06/26/19	Travel - Manila, June 26-28, 2019	20,900.00					
Mosuela, Reynaldo	133,180.00	05/30/19	Travel - Cebu City, June 17-19, 2019	133,180.00					
Nisperos, Genelen	68,930.00	06/13/19	Travel - Puerto Princesa, Palawan, June 17-22, 2019	68,930.00					
Obligacion, Laamie	25,610.00	05/06/19	Travel - Bacolod, Negros Occidental, May 19-23, 2019		25,610.00				
Ortega, Celean	39,360.00	06/10/19	Travel - Manila, June 13-16, 2019	39,360.00					
Peralta, Emily	164,120.00	06/06/19	Travel - Cebu City, June 17-19, 2019	164,120.00					
Rivera, Loida	18,869.76	06/10/19	Travel - Cebu City, June 17-19, 2019	18,869.76					
Sagun, Leonora	68,520.00	05/30/19	Travel - Surigao Del Norte, June 4-8, 2019	68,520.00					
Saquin, Anna May	0.02	03/18/19	Travel - Puerto Princesa, Palawan, March 18-22, 2019	0.02					
Sibuma, Alyssa Kristine	105,690.00	05/29/19	Travel - Cebu City, June 17-19, 2019	105,690.00					
Tacadena, Amalia	51,330.00	06/17/19	Travel - Baguio City, June 24-27, 2019	51,330.00					
Zafra, Jericho Paolo	48,580.00	06/10/19	Travel - Manila, June 13-16, 2019	48,580.00					
Zapata, Daphne Dale	43,736.00	06/06/19	Travel - Cebu City, June 17-19, 2019	43,736.00					
Total	1,877,483.01			1,702,994.83	174,488.18				

LA UNION VIBRANT WOMEN, INC. WELCOMES NEW BOD CHAIR

Camille R. Bumatay, OPG-MPIU

The La Union Vibrant Women, Inc. (LUVWI) turned over the chairmanship of its Board of Directors (BOD) from outgoing Chairperson Geraldine "Deny" Ortega to the new Chairperson Vini Nola A. Ortega during the LUVWI Meeting on June 10, 2019 at the Diego Silang Hall, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union.

It is stated in the Constitution and By-Laws of the organization that the female Local Chief Executive (LCE) of the province will be the BOD Chairperson. In cases where the LCE is a male, his wife will take the position.

In her message, outgoing BOD Chairman Deny encouraged all LUVWI members to continue in giving their support to the programs and projects of the LUVWI and the Provincial Government of La Union as well as to continue their devotion to Mary. She also assured the members that she will continue to support all programs and projects of the organization.

New BOD Chairperson Vini



NEW LUVWI CHAIR. The La Union Vibrant Women, Inc. (LUVWI) Chairperson Geraldine R. Ortega welcomes new Board of Directors (BOD) Chairperson Vini Nola A. Ortega during the LUVWI Meeting on June 10, 2019 at the Diego Silang Hall, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union. In her message, Chairperson Vini committed to continue all programs of LUVWI and come up with new projects for the benefit of all women in La Union.

committed to continue all the programs and projects started by LUVWI. She also assured that more programs will be incorporated for the benefit all women in La Union.

A video presentation of the accomplishments of LUVWI was shown in the meeting. LUVWI Provincial President Ms. Ruth Jo de Guzman gave her President's Report highlighting the organization's most recent activity, the Prayer Rally for a Peaceful Election. While LUVWI Provincial Treasurer Ms. Judy So also reported about financial matters.

LUVWI was established in 2005 during the Provincial Women's Congress and was then called La Union Volunteer, Inc. founded by former City of San Fernando Mayor Mary Jane C. Ortega. In 2007, under the administration of Gov. Manuel C. Ortega, Chair Deny became the Chairperson and extended her chairmanship until the first term of Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III since his wife Ms. Vini was then the ABONO Party-list Representative.

SP EMPLOYEES EXPLORE ADVENTURE SITES IN LA UNION

Rhea Matilde A. Ballesteros, GPC-SP

Identified as the Sangguniang Panlalawigan's (SP's) Wildly Important Goal (WIG) during the Strategic Targeting Writeshop, the SP employees visited and explored adventure tourism sites in the Northern Agri-Tourism Circuit on May 24, 2019, namely: Immuki Island and Sea Urchin Sanctuary of Balaoan; Pebble Picking Site, Baluarte Watch Tower and Occalong Falls of Luna; Tangadan Falls of San Gabriel; and Balay Anito Falls of Santol. The activity dubbed as "SP LegislaTour" is the direct contribution of the Office of the SP to the Medium-Term Provincial Strategy which is to position La Union as the Preferred Tourist Destination in Northern Luzon by 2022.

"LegislaTour" was coined by SP employees from the words 'legislation' and 'tour' as staff from the legislative branch personally visited and explored the identified tourism sites in the Provincial Tourism Master Plan. They were also required to take photos and post the same with appropriate caption in their respective social media accounts.

The activity aims to promote the various tourism sites in the province with the end goal of attracting tourists to come to La Union.

Aside from site seeing, the SP employees were also made to assess the



Sangguniang Panlalawigan (SP) Staff explores the Sea Urchin Sanctuary at Balaoan, La Union during the SP LegislaTour on May 24, 2019. The activity was conducted to support the Medium-Term Provincial Strategy which aims to position La Union as the Preferred Tourist Destination in Northern Luzon by 2022.



strengths and weaknesses of these establishments/sites using the principles under the 5As of tourism and propose doable actions to further improve them, thereby making the visit of other tourists more enjoyable and worthwhile.

From the consolidated Focus Group Discussion Report submitted by each of the SP offices and units, their common observations were the sites are beautiful, accessible, relaxing, good for nature lovers and summer escapades and have tourist potential. Things that are yet to improve were spacious parking spaces, sanitary facilities, accommodation and recreational facilities, appropriate signages, concrete access roads, souvenir shops, trained/skilled personnel on tour guiding and basic life support or first aid and organized associations in the community to oversee these tourist sites.

All of their observations, comments, suggestions and recommendations will be summarized and the same will be submitted to the Local Government Units concerned, Office of the Governor through the Office for the Provincial Strategy and the SP.

Overall, the activity was an eye-opener for all the participants that indeed La Union is blessed with natural resources and it has to be taken cared of.

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LA UNION BAGS 7TH PLACE IN LOCAL COLLECTION EFFICIENCY, NATIONAL LEVEL

Jane Joy F. Mandia, GPC-PTO

The Province of La Union ranked 7th out the 81 provinces in the Philippines for Local Collection Efficiency given by the Bureau of Local Government Finance (BLGF) at the Hotel Supreme, Baguio City on June 24, 2019.

OIC-Assistant Provincial Treasurer Janet D. Molina received the Certificate of Achievement from BLGF for the province during the Second Quarter Regional Conference of Provincial, City, and Municipal Treasurers and Assessors.

As per evaluation made on the collection performance of La Union and the performance targets set by the



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BLGF for Fiscal Year 2017, the province had a 110.1% Collection Efficiency on Real Property Tax (RPT) and ranked third in the region, 87.7% Collection Efficiency on Local Business Tax (LBT) and ranked fourth in the region, 156.4% Collection Efficiency on Fees and Charges(FC) and ranked as second in the region, 184.3% Collection Efficiency on Receipts from Economic Enterprise (REE) and ranked first in the region.

La Union garnered a rate of 133.9% in the overall total ranking from all the Locally Sourced Income making the Province Top 1 in the Region and Top 7 in the national level

CABA DISTRICT HOSPITAL EMPOWERS MORE THAN 100 YOUTH

Marlon C. Runas, GPC-PIO

Caba District Hospital (CDH) headed by Chief Gretchen F. Aromin spearheaded the 5th Adolescent Health and Development Program Outreach at La Union Standard Academy (LUSA), Gana, Caba La Union on June 21, 2019. 107 Grades 7- 12 students of LUSA took part in the activity. Health Programs of CDH were discussed to empower the youth to signify their important role in the community.

A series of information was done tackling various topics that included Adolescent Development, Violence Against Women and Children, Awareness on Smoking Cessation and Dengue Fever, Mobile Blood Donation, Anti-Rabies Awareness, hand washing lecture and demonstration, and HIV Awareness.

Dr. Aromin gave an inspirational message to the youth and introduced the hospital's Adolescent Health and Youth Development Program. She encouraged the youth to support the various programs of the hospital specifically the Adolescent Health and Youth Development Program to help the institution and the Province of La Union in achieving Gov. Pacoy's vision to become a Healthy La Union, Happy La Union by 2022.

One of the highlights of the activity



Department of Tourism – Region 1 Director Martin S. Valera gives his Welcome Message to the participants of the Meetings, Incentives, Conventions and Exhibitions (MICE) 101 Forum organized by the Department of Tourism – Region 1 on June 20, 2019 at the Java Hotel, Laoag City, Ilocos Norte. The forum was designed to familiarize tourism stakeholders on the MICE industry and to share strategies on how to become a MICE destination. Participants were DOT-accredited accommodation establishments and Local Government Units from Region 1.

was the signing of the Pledge of Support to the Anti-Smoking Brigade by the teachers of LUSA, headed by Principal Mrs. Grace Runas. A Pledge of Support to the Anti-Smoking Brigade aimed at the teachers and students to help them participate in the Smoking Cessation advocacy of the CDH in order to achieve a smoke-free and healthy environment.

The pledge on the use of antimicrobials responsibly was signed by the students aimed to promote rational use and to end the irrational use of antimicrobials. According to Department of Health (DOH), irrational use of antimicrobials contributes to the development of Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR). Everyone is at risk for developing infections which may be caused by resistant microorganisms resulting to the worsening of illness, increased healthcare costs, further spread of infectious diseases and even death.

CDH recognizes the vital role of all adolescents in the society now and in the future. Through the series of lectures imparted to them, CDH aims to help them realize the importance of being physically, mentally, socially healthy, and become productive and worthy members of the community.

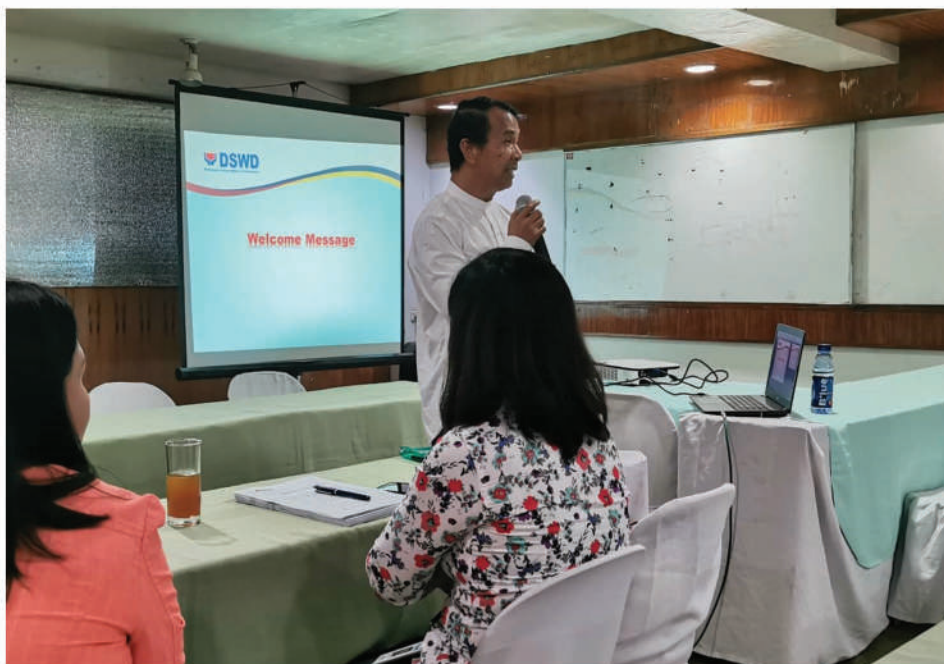
PGLU ACQUIRES KNOWLEDGE ON SOCIAL WELFARE AGENCIES ACCREDITATION

Marcel A. Florentino

The Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) through the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer (PSWDO) Ranilo P. Ipac participated in an orientation conducted by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Region I Office which focused on new regulatory guidelines in accrediting Social Welfare and Development Agencies (SWDA) on June 24, 2019 at Sea and Sky Hotel and Restaurant, City of San Fernando, La Union.

PSWDO Ipac welcomed the attendees of the event composed of Social Welfare and Development Officers representing the different Local Government Units of La Union. He stressed on the importance of the orientation in weeding out fly-by-night SWDAs to ultimately protect the people of La Union from them through legitimate and efficient social services.

According to DSWD, agencies that intend to engage in SWD activities will be required to apply with the concerned DSWD Regional Office within six



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months from registration with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). After processing, a certificate of registration will be issued. This certificate, however, does not yet provide a legal authority to operate. The agency should also apply for licensing. A Certificate of License is valid for three years. An Annual Report is also required to be submitted, non-compliance of which will result to sanctions by the DSWD.

The orientation centered on DSWD Memorandum Circular No. 17 Series of 2018 which contains the revised guidelines governing the registration and licensing of (SWD) Agencies and Accreditation of SWD programs and services. These guidelines aim to improve the registration process; protect clients against abuse, exploitation, and inefficiency; recognize the vital role of private and public SWDAs in the society; as well as to promote accountability and transparency of SWDAs to the public and their donors.