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PGLU HOSTS NATIONAL LAUNCH OF DOH'S MEASLES-RUBELLA ORAL POLIO VACCINE SUPPLEMENTAL IMMUNIZATION ACTIVITY

The Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) hosted the national launch of the Department of Health's (DOH's) program to conduct massive immunization among children to protect them against infectious diseases such as measles rubella and polio, on October 22, 2020 at the Provincial Capitol Building, City of San Fernando, La Union.

The DOH Measles-Rubella Oral Polio Vaccine Supplemental Immunization Activity (MR OPV SIA) targets a total of 6,919,015 children aged 59 months and below in the entire country, 504,897 of which will be from Region 1.

In the Province of La Union, 61,002 beneficiaries for Measles-Rubella Vaccine and 71,241 for Oral Polio Vaccine are targeted to undergo the immunization on October 26 – November 25, 2020.

The launching was graced by Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III and DOH officials led by Usec. Gerardo V. Bayugo, Asec. Charade Grande, and Asec. Maria Francia M. Laxamana. It was also witnessed by members of the National Task Force Against CoViD-19 and the Coordinated Operations To Defeat Epidemic (CODE) Team headed by Sec. Carlito G. Galvez Jr. and Dir. Princess Pebbles Duque.

With the theme, "Chikiting Ligtas, sa Dagdag Bakuna, Kontra Rubella Polio at Tigdas," the MR OPV SIA aims to prevent additional burden in the health care system, as the country's health facilities continue to tackle the challenges brought by the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (CoViD-19) pandemic.

Children aged 0-59 months will undergo polio vaccine through drops; while those aged 9-59 months will receive additional measles rubella vaccine through injection.

Trained healthcare workers from the various rural health units (RHU) in the province shall administer the vaccine. The DOH and the Provincial Health Office will oversee the vaccination campaign.

To adhere to the minimum public health standards, the activity will be held in identified facility or fixed post in communities. With face shields, masks and sanitizers, the RHU workers shall practice a no-touch procedure and observe physical distancing to reduce risk exposure of the children.

In his message, Gov. Pacoy expressed his support to the MR OPV SIA. "We are intensifying our health promotion, enhancing disease surveillance and prevention, strengthening our health care provider network, and establishing specialized disease and rehabilitative health care. We do all this to establish a Secure La Union, a Province with empowered communities that could stand firm against any crisis," he said.

La Union was chosen to host said launching because of its current low record of CoViD-19 cases making it a conducive venue for the launch.

Justin Paul Marbella, PIO



CODE TEAM VISITS LA UNION, EMPHASIZES PDITR STRATEGY COUNTER COVID-19

Maeve N. Zafrá, PIO

The Coordinated Operations to Defeat Epidemic (CODE) Team composed of the National Government's key representatives visits the Province of La Union to share the best practices in implementing the National Action Plan (NAP) Phase II against the CoViD-19 pandemic as well as discuss other plans moving forward.

On Unity and Solidarity to Combat CoViD-19

The National Task Force (NTF) Against CoViD-19 Chief Implementer Sec. Carlito G. Galvez Jr. commends the Provincial Government of La Union through the leadership of Gov. Pacoy Ortega in executing policies to counter the virus. "Your leaders are great leaders. Ang kanilang puso at mga adhikain ay ang matulungan ang kanilang mga kababayan."

NTF Deputy Chief Implementer Sec. Vivencio B. Dizon, in his speech, highlighted the importance of unity in purpose in fighting CoViD-19, where he also

commended Gov. Pacoy for bringing the province into one goal – beating CoViD-19.

On Best Practices in the Implementation of the Prevent, Detect, Isolate, Treat, and Reintegrate (PDITR) Strategy

Contact Tracing Czar Baguio City Mayor Benjamin Magalong, in his presentation, said that to effectively trace all contacts – speed is vital. He previously came to the province to share the Test-Isolate-Treat Strategy, which the province has adapted for the contact tracing initiatives. He gives great importance to data management in containing and managing the spread of the virus.

Meanwhile, DILG Undersecretary Jonathan Malaya shared that Prevention is the centerpiece of the strategy. He also recognizes the role of mobilizing the Barangays to cascade and monitor minimum health standards' proper observance.

DOH Director Dr. Gloria Balboa

also stressed on the importance of implementing PDITR Strategy in workplaces. In her closing statement, she said that through the Operational Framework of CoViD-19 Response in Workplaces, "our workforce, our most important resource, will be protected against the CoViD-19 pandemic."

On Aggressive Community Testing and Oplan Kalinga

DOH Assistant Secretary Atty. Charade Mercado-Grande is currently spearheading the three-day Aggressive Community Testing operations in the City of San Fernando, La Union, where a target of 3,000 residents will be tested. In her speech, she said, "Ang aggressive testing ay kailangan nating isagawa upang maiwasan ang pagkalat ng sakit at maibsan ang hawaan." City Mayor Alf Ortega assures the NTF of the City's full support to the task force's programs. "As the Father of the City of San Fernando, it gives me a great sense of fulfillment to work with our national leaders in

stepping up to the task of innovating and finding new ways to strengthen our capacities to rise above the pandemic."

On the other hand, MMDA Chief-of-Staff In-charge of the OPLAN Kalinga – a program that partners with facilities like hotels, motels, or apartelles as temporary treatment and monitoring facilities, said that with Aggressive Community Testing, temporary treatment and monitoring facilities must be in place to isolate patients who are positive but asymptomatic.

On Stronger Capacities towards building a Stronger La Union

As we continue with the fight against CoViD-19, the NTF is making sure to assist in our capacities to implement the PDITR Strategy successfully. To date, the province has an additional 299 trained Contact Tracers that will significantly help in contact tracing efforts. The NTF has also identified a hotel to serve as the OPLAN Kalinga Isolation Facility in La Union.



Governor Pacoy, in his message, reminded his fellow public servants that "We are given a chance to make a difference in people's lives. Collaboration is key at the height of the pandemic; we realized that the key for this is our unity and solidarity." He also ensures that "the Provincial Government of La Union shall align our objectives and initiatives to the National Task Force against CoViD-19 in our journey of building a Stronger La Union."

Also present are City Mayor Alf Ortega, City Vice Mayor Chary Nisce, City Councilors, heads and representatives of Regional Line Agencies, and media partners. The event was also attended by the Mayors of the 19 municipalities in La Union via Zoom.



HEALING AS ONE. Health and Safety Kits were distributed to various tourism enterprises in the Municipality of San Juan and the City of San Fernando on October 2, 2020. The Initiative which was launched by the Provincial Government of La Union through the La Union Provincial Tourism Office (LUPTO), is aimed at ensuring the safety of employees and visitors of establishments in the reopening of the tourism industry. This is also in preparation for the Ridge & Reef Baguio-Region 1 Travel Corridor program. 198 Kits are to be distributed to tourism enterprises all over the province.



PEACE AND STABILITY FOR CRISIS RECOVERY AND TRANSFORMATION. Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III discusses with the country's top officials for defense and public safety, namely National Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana and Philippine Army Commanding General LTGEN CIRILITO E SOBEJANA PA, as he relays to them the Provincial Government of La Union's thrust on strengthening Peace and Order and Public Safety as part of its crisis recovery initiatives. Gov. Pacoy met the officials at the Headquarters of the First Scout Ranger Regiment, Philippine Army in San Miguel, Bulacan on October 13, 2020, during the Governor's conferment as Scout Ranger honorary member.

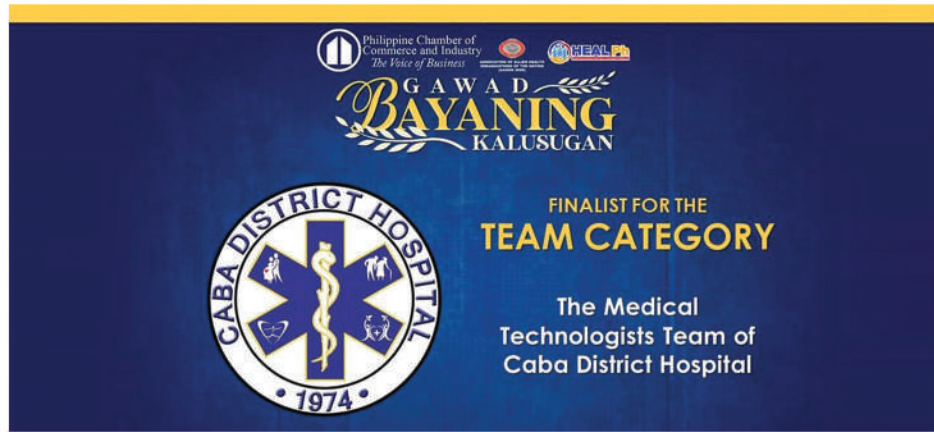
CDH MED TECH TEAM EARNS GAWAD BAYANING KALUSUGAN NOMINATION

Marlon C. Runas, GPC-CDH

Following their brave and untiring services, Caba District Hospital (CDH) Medical Technologists Team was nominated in the Gawad Bayaning Kalusugan organized by Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry together with Association of Allied Health Organization of the Nation, Health Educationalists, Advocate and Leader Philippines and support partners.

43 Health Teams from 35 Medical Institutions in the country were nominated to the Gawad Bayaning Kalusugan. The judging was conducted on November 6, 2020.

The CDH Medical Technologists Team was nominated as they continuously provide direct care management of patients diagnosed with CoVid-19.



WORKFORCE FOR COVID-19. The Medical Technologists Team of Caba District Hospital earns nomination in the Gawad Bayaning Kalusugan given by the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry together with Association of Allied Health Organization of the Nation, Health Educationalists, Advocate and Leader Philippines, their co-presenters and support partners. The said award aims to honor the health workers' hardships and the quality care they give- sacrificing their own lives this pandemic and to search for the exemplary performances of healthcare workers. 43 Health Teams from 35 Medical Institutions in the country were nominated to the Gawad Bayaning Kalusugan. The judging and screening was conducted on November 6, 2020 while awarding of winners will be on December 12, 2020 during the annual Philippine Hospital Association convention.

According to Dr. Gretchen F. Aromin, Hospital Chief, "To be nominated for a national award is already an honor. Let this be an inspiration to all units. We can conquer all challenges within and outside the hospital as long as there is unity and team work among us for the continuous improvement of health service."

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The awarding ceremony will be held on December 12, 2020 during the National Convention of the Philippine Hospital Association.

DATA UTILIZATION TO BOOST LU EMPLOYABILITY

Rowell B. Timoteo, GPC - PESO

The Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) through the collaboration of Public Employment Service Unit and the Information and Communications Technology Unit launched a province-wide survey on employment.

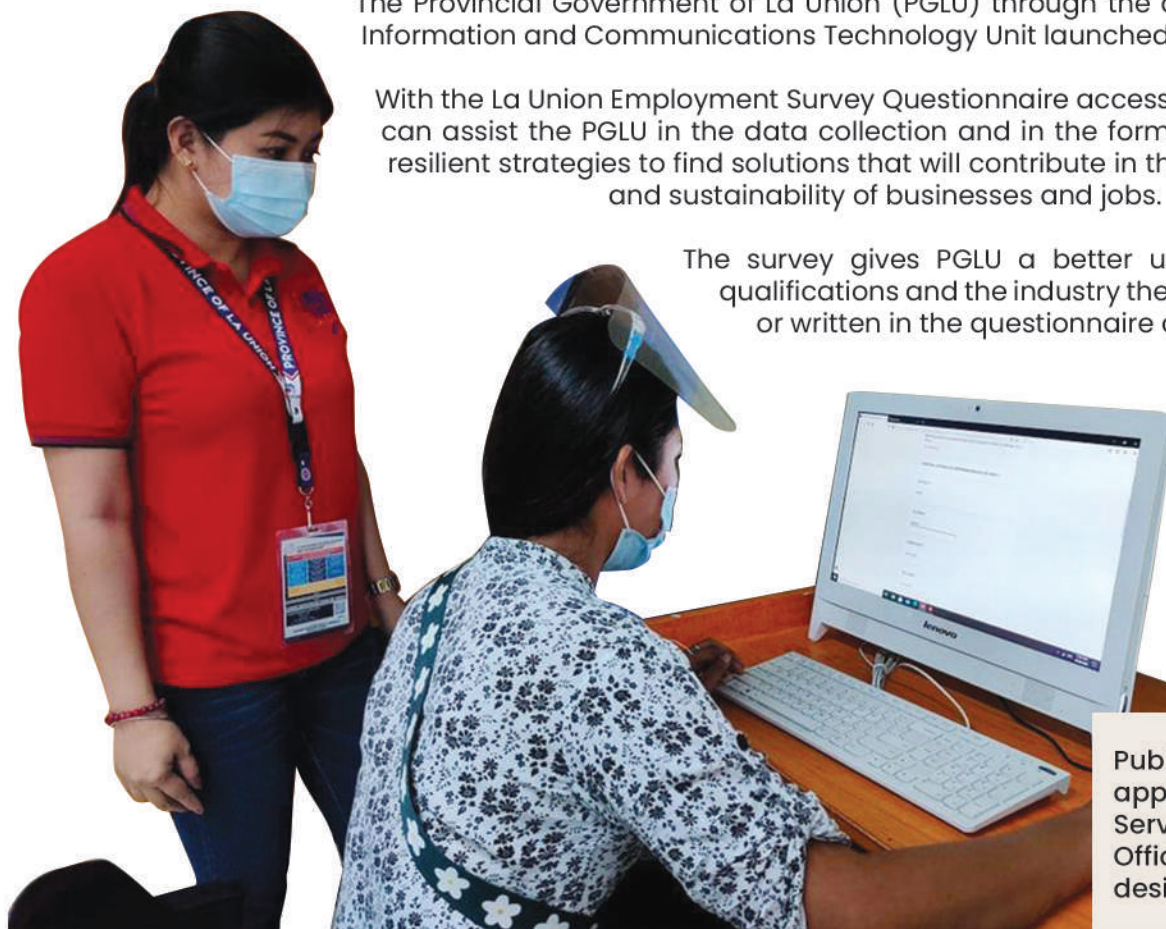
With the La Union Employment Survey Questionnaire accessible online, survey participants in the Province of La Union can assist the PGLU in the data collection and in the formulation of future employment assistance programs and resilient strategies to find solutions that will contribute in the recovery of local economy, ensure safety of individuals and sustainability of businesses and jobs.

The survey gives PGLU a better understanding of the respondent's employment status, qualifications and the industry they belong to. The PGLU assures that all responses disclosed or written in the questionnaire are kept confidential.

As of October 7, 2020, there were already 378 survey participants who participated in the conduct of the Online La Union Employment Survey.

Kaprobinsiaan can still answer the survey through the link tinyurl.com/LU-EmploymentSurvey. The PGLU continues to participate in productive and continued collaborations to develop people-oriented programs that will make La Union a Province worth living in.

Public Employment Service Unit (PESU) Staff assists job applicants in answering the Online La Union Employment Service Questionnaire at Public Employment Service Unit Office. Data gathered from said survey will be used to design future employment assistance programs.



ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES PREPARED FOR A STRONGER LA UNION

Diana Jutba, GPC-ENRU



Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III convenes with the Office of the Provincial Governor - Environment and Natural Resources Unit together with Multi-Sectoral Governance Council consultant on Environmental Sector Mr. Ramon "Toby" Tamayo and Office of the Provincial Strategy to discuss environmental sustainability initiatives in line with the vision of STRONGER La Union on October 16, 2020 at Lotus Valley Farm, Dasay, San Juan, La Union.

In his message, Gov. Pacoy highlighted his passion on nature.

"We must be a part of, not apart from nature," he said quoting David Attenborough's documentary film. He also emphasized that it is this generation who have learned about the environmental challenges the world is facing now and it is this the same and last generation to fix it.

On the other hand, Mr. Tamayo expressed his passion as well on agro-ecology emphasizing the establishment of green building and green spaces, revive initiatives on forest management.

EMPOWERED WOMEN FOR CRISIS RECOVERY AND TRANSFORMATION

Justin Paul Marbella, PIO

The La Union Vibrant Women Inc., led by the its chairperson Vini Nola A. Ortega, donated a total amount of P2,891,200.00 to the Provincial Government of La Union, on October 12, 2020.

Received by Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III through a ceremonial turnover of check, the amount shall be utilized by the PGLU for the construction of the Sanctuary of Hope for Displaced and Disadvantaged Women and

Children of La Union.

Gov. Pacoy also administered the oath of LUVWI City of San Fernando Chapter's new president, Ms. Raphaele Veronica Ortega.

In his message, Gov. Pacoy expressed his sincerest gratitude to the LUVWI for representing the empowered women of La Union in contributing to the goal of building a Stronger La Union, a province worth living in.



AS ONE IN THE SPIRIT OF BAYANIHAN; LA UNION AIDS CAGAYAN

Camille R. Bumatay, PIO



In the spirit of Bayanihan, the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) extended financial and in-kind assistance to the victims of flooding in Cagayan on November 22, 2020.

On behalf of Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III, Executive Assistant IV Justo Orros III and the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office turned over to Cagayan Gov. Manuel Mamba the La Union's financial assistance amounting to Php200,000.00 to the province and Php100,000.00 was also turned over to the towns of Baggao, Enrile, Aparri and Santo Niño in Cagayan which are requiring additional relief assistance as per the province's assessment. PGLU's financial assistance was approved by virtue of Sangguniang

Panlalawigan Resolution No. 1252-2020. Php100,000.00 was also turned over to the province from the Municipality of San Juan, La Union.

Through the PGLU's "With Love, La Union; Sharing our Blessings Program," donations from residents, PGLU employees, and La Union stakeholders were gathered and turned over on the same day. A six-wheeler truck contained assorted goods and water, medicines, hygiene kits, and other relief goods.

The Province of Cagayan was gravely hit by flooding as an effect of the onslaught of Typhoon Ulysses. True to the province's name, La Union gives high regards to unity. Thus, we continue to give assistance to other provinces in need.

PARTNERING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AMIDST ADVERSITY

The Provincial Government of La Union recently received a plaque of recognition from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources Regional Office 1 led by Regional Executive Director Atty. Crizaldy M. Barcelo, during their courtesy call to Gov. Pacoy on October 12, 2020 at the Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union. The PGLU has

been recognized by the DENR for its commitment to uphold environmental sustainability amidst the challenges posed by the CoViD-19 pandemic. Also joining the courtesy call were Mary Ann Escoto, DENR R1 Chief Administrative Officer; and Annalyn Rosario Valdez, PGLU Environment and Natural Resources Unit Chief.



OUTPOUR OF DONATIONS FOR A STRONGER LA UNION. Outpour of donations continues to shower the Provincial Government of La Union from generous partners, such as Mr. Artemio Yadao of La Fayette Luxury Resort and Hotel in Bauang, La Union, who donated 15,000 pieces of faceshield on October 7, 2020. In return, the PGLU extends its resources to external organizations needing support in their implementation of health protocols as part of the adjustments in the new normal. These include the Bureau of Fire Protection Region 1, which received sanitation supplies from PGLU on October 16, 2020, and the Diocesan Seminary of the Heart of Jesus on October 21, 2020.

LA UNION PIMT LAUDED BY COVID-19 NAT'L TASK FORCE

Justin Paul Marbella, PIO

The National Task Force (NTF) Against Coronavirus Disease 2019 (CoViD-19) led by Chief Implementer Carlito Galvez Jr. lauded the Provincial Government of La Union's Provincial Incident Management Team (PIMT), which directs the province's operations in managing the effects of the pandemic.

Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III led the walk-through of NTF Chief Galvez and other officials at the PIMT headquarters on October 22, 2020 at the Provincial Capitol

Building, City of San Fernando.

Joining Galvez were Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Usec. Jonathan Malaya, DILG Regional Dir. James Fadrilan, San Fernando City Mayor Alfredo Pablo Ortega, and Baguio City Councilor Francisco Roberto Ortega VI.

In their visit, the NTF chief praised the PGLU-PIMT, as he noted that the headquarters are equipped with top-of-the-line equipment and devices to power their round-the-clock operations.

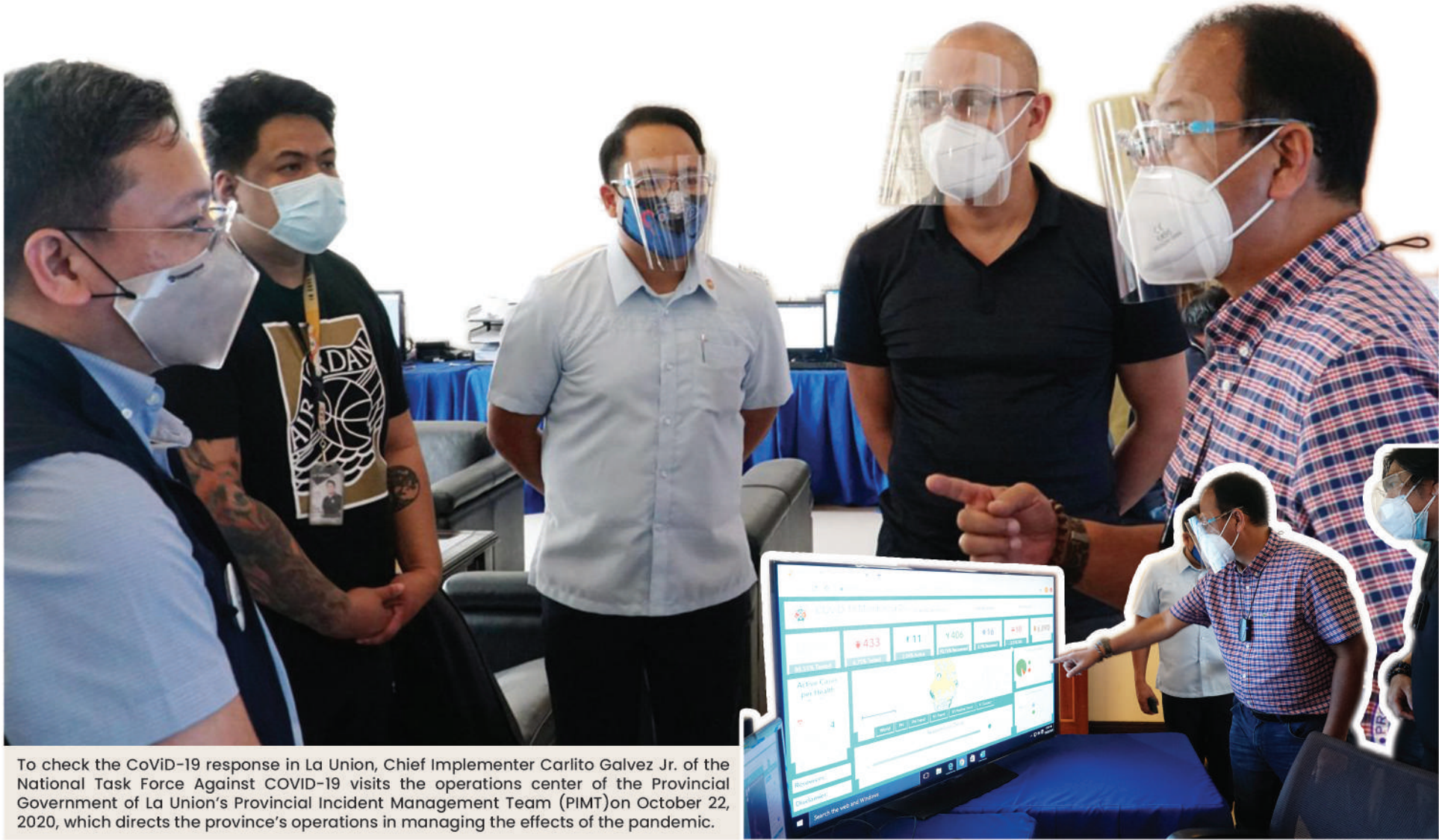
The PIMT station houses a call center that receives over 300 calls per day, with queries ranging from border entry requirements to requests for assistance from Locally-Stranded Individuals and assistance for COVID-19 testing.

It also utilizes a web-based system that allows the real-time updating of COVID-19 data in the province.

Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officer (PDRMO) Aurellano Rulloda and PDRMMO OIC - Assistant

Department Head Alvin Cruz further explained the procedures being observed by the PIMT to ensure efficient and effective delivery of public service.

With the NTF's commendation for the PIMT, the PGLU is truly committed in upholding public service excellence as integral in building a Stronger La Union, a province worth living in.



To check the CoViD-19 response in La Union, Chief Implementer Carlito Galvez Jr. of the National Task Force Against COVID-19 visits the operations center of the Provincial Government of La Union's Provincial Incident Management Team (PIMT) on October 22, 2020, which directs the province's operations in managing the effects of the pandemic.

OPASS, MALLU TO UNIFORM CITIZEN'S CHARTER

William R. Garcia IV-GPC OPass

The Office of the Provincial Assessor and Municipal Assessors League of La Union (MALLU) are formulating a uniform citizen's charter to ensure transparency in rules and procedures and to specify what to expect to measure on how to improve customer service delivery.

During the video conference meeting of MALLU on October 13, 2020, Provincial Assessor Engr. Arnulfo A. Cacho highlighted the need to refine the transactions in the municipalities and in the province because of the discrepancies when documents are prepared in municipalities

and the processing of documents takes place in the province.

To facilitate the faster drafting of the uniformed citizen's charter, MALLU created a technical working group led by Municipal Assessor of Santol Mr. Elmer Ordoño to analyze and evaluate the citizen's charter.

The uniformity of the citizen's charter will give information about services available, time of transactions and processing and will give clients consistent knowledge on municipalities' citizen's charter thus improving the service delivery.

Transfer Of Property

1. Letter of Request (2copies)
2. Registered Deed of Conveyance & other related documents that maybe required (2 Copies)
3. Transfer Fee Receipt (1photocopy)
4. Current Tax Receipt (1 Copy Photocopy)
5. Certified Electronic Copy of Title (2 Copies_1 Original, 1 Photocopy)
6. Certified Tax Declaration, Provincial copy (1 copy, original)
7. Survey/sketch plan, For Transfer with subdivision or consolidation (2 Copies_1 Original, 1 Photocopy)

LU BARES NEW STRATEGY TO LOCALS

Camille R. Bumatay, PIO

As the Provincial Government of La Union works towards building a province worth living in for each constituent, it brings the updated provincial strategy, "Stronger La Union: Provincial Strategy on Response, Recovery, and Local Economic Development" to all Local Government Units (LGU) and Barangays through the distribution of Stronger La Union Kits which started on October 6, 2020 in Bangar La Union.

Each barangay will receive a Stronger La Union Kit containing the State of the Province Address (SOPA) brochure; survey cards, Stronger La Union poster and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) package for frontliners while each Local Government Unit will receive a kit containing the SOPA brochure, Proficiency Report, survey cards, Stronger La Union poster and PPE package with care package label. 576 Barangays and 20 LGUs are expected to receive the Stronger La Union kits.

In the governor's letter card to the barangay councils and health workers and volunteers, he expressed his gratitude for their sacrifices and cooperation to preserve the peace and safety in their jurisdictions, as he gave his assurance of support, "The PGLU is committed to support and work with you because we believe that together, we are stronger," he wrote.

PGLU values the importance of collaboration as it persists in lifting the quality of lives of the people. Be one with us in building a Stronger La Union because we are Stronger Together!



PGLU ASSISTS PESO-BACNOTAN DIGITALIZATION, EMPLOYMENT FACILITATION

Rowell B. Timoteo, GPC – PESO



Labor & Employment Officer II Rowell B. Timoteo gives a short orientation to Mr. Eljohn Floria, PESO Bacnotan Staff about the La Union Online Employment Survey in PESO-Bacnotan, 1/f Legislative Building, Bacnotan, La Union on October, 14, 2020.

As a part of the upgrading of the operations of Public Employment Service Office (PESO) in Bacnotan, La Union, the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) through the Public Employment Service Unit provided technical assistance by installing the Manpower Skills Registry System in said Local Government Unit on October 14, 2020.

After installing the system, Labor and Employment Officer II Rowell B. Timoteo also conducted a brief orientation on the facilitation of registration using the Online La Union Employment Survey and PESO Information System.

Through the various employment assistance system installed and introduced, the PESO in the locality will be able to develop future strategies to address challenges

caused by the CoViD-19 Pandemic and improve local labor and employment situation by providing a better delivery of employment facilitation services to jobseekers and clients with the help of technology.

The activity is another step forward as four new desktop units donated by the Department of Information and Communications Technology to the PESO of the Municipality of Bacnotan headed by PESO Manager Ms. Divina C. Fontanilla has been put to good use.

In several occasions, Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III has expressed PGLU's readiness to support innovation in employment facilitation and policies for recovery using digital tools and technology among its Local Government Units.

COOPERATIVES: STAND FOR RESILIENCY, STRIVE FOR SUSTAINABILITY THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES

Vanessa C. Badua, GPC-OPAG

The Office of the Provincial Agriculturist (OPAG) conducted a Coastal Clean Up Drive in celebration of the La Union Cooperative Month 2020 along the coastline of Barangay Ilocanos Sur, City of San Fernando, La Union.

This year's cooperative month theme focused on the contributions and involvement of cooperatives in combating climate change and environmental issues, one of the most severe challenges our planet is facing in the 21st century.

Joined by 60 participants, the activity was done in partnership with CKC-LU Credit Cooperative, SAFER Multi-Purpose Cooperative, DMMMSU LU Multi-Purpose Cooperative and Barangay Officials of Ilocanos Sur, City of San Fernando, La Union.

The group was able to collect 61 kilograms of residual waste, recyclable waste and plastic bottles which were handed to barangay officials for proper disposal.

A culminating program was conducted graced by Board Member Gerard Ostrea, Chairman of Committee on Cooperatives. In his message, he expressed his gratitude to cooperatives in the province and recognized their contributions in the recovery of the province from the pandemic. Also present was Mr. Bernie Membere of the Department of Trade and Industry, PCDS-CDA La Union who closed the program.



SP REVIEWS 2021 PGLU BUDGET

Rhea Matilde A. Ballesteros, GPC-SP

The Sangguniang Panlalawigan (SP) Committee on Finance, Budget and Appropriations chaired by SPM Francisco Paolo P. Ortega V spearheads the two-day budget hearing of the proposed CY 2021 Local Expenditure Program of the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) on November 11 and 12, 2020 at the SP Conference Hall, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union.

To ensure health and safety, the budget hearing was conducted face-to-face and virtually. Only limited number of participants were physically present and others joined the deliberations via video Conferencing.

27 PGLU Offices and five District Hospitals presented and defended their respective 2020 budgets. Before they recommended for its approval, the legislators thoroughly reviewed the offices' and hospitals' budget to ensure that the funds will be properly allocated and spent.

The budget proposal contained in the letter of the Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III was received by the SP on October 16, 2020, which is in compliance with the mandate of the Local Government Code of



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1991. The proposed CY 2021 budget amounts to more than P1.8 Billion, which is approximately 4.9% higher than the current year's budget. Getting the biggest chunk of the budget for 2021 are the following

departments - Provincial Health Office, SP and Office of the Governor. This further reflects the focus on the updated transformative strategy on Response, Recovery, and Local Economic Development to achieve a secure, self-sufficient and sustainable province under the new normal. A big portion of the budget is likewise intended to address the effects of the CoVid-19 pandemic to various sectors and to achieve the vision of the province to position La Union as the Heart of Agri-Tourism in Northern Luzon by the 2025.

The Committee on Finance, Budget and Appropriations will submit its Committee Report on the plenary after the proposed budget has been finalized. The SP is committed to approve the proposed CY 2021 budget before the year ends to ensure the continuous implementation of programs and projects that are geared towards building a Stronger La Union, a province worth living in.



INFORMATION EMPOWERMENT FOR STRONGER LA UNION. Philippine Information Agency (PIA) Director General Ramon Cualoping and PIA Regional Dir. Jennyline Role pay a courtesy visit to Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III on November 11, 2020, at the Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union. The PIA officers relayed to Gov. Pacoy the PIA's initiatives on information empowerment to help build a Stronger La Union, through the agency's #ExplainExplainExplain campaign.



EMPOWERING THE BFP FOR A STRONGER LA UNION. Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III facilitates the turnover of the new emergency response vehicle to the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) Regional Office 1, led by CINSF Ferdinand B Formacion, on November 9, 2020 at the Provincial Capitol Grounds, City of San Fernando, La Union. Donated by the Armed Forces and Police Mutual Benefit Association, Inc., the vehicle shall upgrade the operations of the BFP in promoting public safety, which is integral in building a Stronger La Union, a province worth living in.

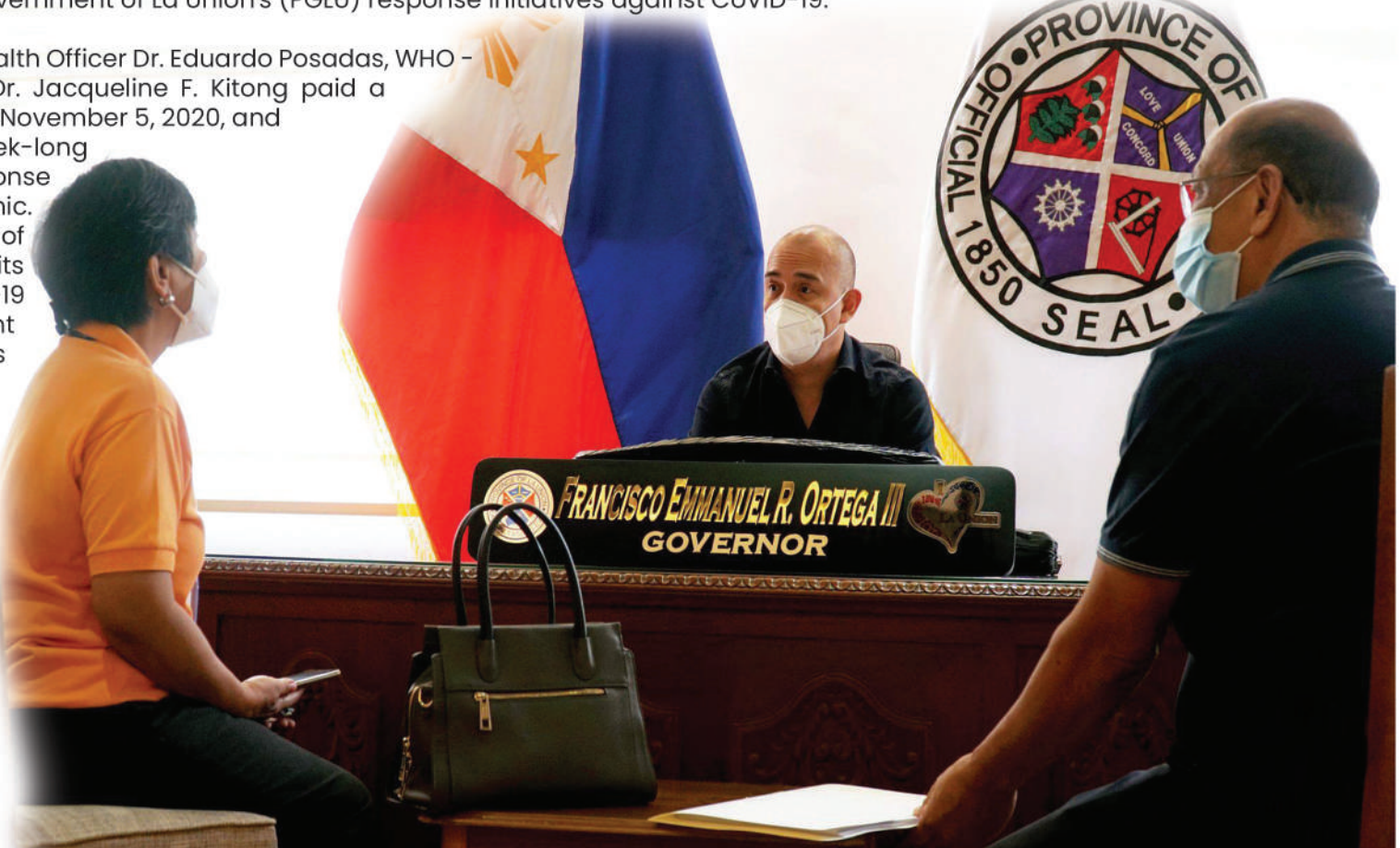
WHO LAUDS PGLU'S COVID RESPONSE

Justin Paul Marbella, PIO

In a courtesy call with Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III, a representative from the World Health Organization (WHO) commended the Provincial Government of La Union's (PGLU) response initiatives against CoVID-19.

Accompanied by Provincial Health Officer Dr. Eduardo Posadas, WHO - Philippines Technical Officer Dr. Jacqueline F. Kitong paid a courtesy visit to Gov. Pacoy on November 5, 2020, and relayed the results of her week-long observation of the LGU's response actions to address the pandemic. She noted laudable initiatives of the PGLU, such as its above-standard CoVID-19 testing rate and stringent border control protocols. As she congratulated Gov. Pacoy for his hands-on approach to the crisis management, the WHO representative urged the PGLU to not let its guard down, even when it now sees a decline in its CoVID-19 cases.

The WHO deployed its technical officers to the provinces all over the country to observe and give advise on their respective CoVID-19 crisis interventions.



FACE MASK WITH FACE SHIELD NOW REQUIRED IN LA UNION

With the passage of the Full-Face Shield Ordinance during the 69th Regular Session of the 22nd Sangguniang Panlalawigan on October 20, 2020, wearing of full-face shield in public transport vehicles, business establishments, private and government offices and all public places is now mandatory. The wearing of face shield shall likewise be required in supermarkets, public markets, malls and venue squares, and where government initiative meetings and critical government services are being conducted or provided.

The ordinance aims to raise health protocols to further reduce the risks of transmitting the Corona Virus Disease 2019 in public transport and other facilities as health authorities pointed out that the use of face shield and masks can reduce the exposure and the emission of respiratory droplets.[JTF1]

On October 5, 2020, the ordinance was subjected to a face-to-face and virtual public hearing, where 63 representatives from offices of various organizations and national agencies, Local Government Units, transport sector, entrepreneurs,



The 22nd Sangguniang Panlalawigan unanimously approves on 3rd and Final Reading during its 69th Regular Session on October 20, 2020 the Full-Face Shield Ordinance. The ordinance aims to raise health protocols to further reduce the risks of transmitting the Corona Virus Disease 2019 in public transport and other facilities as health authorities pointed out that the use of face shields and masks to reduce the exposure and the emission of respiratory droplets.

transport sector, entrepreneurs, owners of business establishments, Non-Governmental Organizations and Civil Society Organizations, academe and media attended the public hearing via video conference and shared their thoughts and expertise to further enhance the ordinance. Likewise, a total of 133 comments from netizens over the Provincial Government of La Union Facebook page were considered in the review of the ordinance.

Any person/s who are caught violating this ordinance will be fined P500.00 for the first offense and P1,000.00 for the second offense. For the third and succeeding offenses, the individual will be fined P2,500.00 or imprisonment of not more than one year or both in the discretion of the court.

With the mandatory use of full-face shield as provided in the ordinance in addition to the appropriate wearing of face mask and strict observance of physical distancing, we enable the people as strong health partners of the government in preventing the spread and transmission of the virus, thus, helping build a Stronger La Union.

GOV. PACOY SHARES STRATEGIC GOVERNANCE THRUST IN ISANG KILOS BAYAN ADVOCACY SERIES

Loren Obillo, GPC-OPS

Stronger La Union for a Stronger Philippines - the Governor shared its strategic governance thrust onwards the New Normal during the ISAng Kilos Bayan Advocacy Series entitled "Bangon Luzon: Reshaping More Resilient and Sustainable Communities" which was organized by the Province's partner for transformative governance, Institute for Solidarity in Asia (ISA), on November 13, 2020.

The Governor, as one among the four Local Chief Executives tapped as speakers, parted information regarding alignment as key for collaboration and

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Ms. Veronica Gabaldon

Mr. Mark Richard Evidente

QUESTION | Do you agree that corruption and unlawful activities could be one of the hindering factors for us to reshape more resilient sustainable communities? How could these be addressed?

unified action, transparency to ensure efficient communication of information for optimal utilization, and the importance of preserving the ecological integrity of the environment.

ISA's ISAng Kilos Bayan campaign focuses on the highlights of individuals and organizations whom have remained steadfast to serve their communities despite the challenges that arise. The Bangon Luzon: Reshaping More Resilient and Sustainable Communities is the sixth and latest public webinar organized by ISA.

KALIKASAN PARA SA KINABUKASAN

"We cannot afford to invest on something that can jeopardize our future," Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III stated during the Consultation Dialogue with the Lupong mga Indibidwal na Nangangalaga sa Kalikasan (LINK) lead by Co-Founder Celso Jucutan and President Mr. Mark Ryan Talajuron on November 20, 2020.

During the event, relevant issues concerning the environment were raised and actions moving forward were identified to include climate change adaptation, biodiversity conservation, sustainable energy and water resource management.

Gov. Pacoy also expressed his support to LINK saying "I will champion your cause." Through this, the partnership between PGLU and LINK was further strengthened and both parties are looking forward to converging efforts to intensify

campaign and implement programs for environmental protection.

The session is a part of the consultation dialogue series to meet with different environment stakeholders, and discuss environmental plans and programs.

Present also during the dialogue are members of the Environment and Natural Resources Unit headed by EnP. Annalyn Rosario-Valdez and the Office for Provincial Strategy headed by Ms. Noemi R. Jucar, and MSGC Vice Chairperson/ Committee Head on Environment Sector Mr. Ramon Benito Tamayo.

The Provincial Government, through the leadership of Gov. Pacoy, shall continue to develop strategies, projects, programs and activities that are geared towards building a province where our generation and the future generations can thrive.

- Takbo Para sa Kalikasan
- Baka-Juan Project
- Mural Painting
- Ride for Change
- Ang Inyong Batang LINKod
- Eco Tour

LA UNION TAKES PART IN RIMAT TI AMIANAN VIRTUAL TRADE EXPO 2020

Camille R. Bumatay, PIO

Carrying its Agri-Tourism products, the Province of La Union participates in Region 1's 19th Rimat ti Amianan Virtual Trade Expo 2020, which runs from November 9-18, 2020.

"Rimat ti Amianan" translated to "Treasures of the North" is initiated by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) which showcases the different products of micro small medium enterprises (MSMEs) which includes products ranging from food, beauty, fashion, health and wellness and other genuine local products.

Among the participating exhibitors from La Union are DJON Rustic Wood Furniture; Lomboy Farms; Bagulin Multi-purpose Cooperative; Bauang Crochet Association Inc.; Uncle Tom Food Product; Elyu Bayong and Beyond; D'Seno Creations; Red Clay Pagmadalian; Halog West Producers Cooperative; RP Lucina Loomweavers; Northway Arts and Crafts; Renzekiel Woodcraft; Kultur Siak Enterprise; Yogyog Handicrafts; ARC's antiques and woodcrafts; and J&S Furniture.

Serving as the Guest of Honor and Speaker in the opening ceremony on November 9, 2020, USec. Blesila A. Lantayona, Regional Operations Group (ROG)-DTI expressed her gladness of Region



1's initiative to conduct its virtual trade expo in this time of pandemic. "Regional 1 targeted sales amounting to 15Million to be generated by 42 exhibitors. This is quite a challenge, but I appreciate it. This is the Ilokano Spirit," she said.

Also present in the virtual opening ceremony were ASEC. Demphna Du-naga ROG, DTI; DTI Region 1 headed by Regional Director Grace Falgui-Baluyan; DTI Provincial Offices; Provincial Government Offices; MSMEs; and guests.

Regional Director Baluyan said, "This year's exhibitors are fortunate for having a whole year to showcase their products in the bigger market," as she committed the continued support of DTI-Region 1 to MSMEs in the region. "True to the name of our expo, you, our MSMEs are our real treasures that will help propel our nation's economic growth," she added.

The opening ceremony ended with a Live Buyer's Demo and Walkthrough in the virtual expo. Anyone from around the world can visit and shop in the One Town, One Product Regional Trade Fair in this link: <https://www.virtualtradeexpoph.com/expo/rimat-ti-amianan>.

NAPANAM CONTACT TRACER

Ma. Ashley A. Ebreo, GPC-ICTU

As the world progresses and leans towards industrialization and digital revolution, the people of the 21st century are the beneficiaries of these innovation and modernizations. Technology is the greatest tool that we are utilizing these days in order to combat and address issues in this pandemic that the whole world is facing.

Being an advocate of Transformative Governance, the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU), has come up with the NAPANAM Contact Tracer designed to mainly track and monitor the movement of the people within the premises of La Union helping the contact tracer team in identifying the individual/s who were exposed to a CoViD-19 positive case.

The system boasts features that helps in the province's data analysis, planning and response with regard to the pandemic. It has a Quick Response Code or QR code which displays the health declaration form of the person who owns that code. Because of this, people will no longer take

much time in filling out health declaration forms as they enter establishments like fast food chains, drugstores, convenience stores or groceries. The system could also be customized to trace transportation vehicles that enter the domain of La Union.

The Information Communications Technology Unit (ICTU) together with the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office formally introduced and

demonstrated the NAPANAM system to Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III and to the La Union League of Municipalities of the Philippines attended in by participants from the 20 component Local Government Units (LGU) on September 28, 2020 via video conferencing.

The said system was also presented to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan (SP) Board

Members during the 70th Session of the SP on October 27, 2020 at the SP Session Hall.

On October 17, 2020, the NAPANAM Contact tracer Information System (I.S.) has undergone pilot testing within the PGLU offices/employees. The post assessment has shown a positive and promising result. The pilot test has shown that it is easier to trace and monitor individuals with QR codes because the information gathered from them are stored and kept safe and private within the system of the ICTU of the PGLU.

On November 3, 2020 the said system was officially launched and the PGLU employees at the Provincial Capitol premises were required to have their own QR code scanned.

The ICTU continues to expand, broaden and improve the efficiency and the efficacy of the NAPANAM Contact Tracer system. The said system will soon be officially launched and be implemented and required to the different LGUs.



FDP Form 8 - Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund Utilization (COA Form)						
LOCAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT FUND UTILIZATION For the 3rd Quarter, CY 2020 Province: LA UNION						
Particulars	LRRRMF		NDRRMF	From Other LGUs	From Other Sources	Total
	Quick Response Fund (QRF) 30%	Mitigation Fund 70%				
A. Sources of Funds (Unutilized Balances)						
Current Appropriations	-	12,226,959.40				12,226,959.40
Continuing Appropriations		16,336,438.53				16,336,438.53
Previous Year's Appropriations transferred to the Special Trust Fund		1,910,000.00				1,910,000.00
Transfers/Grants						
Total Funds Available	-	30,473,397.93	-	-	-	30,473,397.93
B. Utilization						
Carr Brake Auto Supply for the replacement of worn-out battery of AB-R237 assigned to PDRMO. VIO 2006 ch# 1864093, JEV-2020-09-00888		9,750.00				9,750.00
Payment to Laya Grille and Kilawen Bar for the meals and snacks served for the Home of Frontliners Program for the period August 1 to 29, 2020, Ch#1864579, OR# 1157, V#2138, JEV-2020-09-008435		2,162,500.00				2,162,500.00
Payment to Karruba Resort for room accommodation for the housing of healthcare providers/frontline personnel during the COVID-19 outbreak for the period August 1-31, 2020 V# 2148 Check# 1864605, JEV-2020-09-00878		60,000.00				60,000.00
Payment to Villa Navarro Beach Resort-Village for room accommodation for the housing of healthcare providers/frontline personnel during the COVID-19 outbreak for the period July 16-August 31, 2020 V# 2147 Check# 1864596, JEV-2020-09-008584		216,000.00				216,000.00
Payment to Hotel Elegants & Paletas Resto Bar & Grill for room accommodation for the housing of healthcare providers/frontline personnel during the COVID-19 outbreak for the period July 16-August 31, 2020 V# 2146 Check# 1864603, JEV-2020-09-008589		450,000.00				450,000.00
Payment to Ordofo Farm Resort for room accommodation for the housing of healthcare providers/frontline personnel during the COVID-19 outbreak for the period July 16 - August 31, 2020 V# 2145 Check # 1864600, JEV-2020-09-008603		270,000.00				270,000.00
Payment to Ranch-er Hotel for room accommodation for the housing of healthcare providers/frontline personnel during the COVID-19 outbreak for the period July 16 - August 31, 2020 V# 2144 Check # 1864599, JEV-2020-09-008606		612,419.02				612,419.02
Payment to Almira Hotel & Restaurant for room accommodation for the housing of healthcare providers/frontline personnel during the COVID-19 outbreak for the period July 16 - August 31, 2020 V# 2142 Check # 1864607, JEV-2020-09-008614		240,000.00				240,000.00
Payment to Amity Garden Resort for room accommodation for the housing of healthcare providers/frontline personnel during the COVID-19 outbreak for the period July 16 - August 31, 2020 V# 2141 Check # 1864606, JEV-2020-09-008615		180,000.00				180,000.00
Payment to Villa Asuncion Resort for room accommodation for the housing of healthcare providers/frontline personnel during the COVID-19 outbreak for the period July 16 - August 31, 2020 V# 2140 Check # 1864597, JEV-2020-09-008616		450,000.00				450,000.00
Payment to Lombay Venture and Holdings Corp. for room accommodation for the housing of healthcare providers/frontline personnel during the COVID-19 outbreak for the period July 16 - August 31, 2020 V# 2139 Check # 1864601, JEV-2020-09-008619		300,000.00				300,000.00
LU Oasis Hotel, Inc. for the room accommodation for the housing of healthcare providers/ frontline personnel during the COVID-19 outbreak. V# 2204 ch# 1864602, JEV-2020-09-008962		1,295,586.00				1,295,586.00
Meal Allowance to 42 PDRMO employees for the period July 17-August 31, 2020, V#2331, JEV-2020-09-009264		207,300.00				207,300.00
Total Utilization	-	6,453,555.02	-	-	-	6,453,555.02
Unutilized Balance	-	24,019,842.91	-	-	-	24,019,842.91

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.

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Provincial Accountant

FRANCISCO EMMANUEL R. ORTEGA III
Provincial Governor

FDP Form 13- Manpower Complement

MANPOWER COMPLEMENT

Republic of the Philippines

Budget Year 2020

Third Quarter

Nature of Appointment or Employment	Number	Compensation and Other Benefits		Total
		Salaries and Wages	Other Monetary Benefits	
I. Permanent	1,448	300,252,871.34	151,989,485.46	452,242,356.80
II. Contractual				
III. Job Order/Contract Service	377	24,912,769.75		24,912,769.75
<i>Grand Total</i>	1,825	325,165,641.09	151,989,485.46	477,155,126.55

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.

AGNES GRACE A. CARGAMENTO
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Notes:

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

Note:

Permanent Position - includes coterminous but *plantilla position*; permanent casual but *plantilla position*
Contractual - includes consultant, compensation from PS
Job Order/Contract Service - includes Casual; compensation from MOOE; coterminous but NOT *plantilla position*

FDP Form 9 - Statement of Cash Flow	
(COA Form)	
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS	
For the Third Quarter Ended September 30, 2020	
Province: LA UNION	
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:	
Cash Inflows:	
Collection from Taxpayers	23,900,472.44
Share from Internal Revenue Collections	344,004,765.00
Receipts from business/service income	23,936,647.89
Collection of Receivables	21,033,858.48
Receipt of Interest Income	1,344,567.13
Other Receipts	171,119,829.64
Total Cash Inflow	585,340,140.58
Cash Outflows:	
Payment of Expenses	186,447,367.38
Payments to Suppliers/Creditors	47,946,439.32
Payments to Employees	20,326,700.63
Other Disbursements	125,461,346.25
Total Cash Outflow	380,181,853.58
Net Cash from Operating Activities	205,158,287.00
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:	
Cash Inflows:	
From Sale of Property, Plant and Equipment	-
From Sale of Debt Securities of Other Entities	-
From Collection of Principal on Loans to Other Entities	-
Total Cash Inflow	-
Cash Outflows:	
To Purchase Property, Plant and Equipment	132,274,034.07
To Purchase Debt Securities of Other Entities	-
To Grant/Make Loans to Other Entities	-
Total Cash Outflow	132,274,034.07
Net Cash from Investing Activities	(132,274,034.07)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:	
Cash Inflows:	
From Issuance of Debt Securities	-
From Acquisition of Loan	-
Total Cash Inflow	-
Cash Outflows:	
Payment of Loan Amortization	10,075,274.47
Interest Expense	9,245,980.08
Other Financial Charges	-
Total Cash Outflow	19,321,254.55
Net Cash from Financing Activities	(19,321,254.55)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash	53,562,998.38
Cash at Beginning of the Period	1,221,417,784.11
Cash at the End of the Period	1,274,980,782.49

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FDP Form 12- Unliquidated Cash Advances

UNLIQUIDATED CASH ADVANCES										
For the Third Quarter, CY 2020.										
Province, City or Municipality: LA UNION										
Name of Debtor (in alphabetical order)	Amount Balance	Date Granted	Purpose	Amount Due						
				Current			Past Due			
				Less than 30 days	31-90 days	91-365 days	Over 1 year	Over 2 years	3 years and above	
This is to certify that the Provincial Government of La Union has no unliquidated cash advances as of September 30, 2020.										
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SP STAFF UNDERGO COMPUTER LITERACY ENHANCEMENT TRAINING

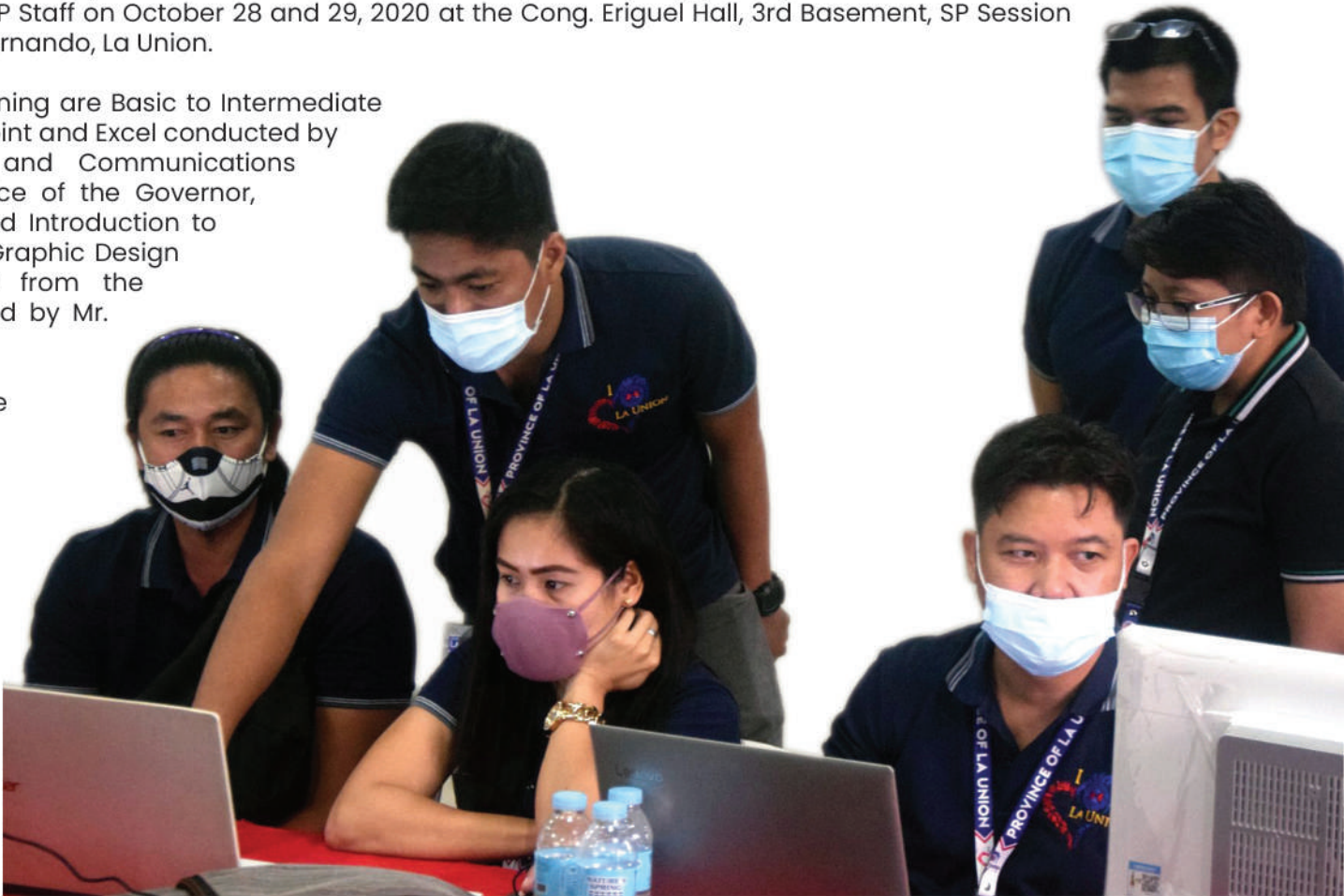
Jiroh Joy D. Marbella, GPC-SP

As part of the commitment of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan (SP) Secretariat in providing an efficient and effective technical and administrative support services to the Vice Governor and SP Members and as identified in the SWOT Analysis Report and one of the actions as response in the ISO Risk Registry, the SP Department, headed by Mr. Donato A. Rimando, Secretary to the Sanggunian, conducted a Computer Literacy Enhancement Training for SP Staff on October 28 and 29, 2020 at the Cong. Eriguel Hall, 3rd Basement, SP Session Hall, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union.

Topics included during the said training are Basic to Intermediate Tutorials on Microsoft Word, PowerPoint and Excel conducted by speakers from the Information and Communications Technology Unit (ICTU) of the Office of the Governor, headed by Mr. Gerry D. Binas-o and Introduction to Photoshop and Basic Concepts of Graphic Design presented by resource speakers from the Provincial Information Office headed by Mr. Adamor L. Dagang.

The participants of the training were selected based on the results of the pre-training survey conducted by the Legislative Research and Policy Unit of the SP Secretariat that determined the computer literacy levels as well as the strengths and weaknesses of SP employees in terms of information technology.

After the said training, it is expected that the service delivery of the SP Secretariat will improve towards better legislative services and in turn, create a Stronger La Union.



OPG-ENRU LINKS WITH PGLU OFFICES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES

Diana E. Jutba, GPC-ENRU

The Office of the Provincial Governor – Environment and Natural Resources Unit (OPG-ENRU), in partnership with the Office for Provincial Strategy (OPS), met with partner offices on November 9, 2020 at the OPG-ENRU Conference Hall to share the environmental sustainability plans, programs, and projects for La Union and establish linkages with partner offices for the implementation of the said plans.

EnP Annalyn Rosario-Valdez, Supervising Environmental Management Specialist presented and discussed the plans and programs for forest and coastal resources management.

Ms. Diana E. Jutba, Environmental Management Specialist II,

presented the solid waste management programs as well as the water quality management and monitoring of the Province. She further discussed the plans moving forward for solid and wastewater management in La Union.

Engr. Rommilyn V. Torio,



Environmental Management Specialist II presented the monitoring results of quarry areas in La Union and further discussed the plans and programs for mines and geosciences services.

EnP. Shereal Catbagan also shared the scheduled activities

for the formulation of the Provincial Local Climate Change Action Plan.

Present during the meeting were Provincial Administrator Agnes Grace Cargamento; Provincial Engineer Ressie Estrella and staff; Provincial Agriculturist Ramon Laudencia and staff; Provincial Health Office representative Engr. Candy Miguel; Provincial Planning and Development Office representative Mr. Darius Cargamento; Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office representative Mr. Edgar V. Gamer; Provincial Treasury Office representative Ms. Rina Joy Andrada; Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office representative Mr. David Ken Salamanca; and OPS representative Ms. Emmanuelle Dominique Mendoza.

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LU AGRI-TOURISM EVENTS EARN SIX ALIW AWARDS 2020 NOMINATIONS

Camille R. Bumatay, PIO

Events featuring the Agri-Tourism pride of the Province of La Union made it to six Aliw Awards 2020 Nominations.

The Mutia Ti La Union 2020 was nominated for Best Special Events Production; Best Festival Practices and Performance; and Best Special Events Director for Bernard Yabut Maybituin. The La Union Vibrant Women Incorporated (LUVWI) Charity Ball 2020 Abel Iloko Fashion Show and Creative Agricultural Costume Presentation was nominated for Best Special Events Production; and Best Special Events Director also for Maybituin. Finally, the Provincial Government of La Union headed by Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III

was nominated for Best Festival Catalyst/Organizer.

The LUVWI Charity Ball 2020 Abel Iloko Fashion Show and Creative Agricultural Costume Presentation was held in Agora Events Place, Thunderbird Resorts, San Fernando City, La Union on February 23, 2020. It was organized by the LUVWI headed by Chairperson Vini Nola A. Ortega. It was a charity event where proceeds will be used for the establishment of Sanctuary of Hope for women and children who experienced violence and oppression.

Mutia Ti La Union 2020 highlighting La Union Agri-Tourism of each of the 20

City and Municipalities of La Union was held in Poro Point Baywalk, San Fernando City La Union on March 2, 2020 as the culminating event of the Province's 170th Founding Anniversary.

"The LUVWI Charity Ball 2020 stood out because of the unique fusion of culture and high fashion while the Mutia ti La Union 2020's impact was on the advocacies behind each candidates' activities with their City or Municipality. All these were done while showcasing the Agri-Tourism in the province in the celebration of the 170th La Union Founding Anniversary," said Director Maybituin.

Nominations were done through the recommendations of its board of the directors and members of the press who watched the performances and events held from October 31, 2019 to October 31, 2020. There are over fifty categories of awards that will be given. The awarding will be held at Fiesta Pavilion, Manila Hotel on December 8, 2020.

Founded in 1976, Aliw Awards aim to recognize achievements in the country's live entertainment industry and has been giving trophies and prestige to the most outstanding contributors to the Philippine entertainment industry.



BAWAT MILLENNIAL MAY MAGAGAWA: GOV. PACOY SPEARHEADS MILLENNIAL TIME PROJECT

Loren Obillo, GPC-OPS

Millennials from different sectors of the province participated in the second session of the Millennial Time Program, a dialogue with Gov. Francisco

Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III on November 23, 2020.

During the session, the Gov. Pacoy encouraged the

millennials to become leaders that champion a people-centered service and utilize their capacities to enhance public service delivery while

ensuring utmost satisfaction of the constituents. During the Question and Answer Segment the Governor also tackled topics on agro-industry investments, disaster mitigation, environment conservation, and governance.

In order to show dedication in fulfilling their roles and responsibilities, the participating millennials also have undergone a commitment pledge ceremony. Moving forward, the participants will take part in the Millennial Time Project wherein they will identify a pressing issue in their organization or sectors, and propose solutions, programs and projects to build a Stronger La Union.

