

LA UNION CAPITOL CHRISTMAS LIGHTS RADIATE TO LU HOMES

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In the spirit of Christmas while there is a need to strictly follow health protocols, the La Union Provincial Capitol Hill is once again illuminated during a Ceremonial Lighting Ceremony shown online for constituents to watch while staying in their homes on December 4, 2020.

The simple program in the provincial capitol was attended only by provincial officials. There were games and raffle for online audience as they led the ceremonial lighting ceremony.

In his message, Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III highlighted the need to strictly and properly observe the minimum health standards and protocols during the run of the Puso sa Pasko: Handog ng Kapitolyo and that it's best to participate in the activities at home. "Sa gabing ito, ang ay Tayo Kapitolyo muling magliliwanag. magdiwang para sa bagong simula. Sa kabila ng krisis, dito sa La Union, patuloy na mananaig ang liwanag at pag-asa," he

Among the areas decorated and lit this year are Zigzag Road, Orros Park, Pagoda, Heroes Hill and Aguila Road with highlights such as the Kalikasan Globe Centerpiece, Nativity Belen and Light Arcs.

80% of the lights and decorations used are reused from the previous years. This year's celebration is focused on the preservation of the environment. While there are lesser lights and decors this year and there will be no fireworks display and live shows, the Provincial

Government of La Union (PGLU) ensures that kaprobinsiaan will still be able to take part in the season's celebrations and enjoy prepared prizes.

strictly observe health protocols, the lights will extend its radiance to the homes of each kaprobinsiaan through virtual activities which include La Union Discount E-Coupon Book launched on December 7; Dear Santa Letter Writing Activity from December 7-12; Best Christmas Delor Contest from December 11-17; Costume Contest for Kids from December 9-16; Digital Poster Making Contest on December 16; Online Caroling Contest on December 18; Keep Moving La Union: Bike Ride Edition on December 19; and Puso sa Pasko Facebook Live Programs on December 9 and 16. All winners of the different Christmas activities will be virtually awarded on December 21.

While all activities this year are going to be held online, the Capitol Hill being a public space will allow up to 50 visitors only to enter at a given time. Lights are open from 5pm to 9:30pm for those aged 15-65 to ensure compliance to health protocols.

Despite the pandemic, the PGLU made effort to tweak previous practices to continue to bring the hope of Christmas to each kaprobinsiaan.

Guidelines for all activities are available in the PGLU Official Facebook Page. Through these activities which kindle unity and cooperation, we can build a Stronger La Union, a province worth living in.





LA UNION SEES JUMPSTARTING TOURISM THRU DOT'S VISITA APP

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The Province of La Union is keen at jumpstarting its tourism once again, after months of lull brought by the pandemic, as the Department of Tourism (DOT) launches its VISITA (Visitor Information and Travel Application) App, in the province, on December 16, 2020 at the Plaza Del Castiel, San Juan, La Union.

DOT Secretary Bernadette Romulo-Puyat, La Union Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III, DOT Regional Dir. Joseph Francisco R. Ortega, and San Juan Vice Mayor Manuel Victor "Mannix" R. Ortega led the launching ceremony, which aimed to introduce to the province's tourism stakeholders and workers, the app developed streamline tourism activities in the context of 'new normal.'

First developed by the City Government of Baquio, the VISITA App is a digital platform used to monitor the anticipated surge of visitors in Baguio as it opened its doors for tourism last September.

Eventually, the software was adapted by the DOT to be used for

visitor monitoring, contact tracing, and other tourist activity regulation in entire Region 1.

Through the VISITA app, local tourism offices may keep track of the tourist activities to ensure that safety protocols are followed.

The VISITA App may be used by tourists for hotel pre-ordering at restaurants, pre-registration for tourist sites, and other tourism activities.

Sec. Romulo-Puyat said she witnessed how tourism has flourished in La Union. "I am a frequent traveller to your province even before I became DOT secretary," she said, as she expressed her full support in the sustainable efforts to bring back the vigor of tourism in the province. "This is the province where you can really find the one," the secretary quipped, inspired by the DOT Region I's tagline, "Find the one in Region 1".

Gov. Pacoy, meanwhile, said that while tourism stakeholders in La Union were direly affected by the the pandemic, Provincial Government of La Union was prompt to provide aid. As he bared the PGLU's programs to help displaced tourism workers, Gov. Pacoy underscored that tourism is integral to the PGLU's transformative governance initiatives.

At present, La Union is open only to tourists from Region 1 and Baguio City. Through insights generated by the VISITA App, the province may assess its readiness to eventually open tourism to entire

During the ceremony, the DOT also awarded financial assistance to the Association of Tour Guides in La Union; Tour Guides Association of San Juan; La Union Surf Club; and the Bangar Loom Weavers Association; and training grants to award-winning local surfers Roger Casugay, Jay-R Esquivel, Daisy Valdez, and Luke Landrigan.

The program was witnessed by tourism officers in Region 1 and Baguio City, and representatives from various tourism organizations in La Union. All the launching participants underwent antigen testing, and yielded negative results, before proceeding at the



PGLU RECALIBRATES EXECUTIVE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

With the recent developments in the year 2020 brought about by the pandemic, CoViD-19 the **Executive-Legislative Development** Advisory Council (ELDAC) convened for the updating of the Executive Legislative Agenda (ELA) on December 10-11, 2020 at the Provincial Capitol Building, City of San Fernando, La Union to update previously approved 2020-2022 ELA by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan the (SP) and Provincial Development Council.

The different governance sectors of

the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) namely, Financial Stability; Economic Dynamism and Competitiveness; Resilient Communities; and Organizational Accountability and Governance, presented their Sectoral accomplishments and later on updated the same to adopt to the new normal and the updated La Union: Stronger Provincial Strategy on Response, Recovery, and Local Economic Development.

In his message, Gov. Francisco

Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III discussed the accomplishments of the PGLU for the year 2020. "Moving forward, we shall build on the momentum we set during this extraordinary year of 2020. Our transformative governance journey continues and together we shall build a Stronger La Union, a province worth living in," he said.

The SP, headed by Vice Gov. Mario Eduardo C. Ortega, suggestions on the proposed updates and also took note of the Programs, Projects and Activities

require ordinances, resolutions, or any legislative support.

The ELDAC Workshop is an annual activity attended by both the executive and legislative departments for the development and performance reporting of the ELA. In compliance to the ongoing pandemic preventive measures and health protocols, the event this year was conducted in hybrid form through in-person and via online conferencing platforms.



INTERNATIONAL HOSPITAL FEDERATION RECOGNIZES CDH MEDICAL TECH TEAM

Caba District Hospital's (CDH's) Medical Technologist Team on their "Struggles to Help Fight CoViD-19" received a "Beyond the Call of Duty for CoViD-19" recognition from International Hospital Federation (IHF) during the Global Day Awareness for Hospitals and Health Service Providers that have given exceptional service amid the coronavirus pandemic on December 15, 2020.

CDH together with 102 other hospitals and health service providers across 28 countries worldwide have been awarded for demonstrating initiative, agility and incredible capacity to innovate under extraordinary circumstances.

The Medical Technologist Team of CDH received the recognition badge after a review of an international committee consisting of 16 healthcare industry experts.

Annabelle Rodriguez, Supervising **Administrative** Officer expressed that this recognition serves as spices and great motivator saying, "They give color and flavors as we serve our clients with compassion, for every care that we give to them will always make a difference."

The IHF CoViD-19 Response Recognition Program launched by IHF to acknowledge actions and responses hospitals and health service providers around the world that went "beyond the call of duty." With their mission to support hospital performance the improvement, said recognition is being provided to hospitals and health service providers which proactively put in place their outstanding and organizational innovative responses in facing the CoViD-19 pandemic.





VEHICLES FOR FASTER SERVICE DELIVERY. The Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) procures two service vehicles to ensure enhanced public service delivery to every kaprobinsiaan. Said vehicles were turned over by Gov. Pacoy to the Provincial Jail and Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (PDRRMO), on December 22, 2020 at the Provincial Capitol Grounds, City of San Fernando, La Union.

The procurement was funded by the Department of the Interior and Local Government's Performance Challenge Fund for PDRRMO's unit, as a result of PGLU's achievement of the Seal of Good Local Governance in 2018; and the PGLU's Capital Outlay for the Provincial Jail's unit.



Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Secretary Rolando Joselito Bautista, DSWD Field Office 1 Regional Director Marcelo Nicomedes J. Castillo and staff pay a courtesy visit to Gov. Pacoy on December 4, 2020 at the Office of the Provincial Governor, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union. The secretary was one of the guests who graced the inauguration of the Malasakit Center held at the ITRMC on December 4, 2020.

PGLU IMPOSES MANDATORY REGISTRATION OF HOG RAISERS

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The Provincial Government of La Union stepped up its actions against the African Swine Fever (ASF) through the enactment of the Provincial Ordinance No. 256-2020 entitled Mandatory Registration of Hog Raisers and or Backyard Farm Owners in all Barangays in the Province of La Union and Requiring Barangays to Maintain and Regularly Update List of Registered Hog Raisers and or Backyard Farm Owners.

This was done after the Office of Veterinarian Provincial confirmed the emergence of ASF on December 3, 2020 during the 64th regular session of the 22nd Sangguniang Panlalawigan (SP) in 12 component LGU's in La Union whose hogs, particularly from backyard farms and commercial farm of 680 raisers were infected with the virus and culled hundreds of pigs.

the Under the ordinance,

barangay officials were tasked to implement the mandatory registration of commercial and backyard hog raisers in their areas of jurisdiction to ensure proper documentation.

Under the ongoing mandatory registration of hog raisers, individuals and companies are required to declare their hog raising activity and the number of hogs that they are taking care of for monitoring purposes.

The OPVet disclosed that immediate disinfection of the hog raising areas were done in affected barangays while infected pigs were culled.

The OPVet committed to monitor ASF in La Union together with other government agencies and local government offices to ensure that no additional hogs will be affected by the virus.

TOP REVENUE-GENERATING MUNICIPALITIES IN LA UNION RECOGNIZED

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The Provincial Government of La Union led by Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III Certificates awarded Recognition to Top Performing Municipalities for Revenue Generation on December 15, 2020. The awarding was done through video conferencing and the Certificates were given to the different Local Government Units by representatives from the Provincial Treasurer's Office headed by Acting Provincial Treasurer Janet D. Molina on December 17-18, 2020.

The municipalities were awarded according to classes. Among the first class Municipalities, Bauang, ranked first for Real Property Tax 378.72% collection efficiency; Rosario ranked first for Tax on Business and Other Taxes with 120.48% collection efficiency and also ranked first for Receipts and Economic Enterprises with 124.92% Collection Efficiency; Bacnotan ranked first for Fees Charges with 124.58%



collection efficiency.

For the Municipalities classified as class two and three, San Juan ranked first for Real Property Tax with 115.25% Collection Efficiency; Bangar ranked first for Tax on Business and Other Taxes with 130.65% collection efficiency and also ranked first for Fees and Charges with 172.69% collection efficiency; and Aringay ranked first for Receipts and Economic Enterprises with 149.22% collection efficiency.

For class four and five Municipalities, Caba ranked first for Real Property Tax with 131.38% collection efficiency and also ranked first for Receipts from Economic Enterprises with 141.34% collection efficiency; Tomas ranked first for Tax on Business and Other Taxes with 222.03% collection efficiency; and San Gabriel ranked first for Fees and Charges with 146.46% collection efficiency.

LA UNION'S FAIREST 2020 LAUNCHED TO BOOST LOCAL ECONOMY

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To build the local economy and help the local community, the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) supported the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Region 1 and Provincial Office in spearheading the staging of the 19th La Union's Fairest 2020 on December 3, 2020 at the CSI the City Mall, San Fernando, La Union.

There are 40 Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) /exhibitors participating in La Union's biggest trade fair showcasing the local products of La Union. Among the participants under food items are Annie's fruits; Berg's Food Products; DOS Tacotitos; Familiar Table Artisan Chocolate & Café; Gem's Empanada Ilocandia; Gerry's Shawarma and Kitchenette; West Halog Producers Cooperative; Honeydukes Creamery; Jaypee's Bakeshop; La Union Entrepreneurs Association, Inc.; Lomboy Farms; Lugaw Republic; Sagat Crust Food House; Shake D' Pulp Food; SossyBites; and Uncle Tom Food Product / Nacionales Bibinaka. Non-food participants Bauang Crochet Association Inc.; D' Seno's Creations; Designer's Corner; EDC Paper House; Elyu Bayong and Beyond; Floredelz Knit and Croc; Glamorosa Enterprises; Kultur Siak Enterprise; Northway Arts and Crafts; Red Clay Pagdamilian; RP Lucina's Loom Weaving; Trish & Trinh Fashion; ARCS' Antiques and Wood Arts; D - Four Z Furniture; Djon Rustic Wood Furniture; J & S

Furniture & Handicrafts; Renzekiel Woodcraft; Rio's Handicraft Manufacturing; Yogyog Handicrafts and Antiques; You and Me Wood Carvings & Native Arts; Family Nature's Garden; and Jo's Ornamental Plant Trading features furnitures, wood crafts and plants.

On behalf of Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III, Executive Assistant Mr. Justo Orros III delivered the Governor's message. "The CoViD-19 pandemic is one of the most impactful game changers and our duty requires us to be more dynamic and innovative to transform our service to reach out to the public. The La Union's Fairest reflects on our initiative on transformative governance, solidified La Union not only for tourist destinations but also an Investment Hub. We are inspired to think out of the box. The MSMEs will rise above the challenges of CoViD-19 jumpstart local economy to hope in a promising future," he said.

DTI Regional Director Grace Falgui-Baluyan, thanked the PGLU for the continuous support to the business sector for economic prosperity and for its support to MSMEs who are trying to bounce from the pandemic.

The 19th La Union's Fairest 2020 will run from December 3-31, 2020 and the One Town One Product Hub Digisite will be launched on December 18, 2020 also at the CSI Mall.





STRENGTHENING TIES OF LA UNION, UAE. Gov. Pacoy welcomes Head of Consulate, Finance and Administrative Department of the Embassy of the United Arab Emirates to the Philippines Khalid Mohamed Alhajeri during his courtesy call on December 4, 2020 at the Office of the Provincial Governor, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union.

Gov. Pacoy and Head of Consulate Alhajeri talked about one of UAE's National Heroes - Fallen Frontliners, nurse Lezly Ocampo Concepcion from Balaoan, La Union, among others. She passed away due to CoViD-19 while rendering service as nurse in Abu Dhabi. Her family will receive death benefits from UAE.

The Head of Consulate also signified UAE's interest to help La Union improve its local health facilities.

LA UNION RETURNING OFWS LEARN FINANCIAL AWARENESS

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Provincial Public Employment Service Office Manager, Ms. Charito C. Dator and staff with the technical assistance of the Information Communications & Technology Unit representatives, spearheads the conduct of the two sessions of Financial Awareness Zoom Webinars for returning Overseas Filipino Workers on December 9 and 15, 2020 held at the 5/F LUPAC Bldg., City of San Fernando, La Union.

The Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) through the Public Employment Service Office (PESO) and in partnership with the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration National Reintegration Center for OFWs Regional Office I (OWWA-NRCO RO I) conducted a two-session Financial Awareness Webinars on December 9 and 15, 2020 at 2/F PESO-La Union, LUPAC Bldg., City of San Fernando, La Union.

The webinar aims to offer Overseas Filipino returning Workers (OFWs) affected by the CoViD-19 pandemic a short online course about financial education that will help them realize the importance of transforming their habits of being spenders to being savers until they eventually decide to start their own business here in La Union.

PESO-La Union hosted the webinar and invited Regional Coordinator, Iries S. Mazon of OWWA-NRCO I as the resource speaker. The 45 participants of the two session webinars learned about financial literacy initiatives OFWs, recipient remittances and their families. She also emphasized in the webinar the importance of lessons on saving, financial management, investing and entrepreneurship, enabling them to transform their ideas into business plans and tips to avoid

PGLU continues to implement reintegration programs for returning OFWs affected by the CoViD-19 pandemic.

LU REGULATES VIDEOKE, LOUD DEVICES DURING ONLINE CLASSES

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In response to the call of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) urging local government units (LGUs) to enact ordinances prohibiting videoke and other loud noises that would distract students from online classes, the 22nd Sangguniang Panlalawigan (SP) of La Union passed on third and final reading the Draft Ordinance No. 267-2020, entitled "Regulating the Use of Karaokes, Videokes and Other Sound-Producing Devices Residential Areas which tend to Disturb through its Noise Pollution, the Community Especially the Learners and Work From Home Employees and Providing Penalties Thereof" during its 76th Regular Session on December 7,

Due to the pandemic, modular and blended learning strategies which is done at home and alternative work from home arrangements were adopted to avoid the spread of the Corona Virus Disease (CoVid-19). In order to make communities conducive to distance learning and work-from-home arrangements, this policy was proposed by Hon. Nancy Corazon M. Bacurnay.

Before its approval, the said ordinance was subjected to three Committee Hearings, one Committee Meeting and a virtual Public Hearing on November 9, 2020 where 71 representatives from offices of various organizations and national agencies, LGUs, and academe attended. Likewise, a total of 96

comments from netizens over the official Provincial Government of La Facebook page were considered in the review of the ordinance.

The said policy regulates the use of videoke/karaoke machines or intentional causing

sound-producing devices during wakes or "last-night-services" and other family occasions such as wedding and the likes and use of music of funeral bands during interment services procession where the sound level tend to intentionally irritate or disturb residential homes, boarding houses or in places where



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there are students who are having their modular, blended learning online classes and parents and/or employees who are on an alternative working arrangement or work from home during Sundays to Fridays in the Province of La Union from seven o'clock in the morning onwards.

However, on-going road, carpentry or infrastructure projects, game fowl crushing farms, plants near residential areas, town/city and church sirens, sirens of fire trucks, ambulance and other rescue vehicles, sounds from ships or sea transports, heavy equipment passing by the road and Holidays (declared by National and Local Governments) are exempted from this ordinance.

Penalties on the violation of this ordinance are set to P1,000.00 for the first infraction; P1,500.00 for the second infraction; and for the third succeeding infractions, P5,000.00 or imprisonment of not more than one year or both in the discretion of the court.

The Local Chief Executives of the component Local Government Units of La Union, through their respective Barangays, Barangay Barangay Peacekeeping Tanods, Action Team (BPAT) or Philippine personnel from the National Police, are authorized to enforce including patrolling neighborhoods, residential areas to ensure compliance of the provisions of this ordinance.



Gov. Pacoy presided over the 4th Quarter Joint Meeting of the Provincial Peace and Order Council and La Union Anti-Drug Abuse Council through video conferencing on December 14, 2020 at the Provincial Capitol Building, City of San Fernando, La Union to give updates to the council regarding their accomplishments.

Presented in the meeting were the State of Peace and Order in the Province including Anti-Criminality; Anti-Insurgency; Anti-Illegal Drugs Issues, Accomplishments, Concerns, and the Proposed Programs, Projects, and Activities to further improve the Peace and Order situation in the Province.

ICYMI: 94TH MALASAKIT CENTER OFFICIALLY OPENS IN LA UNION; SERVES AS A ONE-STOP-SHOP FOR HEALTH SERVICES

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Senator Christopher Lawrence Go leads the 94th Malasakit Center's launching at the Ilocos Training and Regional Medical Center (ITRMC) on December 4, 2020.

Senator Go, in his message, encouraged continued unity and solidarity among community, "Kumapit tayo at magtulungan. Hindi namin kayo pababayaan dito sa La Union."

Go also turned over a check worth 5-million pesos to Medical Center Chief Dr. Eduardo Badua.

This will serve as initial funding for the newly-inaugurated health center.

The Province of La Union warmly welcomed the Senator. In his Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III expressed his most profound appreciation and gratitude not only to the Senator but also to the President.

establishment of the Malasakit Center will serve as a one-stop-shop to provide faster delivery of health services for the community.

LA UNION HONORS OUTSTANDING BNS, BHW

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The Province of La Union's Ten Outstanding Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS) and Barangay Health Workers (BHW) for the year 2020 were recognized by Provincial Government of La Union on December 17 and 21-22, 2020, through a mobile awarding ceremony.

In recognition of their invaluable contribution in the province's community health and nutrition development initiatives amidst the pandemic, the awardees were conferred with certificates and cash prizes amounting to P10,000 each.

To adhere to the minimum public health standards, the PGLU through the Provincial Health Office facilitated the conferment through a mobile awarding ceremony.

The awardees in Bacnotan, Agoo, and Santo Tomas were honored in their respective municipal halls, while the rest were in their own barangays duly witnessed by their local chief executives. The simple awarding rites were attended by few participants who physical observed strictly distancing, wearing of face masks, and other health protocols.

In Bacnotan, Mayor Francisco Angelito L. Fontanilla led the recognition for their town's BHW outstanding Sonia Lumancas and BNS Maribel Vega.

In his message, he thanked the awardees in their passionate service to promote health and nutrition in their respective communities, which comes in crucial as the world faces an ongoing health crisis.

Completing the outstanding BHW are: Bella Rolluda (San Fernando City); Erlinda Cabanban (San Juan); Christine Agsaoay (San Gabriel); Joy Oliva (Santol); Tessie Nelmida (Luna);

Carmencita Libao (Sudipen); Merlie Florendo (Naguilian); Erlinda Orille (Santo Tomas).

The outstanding BNS, meanwhile, are: Lorna Bautista (Balaoan); Aurelia Aguilar (Luna); Dominga Viernes (Bangar); Warlyn Ballesil (Bauang); Elizabeth Rabe (Aringay); Elsa Estacio (Tubao); Mary Grace Dungan (Agoo); Suzeta Dacalano (Santo Tomas); and Rubeliva Marquez (Rosario).

The recognition is held annually by the PGLU by virtue of Ordinance No. 155-2018 for the BNS, and Ordinance No. 172-2019 for the BHWs.

Through the leadership of Gov. Pacoy, the PGLU remains steadfast in its commitment to uphold health and nutrition in the communities, as integral to building a Stronger La Union, a province worth living in.



PGLU EXTENDS HELP TO BARANGAY PAGDALAGAN

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Following the declaration of Barangay Pagdalagan, City of San Fernando, La Union to undergo Enhanced Community Quarantine because of the spike in its CoViD-19 cases, the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) turnovers 785 packs of relief goods on December 3, 2020.

Each relief pack contains either two kilos of rice, two small cans of corned beef, one can of meat loaf, and one can of sardines or two kilos of rice, four cups of

noodles, three cans of sardines, one can of corned beef, one can of tuna, and four bottles of water.

From 10 active cases in December 2, there are only two remaining confirmed cases in the said barangay as of December 10, 2020.

The PGLU continues to support its component Local Government Units in their fight against CoViD-19 in order to achieve a Stronger La Union, a province worth living in.





MILLENNIALS TAKE PART IN BUILDING A STRONGER LA UNION

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The Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) conducted the Presentation, Validation and Awarding of the Millennial Time Project Proposal on December 9, 2020 at the Diego Silang Hall, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union.

Proposals from 13 Millennials of La Union were assessed as they address pressing issues and concerns in the Province. Particularly, there were six participants from the PGLU Millennials Category, and seven from the Millennials of La Union Category.

The awardees for the PGLU Millennials Category were PGLU: Sisasagana A Dumngeg Project: A Psychosocial Health Crisis Hotline by Marlon C. Runas, Champion; Sports Tourism by Gezelle B. Butala, 1st Runner Up; and F.A.S.T. System (Financial Accountability Standard Transparency System)

by Hiram Nephi A. Costales, 2nd Runner Up.

Meanwhile, the awardees for the Millennials of La Union Category were TAWID TAOID: Bridging Arts & Nature, Building Sustainable Future by Jeddahn P. Rosario, Champion; Tourism Mobile App for La Union by Christian Jon F. Rillera, 1st Runner Up; and CSO, DMMMSU ken GOBIERNO PARA SA ELYU PROJECT: Empowering the Grassroots through Mentoring and Co-Creation of Knowledge and Innovations by Allan Hil B. Pajimola, 2nd Runner Up.

Moving forward, the project proposals shall be reviewed and enhanced for implementation, and be managed by the project proponent and partner offices.

Like the millennials, your voice is significant too because each of us share in building a Stronger La Union, a Province worth living in.



PGLU JOINS INAUGURATION OF PUGO SANITARY LANDFILL

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On behalf of Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III, Annalyn Rosario-Valdez, Supervising Environmental Management Specialist of the Office of the Provincial Governor -Environment and Natural Resources Unit (OPG-ENRU) represented the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) during the blessing and inauguration of LGU-Pugo Sanitary Landfill Facility located at Brgy. Maoasoas Norte, Pugo, La Union on December 21, 2020.

"The inauguration of this sanitary landfill is a testament that even in the midst of pandemic, the local government continues to uphold its commitment to preserve the integrity of the environment. Through this facility, we ensure sustainability of our efforts on solid waste management, which all the more should be a priority in environmental governance," Gov. Pacoy said in his message.

The blessing and inauguration of the sanitary landfill facility was led by Mayor Priscilla M. Martin, Vice Mayor Jose B. Basallo, and all of the department heads, Sangguniang Bayan Members and barangay officials of Local Government Únit-Pugo. Provincial Engineer Ressie A. Estrella also attended the inauguration activity.

The sanitary landfill facility of LGU-Pugo has an area of three hectares equipped with garbage trucks and equipment such as shredders and materials recovery

facility as well as solid waste management support facilities. The PGLU provided assistance in the establishment of the sanitary support facilities. LGU-Pugo was granted with

garbage truck and multi-purpose vehicle as their prize for winning the Search for the Cleanest, Safest, and Greenest CY 2018 of



UAE EMBASSY EXTENDS ASSISTANCE TO LUFOLLOWING KAPROBINSIAAN'S HEROIC ACT

Following the recognition of Nurse Lezly Ocampo Concepcion as one of United Arab Emirates' (UAE's) National Heroes Fallen Frontliner, Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III meets with Director of Crown Prince Court Andrew Archer on

December 28, 2020 at the Diego Silang Hall, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union.

Health-related topics were discussed in the dialogue including the improvement of early childhood care, maternal

health care, health personnel, health equipment and facility. In addition to health care services, discussed were formal education, employment, agriculture, tourism, infrastructure, environment and climate change issues, power utilities, housing, gender and development in the province.

In honor of Nurse Lezly of Balaoan, La Union who passed away due to CoViD-19 while rendering service as nurse in Abu Dhabi, the UAE Embassy will be partnering with the Provincial Government of La Union for initiatives to address health and socio-economic challenges in the province most especially in the Municipality of Balaoan.

Joining Gov. Pacoy in the event were Provincial Administrator

Agnes Grace A. Cargamento; Estrella; Assistant Chief of Office for Provincial Strategy Noemi R. Jucar; Provincial Planning and Development Coordinator Michaela Louise T. Delfinado; Provincial Health Officer Dr. Eduardo S. Posadas; Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer Annalyn R. Valdez; and Provincial Engineer Engr. Ressie A. Estrella.

On the other hand, Director Archer of the UAE delegation was joined by Head of Consulate of Finance and Administrative Department of the Embassy of the UAE to the Philippines Khalid Mohamed Alhajeri; Emirates Red Crescent Team Dr. Mohamed Billah, Mr. Rashid Alhammadi, Mr. Louay Alshareef; and Consultant Mr. Philip Dufty.

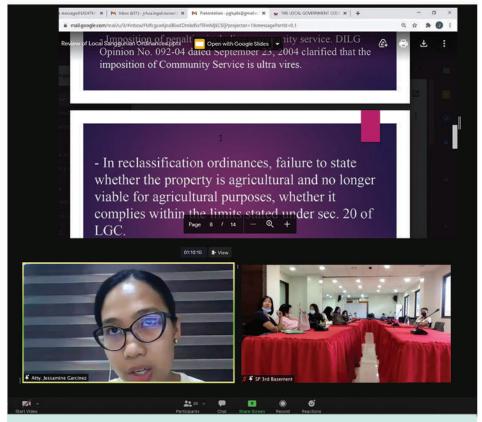


LU LEAGUE OF SECRETARIES EXPEDITE REVIEW OF LOCAL ORDINANCES

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To further improve the processing of local ordinances, League Philippine the of Secretaries in La Union conducted its December regular meeting at monthly the Conference Room of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan (SP) on December 11, 2020 to discuss matters particularly on the role of sanggunian secretaries as well as secretaries/Chiefs of Staff of Board Members in facilitating the expeditious review of local ordinances being submitted to the SP for review.

Atty. Jessamine Lynn Dale C. Garcinez, on behalf of the Provincial Legal Officer, was invited as the Resource Speaker discuss common observations noted on their review of local ordinances. She underscored the need to ensure that the three readings are conducted in the in enacting sanggunians ordinances as one of the requirements for the validity of the ordinance. She likewise explained the difference the validity between and effectivity of an ordinance, where according to her, there is a need



To expedite the review of local ordinances, Atty. Jessamine Lynn Dale C. Garcinez, on behalf of the Provincial Legal Officer serves as the Resource Speaker to discuss common observations noted on their review of local ordinance during the regular monthly meeting of the Philippine League of Secretaries in La Union on December 11, 2020 at the Conference Room of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Provincial Capitol of La Union.

to publish ordinances especially for those with fees, charges and penalties, not only to comply with the related provision of the local government code but also to inform the public of the existence of these ordinances.

observance to promulgated minimum health protocols, the league, headed by Sangguniang Bayan (SB) Secretary Rosalie J. Dout of Bauang, La Union conducted the hybrid meeting with only a few face-to-face participants while most of the participants attended via video conferencing. SB Secretaries and legislative staff from Naguilian, Burgos, Aringay, Santol, Sudipen and City of San Fernando personally attended while attended online.

Moving forward, the league committed to assist their local sanggunian members in drafting timely and relevant local policies especially with various regulations in response to various health and public safety protocols due to the CoViD-19 pandemic.

PESO-LA UNION REVISITS BACNOTAN EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF TOURISM WORKFORCE

Rowell B.Timoteo, GPC - PESO

The La Union Public Employment Service Office (PESO) together with the Municipal PESO of Bacnotan, La Union headed by

PESO Manager Ms. Divina C. Fontanilla, initiated the updating of employment conditions of workers in the various



Labor & Employment Officer II, Rowell B. Timoteo of Public Employment Service Office-La Union and PESO-Bacnotan staff Mr. Eljohn Floria pose for a photo opportunity after they interviewed Front Officer I Mr. Bryan C. Acosta of La Playa Ursula Resort, Bacnotan, La Union about the employment condition of the workers of the said tourism-related establishment on December 4,

tourism-related establishments in the Municipality of Bacnotan, La Union. Labor and Employment Officer II, Rowell B. Timoteo of the Provincial PESO together with PESO-Bacnotan Staff Mr. Eljohn Floria visited 17 tourism-related establishments and collected information from tourism-related establishments about their manpower existing and operational status on December 4, 2020 at the Municipality of Bacnotan, La Union.

With the data gathered from the activity, PESO-La Union in partnership with the Regional Tripartite Wages and Productivity Regional Office (RTWPB-RO pushes 1) facilitation of webinar on Service Quality and Green Productivity conducted on December 21, 2020 as part of the capacitation and reskilling of employees of visited tourism-related establishments in Bacnotan, La Union. Service Quality and Green Productivity program will educate employees of tourism-related establishments on the culture of productivity, quality and eco-friendly service practices at the workplace.

Provincial Government of La Union through the PESO in partnership with the Municipal PESOs and Tourism Offices will continue to conduct monitoring of employment condition of workers in the different tourism-related establishments operating in the 19 municipalities and one city in the Province of La Union to establish an assessment concerning the impact of CoViD-19 on the workforce of tourism industry and the introduction of assistance related to employment for mitigating impacts and facilitate and fast recovery strong procedures for the tourism industry of the province.

The Provincial Government of La Union is always determined to execute its transformative governance roadmap in order to build a Stronger La Union.

PGLU REGULATES PORK MEAT SALE

Rafael C. Mosuela, GPC-SP

The Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the Province of La Union approved on final reading on December 10, 2020 enactment of La Union Provincial Ordinance regulating the sale of pork meat in all flea markets or satellite markets in the Province of La Union.

SPM Geraldine R. Ortega, Principal Author of the said Ordinance, mentioned that under the Local Government Code of 1991 which mandates every Government Unit to regulate the preparation and sale of foodstuff such as meat for public consumption.

She also emphasized that Republic Act 7394 otherwise known as the Consumer's Act of the Philippines requires the Department of Agriculture to provide safety and quality standards for consumer products related to agriculture to assure

the protection of the public against unreasonable risks of injury and hazards to health.

BM Ortega added, that there is a need to increase the awareness of meat traders, meat market owners/administrators, meat vendors and the consuming public on the conditions for the safe handling of meat and the implementation of meat safety standards.

The said ordinance shall apply to all meat establishments where meat is slaughtered, prepared, processed, handled, packed or sold. stored or slaughterhouses and poultry dressing plants shall ensure adequate protection.

Violators of this ordinance will be fined P5,000.00 or imprisonment of not more than six months or both in the discretion of the court.

LA UNION OTOP-HUB TO LIFT ECONOMY

Mia Jayn Ochoco, GPC-LEEIPU

The Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) through Local Economic Enterprise Investment Promotions Unit (LEEIPU) supports the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) in the One Town, One Product (OTOP) Website Launching on December 18, 2020 at CSI The City Mall, exactly a year after the opening of the OTOP-Hub La Union physical store in Bacnotan, La Union.

OTOP Hub is a flagship access market to promote local products with the aim to establish a market access to cater OTOP-preneurs in the province. Department of Trade and Industry La Union Provincial Director Merlie D. Membrere said that this online platform is an effort to meet the needs of consumers and their and innovative competitive

behavior. Initially, 20 MSMEs were featured in the website.

In her inspirational message, Regional Director Grace Falgui-Baluyan mentioned that, "The journey of investment in our online presence became a reality. We take note that even without pandemic, this should happening, the pandemic helped us grow. This OTOP-Hub Website is self-sustaining to provide more assistance and interventions to our MSMEs."

Meanwhile, Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III said in his video message, "As we move towards crisis recovery and jumpstarting transformation, local economy is symbolic of our reinvigorated hope for promising future."



BM ORROS, DTI CONDUCT MONITORING FOR CONSUMERS' PROTECTION

Rafael C. Mosuela, GPC-SP

Sangguniang Member (SPM) Jonathan Justo A. together with representatives of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), conducted an inspection to the supermarkets of San Fernando City, La Union on December 17, 2020 to check the prices of basic commodities and observe the safety protocols including the monitoring of the implementation of CCTV ordinance as requirements by these business establishments.

The surprise inspection was to ensure business

Panlalawigan establishments complies with the ordinance of the province especially on the mandatory wearing of face mask, face shield and the practice of social distancing including compliance on the installation of CCTV as well as price monitoring for consumers' protection and safety.

> SPM Orros said that the surprise visit on these establishments will deter overpricing and will ensure safety measures are in place to prevent the spread of Corona Virus (CoViD-19).

He added that the initiative does not only aim to check the prices of the basic commodities but is also an appropriate time to re-activate the La Union Price Coordinating Council through a resolution in order to fast track the monitoring of prices in the locality for the benefit of the consuming public.

Consumers are enjoined to report to the DTI all retailers and suppliers selling overpriced goods by reporting them to the nearest DTI Provincial Office.

"Based on the result of the inspection so far, sumusunod naman ang mga business establishments natin especially sa SRP or the suggested retail price ng mga basic commodities natin including safety protocols which is very important para ligtas tayo sa CoViD-19," SPM Orros explained.

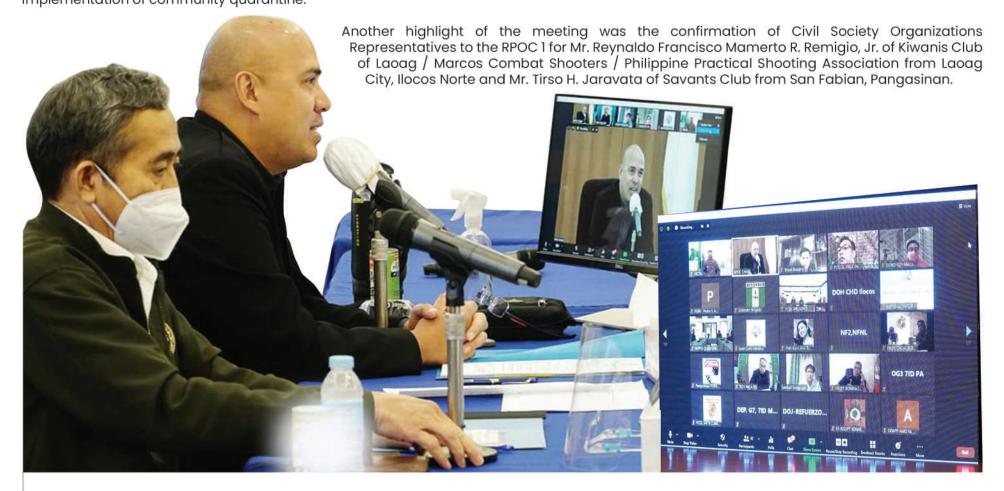
Meanwhile, the DTI committed to ensure that establishments will follow the safety protocols under the Inter-Agency Task Force and will abide by the Suggested Retail Price of basic commodities.

GOV. PACOY PRESIDES REGIONAL PEACE AND ORDER COUNCIL-1 Q4 MEETING

Camille R. Bumatay, PIO

As the chairperson, Gov. Pacoy presides the Regional Peace and Order Council 1 (RPOC 1), 4th Quarter Meeting through a Video Conference on December 1, 2020 to discuss the status of peace and order in the province and to make urgent updates in the council.

Reported in the meeting were the Anti-Criminality Accomplishments; Anti-Illegal Drugs Accomplishments; and Anti-Insurgency Accomplishments in Region 1. Overall, La Union and Pangasinan remains insurgency-free and there was a decrease in crime incidence in the region since the implementation of community quarantine.





LUSP, NATIONAL AGENCIES LEAD MONITORING OF ROAD ORDINANCES

Jiroh Joy D. Marbella, GPC-SP

The KALSADA Group, which was organized primarily to monitor and check on the conditions of La Union roads based on national and local ordinances spearheaded by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan Chairperson of the Committee on Public Works and Utilities, Board Member Annabelle S. de Guzman conducted an ocular visit of the roads (national, provincial and barangay roads) monitored implementation of various road and other related ordinances on December 3, 2020.

Monitored were implementation of the SP Ordinances 239 and 230-2020, particularly the Road Safety Devices Warning Ordinance and the Anti-Road Obstructions Ordinances.

From 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM, the visited the Government Units of City of San Fernando, San Juan, Bacnotan, Balaoan, Bangar and Sudipen for the first district and Bauang, Caba, Aringay and Agoo for the second district. As per data from La Union Police Provincial Office, a total of 67 violators were ticketed using the provincial violation ordinance receipt and one violator was ticketed using the municipal citation ticket. There were also motorcycle riders who were not using the high visibility vest (SP Ordinance 132-2018) that were apprehended during the said activity.

The group that conducted a brief focused group discussion based on the observations, national highways covering the respective jurisdiction of the police station concerned did not have so much road obstructions; municipal provincial, and barangay roads, there were violators numeorus and motorists as well as business owners who were generally unaware of the said ordinances;

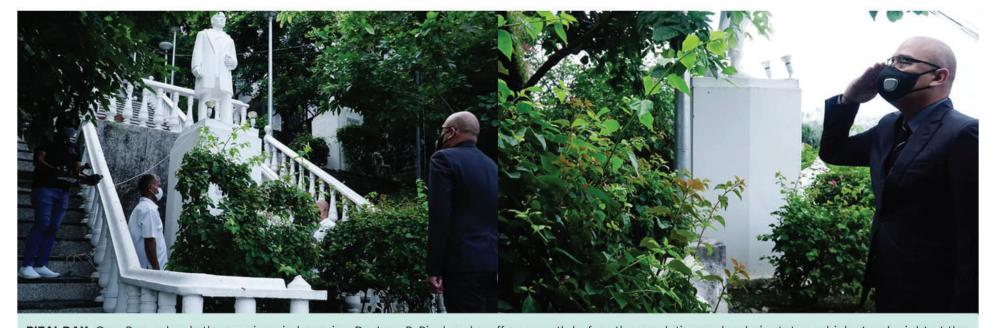
and unsustained level of commitment and consistency by enforcers as to the implementation or enforcement of the said ordinances. These, according to the group, greatly affected the very purpose and objectives of the said local policies.



Board Member De Guzman committed that the group will conduct a monthly monitoring activity on the enforcement of provincial ordinances that are related to road safety as well as the safety of motorists with hopes that every police station will devise strategies on properly communicating the said policies to people within their area of jurisdiction aside from that of the LGUs.

Said ordinances were enacted on the basis of the presidential directive to clear all public roads obstructions from Department of the Interior and Government Local (DILG) Memorandum Circulars 121-2019; 027-2020 and 145-2020.

Present during the said activity were La Union Police Provincial Office headed by PCol. Jay R Cumigad; two district engineers of the first and second engineering district offices Engr. Roberto Garcia, Asst. District Engineer and Gil Lorenzo together with Engr. Jaymark Kuan; Department of Education Union Schools Division Superintendent, Atty. Donato Balderas; DILG Representative, Zamoranos; Ariel Land Transportation Office Representatives, Arnulfo Corpuz and Joel Badua; La Union Electric Company Representatives Richelle Fernandez and Reden Lapitan; SP Secretary Donato Rimando and Provincial Planning and Development Coordinator Representative Venido Alcantara, as well Chiefs of Police of each of the LGUs visited.



RIZAL DAY. Gov. Pacoy leads the province in honoring Dr. Jose P. Rizal, as he offers wreath before the revolutionary leader's statue, which stands right at the center of the Heroes Hill, City of San Fernando, La Union, on December 30, 2020. The simple ceremony was held to commemorate the 124th death anniversary of the country's national hero.

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installation of Disinfectant Water Generation	La Union	3,900,000.00	1/1/2020	12/11/2020	100.00%	3,900,000.00	1	
Provision of water system and facility for disinfectant machine	La Union	1,780,000.00	1/1/2020	12/31/2020	100.00%	1,780,000.00		
Purchase of Medical Torts	La Union	393,000.00	1/1/2020	12/31/2020	100.00%	393,000.00	1	
Furchase of Misting Machine and Enapsack Sprayer	La Union	1,037,500.00	1/1/2020	12/31/2020	100.00%	3,037,500.00	2 4	
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Construction of Deep Well, Reserie District Hospital Construction of Elevated Water Tank, Reserie District	La Union	463,390.00		12/31/2020	0.00%			
Hospital	La Union	356,630.00	1/1/2020	12/31/2020	0.00%			
Unutilized for CY 2018	La Union	2,610,544.40	1/1/2020	12/31/2020	0.00%	- 0		
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CY 2018	La Union	10,040,072.63	1/1/2020	12/31/2020	80.95%	11,054,200.79		
Construction of Bahas Pog-asa (Phase II) Barangae Health Facilities and Equipment	La Union	18,414,383,33	1/1/2020	12/31/2020	95.88%	17,656,000.00		
Serangay Health Facilities and Equipment Municipal Assistance Program - Multi-Purpose :	La Uréne	4.975,471.12	1/1/2020	12/31/2020	\$1.20%	2,547,441,12		
v/vastructure/Projects	La Uragei	4,575,471.32	1/1/2020	12/31/2020	21.010	2,347,441.32	0	
Construction of isolation room with onte room at the main building, Bacnoton District Hospital	La Union	190,216,95	1/1/2020	12/31/2020	0.00%			
Partial completion of the Nephrology Center, Bacnotan	La Urene	1.800,000.00	1/1/2020	12/31/2020	0.00%	8		
District Hospital	Section 1	1,800,000.00	1/1/2020	12/31/2020	0.00%			
Medical Equipment - Bacrotan District Hospital	La Union	800,000.00	1/1/2020	12/31/2020	10.43%	797,000.00		
- (1) Newtone Hearing Screening Machine - (1) Delibriator	_	BD0,000.00	1/1/2020	12/31/2020	96,75%	797,000.00	-	
Expansion of ER to include additional 5 Cr back, Balanan	Latinion	750,000.00	1/1/2020	12/11/2020	100.00%	7541,0000.00		
District Hospital	La Union	750,000.00	1/1/2020	12/11/2020	100.00%	752,000.00		
Upgrading of stark room, storage area and control booth	Latinion	500,000.00	1/1/2020	12/11/2020	100.00%	\$20,000.00		
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Hospital	La Union	350,000.00	1/1/2020	12/31/2020	98.74%	740,568.46		
Medical Equipment - Balacan District Hospital	ta Union		1			100	0 0	
- (2) Vital Signs Monitor		833,333.32	1/1/2020	12/31/2020	39.60%	830,000.00	1	
- (1) Newborn Hearing Screening Machine Hospital Equipment Upgrading - Naguelan District	25 50 YO A	800,000.00	1/1/2020	12/31/2020	39.63%	797,000.00	-	
Hospital	ta treine					20		
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-(1) HBAIc Lipid Fanel Testing -(1) Autoclave 751. Horizontal		200,000.00	1/1/2020	12/31/2020	34,50%	149,000.00	-	
+(1) Examining Table		300,000.00	1/1/2020	12/31/2020	11.13%	250,000.00		
+(5) ER Bed		25,000.00	1/1/2020	12/31/2020	0.00%	- 2	0	
Completion of DEWATTS - Rosario District Hospital	La Linion	1,000,000.00	1/1/2020	12/31/2020	0.00%	-		_
Medical Equipment - Resurts District Hospital - (1) Newborn Hearing Scroening Machine	La Union	800,000.00	1/1/2020	12/31/2020	20.43%	797,000.00	+	_
-(1) ECG Machine with complete accessories		460,000.00	1/1/2020	12/31/2020	29.17%	476,000.00		
- (1) UV Light for Room Starfication		190,000.00	1/1/2020	12/31/2020	34.74%	180,000.00	1	
-(1) BP Apparatus Aneroid		120,000.00	1/1/2020	12/31/2020	23.33% 26.43%	100,000.00		
- (I) Laryngmoope Waterproofing and tiling of roofdeck, Cabu District	70000	140,000.00	1/1/2020	12/11/2020	-	117,800.00		
Hospital	La Union	1,900,000.00	1/1/2020	12/11/2020	96,39%	1,831,417.01		
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Procurement of hospital/medical equipment - La Union	La Union							
Medical Center	1000000	300,000,00	1/1/2020	12/31/2020	0.00%			
- (4) Diagnostic Set - (2) Carcla: Monttor		600,000.00	1/1/2020	12/31/2020	0.00%			
+ (G) Air Mattress		200,000.00	1/1/2020	12/31/2020	0.00%		0 0	
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- (2) Fatient Montor with Capnography		1,340,000.00	1/1/2020	12/31/2020	100.00%	1,140,000.00		
Matrienasco of Roads and Bridges	La Ureon	23,305,618.20	1/1/2020	12/31/2020	100.00%	21,305,618.30		
Construction of POS-COC building	La Uvoon	7,560,000.00	1/1/2020	12/31/2020	100.00%	7,996,000.00		
Procurement of Two (2) Dumptrucks Repair/Rehab of Parlan Deute leading to Bakewan			_	_				
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Construction of Tallacen Bridge, Luna, La Union	La Uvion	8.949.921.56	1/1/2020	12/11/2020	100.00%	9,949,921.55		
Assistance to LGUs in establishment of sanitary landfill	La Union	20,000,000.00	1/1/2020	12/31/2020	68.42%	13,683,956.74		
Construction of Perimeter Fence of Sonitary Landfill,	1000000		DOMEST.	335000000		110000000000000000000000000000000000000		
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Watershed and Water Management Program	La Union	763,191.42	1/1/2020	12/31/2020	0.00%			
Sub-Total		137,436,464.12	A CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF TH		85.22%	114,375,376.54		
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Particulars	Queck Response Fund (CRF) 30%	RMF Mitigation Fund 70%	NDRRMF	From Other EGUs	From Other Sources	Total
Sources of Funds (Unutilized Balances)		117000000000				
Current Appropriations		9,847,409.40				9,847,409.40
Susplemental Bubget #13 Continuing Appropriations	_	12.262.433.51				12,262,433.51
Freelous Year's Appropriations						
transferred to the Special Trust Fund. Transfers/Graves.		1,910,000.00				1,910,000.00
Tetal Funds Available	0.00	24,619,842.91	- 0	- 20	- 10	24.619.842.91
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Fayment to Barnon Fire Extinguisher for fire extinguisher to be used for fire Supression Training, VR2394, chi. R1984388, IEV 2020-00-009464 Payment to La Union Gasia Hotel, Inc. for the Issue of sense with room		18,500.00				18,500.00
accommodation and provision of food during the Year and Review and Assessment of Dissater Risk Reduction and Management and Capacity Sail drig on Mainstreaming Dissater Risk Reduction and Management for the 1st District of La Union/Dec. 16-30, 2019, W2288, Abb\$384682, ITV-						
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September 1-30,2020, 8V-2020-10-010567 MCP's Med -Shop for the delivered medical tents used by PGLU and		303,100.00				101,300.00
checkpoints staring the COVID-19 Pandemic, VM 2953 chid 1885269, IEV- 3000-13-01784 ASP Continencial Technology for the preventive repair and maintenance of		451,500.00				451,500.0X
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MCP's Med Shop for the delivered drugs and modicines for use at the PDRIMO.		21,337.50				28,317.50
Perec Glass and Aluminum Works for the materials used in the Fabrication of acrylic barriers and wooden Counters of various PSLU Offices and District resistats.		485,795.00				485,795.00
Medispect Solutions, Inc. for the medical and ourgical supplies supplies for		16/2016/00				100000
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vehicles. Ageo Swimmers World and Resort Corp. for the room accommodation for		606,948.87				600,948.0
the housing of healthcare providers/ frontline personnel during the Covid-19 outbreak for ritle period July 16-Aug. 50, 2000.		450,000.00				450,000.00
Total Utilization		9,811,285.07				9,811,285.0
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Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Cash Inflows:		
Collection from Taxpayers	26,759,638.56	
Share from Internal Revenue Collections	344,004,760.00	
Share from Tobacco Excise Tax (RA 7171 and 8240)	24,671,134.00	
Receipts from business/service Income	22,761,403.68	
Collection of Receivables	15,710,469.36	
Receipt of Interest Income	1,360,885.79	
Other Receipts	169,349,047.22	
Total Cash Inflow	604,617,338.61	
Cash Outflows:	202000000000	
Payment of Expenses	350,851,262.18	
Payments to Suppliers/Creditors	60,537,347.78	
Payments to Employees	15,704,464.23	
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From Sale of Property, Plant and Equipment	11.912.66	
From Sale of Debt Securities of Other Entities	11,512.00	
From Collection of Principal on Loans to Other Entities	**	
Total Cash Inflow	11.912.66	
Cash Outflows:	11,912,00	
To Purchase Property, Plant and Equipment	292,748,943.00	
To Purchase Debt Securities of Other Entities	232,740,343.00	
To Grant/Make Loans to Other Entities		
Total Cash Outflow	292,748,943.00	
Net Cash from Investing Activities	E38/170/270/00	(292,737,030.3
Cash Flows from Financing Activities		
Cash Inflows:		
From Issuance of Debt Securities	9	
From Acquisition of Loan	20	
Total Cash Inflow		
Cash Outflows:		
Payment of Loan Amortization	353,394,63	
Interest Expense	15,124.16	
Other Financial Charges	10,000,000	
Total Cash Outflow	368.518.79	
Net Cash from Financing Activities	2	(368,518.7
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash		(334,407,963.9
Cash at Beginning of the Period		1,274,980,782.4
Cash at the End of the Period		940,572,818.5
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FDP Form 2 - Statement of Debt Service (DBM-LBP Form No. 6)

STATEMENT OF DEBT SERVICE CY 2020 PROVINCE OF LA UNION

GENERAL FUND

Creditor	Date	Term	Principal	Prev	vious Payments Ma	de		Amount Due 2020		Balance of the	
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and Bank of the Philippines	July 26, 2013	8 years	9,895,050.00	7,657,883.65	2,187,181.16	9,845,064.81	1,413,578.52	101,811.59	1,515,390.11	823,587.83	
and Bank of the Philippines	August 20, 2018	10 years	179,450,980.00	5,808,527.85	10,389,483.76	16,198,011.61	15,026,750.64	6,919,212.55	21,945,963.19	158,615,701.5	
and Bank of the Philippines	July 17, 2019	10 years	509,000,000.00	9.53	9,998,712.33	9,998,712.33	4,712,962.96	21,168,821.88	25,881,784.84	504,287,037.0	
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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

FDP Form 13- Manpower Complement

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Province: LA UNIÓN								
Program or Project	Location	Total Cost	Date Started	Target Completion Date	% of Completion	Total Cost Incurred to Date	No. of Extensions, if any	Asmarb
Performance Challenge Fund - Procurement of Two Rescus Vehicle	La Union	7,000,000.00	12/02/19	32/02/20	81.09%	5,676,287.30		
Medical Assistance Program	Lie Linken	5,051,734.00	01/09/18	32/31/20	98.81%	5,548,212.99		
Completion of Arnex Building, Renovation of Old Building, and Completion/Renovation and Modification of Operating Room of Balacen District Mospital		20,000,000.00	12/16/20	12/16/21	0.00%	8		
Construction of Communal Tollets in Coastal Areas	La Union	800,000.00	01/01/19	32/31/20	0.00%	8		
Delivery of Basic Health Services to . Indigenous Cultural Communities	La Union	200,000.00	01/01/18	12/91/20	81.05%	362,300.00	Î	i
Provincial Mularia Elimination & Response/Sustemance of the Malaria Status of the Province	Là Union	1,000,000.00	01/31/19	12/31/20	0.00%	8		
Excellence Award for Kalesugang Pangkalahatan	La Union	200,000.00	05/02/16	12/31/20	73.24%	146,470.00	i i	
Insprovement of DOTS Services & Operations in the LGU Hospitals	La Union	600,000.00	05/05/15	12/31/20	49.85%	299,300.00	j i	
Maternal Newborn Child Health and Nutrition (MNCHN)	Le Union	2,036,752.00	12/04/14	12/31/20	98.21%	2,000,379.39		
Dep-Ayan for Tourism Culture and the Arts	La Union	900,000.00	94/28/18	12/11/20	74.08%	666,336.20		
National Quality Corn Achievers Award 2019	La Union	1,000,000.00	02/05/20	12/31/20	0.00%	154		
Pilippine Rural Development Project - I-Build Projects	La Union	31,864,447.83	12/26/19	12/11/20	0.00%	88		
Pilippine Rural Development Project - Green Carabao Mango Production, Consolidation and Marketing Enterprise	to Union	5,190,026.17	30/12/18	32/31/20	0.00%	a		
Filiapine Rural Development Project - Mungbean Enterprise	Lo Union	2,650,868.17	12/10/19	12/31/20	69.05%	1,830,400.00		
Rice Achievers Award 2015-2016	Lis Union	4,000,000.00	01/01/18	12/31/20	66.89%	2,675,654.00		
Rice Achievers Award 2017	Le Union	250,000.00	05/10/19	12/31/20	100.00%	250,000.00		
RWMHEEF Share (ER 1-94/1590 Energy Corporation)	Le Union	189,467.32	06/01/20	12/11/20	300,000	189,467.32		
DLF Share (ER 1-94/1590 Energy Corporation)	to Union	189,467.32	06/01/30	32/31/20	300.00%	189,467.32		
EF Share (ER 3/94/1590 Energy Corporation)	to Union	378,934.64	06/01/20	12/31/20	99.59%	337,365.36		
LGSF-Assistance to indigent individuals or Families	to Union	7,000,000.00	03/31/19	12/31/20	100.00%	7,000,000.00		
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Rehabilitation and Improvement of Caba- Regulian Road Phase II	ta Union	40,000,000.00	20/07/19	07/24/20	84.49%	33,797,257.47	292 calendar days	
Rehabilitation and improvement of Santol-San Gabriel Road Phase III	La Union	25,000,000.00	30/07/19	07/17/20	75.17%	18,793,593.08	285 calendar days	
Rehabilitation and improvement of Balaxan- Santol Road Phase 8	ta Union	24,578,111.00	30/16/19	07/02/20	76.77%	18,869,610.71	261 calendar days	
Rehabilitation and improvement of Pobacion (Aringay)-Calipkip	Le Union	50,000,000.00	09/10/20	07/10/21	60.85%	30,425,000.00	A2001,1	
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ENTERTAINMENT AS PLATFORM OF IMPACTFUL MESSAGES LA UNION SECURED 2 ALIW AWARDS

Camille R. Bumatay, PIO

"Thank you very much, Aliw Awards Foundation...this serve as an inspiration for us to make more quality shows that the people deserve and make art a platform for delivering a message - a message that is meaningful and relevant," said Francisco **Emmanuel** "Pacoy" R. Ortega III in his acceptance speech as he received two trophies for Aliw Awards 2020 on December 15, 2020 at Fiesta Pavilion, Manila Hotel.

Out of six nominations, La Union secured two awards in the event including Best Festival Practices and Performance for Mutia ti La Union 2020 and Best Festival Catalyst/Organizer for Gov. Pacoy. The Best Special Events Director was also awarded to Bernard Yabut Maybituin for Mutia ti La Union 2020.

Other nominations for La Union

Special **Events** were Best Production for Mutia ti La Union 2020; and Best Special Events Production and Best Special Events Director also for Maybituin for The La Union Vibrant Women Incorporated (LUVWI) Charity Ball 2020 Abel Iloko Fashion Show and Creative Agricultural Costume Presentation.

Both Mutia ti La Union 2020 and LUVWI Charity Ball 2020 were part of the 170th La Union Founding Anniversary which promoted widely the Agri-Tourism vision of the province around La Union and outside the province.

With the prestige that comes with the Aliw Awards in the Philippine entertainment industry, this is an opportunity for La Union to have an even wider reach for its message bringing closer the attainment of the vision to position La Union as the Heart of Agri-Tourism in Northern Luzon in 2025.



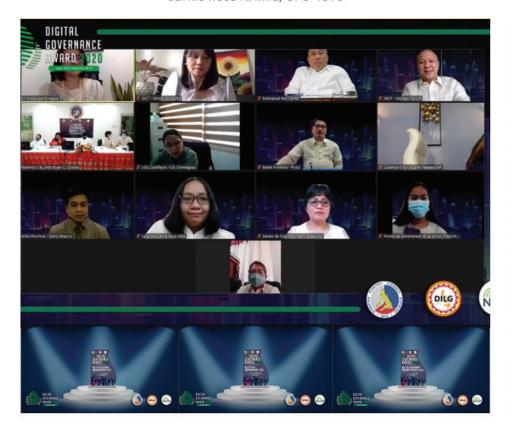
PGLU BAGS THREE DIGITAL GOVERNANCE AWARDS

Jamie Rose N. Mifa, GPC-ICTU

The Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) bags three awards for Provincial Level for the Digital Governance Awards (DGA) 2020 on December 11, 2020 during the awarding ceremony via Zoom Conference and Facebook Live.

The awards received include 2nd Place in Best in Customer Empowerment (G2C) Award for eLyUnite; 3rd Place in Best in Inter-Operability (G2G) Award for Provincial Wireless Mesh; and 3rd Place in Best in Government Internal Operations (G2I) Award for iTRACK. PGLU is also a finalist in Best in CoViD-19 Pandemic Response (G2P) for Quarantine Community Protocol Management System (QCPMS).

About 56 Local Government Units with 109 entries vied for the 15 awards given. Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Secretary Eduardo Año



congratulated all the participants for their resilience despite the present challenges as he thanked their innovative for measures to face the new normal while embracing IT solutions.

The DGA is an annual, national search for best practices in local government units in utilizing information and communications technology (ICT) to effectively and efficiently deliver its public services directly to constituents and business stakeholders. DGA is a joint project of the Department Information Communications Technology, the National ICT Confederation of the Philippines and DILG.

The Information Communications Technology Unit of PGLU shall continue to integrate technology in business processes in support to the establishment of a Stronger La Union.

PESO-LU SPEARHEADS APPLICATION TRAINING FOR LGU PESOS

Rowell B. Timoteo, GPC-PESO

The Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) through the Public Employment Service (PESO) and in partnership with the Information Communications and Technology Unit (ICTU), conducted a Capability Skills Training - Zoom Application Training for Local Government Unit-Public Employment Service (LGU-PESOs) Offices December 11, 2020 at 2/F LUPAC Bldg., City of San Fernando, La Union.

The training was facilitated by Information Systems Analyst I Terosha I. Ballesteros, Computer Programmer I Dexter R. Florendo of the ICTU. The resource speakers discussed about the systematic guide interactivity and engagement using the Zoom application for



For La Union Public Employment Service Offices to be more innovative in communication engagements, Labor & Employment Officer II, Rowell B. Timoteo and Resource Speaker, Information System Analyst I Terosha I. Ballesteros of the Provincial Government of La Union - Information Communication Technology Unit, give a brief introduction about the Zoom Application Training for Local Government Unit – Public Employment Service Offices on December 11, 2020 at 2/F LUPAC Bldg, City of San Fernando, La

conduct video the of conferencing in activities such as trainings, seminars or meetings.

After the discussion, the resource speakers hosted a live demo meeting for the participants to experience the multiple functions of the zoom application in interactive team conducting meetings.

The Zoom Application Training will help the PESO Managers and staff adopt a more innovative approach in conducting remote communication engagement for meetings and seminars, which is convenient cost-effective in this time of CoViD-19 pandemic where face-to-face group meetings are limited.