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PGLU FORMULATES 2020-2022 EXECUTIVE-LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

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The Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) has formulated its Executive-Legislative Agenda (ELA) for 2020-2022, through the Legislative- Executive Development Advisory Council (LEDAC) Workshop on October 23-25, 2019 at the CAP John Hay Convention Center, Baguio City.

The ELA captures the PGLU's primary targets in the next three years, through priority programs, projects and activities (PPAs) that support the La Union Transformative Governance Framework.

Leading the plenary discussions during the workshop were Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III and Vice Gov. Mario Eduardo C. Ortega, as the LEDAC Chair and Co-Chair, respectively.

As members of the council, the Provincial Board Members; PGLU Department Heads; District Hospitals and La Union Medical Center chiefs;

Office of the Governor and Office of the Provincial Administrator Work Units' heads, also took part in the sessions.

Representing special interest sectors in the ELA formulation were the members of the Multi-Sectoral Governance Council and civil society groups. Other workshop participants were national line agencies representatives and the Governor's consultants.

For context, the Executive and Legislative Accomplishments for 2016-2019 were presented by Provincial Planning and Development Coordinator Michaela Louise T. Delfinado and Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan Donato Rimando, respectively.

During the breakout sessions, the workshop participants were grouped into four, representing the FERO governance sectors namely Financial Stability, Economic

Dynamism, Resilient Communities, and Organizational Accountability and Governance Sectors.

The sectors identified their target PPAs and their corresponding costs. The PPAs were also assessed of their legislative requirements, if any, through ordinance or resolution.

The sectors' targets were presented in the plenary, where they were comprehensively reviewed and evaluated. The Governor's consultant, Ms. Agnes Grace Cargamento, facilitated the presentations.

For the Financial Stability sector, the goals set out were sustainable revenue generation and sound expenditure management. Meanwhile, the Economic Dynamism and Competitiveness Sector aimed to bring about sustainability in various industries such as tourism, investment, agriculture, career employment, and infrastructure.

The Resilient Communities sector targeted to deliver service enhancements in the fields of health and sanitation, social welfare, housing, education, culture preservation, public order and safety, disaster resiliency, social inclusivity, and ecological integrity. The Organizational Accountability and Governance Sector laid out goals on Integrated Governance Systems; Policy and Planning; Human Resource; Efficient Organizational Security, Logistical and Infrastructure Support; and Increased Public Participation and Satisfaction.

Gov. Pacoy encouraged the council members to sustain their synergy and collaboration to ensure sustained harmonization of the PGLU's executive and legislative initiatives. Vice Gov. Ortega supported the Governor's call as he remarked, "the planning is over, the work will begin."



The Provincial Government of La Union, led by Gov. Pacoy and Vice Gov. Mario Eduardo C. Ortega formulate the province's Executive-Legislative Agenda for 2020-2022, during the Legislative- Executive Development Advisory Council (LEDAC) Workshop on October 23-25, 2019 at the CAP John Hay Convention Center, Baguio City. The ELA outlines the priority programs and policies of the province in the next three years.

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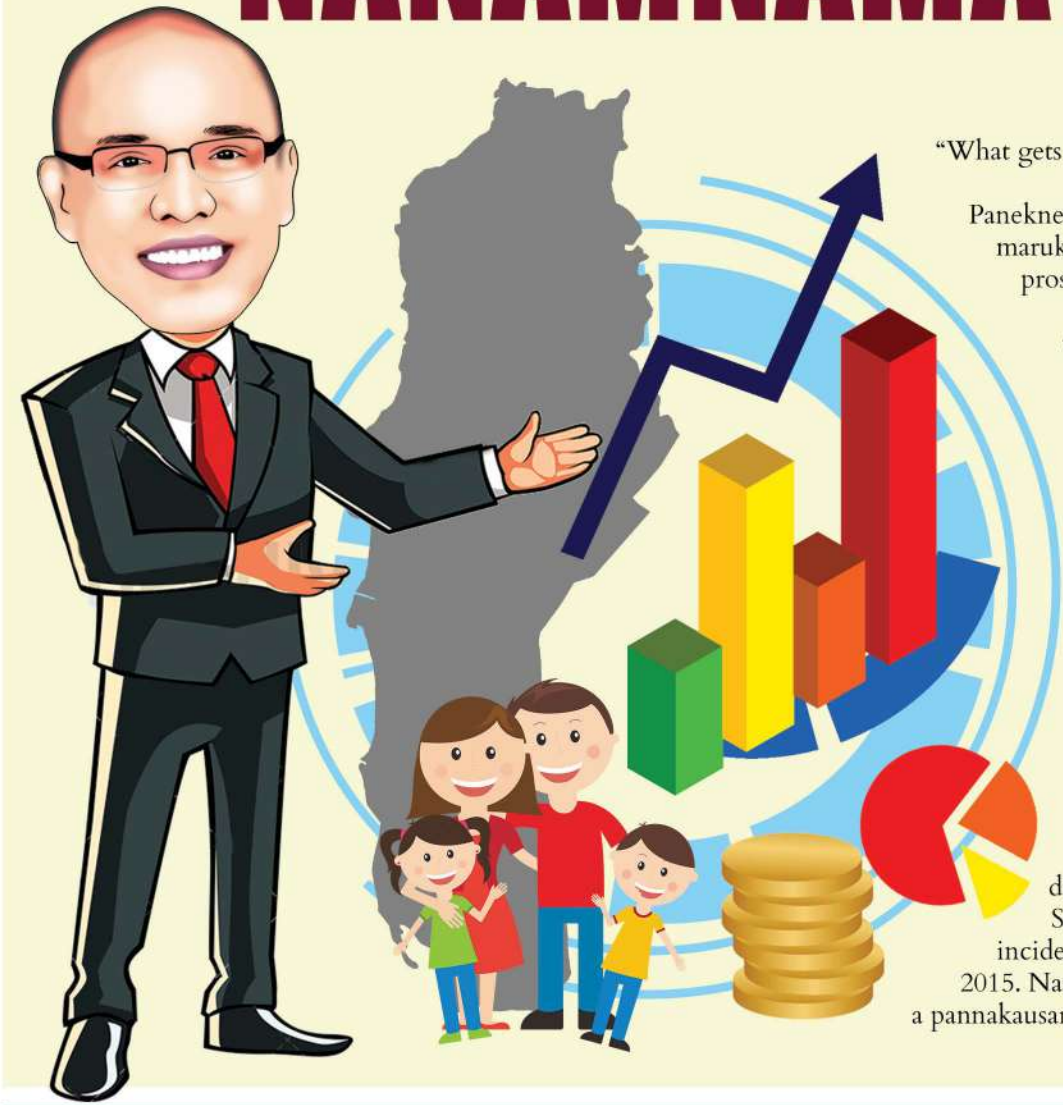
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ESTADISTIKA AGTURONG ITI
NANAMNAMAY A LA UNION



“What gets measured, gets done.”- Gob. Francisco Emmanuel “Pacoy” R. Ortega III.

Paneknekang ni Gob. Pacoy nga iti estadistika ket nangnagruna a kasapulan tapno marukod iti aramid ti maysa nga organisasion ken iti kasta ket mapasayaat iti proseso ken mapapintas iti naduma -duma a serbisyo.

Iti panagselebrar iti Nasional a Bulan ti Estadistika ita Oktubre, ingannuat ti Probinsial a Gobrierno ti La Union (PGLU) iti naduma-duma nga aktibidades agpapan iti pannakausar ti estadistika kangrunaanna kadagiti agada-adal. Adda it salisal iti panagaramid ti kanta, panagsurat ti salaysay, examen agpapan ti estadistika, orasion ken panagaramid ti poster slogan. Naaramid dagitoy tapno maipakita kadagiti ubbing iti importansia ti numero iti inaldaw-aldaw a panagbiag.

Naigannuat met ti symposium para kadagiti agad-adal iti Paringao National High School iti Bauang; San Fernando South Central Integrated School iti Suidad ti San Fernando; ken Bungol National High School iti Balaoan. Adda met iti naipatakder a pagdamagan agapan ti estadistika iti probinsia idjay La Union National High School Library. Naipakita iti nakuna a pagdamagan iti naduma-duma a datos agapan iti Financial Stability, Economic Dynamism, Resilient Communities, ken Organizational Accountability and Governance Sectors wenno FEROSectors iti PGLU.

Amin dagitoy a naaramat ket maiyannurot iti mision ti PGLU a mangirugi ken mangitultuloy ti panagpasayaat ti panagbiag ti kaaduan ditoy La Union.

Segun iti naudi a datos iti Philippines Statistics Authority, iti poverty incidence ti probisia ket bimmaba manipud 15.30 idi 2010, nagbalin a 9.20 idi 2015. Nasken a patignayenna daytoy a ti La Union ket agdur-as babaen iti nabuslon a pannakausar iti estadistika.

ICTU VIES FOR EGOV AWARDS 2019

Jamie Rose N. Mifa, OPG-ICTU

The Office of the Provincial Governor – Information and Communications Technology Unit (OPG-ICTU) submitted two entries for the Digital Governance Awards 2019 which include the Detainees Information System (DIS) for the Data-Driven Governance (D2G) Category and the PGLU Careers for the Customer Empowerment (G2C) Category. The judging and evaluation of entries were held on October 17, 2019 at the Bayview Park Hotel, Manila.

The Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) spearheaded the activity, in partnership with the National ICT Confederation of the Philippines and the Department of the Interior and Local Government. The Digital Governance Awards share the vision of establishing indices for local government units (LGUs) across the country in harnessing the potentials of ICT towards raising the



Mr. Gerry D. Binas-o, Office of the Provincial Governor – Information and Communications Technology Unit Chief, presents the Detainees Information System as an entry for the “The Best in eGOV Data-Driven Governance Award” during the Judging of Entries for the Digital Governance Awards 2019 at Bayview Park Hotel, Ermita, Manila on October 17, 2019. The Digital Governance Awards share the vision of establishing indices for local government units across the country in harnessing the potentials of Information & Communications Technology towards raising the bar in delivering public service.

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The judges for the D2G Category were Ms. Karenina Buenafe of Huawei Philippines; Mr. Arup Maity of Blast Asia/PSIA; and Mr. Alejandro Melchor III of Analytics Association of the Philippines while for the G2C Category were Mr. Allan De Venecia of Development Academy of the Philippines; Mr. Carlo Subido of Infocomm Technology Association of the Philippines; and Ms. Emmy Lou V. Delfin of DICT.

OPG – ICTU Chief Gerry D. Binas-o presented the two entries. The OPG – ICTU remains focused on innovating ICT practices that can be used by the Provincial Government of La Union in order to promote efficiency, accountability and transparency to service delivery.

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SP EMPLOYEES EXPLORE 2ND DISTRICT TOURISM SITES

Rhea Matilde A. Ballesteros, GPC-SP

A total of 131 Sangguniang Panlalawigan (SP) employees explored the tourism sites in the second District of La Union from August 2, 2019 to October 4, 2019, in their regular SP LegislaTour.

The employees visited the Bakawan Eco-Tourism Park of Bauang; Wenceslao Centennial Tree and Bamboo Craft Industry of Caba; Bangus Industry of Aringay; Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto of Agoo; and the Daing Industry and Nuestra Señora Virgen del Mar Cautiva of Sto. Tomas. This is the fifth LegislaTour of the office since its commencement in 2017.

Each employee was required to visit and observe these tourism sites using the principles under the 5As of tourism (Attraction, Accessibility, Accommodation, Amenities, and Activities) and post pictures with appropriate caption in their respective social media accounts to promote and



Sangguniang Panlalawigan (SP) secretariat staff observes the process of producing a bamboo craft at Brgy. Gana, Caba, La Union during their SP LegislaTour on October 4, 2019. The SP LegislaTour is an enrolled program of the SP as its direct contribution to the attainment of the provincial strategy to make "La Union the Heart of the Agri-Tourism in Northern Luzon by 2025."

encourage provincemates and tourists to visit and explore the tourism sites in the province.

Likewise, each office and work unit under the SP submits a Focus Group Discussion Report of their observations, comments and recommendations to be undertaken either by the Local Government Units concerned or the SP to further improve these tourism sites. Said reports will be consolidated and summarized by the Local Research and Policy Unit of the SP for the formulation of a summary report that will be submitted to the Office of the Governor, Office of the Vice Governor and SP Chair on Tourism.

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NDH STAFF EQUIPPED WITH BASIC LIFE SUPPORT SKILLS

Angelica C. Real, GPC-NDH

Naguilian District Hospital (NDH) employees participated in the three-day Basic Life Support (BLS) training on October 2-4, 2019 at the NDH, Naguilian, La Union.

Said training was conducted by the trainers from the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office.

The employees were trained on how to properly conduct

cardiopulmonary resuscitation, basic first aid, and Heimlich maneuver - a first-aid procedure for dislodging an obstruction from a person's windpipe.

BLS is a fundamental skill in saving lives requiring a broad knowledge of cognitive and psychomotor skills. As medical healthcare service providers, it is essential that the staff and employees of NDH are required to be certified in basic emergency medical care.



LA UNION PASSES RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE TO LATE FORMER SENATE PRESIDENT PIMENTEL

Rafael C. Mosuela, GPC-SP

The Sangguniang Panlalawigan led by Board Member Jennifer C. Mosuela, passed a resolution of condolence to former Senate President Aquilino "Nene" Pimentel, Jr. on October 22, 2019.

The Board Resolution stated that Pimentel was known to be the father of the Local Government Code. Pimentel's contribution to the enactment of the Local Government Code of 1991, a landmark legislation that strengthened the role of local government units in national development had paved the way for the empowerment of local governments.

"His passing is a great loss not only

to his bereaved family but to the nation as a whole," the resolution states.

The former senator died due to lymphoma and pneumonia on October 20, 2019.

In the span of more than four decades, Pimentel dedicated his life of service to the Filipino people as a senator, assemblyman and Minister of Local Government.

As a champion of freedom of democracy, he emphasized the primary of rule of law and respect for the Constitution and recognized the special protection needed for the poor and underprivileged.

SP DECLARES OCTOBER AS COOP MONTH

Rafael C. Mosuela, GPC-SP

The Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the Province of La Union approved on final reading, the declaration of the month of October of every year as the cooperative month in the Province of La Union and to enjoin all local government units to implement program of activities in celebration of the same.

Board Member (BM) Gerard G. Ostrea, principal author of the said ordinance, mentioned that the legislative measure is anchored in the provision of Republic Act 9520 - Philippine Cooperative Code of 2008,

which provides for the creation and growth of cooperatives as a practical vehicle for promoting self-reliance and harnessing people power towards the attainment of economic development and social justice.

He emphasized that one way of doing so is to initiate programs and activities which may include, but not limited to Livelihood Training, Basic Community Tour Guiding, Gender Sensitivity Program, Seminars on Ownership, Credit Management and Risk Management, Search for Outstanding Cooperatives, Visitation of

La Union Farm Tourism Sites and Successful Cooperatives.

The amount of Php 500,000.00 is hereby appropriated from the General Fund of the Province for C.Y. 2019 and every year thereafter for the expenses to be incurred and for the programs and activities to be implemented for its celebration.

BM Ostrea added that said ordinance would be of great help to the people of the province especially the poor, thus improving their quality of life. The Cooperative Month Celebration encourages public

participation and awareness and understanding about cooperatives, its importance in nation building and contributions to sustainable economic development. Through these vital undertakings, the cooperative movement is strengthened and united.

Recognizing the important role of cooperatives in promoting inclusive growth, the Provincial Agriculture Office led the celebration of Cooperative Month at the La Union Agri-Tourism Center, City of San Fernando, La Union on October 22, 2019.



On behalf of Gov. Pacoy, Executive Assistant IV Justo Orros III talks about the commitment of the province to uphold the dignity of drug surrenderees during the Inauguration of the Balay Silangan Drug Reformation Center at the Municipal Conference Hall Annex, Balaoan, La Union on October 30, 2019.



Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer Ranilo Ipac leads the distribution of checks to indigent residents of La Union as part of the Provincial Government of La Union's medical and burial assistance to their families on October 21, 2019 at the Diego Silang Hall, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union.



Gov. Pacoy discusses the importance of technology in implementing the programs, projects and activities of the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) during a meeting with Globe Telecom President and CEO Ernest L. Cu and company on October 22, 2019 at the Diego Silang Hall, Capitol Building, City of San Fernando, La Union. Discussed in the meeting were ways that Globe Telecom can assist PGLU in improving their services to the constituents.



18th POLICE SERVICE ANNIVERSARY. Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III takes part in the 118th Police Service Anniversary Celebration of the Philippine National Police (PNP) Regional Office 1 on October 8, 2019 at Camp Florendo, City of San Fernando, La Union. Serving as Guest of Honor was PGEN. Oscar D. Albayalde, represented by BRIG. GEN. Emmanuel Luis Licup, PNP Acting Director for Operations.



Gov. Pacoy meets with representatives from the National Security Council and the Department of the Interior and Local Government La Union Provincial Office led by Dir. Paulino Lalata, Jr. during a courtesy call on October 8, 2019 at the Office of the Governor, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union. They discussed the thrusts of La Union in supporting the nation's campaign to end local communist armed conflict.



In celebration of the Indigenous Peoples (IP) Month in the Province of La Union, IPs present their cultural dances during the La Union Indigenous Peoples Development Caravan 2019 on October 30, 2019 held at Naguilian Civic Center, Naguilian, La Union.



Gov. Pacoy spearheads the recognition of the 2019 Ten Outstanding Police Officers of La Union on October 22, 2019 at the Diego Silang Hall, Capitol Building, City of San Fernando, La Union. Awardees were PLT Arcelie O. Pang-Ag for Investigation; PSMS Frederick G. Godoy for Intelligence; PSSG Roberto L. Concepcion Jr. for Criminalistics; PSSG Roel T. Caoile for Human Resources Development; PSSG Rhoda Liza L. Poon for Health Service; PMSG Eva M. Rala for Police Community Relations; PCPL Ana G. Reyes for Special Operations; PCPL Renato N. Ancheta for Traffic Management; PSSG Rommel E. Picle for Anti - Narcotics; and PEMS Nieva Liza C. Castro for Administrative Management.



JINGLE MAKING AND SINGING CONTEST. Performers of Don Eulogio De Guzman Memorial National High School give their winning performance in the Jingle Making and Singing Contest for the Secondary Level during the Provincial Celebration of 30th National Statistics Month (NSM) on October 7, 2019 at Catbangan Central School, City of San Fernando, La Union. The group also emerged as champion in the NSM Regional Jingle Singing Contest held at the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, City of San Fernando, La Union on October 8, 2019.

LU ASSESSOR'S GUIDEBOOK LAUNCHED

William R. Garcia IV, GPC – OPAss



The Provincial Government of La Union through the Office of the Provincial Assessor launches the Assessor's Guidebook presenting the laws and policies on upholding financial stability through sound tax collection and revenue generation on October 21, 2019 at Diego Silang Hall, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union. All 19 Municipal Assessors of LU were present during the event.

The Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) through the Office of the Provincial Assessor's (OPAss) launched the La Union Assessor's Guidebook on Real Property Tax Assessment at Diego Silang, Capitol Building, City of San Fernando, La Union on October 21, 2019.

The distribution of Assessor's Guidebook was led by Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III and Provincial Assessor Engr. Arnulfo A. Cacho to the 19 Municipal Assessors of La Union.

Engr. Cacho said, "The purpose of the book is to provide technical assistance to assessors in disseminating the information to the general public on procedures of real property tax

assessment, tax mapping, valuation and examination."

In addition to the commitment of OPAss to improve service delivery, they also released an audio visual presentation on the functions of the Assessor's Office for public awareness. This was produced in collaboration with the Media and Public Information Unit.

The governor shared that Real Property tax is one of the revenue sources of Local Government Units and he is thankful for the commitment and support of the assessors to the administration as they play a big role to achieve the vision of PGLU to become the Heart of Agri-Tourism in Northern Luzon by 2025.



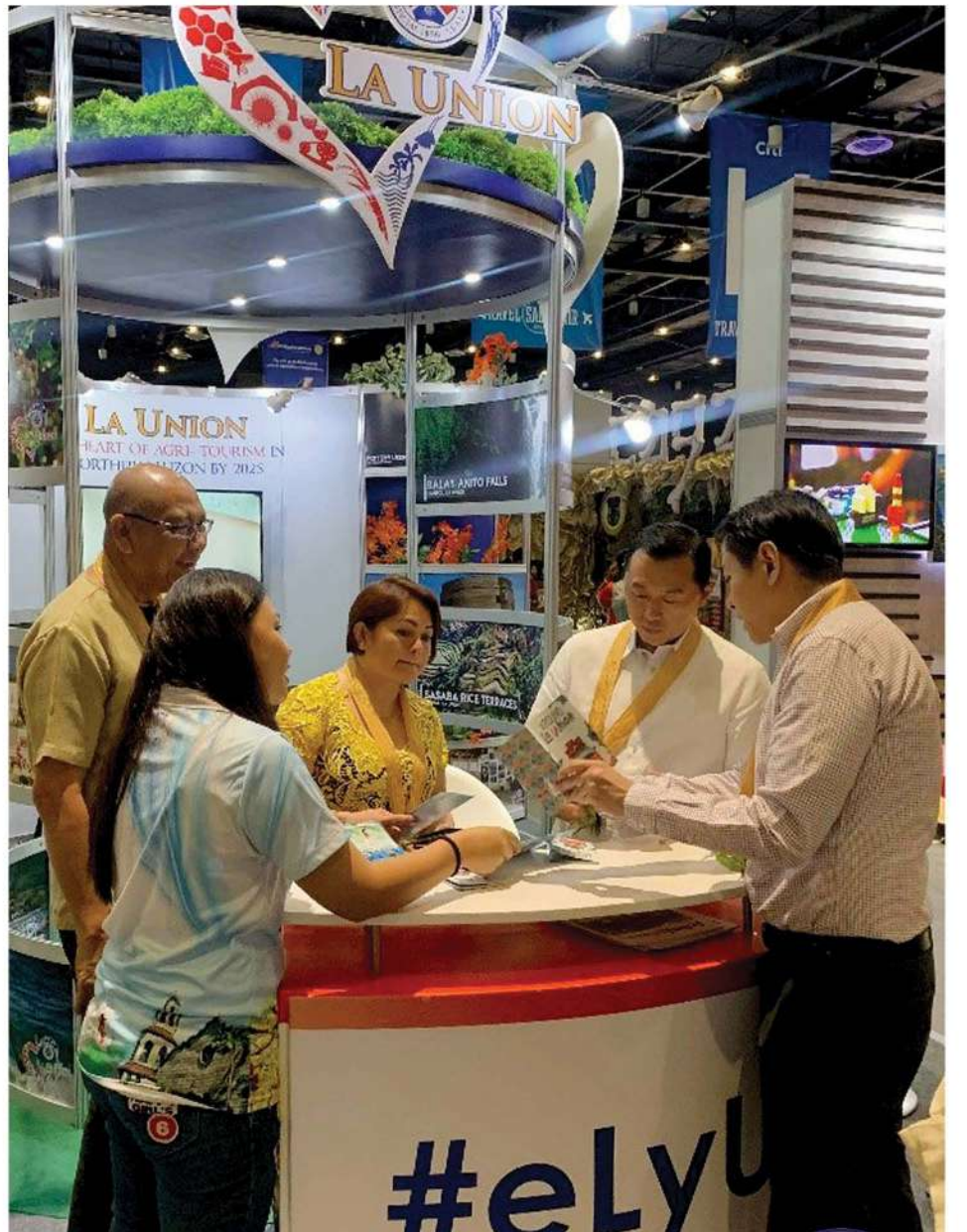
Gov. Pacoy and Vice Gov. Mario Eduardo C. Ortega lead the discussions as the Provincial Government of La Union plans out its programs, projects and activities (PPAs) in the next three years during the Executive-Legislative Development Advisory Council (ELDAC) Workshop at The Manor, Camp John Hay, Baguio City on October 23-25, 2019. The ELDAC workshop gathered all PGLU's elective officials, executive department heads, and the Multi Sectoral Governance Council in an aim to harmonize the executive and legislative initiatives of the province.



Gov. Pacoy leads the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the inauguration and blessing of the new Multi-Purpose Covered Court of the San Fernando South Central Integrated School on October 18, 2019. In his message, Gov. Pacoy said the new facility reflects the Provincial Government's commitment in fostering excellent educational environment for learners in the province.



Gov. Pacoy shares an inspiring message to the cadets of the Philippine Military Academy during his visit to the institution in Baguio City on October 23, 2019. He also offered a prayer for the cadets.



Provincial Information Office – Tourism Operations Unit staff presents the newly-launched Around La Union Travel Guide to Undersecretary for Legal and Special Concerns Atty. Edwin R. Enrile of the Department of Tourism (DOT) and Gov. Arthur C. Yap of the Province of Bohol at the Travel Sale Fair 2019 at the World Trade Center on October 11-13, 2019. Also in the photo were Regional Director Benjamin F. Santiago of DOT Region V and Bohol 3rd District Board Member Jone Jade Bautista.



As the chair, Gov. Pacoy presides the meeting of the Board of Trustees (BOT) of the La Union Medical Center on October 16, 2019 at the Ante Room, Sangguniang Panlalawigan Building, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union.



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OCTOBER TO REMEMBER: LU SURFING BREAK

Joy Ann L. Gurtiza, GPC-PIO

Jam. Surf. Play. Party! The tide is high and nothing can suppress the waves nor the energy as the La Union Surfing Break (LUSB) made a splash in Urbiztondo Beach in San Juan, Galongen-Quirino Beach in Bacnotan and Samara Beach in Caba, La Union on the month of October. First launched in 2006 and fashioned after America's famous spring breaks, LUSB is fast gaining a reputation for providing students, young professional, and visitors of all backgrounds an October to remember. Asked if someone's having a good time, a merry-maker was even quoted to have said, "This is better than Boracay."

The Provincial Government of La Union together with the Department of Tourism (DOT) – Region 1 with the support of the concerned local government units, various tourism stakeholders in the province, the locals and surfers, the annual surfing break was conceptualized. It also rallied overwhelming support from both government and private sectors with groups in the organizing committee, auxiliary government

agencies, media partners and from major to minor corporate sponsors.

La Union has always been a surfer's paradise, thus the conception of the La Union Surfing Break. At its first year, roughly 300 people attended the event. Now on its 14th year, more than 10,000 surfers, travelers and the like attended and rode the waves. With numerous people in attendance every year, LUSB solidified its standing in the Philippines' major festivals and events.

LUSB aims to educate and expose surfing to the general public. The event is usually held during the semestral break which allows students from Manila, Baguio and other cities in Luzon experience the waves that La Union has to offer. The staging of the annual surfing event over the last thirteen years was a huge success well beyond expectations. With a crowd total of over 15,000 festival attendees and foot traffic every year, the event also helped launch the province as a go-to destination for beach, surfing, and festivals. In fact, it has become a

breakthrough for the tourism industry in La Union, promoting the province as the premier surfing destination in Northern Luzon.

The LUSB is an award-winning event that has been inducted into the DOT's Hall of Fame, dubbed the Best Tourism Event in the Philippines for Sports, Adventure and Wellness which makes it one of the most sought-after surfing events in Luzon and is considered as one of the biggest events in the country with thousands of party-goers every night for three straight nights.

LUSB is open to everyone who loves riding the waves and anyone who just wants to have some fun from surfing competitions for the professionals, surfing clinics for the beginners and various sports inland. As the heart and soul of the three-day event, surf clinics were being held to show beginners that anyone can learn basic surfing in just an hour. The sun, sand and sea are the perfect backdrop for animated daytime. Comes sunset, things start to heat up instead of cool down as the evenings usher in Surfing Break's famed

parties.

There's more to LUSB than the food, music, and waves. It is the overall sense of community and the heartwarming feeling of feeding your soul with everything that the beach has to offer. LUSB also promotes an eco-friendly attitude towards the seas and beaches through beach clean-up that will not only give the seas a break but will also allow visitors to be one with nature. Tourists are encouraged to take part in the clean-up and plastic collection activity. Moreover, there are also a coral and mangrove planting community workshop which taught the beachgoers and the local community the importance of plants along the beach.

LUSB has been a celebration of surf, music, food, and art. At the core of the event is its ecotourism activities which cares for the local marine life and keep the beaches pristine. It is a good way to show both visitors and locals that it is possible to chill and relax in La Union while still doing their part in saving the environment. With these, everyone will surely Live, Own, Visit, and Enjoy L.O.V.E La Union!



STUDENT CAREER GUIDANCE TO LEVEL UP EMPLOYMENT

Rowell Timoteo, GPC – PESO



Public Employment Service Office - La Union Staff conducts career guidance to high school students in South Central Integrated School in City of San Fernando, Paringao National High School in Bauang, and Bungol National High School in Balaoan on October 8-10, 2019.

The Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) through its Public Employment Service Office (PESO) conducted a career symposium in three schools in La Union on October 8 – 11, 2019.

Said activity was part of the National Statistics Month Celebration in cooperation with the Provincial Planning and Development Office. Activities were spearheaded by the Philippines Statistics Office - Region I (PSA – Region I).

A total of 432 students learned about PESO programs and services, labor market information, in – demand courses and skills to match jobs.

Participating Schools were South Central Integrated School in City of San Fernando, Paringao National High School in Bauang, and Bungol National High School in Balaoan. PGLU PESO Staff Carlo P. Mondina and Karen Z. Tumbaga delivered the presentations.

This activity aimed to aid the students to plan their future career choices based on labor market needs and to enable them to land a job after graduation. Mr. Mondina also discussed the vision of Gov. Francisco Emmanuel “Pacoy” R. Ortega III about his vision to make La Union the Heart of Agri – Tourism in Northern Luzon by 2025.”

PGLU PROMOTES SUCCESSFUL MARRIAGE IN LU

Helen Sabado, GPC – PPO

The Provincial Government of La Union through the Provincial Population Office in cooperation of Commission on Population and Development conducted a Pre-Marriage Orientation and Counseling (PMOC) training on October 29-30, 2019 at Diego Silang Hall, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union.

The purpose of PMOC is to provide would-be-couples with information they will need in performing their roles as husband and wife, prepare them for the challenges of married life and their responsibilities as spouses, family members, and future parents.

The counseling sessions were conducted by trained PMOC Counselors in accordance with DILG-DOH-DSWD-POPCOM-PSA Joint Memorandum Circular (JMC) No. 1 Series of 2018 entitled “Revised Pre-Marriage Orientation and



Planning Officer II Ms. Maria Velen A. Joven of Commission on Population and Development Region I talks about the Revised Pre-Marriage Orientation and Counseling (PMOC) Program Implementing Guidelines of 2018 during the PMOC training on October 29-30, 2019 at Diego Silang Hall, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union.

Counseling Program Implementing Guidelines in 2018.” This was issued to harmonize the implementation of the PMOC Program in the Local

Government Units as mandated by Presidential Decree 965, the 1987 Family Code of the Philippines, Local Government Code of 1991 (RA 7160)

and the Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Act (RA 10354). The JMC requires contracting parties or would be couples applying for marriage license to attend and participate in pre-marriage orientation and counseling session before they are issued such license.

The trained PMOC counselors were Population Program Workers/Designated Municipal Population Officer, as the Team leader; mandatory members from the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office and Municipal Health Office; and optional members from the local civil registrar, civil society organizations and municipal agriculture. During the PMOC, the couples were given information and instructions on responsible parenthood, family planning, breastfeeding and infant nutrition, marriage, and relationships.



Mr. John Anthony F. Dacanay of the Provincial Government of La Union - Environment and Natural Resources Unit, shares about environmental protection and management programs of the province during the Division Science Camp with the theme “KKK: Kabataang Kumikolis para sa Kalikasan” on October 23-25, 2019 at Luna Central School, Luna, La Union. He also discussed environmental issues such as solid waste management and natural resources management.



The Provincial Government of La Union through the Office of the Provincial Governor - Environment and Natural Resources Unit (OPG-ENRU) conducts an environmental awareness campaign to the barangay chairpersons of Santol, La Union on October 29, 2019 at the Conference Room, Municipal Hall, Santol, La Union. Lecture series on the different environmental laws were conducted. Representatives from OPG-ENRU, Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office, and Department of Environment and Natural Resources – Environmental Management Bureau Region 1 were present.

PESO – LU PARTNERS WITH CONCENTRIX FOR JOB GENERATION

Rowell B. Timoteo, GPC-PESO

The Provincial Government of La Union, through its the Public Employment Service Office (PESO) conducted a Local Recruitment Activity (LRA) on October 22 – 24, 2019 at the La Union Provincial Administrative and Commercial Bldg., City of San Fernando, La Union as part of their Job Caravan.

Said activity was conducted in partnership with Concentrix, one of the leading Business Process Outsourcing Company in the Philippines.

Positions offered were Representative, Asset Management, Sales Professional, Sales Support Professional, Administrative Assistant I,



Public Employment and Service Office – La Union Staff and Concentrix representative assist job applicants in the online registration and examination on the second day of the Local Recruitment Activity on October 22-24, 2019 at Second Floor, La Union Provincial Administrative and Commercial Bldg., Quezon Avenue, City of San Fernando, La Union.

Customer Service Representative (Non-Voice), Customer Service Representative (Voice), Support Entry-Level Positions and Interns.

Concentrix Senior Representative Romnick Bangolan assessed the application of the 24 job applicants who underwent initial interview and online examination where their listening, analyzing and following instructions skills were graded.

Concentrix will shoulder a one month relocation package and P15,000.00 signing bonus for every successful job applicant who will pass the assessment. Hired job applicants will be assigned in Metro Manila.

BDH PROVIDES ELDERLY HEALTH TREAT

Melanie Holt, GPC-BDH

In celebration of the Filipino Elderly Week, around 30 senior citizens were given free health consultation, random blood glucose testing and blood pressure screening by Dr. Sherwin dela Cruz, visiting Internal Medicine Specialist of Bacnotan District Hospital (BDH) on October 1, 2019.

Dr. dela Cruz reminded the senior citizens to take care of their health by monitoring their blood glucose and blood pressure during his lecture about diabetes mellitus and hypertension.

In the discussion, he highlighted some of the symptoms of diabetes which are frequent thirst, frequent hunger,



Visiting Internal Medicine Specialist of Bacnotan District Hospital (BDH) Dr. Sherwin dela Cruz together with BDH Chief Dr. Zenserly Pagaduan answer the health concerns of the senior citizens during the open forum on diabetes and hypertension on October 1, 2019 at BDH, Bacnotan, La Union.

frequent urination, feeling tired, sudden weight loss, and blurred vision. He advised the elderly, especially those who already have high blood glucose levels, to control their food intake. This is to prevent long term complications such as vision impairment, kidney problems, and nerve damage.

Dr. dela Cruz emphasized that diabetes and hypertension are interrelated lifestyle diseases. Moreover, he said that both can be controlled through healthy eating, increased physical activity, lifestyle modifications and regular medications.



The Provincial Government of La Union opens its month-long celebration of the 2019 National Statistics Month Celebration on October 7, 2019 through a ribbon-cutting ceremony of the La Union Statistical Information Exhibit at the La Union National High School Library, City of San Fernando, La Union. Leading the ceremony were Vice Gov. Mario Ortega representing Gov. Pacoy and the Provincial Statistics Committee chaired by Provincial Planning and Development Coordinator Michaela Louise T. Delfinado.



Delegates from the Provincial Government of La Union namely Environmental Management Specialist Engr. Rommilyn V. Torio, Engineer II Candy C. Miguel, and Sanitation Inspector I Ms. Norma N. Tolentino attend the 26th Philippine Water Works Association International Conference and Exhibition on October 16-18, 2019 at Boracay, Malay, Aklan.



Gov. Pacoy graces the Ceremonial Ground Breaking Ceremony of the Administrative and Ward Building of the La Union Medical Center (LUMC) on October 15, 2019 in Agoo, La Union. Also present in the event were Second District Representative Sandra Eriguel, Agoo Mayor Stefanie Ann Eriguel and LUMC Chief Executive Officer Glenn Ernest Fonbuena.