



BARO A TIMEK TI KAPITOLYO



PASKUHANG BAYAN 2023: GOV. RAFY, PGLU SPREAD CHRISTMAS CHEER TO KAPROBINSIAAN

Geraldine B. Salazar-Lucero, PIO

In the true spirit of La Union PROBINSYAnihan, the Provincial Government of La Union, under the leadership of Gov. Rphaelle Veronica "Rafy" Ortega-David, brought the joys and magic of the Christmas season to the hearts of the kaprobinsiaan through Paskuhang Bayan 2023 from November 27, 2023 to December 21, 2023.

Paskuhang Bayan, a brainchild of Gov. Rafy, is an initiative aimed at bringing free PGLU services and gift packs nearer to kaprobinsiaan throughout the province.

With increased number of beneficiaries, this year's Paskuhang Bayan is bigger and more exciting. From last year's 500 beneficiaries it has increased to 600 individuals from various sectors, including Senior Citizens, Persons with Disabilities, Solo Parents, Indigenous People, and members of the 4Ps.

Paskuhang Bayan spanned across 19 LGUs of the province, where 10,898 kaprobinsiaan received noche buena gift packs. Additionally, 809 lucky individuals won various raffle prizes, including sari-sari store packages with a total worth of Php 570,000. More than 22,000 kaprobinsiaan also availed

free services, such as Sukat Bukel and Free Seedlings, Real Property Tax Assistance and Tax Assistance, Veterinary Services, Job Assistance, Legal Assistance and Notarial Services, and Medical and Health Services.

On the other hand, Gov. Rafy personally distributed Barangay Aid Fund to all Barangay Chairmen from participating LGUs, totaling Php 11,520,000.

In her message, Gov. Rafy emphasized her desire for a government that reaches out to the people, stating, "Gusto kong maramdaman ng mga tao na madaling lapitan ang Provincial Government. Nais ko na kaysa kayo ang lumapit sa Provincial Government of La Union, kami po mismo ang lalapit sa inyo. Kaysa kayo po ang lumapit sa governor, akong governor mismo ang lalapit sa inyong lahat. Ganitong Provincial Government ang gusto ko para sa inyong lahat."

Paskuhang Bayan 2023 not only brought smiles and warmth to the kaprobinsiaan but also highlighted La Union PROBINSYAnihan of the people as PGLU continues to be committed to its vision to have an inclusive and more approachable province for all.



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Naragsak a Paskua ken Narangpaya a Baro a Tawen!

PASKUHANG BAYAN 2023 FREE SERVICES AND GIFT PACKS

10,898

DISTRIBUTED NOCHE BUENA GIFT PACKS

PHP 11,520,000

WORTH OF AVAILABLE BARANGAY AID FUND

PHP 570,000

WORTH OF SARI-SARI STORE PACKAGE

809

RAFFLE ITEMS

481

SUKAT BUKEL PROGRAM

4,030

KADIWA CLIENTS SERVED

382

MEDICAL, BURIAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FACILITATED

1,186

REAL PROPERTY TAX ASSISTANCE FACILITATED

674

REAL PROPERTY ASSISTANCE AND DISTRIBUTION OF IEC MATERIALS

656

TAX CAMPAIGN AND QUARRY DESK

1,947

VETERINARY SERVICES RENDERED

194

FREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE AND NOTARIAL SERVICE

8,198

CLIENTS FOR HEALTH SERVICES

394

JOB ASSISTANCE WITH 26 HIRED ON THE SPOT CLIENTS

16,850

FREE SEEDS AND SEEDLINGS DISTRIBUTED



GOV. RAPHAELLE VERONICA "RAFY" ORTEGA-DAVID
PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR

PGLU SERVICES

PGLU CONDUCTS TAX CARAVAN, REMINDS KAPROBINSIAAN ON TAX OBLIGATIONS

John Elysar C. Martin, PIO

In an effort to strengthen initiatives on Real Property Tax collection (RPT) in La Union, the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) through the Provincial Treasury Office (PTO) together with the Office of the Provincial Assessor (OPAs) spearheaded the conduct of two simultaneous Tax Caravans in the First and Second Districts of La Union on November 17, 2023.

In coordination with the municipal treasurers, personnel from the PTO and OPAs visited every municipality to educate and encourage constituents to settle their Real Property Tax on time. The team discussed the tax regulations and reminded the significant role of every resident in the development of programs and services in the province.

In support to the advocacy of Gov. Raphaelle Veronica "Rafy" Ortega-David on efficient revenue generation, the activity aimed to inform kaprobinsiaan on tax programs and the discounts that they can avail of when they make advance payments.

Provincial Treasurer Janet D.

Molina reminded the residents to pay their taxes on time to avail discounts. "Awisak garud dagiti kaprobinsiaantayo, kas 'tay kuna ni Gov. Rafy, ag-La Union PROBINSYAnihan tayo iti panagbayad iti taxestayo on time," she emphasized.

PGLU offers 20% discount to real property owners who want to pay their real property tax in advance for the next year from November to December 31, 2023; while 10% discount will be given to those who will pay within the schedule from January 1 to March 31, 2024.

The activity displayed the spirit of La Union PROBINSYAnihan as the Local Government Units actively showed support and participated in the program.

PGLU and Gov. Rafy remain steadfast in its commitment to improving its performance in efficient and transparent tax collection to streamline the delivery of programs and services intended for deserving constituents. This initiative is pivotal for the further development and progress of La Union.



PASKO SA KAPITOLYO 2023 UNRAVELS HIWAGA; ILLUMINATES PROVINCIAL CAPITOL, BRINGS LOVE TO COMMUNITY

Camille R. Bumatay, PIO

A total of 38,587 kaprobinsiaan and tourists visited the Pasko sa Kapitolyo 2023 Lighting Ceremony at the Provincial Capitol Hill, City of San Fernando, La Union on December 1, 2023. This year's Pasko sa Kapitolyo continued to use artificial snow to bring life to the event, veering away with fireworks and traditional activities that may harm the environment.

"Ang tunay na hiwaga ng kapaskuhan dito sa La Union ay ang ating sama samang pagpaparamdam ng pagmamahal sa bawat isang kaprobinsiaan. Ito po talaga ang ating sikreto para sa mas masayang Christmas," reveals Gov. Raphaelle Veronica "Rafy" Ortega-David in her message.

Inflatable playgrounds, mascots, and stilt walkers also brought enjoyment to kids while performances from the Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University Chorale, Saint Louis College Marching Band, TagaElyu Band, and Don Pedring Orchestra



wowed the spectators in their performances. ProbinSAYAWAN, an open dance competition for different age groups highlighted kaprobinsiaan talents. Kaprobinsiaan were entertained by artists from GMA Network as the Kapuso Night also took the stage.

Attractions in the Pasko sa Kapitolyo that are open daily until the end of the year includes the Carnival featuring breathtaking rides and the Christmas Bazaar selling products of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises.

Also in attendance at the opening ceremony were Vice Gov. Mario Eduardo Ortega, Board Member (BM) Henry Balbin, BM Cynthia Angelica Bacurnay, BM Jennifer Mosuela-Fernandez, BM Harold Sibuma, and BM Gerard Ostrea.

As Gov. Rafy explained, the month-long celebration will center on the spirit of Love and Unity which are the core of La Union PROBINSYAnihan.

LU's BAHAY PAG-ASA PAVES PROVINCE'S AWARD AS BEST COMPREHENSIVE LOCAL JUVENILE INTERVENTION PROGRAM IMPLEMENTER IN REGION

Zenaida D. Sellem, GPC-PSWDO

The Province of La Union emerged as the top Comprehensive Local Juvenile Intervention Program (CLJIP) Implementer in the Provincial Category during the 12th Juvenile Justice and Welfare Consciousness Week.

The award was conferred to Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) by the Regional Juvenile Justice and Welfare Council 1, acknowledging the province's unwavering commitment and significant support in realizing the

objectives of the Juvenile Justice and Welfare Council. It highlights La Union's exceptional efforts in fully implementing the provisions of the Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act (JJWA) of 2006.

La Union's previous triumph as the Regional JJWA Champion in 2021, showcasing the province's consistent dedication to championing juvenile justice initiatives.



At the heart of La Union's success in juvenile intervention is the establishment of Bahay Pag-asa for Children-in-Conflict with the Law, a pioneering initiative that stands as the first and only one in Region 1. This facility has played an important role in shaping La Union's approach to juvenile justice.

The Provincial Government of La Union continues to call for La Union PROBINSYAnihan as it remains steadfast in its mission to provide a supportive environment for the rehabilitation and reintegration of youth in conflict with the law, setting a commendable example for other provinces and Local Government Units to pursuit of a more just and humane society.

This recent recognition follows

AGRI-TOURISM

PGLU-OPAG BOOSTS FARM MECHANIZATION WITH RCEF, DISTRIBUTES PHP25.9M WORTH OF AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY IN LA UNION

Vanessa C. Badua, GPC-OPAg

The Provincial Government of La Union through the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist (OPAg) collaborated with the Department of Agriculture Philippine Center for Post-harvest Development and Mechanization-Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Program (DA Philmech-RCEF) to distribute agricultural machinery to La Union Farmer Cooperatives/Associations in support to their agricultural productivity.

The Mechanization program aims to raise rice farmers' productivity, profitability, and global competitiveness through strengthened access and use of appropriate production and postproduction mechanization technologies.

A total of 22 Farmer Cooperatives/Associations, and two Local Government Units benefited from the said program. The distributed machineries include 24 units of Hand Tractors and 12 Units of Rice Combine Harvesters, amounting to PHP25,920,000.

In Gov. Raphaelle Veronica "Rafy" Ortega-David's message, she emphasized the profound impact of the mechanization program, stating that it not only accelerates rice production but also eases the work of the farmers in La Union.

The mechanization is a step towards empowering local farmers and ensuring the sustainability of agriculture in La Union.



FIESTA KUCHA TUMALUGADING ARTS FESTIVAL: A COLLABORATIVE TRIUMPH OF CULTURE AND CREATIVITY

La Union Provincial Tourism Office - Culture and Arts Unit

The Fiesta Kucha Tumulugading Arts Festival held on November 30, 2023, at the La Union Convention Center was a resounding success, showcasing the collaborative efforts of various artistic and cultural organizations. Tumulugading attracted a diverse audience including artists, vloggers, and enthusiasts, highlighting its inclusivity in creativity.

The event, organized by the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU), through La Union Provincial Tourism Office-Culture and Arts Unit (LUPTO-CAU); GAMENG-La Union Creatives Industry Association (LUCIA); and the Department of Trade and Industry-La Union (DTI-La Union), celebrated the rich artistic tapestry of the province.

The festivities began with a symbolic ribbon-cutting ceremony led by Board Member (BM) Cynthia Angelica Bacurnay, Committee Chair on Culture and Education; DTI Provincial Director Merlie Membrere; Ms. Darlene Joy A. Buccat, LUPTO-CAU Unit Head;

GAMENG-LUCIA President, Engr. Dexter "Kuyadong" Macaso; Resource Speakers, Engr. Jeanne Dugui-es Dangkeo, Mr. Alvin Malicdem, and Mr. Jerich Calderon; Local Historian, Dr. Adriel Obar Meimban; and ATIN-LU President, Mr. Xavier Mercado.

BM Bacurnay conveyed Gov. Raphaelle Veronica "Rafy" Ortega-David's message, expressing

gratitude for the world-class talents and creativity of her Kaprobinsiaan in La Union.

"Lubos na po akong humahanga at bumibilib sa inyong pagpapamalas ng galing, husay at dedikasyon sa visual arts, disenyo at iba pa gayundin ang inyong pag-express ng inyong sarili sa pamamagitan ng sining. Kaya ipagpatuloy pa ninyo ang

inyong passion at pagdevelop sa talentong mayroon kayo. Makakaasa po kayong dito sa La Union, malaya niyo pong ma-develop ang inyong talent at creativity dahil naniniwala akong napaka-vibrant ang creative industry natin dito," the Governor expressed through BM Bacurnay.

The festival featured different activities, including exhibits, local delicacies, and informative sessions on Intellectual Property Rights, Artificial Intelligence trends, and branding and marketing for Creative Humans. Local artists and groups also performed during the said activity.

Tumulugading's success was measured not just by artistic displays but also by the connections formed and the sense of community it fostered reflecting La Union PROBINSYAnihan. The festival, signifies La Union's commitment to preserving cultural heritage and providing a platform for diverse creative expression.



LA UNION AGRICULTURAL INTERVENTIONS EMPOWER FARMERS, COOP ASSOCIATIONS

Vanessa C. Badua, GPC-OPAg

The Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU), through the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist, conducted a ceremonial turnover of various Agricultural Interventions funded by RA 7171 at the PGLU New Motorpool Building, Barangay Sevilla, City of San Fernando, La Union.

In a remarkable effort to support and empower local farmers, a distribution of essential agricultural interventions amounting to Php 26.6 Million was allocated for different Farmers and Cooperatives Associations (FCAs) in the Province of La Union.

A total of 21,634 bags of Organic Fertilizers; 8,610 hybrid seeds; and 460 tools and farm equipment to FCAs.

Gov. Raphaelle Veronica "Rafy" Ortega-David said that the

intervention is a big help to farmers and to improve the quality of crops in the province. She added that the activity is one of the testaments of La Union PROBINSYAnihan. "With our strong collaborations with the Department of Agriculture and Local Government Units, we were able to help our farmers here in La Union. That's why you can expect that we will continue our commitment to Agriculture and the livelihood of our farmers here in the province," says Gov. Rafy.

The PGLU continues to support the agricultural sector in the province, by supporting the different programs, projects, and activities of the OPAg that will contribute to attaining the vision of the province to position La Union as The Heart of Agri-Tourism in Northern Luzon by 2025.



LA UNION ECONOMY AND INVESTMENT PROMOTIONS

LA UNION'S FAIREST 2023 IS IN THE METRO! LUCAL PRODUCTS SHINE IN LA UNION'S FAIREST 2023

Geraldine B. Salazar-Lucero, PIO

Bringing the Tatak LUKal Products in the heart of Metro Manila, La Union's Fairest 2023, the highly anticipated annual event, is now in full swing for the public to discover the diverse and world-class locally produced products from La Union in support to the local Micro, Small, and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs).

On November 4, 2023, the La Union's Fairest took over Shangri-La Plaza showcasing the province's rich culture, creativity, and La Union PROBINSYAnihan spirit, offering a wide range of locally crafted products and delicious treats. From hand made gifts to La Union-inspired decor that encapsulates the province's essence, from delectable culinary delights to stylish home accents, from naturally made furniture that blends sustainability and artistry to unique souvenirs, everything

is offered in this year's La Union's Fairest.

Anchored to the theme, "Support Local", this year's La Union's Fairest encourages shoppers and visitors to engage with the products and services offered by MSMEs from La Union. More than shopping, the event is also about connecting with the community, appreciating their talents, and contributing to the local economy of La Union.

La Union's Fairest 2023 is a testament to the province's unity and the resilience of Kaprobinsiaan. By participating in this event, you not only support local entrepreneurs but also get a taste of La Union's finest. Visit Shangri-La Plaza from November 4 to 10, 2023, and experience the best of La Union.



PGLU STRENGTHENS INVESTMENT PROMOTIONS EFFORTS THROUGH INVEST LU

Rowell B. Timoteo, GPC-LEEIPU

Featuring possible investment opportunities and investable areas in La Union, the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) led by Governor Raphaelle Veronica "Rafy" Ortega-David together with PGLU Department Heads, and representatives from the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) La Union Provincial Office, and Board of Investments (BOI) initiated the La Union Investment and Business Forum held on November 8, 2023 at Astoria Plaza, Pasig City.

In the keynote presentation of Gov. Rafy, she provided a quick run-through on why the Province of La Union will be the next investment destination in the north. She also presented the strategic roadmaps for priority sectors of investments which include the Performance Governance System Journey; Digital Innovations on different Platforms and Portals; Current employment size by industry; partners in growing businesses; Proposed Comprehensive Land Use Plan for all Local Government Units; and the different projects that will promote inclusive growth, induce high-quality job creation, and future programs

that can boost economic thrust in the province.

Spearheading the program for the investment forum were Local Economic Enterprise and Investment Promotions Unit (LEEIPU) Assistant Department Head, Ms. Angela Grace C. Peralta and DTI La Union Provincial Director, Merlie D. Membere. The Investment Forum was attended by investors and representatives from the private sector, heads of the different departments of PGLU, DTI La Union, BOI, representatives from the National Economic and Development Authority, Philippine Chambers of Commerce & Industry La Union Chapter, representatives from

the Local Government Units (LGU) of San Fernando City, Luna and Bauang, La Union, Poro Point Management Corporation (PPMC), local Micro Small Medium Enterprises from La Union, company executives, and other key stakeholders.

During the forum, PD Membere emphasized that the goal of the forum is not only to promote investment but to foster partnerships, create economic opportunities, and ultimately contribute to the prosperity of our community.

PPMC Vice President for Airport Management, Ms. Josefa Catherine Bad presented to the group the incentives and the reconstruction

and renovation of the Poro Point San Fernando Airport, including the business prospects and potential investible areas within the Poro Point Freeport Zone. Universal Leaf Philippines, Inc. President, Mr. Wilson P. Uy, also shared his insights on making a difference in touching people's lives in different places where they do business and make investments. Ms. Zoe Villanueva, Assistant Marketing Manager of Awesome Hotel, also shared information on the ease of doing business and the La Union business landscape.

DTI-Board of Investment Executive Director Atty. Bobby G. Fondevilla shared his message of support for the facilitation of investment promotion activities. He commended the strategic alliance of LGUs and National Government Agencies for strengthening investment promotion.

The activity served as an avenue to highlight why La Union is the next investment destination in the North onwards economic growth and sustainable development in the province.



LA UNION FIRST PROVINCE TO CASCADE OTOP LAW IN PH

Local Economic Enterprise and Investment Promotions Unit

The Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) led by Gov. Raphaelle Veronica "Rafy" Ortega-David, in partnership with the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) - La Union conducted a One Town, One Product (OTOP) Cascading Workshop on December 4, 2023, at Hotel Ariana, Bauang, La Union, the first activity of its kind on Republic Act No. 11960, otherwise known as the OTOP Philippines Act whose Implementing Rules and Regulations has been recently approved on December 3, 2023.

In her message, Gov. Rafy, represented by Board Member Henry Balbin, said, "Here in our province, we recognize the significance of OTOP as a driving force in La Union's local development. Each town has a unique identity and a distinct

product that reflects our culture and craftsmanship. This workshop serves as a platform to harness these strengths. As we explore the details of our OTOP, let us envision a future where every town in La Union thrives through the success of its signature product." She also encouraged participants to take part in La Union PROBINSYAnihan creating sustainable economic opportunities for communities

while fostering innovation and resilience.

DTI Assistant Secretary Leonila Baluyut discussed the provisions of the OTOP Law and has steered the participants in realizing their OTOP products to help in the growth of their MSMEs. A total of 35 participants from the different component local government units of La Union attended the

seminar. The activity aims to help LGUs in support of the Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises to determine, develop, and promote products and services that encompass the identity, creativity, and community resources that shall be considered as "Pride Products" of their respective towns.

The OTOP program is an institutionalized stimulus program of DTI that promotes local products and capacitates the MSMEs through developing indigenous raw materials, utilizing local skills and talents, and featuring local traditions and cultures across the country.

The PGLU will continue to pilot programs and initiatives that will contribute to prospering the MSMEs, supporting Tatak LUKal products, and boosting the local economy.



PGLU PARTNERSHIPS

PGLU CONTINUES TO PROMOTE EXCELLENT PUBLIC HEALTH, RECOGNIZES CHAMPS ON HEALTH

Renerose A. Beninsig, GPC-PHO

To inspire and encourage healthcare workers to strive for excellence in health, the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) through the Provincial Health Office recognizes exceptional efforts and remarkable achievements of Local Government Units (LGUs) with this year's Gawad Kalusugan Award: Pagkilala sa Dekalidad at Mapagkalingang Serbisyong Pangkalusugan Para Sa Kaprobinsiaan held at Hotel Ariana, Paringao Bauang, La Union on December 11, 2023.

Gov. Rhaquelle Veronica "Rafy" Ortega-David, represented by Justo Orros III, Executive Assistant, graces the event and said, "Napakaswerte po ng ating mga kaprobinsyaan dahil merong mga katulad ninyo na may malasakit sa kanilang kalusugan. From innovative healthcare programs to community outreach initiatives, lahat po mg iyan ay pagpapakita ng inyong malasakit, ng inyong pakikipag La Union PROBINSYAnihan."

Board Member (BM) Ruperto Rillera, Jr., Sangguniang Panlalawigan Committee Chairperson on Health, acknowledged the true champions of health in LGUs saying, "Let us take a moment to express our deepest gratitude to all dedicated healthcare professionals, policymakers, and individuals who have helped towards the betterment of our province's healthcare system."

BM Maria Rosario Eufrosina Nisce, BM Jennifer Mosuela-Fernandez, Local Chief Executives of various



LGUs, representatives from Municipal Health Office (MHOs), Department of Health-Provincial DOH Office (DOH PDOHO), and partners from the Philippine Information Agency were also present during the recognition.

LGUs awarded for their Localized High Impact Health Policy Reforms with 100% Accomplishment were the Municipalities of Agoo, Aringay, Balaoan, Bauang, Luna, Naguilian, Pugo, San Juan, and Santol.

Awardees for achieving high percentage of LGU budget allocated for health were Municipalities of Aringay, Balaoan, Bangar, Caba, Naguilian, and Rosario.

The PGLU also recognized those who have Strategic Thrusts to Ensure Equitable Health Financing and Improve the performance of the LGU which include the Municipalities of Agoo, Bagulin, Santol, and Tubao.

The Best Implementer of Nutrition Program Initiatives were the Municipalities of Bacnotan, Bauang, and Naguilian while the Best Performing Local

Government Units on Maternal, Neonatal, Child Health, and Nutrition Program was the Municipality of Balaoan.

Recognition was also given to DOH-Accredited Primary Care Facilities to include the Municipal Health Offices of Bagulin, Bauang, Luna, Naguilian, San Gabriel, and Santol.

The Best Performing LGUs on Environmental Sanitation Program were Bagulin, Balaoan, Bauang, Caba, Luna, Naguilian, Pugo, San Juan, and Santol.

Dr. Gretchen F. Aromin who was the LUDH ISO Lead Auditor for 2017-2019; Dr. Zenserly D. Pagaduan LUDH ISO Lead Auditor 2019-2020; Mr. Alexander N. Flores LUDH ISO Lead Auditor 2020-2021; Ms. Sharon A. Fontanilla LUDH ISO Lead Auditor 2017-2023; and Mr. Marlon C. Runas LUDH ISO Assistant Lead Auditor 2017-2019; Head, Document Control Custodian 2017-2019 were also recognized for their services.

Spotlight was also given to National Awardees including the

Caba District Hospital for being the DOH Star Awardee and Seal of Good Local Governance Awardees for the Local Government Units of Agoo, Aringay, Bacnotan, Bagulin, Balaoan, Bangar, Bauang, Burgos, Caba, Luna, Naguilian, Rosario, San Juan, Santo Tomas, Sudipen, and Tubao.

Special Awardees for providing Technical Assistance were Mr. Kenje Paningbatan of LGU Luna and Mr. Alfred Bambao of LGU Bauang.

The event culminated with the presentation of best practices and accomplishments in various health programs by the MHOs Santol, Agoo, and Balaoan. All presenters highlighted their love for their job which fuels them to do their best for the betterment of the community.

In his closing message, Provincial Health Officer II Dr. Eduardo S. Posadas said, "Our vision for health is Healthy La Union, Happy La Union by 2025 and I'm very sure we will attain this vision by 2025. Again, Congratulations po sa lahat."

La Union healthcare workers have once again manifested their commitment to La Union PROBINSYAnihan through their strong efforts and support in promoting the health and wellness of Kaprobinsiaan. The PGLU continues to celebrate these unsung heroes of society who deserve to be recognized for giving quality healthcare services to the community.

LA UNION COMMUNICATORS UNITE IN COMMUNITY 2023, SERVE AS SPRINGBOARD IN CREATING LA UNION COMMUNITY PRESS CORPS

Camille R. Bumatay, PIO

With the ultimate goal of uniting individuals committed to bringing informed kaprobinsiaan and decision-makers, around 400 participants joined the largest gathering of communication practitioners and students in the province entitled COMMunity: PROBINSYAnihan in La Union through Communication organized by the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) under the leadership of Gov. Rhaquelle Veronica "Rafy" Ortega-David on November 13, 2023 at the Speaker Pro Tempore Francisco I. Ortega Convention Center (La Union Convention Center), Sevilla, City of San Fernando, La Union.

Practical topics in applying communication were discussed including Communicating Your Passion by Licensed Health Physician and Online Content Creator, Dr. Kilimanguru; Story Telling through Visual Arts by Model and Designer Selina Woo Bhang; and Entertainment in the Modern Estate: Tiktok, Streaming, and Reels by Coach Abby, Mary Clarence Reyes, and Hans Galendez of Tier One Entertainment; and Innovating the Reel: The Modern Content Creator by Ramon Bautista.

In her message, Gov. Rafy emphasized each individual's role in disseminating right and verified information and said,

"Iba iba man ang ating mga ginagawa ngunit lahat tayo ay contributors sa pagdisseminate ng right information sa ating mga kaprobinsiaan; lahat tayo ay sama samang lumalaban sa fake news at disinformation...we also want to empower you as communication agents, kasama po kayo sa La Union PROBINSYAnihan."

Among the attendees were La Union Information Officers from the different Local Government Units, Government Agencies, and PGLU Offices, Librarians, Media and Influencers, Senior High School Students and Teachers, and La Union residents. First District Board Member Chary Nisce was also present during the event.

"Agyamankami unay, Provincial Government of La Union for having this COMMunity: La Union PROBINSYAnihan through Communication. It was an honor to be one of the participants in this biggest gathering of communicators in our Province. Agyamankami iti aglaplapananan nga adal nga inkami naamwan iti daytoy nga aldaw! Kudos to all of those people behind this event especially to the Provincial Government of La Union led by Gov. Rafy Ortega-David!" expressed Ayla Fae Boadilla Medriano, one of the participants of COMMunity2023.

The activity was organized with the Provincial Information Office's alignment to the strategic roadmap to strengthen citizen engagement and feedback. It also serves as a springboard for organizing the province-

wide La Union COMMunity Press Corps by encouraging kaprobinsiaan to register at bit.ly/LUCOMMunity2023 to take part in La Union PROBINSYAnihan in building an active and engaged citizenry.



FORMALIZING COLLABORATION: PGLU, UPLB SEAL PARTNERSHIP IN MOA SIGNING CEREMONY

Office of the Provincial Planning and Development Coordinator

Venturing towards sustainability and forging partnerships, a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) and the University of the Philippines Los Baños (WILUP UPLB) was signed to adapt the Ridge-to-Reef (R2R) or Watershed Ecological Management (WEM) Approach on November 24, 2023 at the Hotel Ariana, Paringao, Bauang, La Union. The signing ceremony provides potential integration of the R2R/WEM approach in the updating of the Provincial Development Physical Framework Plan (PDPFP) of the Province.

Gov. Raphaelle Veronica "Rafy" Ortega-David expressed her warm welcome and heartfelt gratitude to UPLB for choosing the Province as their partner to push through approaches that could lead to sustainability development in the Province with the integration of R2R/WEM approach in the updating of the PDPFP in her message delivered by Provincial Administrator Agness Grace A. Cargamento. Hence, this momentous event calls for the Province's drive to La Union PROBINSYAnihan. "That being said, the MOA undertaking we will have today symbolizes that the UPLB is now a part of the La

Union PROBINSYAnihan," she said.

Under the agreement, it seeks to implement projects such as the review and preparation of the Integrated Watershed Management Plans of watersheds that are wholly or in part within the administrative boundary of PGLU; updating of the PDPFP using the R2R framework; and the formulation of the Local Climate Change Action Plan for the Province of La Union.

Also present in the event were Dr. Jose V. Camacho, Jr., Chancellor; UPLB joined by Dr. Rex Vito O. Cruz, UPLB Professor Emeritus; Mr. Mario O. Tercero, UPLB Assistant Professor; Dr. Vida Carandang, also from UPLB; PGLU Department Heads, EnP. Michaela Louise T. Delfinado, Provincial Planning and Development Coordinator; Ms. Catherine E. Franco, Provincial Budget Officer; Ms. Janet D. Molina, Provincial Treasurer; and Mr. Aurelano F. Rullodan III Provincial

Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officer.

The activity also highlighted the conduct of the Regional Policy Forum and the Capability Training Needs Assessment on R2R/WEM approach to CLUPs and PDPFPs participated in by representatives from each component LGUs in the Province of La Union; Academe; selected National Government Agencies; and various Provincial Government Units in Region I and CAR. The forum aims to provide discussions of various issues and challenges in the adoption of the R2R/WEM approach in the formulation and revision of the said plans.

The MOA signing ceremony anticipated a fruitful dialogue that culminated in a collaborative partnership to weave the principles of R2R/WEM into the fabric of La Union's development framework, ensuring a harmonious and sustainable trajectory for the province's future.



PGLU IMPROVES EMPLOYABILITY OF LA UNION YOUTH

Rowell B. Timoteo, GPC-PESO

Improving the core employability skills of young jobseekers and increasing their confidence and good work ethics when they enter the labor market as part of the workforce, the Provincial Government of La Union through the Public Employment Service Office successfully conducted the Employability Enhancement Training for Young Jobseekers at the Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University (DMMMSU) Covered Court, Catbangen, City of San Fernando, La Union.

The activity was divided into two batches and attended by 1,825 participants coming from the different college departments of Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University – Mid La Union Campus (DMMMSU-MLUC). It was conducted in partnership with the (DMMMSU-MLUC) through their school-based PESO.

On behalf of Gov. Raphaelle Veronica "Rafy" Ortega-David, Executive Assistant, Justo H.

Orros III delivered her message to the young jobseekers, "Your first step into the professional world is not just about finding a job; it's about discovering your potential, embracing new challenges, and building the foundation for a successful career."

DMMMSU-MLUC Chancellor, Dr. Eduardo C. Corpuz, through the Students Affair Services Head, Ms. Dodilyn D. Bermudez, also expressed his sincere gratitude to all collaborating partner agencies and active participation of the young jobseekers in the activity.

"Allow me to thank our benefactors from PESO, PGLU, and TESDA for sharing their time and resources with us, especially to you are dear graduating students. Soon you will leave the Mid La Union campus to face the reality of life. As soon-to-be professionals, you are now going to end the chapter of your student's life and start your career life."

PGLU-PESO and DMMMSU Trabaho Center invited Resource Speakers from the PGLU-Provincial Information Office, Ms. Darbie Ann R. Fernandez

who talked about You and Your Career; Technical Education and Skills Development Authority – La Union (TESDA-La Union), Ms. Juvy C. Cahiga discussed the topics on TESDA Competency Assessment and Entrepreneurship/Self-Employment; DMMMSU-MLUC, Ms. Dodilyn R. Bermudez shared about the Trabaho Center Programs and Services and Provincial PESO Manager, Ms. Charito C. Dator oriented the young jobseekers on PESO Programs and the Find Jobs La Union Employment Portal.

The Employability Enhancement Training for young jobseekers aims to raise awareness on nurturing the employability skills that are essential for their future success and to assist them to acquire a better understanding of what it means to land a job in the world of work. In La Union PROBINSYAnihan, the PGLU supports activities including job-readiness training, job search assistance, and career guidance for all the jobseekers in the province.



PGLU UNDERSCORES IMPORTANCE OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES IN THE PROVINCE; BALLAYGI CARAVAN ROLLS TO PROMOTE, CELEBRATE IPs' RIGHTS, CULTURE

Lorena C. Luna, GPC-LUPTO

The Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) through the La Union Provincial Tourism Office-Culture and the Arts Unit (LUPTO-CAU) partnered with the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) in celebrating the National Indigenous Peoples (IPs) Month through a two-day Caravan dubbed as Ballaygi on November 16-17, 2023 at the Municipality of Santol, La Union.

Ballaygi, which started on November 16, 2023, aims to

empower IPs as it focuses on capacitating around 150 IPs from Santol, La Union. First aid training, haircut and massage training were taught to them which were facilitated by TESDA, Department of Health and Philippine Red Cross.

On the second day of the Ballaygi, a culminating program was conducted highlighting the performance of Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University Chorale and LUSSCANinan Cultural group.

In a heartfelt message delivered by Dr. Eleazar Belgica, Executive Assistant, Gov. Raphaelle Veronica "Rafy" Ortega-David underscored the province's commitment to prioritize the welfare of the IPs.

"Dahil mahalaga po kayo sa amin, kasama po kayong mga IPs sa aming mga binubuong plano at mga proyekto upang mapaganda pa ang inyong pamumuhay," states the governor's message, emphasizing the integral role of IPs in shaping the province's future plans and projects for them.

Beyond cultural festivities, the Ballaygi Caravan offered free services catering to the needs and well-being of the IPs. These services included Medical and Dental mission, Sukat Bukel Program, Job Fair,

Free Legal Assistance, Free Land Assessment, and the Free provision of Vegetable seeds.

The occasion was also graced with the presence of Hon. Magno Wailan, Municipal Mayor; Atty. Marvin Biligan of the National Commission on Indigenous People Regional Office; and Mr. Julius Manabat, Supervising Tourism Operations Officer of the LUPTO.

The Ballaygi Caravan stands as a testament to the PGLU's commitment to La Union PROBINSYAnihan in fostering inclusivity, preserving cultural heritage, and providing support for the IPs of La Union. Through initiatives like these, the province aims to create a more equitable and empowered society, where every community member plays a vital role in shaping the future.



LEGISLATIVE CORNER

YOUTHFUL PUBLIC SERVICE CONTINUES IN LA UNION; SP PAYS TRIBUTE TO BM ALYSSA SIBUMA, WELCOMES NEW SK FED PREXY

Jiroh Joy D. Marbella and Rafael C. Mosuela, GPC-SP

After a remarkable five-year tenure as Provincial Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) President of the Province of La Union, Hon. Alyssa Kristine B. Sibuma bid farewell to her position, leaving a legacy of inspiration and impact on the lives of young people in the province.

The 23rd Sangguniang Panlalawigan (SP) of La Union bid farewell to outgoing Ex-Officio Sangguniang Panlalawigan Member (SPM) Hon. Alyssa Kristine B. Sibuma during the Send-off Program on November 28, 2023 at Vista La Vita, San Vicente, City of San Fernando, La Union.

The send-off program for BM Alyssa was a celebration of her dedicated service in steering the SK Federation of La Union towards positive growth. As she concluded her term, BM Alyssa expressed her gratitude to Vice Gov. Mario Eduardo C. Ortega, and the members of the 23rd SP. Likewise, she extended her heartfelt gratitude to the SP Secretariat headed by then SP Secretary Donato A. Rimando and now with Acting SP Sec. Jane T. Flores, and her office staff for the unwavering support and guidance throughout her tenure. She shared insights gained from

her experiences, as well as her most memorable SP memories and lessons she learned as a provincial legislator. She also emphasized the importance of unity and collaboration in achieving the goals for the SK and for the youth sector as a whole.

She chaired the committees on Energy and on Youth and Sports development. As chair on the youth, she initiated a lot of sports activities and sports clinics throughout the province intended for the youth for them to stay away from drugs and other harmful vices. Aside from this, she authored several landmark legislations for the Province of La Union, such as the Youth Development Code, La Union Annual Youth TAOID Camp and Institutionalizing Elyulympics as the Annual Inter-Local Government Unit Sports Cup.

The send-off program was attended by various local government officials including former SPM Nancy Corazon M. Bacurnay and former Vice Gov. Aureo Augusto Q. Nisce, community leaders, outgoing and incoming SK Federation Presidents of the province, youth representatives, her family and Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) Department heads who acknowledged BM Alyssa's exemplary leadership and contributions to the SP and to the whole PGLU. A resolution of commendation along with her table sign was presented to her as tokens of appreciation for her remarkable service.

Vice Gov. Ortega, in his message, thanked Hon. Alyssa Kristine B. Sibuma for her excellent public service as a legislator and youth leader. He added that he admired her youthful energy and on how she used this energy in bringing about positive change in the community.

Following the send-off, the spotlight shifted to the introduction and welcoming of the new set of officers of the SK Federation of La Union, with Hon. Harold Dave E. Sibuma of Aringay, La Union assuming the mantle of SK leadership in the province. The young leaders took their responsibilities, pledging to uphold the principles of service, accountability, and empowerment of the youth in the community.

In his inaugural address, SK President Harold expressed his commitment to building on the foundation laid by his predecessor. He pledged to give his utmost commitment to fulfill his duties as a Board Member of the Province of La Union. Additionally, he extended his appreciation to all the newly elected SK Presidents of the LGUs within the province.

The event was not only a transition of leadership for the provincial youth leaders but also a celebration of the resilience and dynamism of the young leaders of La Union. It marked the beginning of a new chapter for the SK La Union Federation, symbolizing the continuity of service and dedication to the welfare of the youth who are vital in the continuing pursuit of La Union PROBINSYAnihan.



PGLU EMPOWERS LOCAL LEGISLATION, CONFERS 1ST PROVINCIAL LOCAL LEGISLATIVE AWARD

Rhea Matilde A. Ballesteros and Jiroh Joy D. Marbella, GPC-SP

In recognition of the exemplary performance of the Local Sanggunian of the province particularly in the field of legislation, the Provincial Government of La Union led by Gov. Rhaquelle Veronica "Rafy" Ortega-David conferred the first Provincial Local Legislative Award on November 24, 2023 at Vista la Vita, City of San Fernando, La Union.

11 out of the 20 component Local Government Units (LGUs) competed for the award. Each LGU has undergone a rigorous and objective evaluation process conducted by the Provincial Selection Committee composed of private and government experts in the field of law, legislation, and governance from September 14 to October 12, 2023.

The Sangguniang Bayan of Santol was hailed as Champion while the Sangguniang Bayan of Bangar and the Sangguniang Bayan of Bacnotan placed 1st Runner-up and 2nd Runner-up respectively. The three Sangguniang Bayans also obtained the highest rating score and were accorded the Most Outstanding Sangguniang Bayan Award.

Hon. Francisco Paolo P. Ortega V, Representative of the 1st Congressional District of the province, Vice Gov. Mario Eduardo

C. Ortega, and the Honorable Members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan (SP) accorded each awardee with SP Resolution, plaque, corresponding cash prizes, and printers.

Likewise, the other participating legislative bodies from Agoo, Bauang, Burgos, Naguilian, Pugo, San Juan, Rosario, and the City of San Fernando were given a resolution and consolation prizes.

With the theme, "Legislating for Progress: Celebrating the Power of Local Legislation," the awarding ceremony celebrated the dedication, commitment, and responsiveness of the local legislative bodies to their mandate and in advancing transformative local governance by enacting meaningful legislation and promoting the welfare and development of its communities, municipality, and the province as well.

Vice Gov. Ortega delivered the message of Gov. Rafy wherein she commended the awardees for their outstanding contributions and encouraged them to continue their excellent work in service to their communities and the province as well.

Con. Paolo Ortega V, meanwhile highlighted the role of the legislative body in nation-building, emphasizing its significance in shaping and guiding the trajectory of the country's development. He also offered the services of their office for the needed support and assistance of the local legislative bodies.

Meanwhile, the Provincial Selection Committee chaired by the Provincial Director Reggie R. Colisao of the Department of the Interior and Local Government La Union Provincial Office was also recognized.

The Conferment of the 2023 Provincial Local Legislative Award was a momentous occasion that underscored the importance of recognizing and promoting good governance practices at the local level, fostering the sense of La Union PROBINSYAnihan and commitment among Local Sanggunians to continually raise the bar in public service.



PGLU FINANCIAL REPORT 4TH QUARTER 2023

FDP Form 7 - 20% Component of the NTA Utilization

20% COMPONENT OF THE NTA UTILIZATION FOR THE 4TH QUARTER CY 2023

Province of La Union	Programs/Projects/Activities	Location	Appropriation	Date Started	Target Completion Date	Project Status		No. of Extensions, if any	Remarks
						% of Completion	Total Cost Incurred to date		
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT									
	Medical, Dental Outreach Program								
	Drugs and Medicines Expense	La Union	15,000,000.00	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	39.61%	5,941,329.30		
	Medical, Dental, Laboratory Supplies Expense	La Union	5,000,000.00	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	49.26%	2,462,860.00		
	Upgrading and Maintenance of PGLU Hospitals and Isolation Facilities								
	Upgrading of Roofing at Ramp of Dialysis Center Building and Construction of Fire Escape at Hospital Main Building of Bacnotan District Hospital	La Union	3,750,000.00	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	-	-		
	Procurement of Negative Pressure Machines for the Upgrading of Balaosan District Hospital Ventilation for Isolation Rooms	La Union	2,500,000.00	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	-	-		
	Procurement of Air Conditioners for the Upgrading of Balaosan District Hospital Ventilation for Isolation Rooms	La Union	1,000,000.00	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	-	-		
	Renovation and Improvement of Balaosan District Hospital (Rooms, Ward, Quarters, and Conference Halls)	La Union	2,000,000.00	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	-	-		
	Renovation and Improvement of Hospital Main Building of Balaosan District Hospital (Comfort Rooms)	La Union	750,000.00	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	-	-		
	Damorts Barangay Health Station with birthing facility	La Union	9,000,000.00	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	50.92%	4,582,755.00		
	Amoritos Barangay Health Station with birthing facility	La Union	9,000,000.00	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	49.85%	4,486,500.00		
	Provision of Assistive Devices for Senior Citizens								
	a. Wheelchairs	La Union	2,000,000.00	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	0.00%	-		
	b. Crutches	La Union	2,000,000.00	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	0.00%	-		
	c. Eyeglasses	La Union	3,000,000.00	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	0.00%	-		
	d. Hearing aid	La Union	3,500,000.00	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	0.00%	-		
	Provision of Assistive Devices for PWDs								
	a. Wheelchairs	La Union	3,000,000.00	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	0.00%	-		
	b. Crutches	La Union	2,000,000.00	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	0.00%	-		
	c. Eyeglasses	La Union	1,000,000.00	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	0.00%	-		
	d. Prosthesis	La Union	2,000,000.00	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	0.00%	-		
	e. Hearing aid	La Union	1,500,000.00	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	0.00%	-		
	Logistical Support to Barangays (Purchase of Garbage Trucks, Equipment for Environmental Management, Ambulance, Other Medical Equipment, etc.)	La Union	107,800,000.00	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	0.00%	-		
Bacnotan District Hospital									
Bureau of Fire Requirements									
	a. Provision of pump for the sprinkler system of the old and new building	La Union	10,000,000.00	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	14.98%	1,497,752.64		
	Completion of the Hospital Main Building as per Master Plan - Repair and Improvement of Nurse's Station, 2nd Floor Annex Building	La Union	200,000.00	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	0.00%	-		
	Upgrading and Maintenance of Medical Equipment - Medical Equipment (3 units AED, 3 units ECG)	La Union	1,200,000.00	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	0.00%	-		
	Construction of Triage/Waiting Area of BDH	La Union	5,000,000.00	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	0.00%	-		
Balaosan District Hospital									
	Upgrading of hospital roofing	La Union	1,000,000.00	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	0.00%	-		
	Repainting of Hospital Building and Water Reservoir	La Union	750,000.00	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	0.00%	-		
	Purchase of medical, x-ray, dental, OR, DR and laboratory equipment - Medical Equipment (3 AED, 3 ECG)	La Union	1,200,000.00	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	0.00%	-		
Bureau of Fire Requirements									
	a. Installation of Automatic Sprinkler System and Fire Hydrant	La Union	2,000,000.00	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	0.00%	-		
	b. Replacement/Installation of exit lights and emergency lights	La Union	275,000.00	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	0.00%	-		
	c. Installation of fire extinguishers at new building	La Union	50,000.00	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	0.00%	-		
	Purchase of Medical/Surgical Instruments and Supplies	La Union	1,000,000.00	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	0.00%	-		
Caba District Hospital									
	Upgrading/expansion of Laboratory Unit in compliance to DOH A.O. No. 2021-0037	La Union	1,000,000.00	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	0.00%	-		
	Completion of DEWATS Phase 2	La Union	2,000,000.00	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	0.00%	-		
	Purchase of various medical equipment - Medical Equipment (3 AED, 3 ECG)	La Union	1,200,000.00	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	0.00%	-		
Naguilian District Hospital									
	Compliance to the Fire Code of the Philippines (RA 9514)	La Union	5,000,000.00	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	0.00%	-		
	Purchase and installation of air cons (inverter type) to the new annex building, (1.0HP - 11 units, 1.5HP-26 units; 2HP-1 unit, 2.5HP - 3 units)	La Union	2,500,000.00	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	0.00%	-		
	Installation of Automatic Transfer Switch (ATS) of the existing generators as compliance to DOH licensing requirement	La Union	400,000.00	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	0.00%	-		
	Facility of NEW Building (PA System)								
	Purchase and installation of paging system for faster communication	La Union	1,000,000.00	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	0.00%	-		
	Purchase and installation of sound system at the conference room								
Upgrading and Maintenance of Medical Equipment									
	a. Medical Equipment (BAED, 3 ECG)	La Union	1,200,000.00	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	0.00%	-		
	b. OR Equipment	La Union	2,000,000.00	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	0.00%	-		
Rosario District Hospital									
	Compliance to the Fire Code of the Phils. (RA 9514)	La Union	5,000,000.00	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	0.00%	-		
Upgrading and Maintenance of Medical Equipment									
	Procurement of Equipment								
	-Medical Equipment (BAED, 3 ECG)	La Union	1,200,000.00	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	0.00%	-		
	-Medical and Laboratory Equipment	La Union	2,000,000.00	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	0.00%	-		
	Completion of the DEWATS Phase III	La Union	1,000,000.00	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	0.00%	-		
	Repair and maintenance of Buildings	La Union	150,000.00	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	0.00%	-		
	Repair and Maintenance of LUPAC-Bldg	La Union	8,490,000.00	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	0.00%	-		
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT									
TURDO KEN TAAY: Cultural and Historical Site Preservation and Rehabilitation									
	Continuation of construction and improvement of Kudlak Cave (Phase II)	La Union	6,600,000.00	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	0.00%	-		
	Preservation and Improvement of pathway leading to the Salapac Tunnel	La Union	3,400,000.00	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	0.00%	-		
	Organic (Gulayan sa Barangay for Healthy Living Project of the Province of La Union and Establishment of Provincial Run-organic Garden)	La Union	3,000,000.00	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	0.00%	-		
	Livelihood Assistance (Rabbit Raising for Women)	La Union	1,710,000.00	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	0.00%	-		
	Repair and Upgrading of Ambagat Bridge, Mangunay Bridge and Balaosan-Santol Provincial Road, Santol, La Union	La Union	26,000,000.00	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	71.89%	18,691,033.50		
	Upgrading/Rehabilitation/Improvement of Ortega Street, City of San Fernando, La Union	La Union	6,000,000.00	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	99.80%	5,988,128.54		
	Upgrading/Improvement of Gagu-Zigzag Road, City of San Fernando La Union	La Union	2,000,000.00	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	99.79%	1,995,728.71		
	Rehabilitation of San Francisco-Canoaya Farm to Market Road (Phase II)	La Union	6,000,000.00	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	0.00%	-		
ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT									
	Assistance to LGUs in the establishment of Landfill								
	LGU Burgos	La Union	11,000,000.00	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	0.00%	-		
	LGU San Juan (Landfill Cell)	La Union	11,000,000.00	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	0.00%	-		
	LGU Sudipen (Landfill Cell)	La Union	11,000,000.00	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	0.00%	-		
	Establishment of Material Recovery Facility for Dhs	La Union	3,000,000.00	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	0.00%	-		
	Development of waste Management System for household and LGU-owned Healthcare Facilities (Purchase of Autoclave, Purchase of Heater Truck & Treatment Facility)	La Union	1,500,000.00	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	0.00%	-		
	Assistance to LGUs in the establishment of Wastewater Treatment Facility (sewerage, septage, etc.)	La Union	4,746,598.00	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	0.00%	-		
	Establishment of Rain Water Collector/Harvester for LGUs	La Union	500,000.00	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	0.00%	-		
	Awarding of Women in the Search for the Cleanest, Safest and Greenest LGUs	La Union	19,000,000.00	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	0.00%	-		
	Implementation of the Ordinance on the protection, conservation and management of coastal and aquatic resources (CRM Ord. No. 177-2021)	La Union	1,000,000.00	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	0.00%	-		
	TOTAL		350,071,598.00			13.04%	45,646,087.69		

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RAPHAELE VERONICA "RAPHY" ORTEGA-DAVID
Provincial Governor

FDP Form 11 - SEF Utilization

MANPOWER COMPLIMENT

Nature of Appointment or Employment	Number	Compensation and Other Benefits		Total
		Salary and Wages	Other Monetary Benefits	
a. Permanent	1,476	480,071,918.89	39,273,711.87	76,144,607.00
b. Contractual				
c. Job Order	425	8,490,000.00	1,549,000.00	66,770,083.48
Grand Total	1,901	548,831,918.89	40,822,711.87	84,344,790.52

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Notes:

- Contractual personnel are those whose appointment by the government is by agreement with a special contract to undertake a specific work on job, reporting period or for fixed term, not suitable for the employing agency, to be re-considered within a specific period, which is no more than one year, except for those who are engaged in specific work or job, under his own responsibility with a minimum of discipline and supervision from the hiring agency. (Source: RA 9501/Sec. 2 (D) of the Act)
- Treatment of Services from Other Sources are employees whose services are not considered government services and do not enjoy the benefits enjoyed by government employees. This job or service contract is not a permanent job but a job that is not continuing in nature or a daily basis. (Source: Department Order Implementing Rule 17 of the Civil Service Law)

Notes:

- Personnel Position includes a career position but excludes positions that are not permanent positions.
- Contractual Position includes contract, non-permanent, temporary, etc.
- Job Order/Contract Position includes Contract, non-permanent, temporary, etc. but excludes positions that are not permanent positions.

STATEMENT OF DEBT SERVICE

GENERAL FUND	Creditor	Date Contracted	Term (in years)	Principal Amount (P)	Principal		Interest		Amount Due for CY 2024		Balance of the Principal (Q)
					Original	Accrued	Original	Accrued	Original	Accrued	
					(R)	(S)	(T)	(U)	(V)	(W)	
	Land Bank of the Philippines	August 20, 2018	10	179,450,980.00	83,948,446.01	40,018,276.16	123,966,722.17	20,466,540.84	5,538,688.19	28,005,229.03	75,043,993.15
	Land Bank of the Philippines	February 8, 2022	10	190,000,000.00	-	5,780,650.89	5,780,650.89	21,686,866.87	11,770,034.25	33,386,700.92	173,333,333.33
	TOTAL			374,450,980.00	83,948,446.01	45,798,927.05	129,747,373.06	42,153,407.71	17,285,222.44	61,391,929.95	248,377,326.48

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Provincial Governor

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

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the Fourth Quarter Ended December 31, 2023		Province: LA UNION
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Cash Inflows:		
Collection from Taxpayers	26,325,541.88	
Share from National Tax Allotment	425,244,501.00	
Receipts from business/service income	53,946,292.14	
Collection of Receivables	23,741,925.91	
Receipt of Interest Income	5,798,932.23	
Other Receipts	98,786,011.78	
Total Cash Inflow	633,843,204.94	
Cash Outflows:		
Payment of Expenses	4,975,911.98	
Payments to Suppliers/Creditors	275,216,950.37	
Payments to Employees	300,191,954.87	
Interest Expenses	3,338,875.35	
Other Disbursements	140,423,428.43	
Total Cash Outflow	724,147,121.00	
Net Cash from Operating Activities		(90,303,916.06)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:		
Cash Inflows:		
From Sale of Property, Plant and Equipment	101,425.00	
From Sale of Debt Securities of Other Entities	-	
From Collection of Principal on Loans to Other Entities	-	
Total Cash Inflow	101,425.00	
Cash Outflows:		
To Purchase Property, Plant and Equipment	350,401,792.70	
To Purchase Debt Securities of Other Entities	-	
To Grant/Make Loans to Other Entities	-	
Total Cash Outflow	350,401,792.70	
Net Cash from Investing Activities		(350,300,367.70)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:		
Cash Inflows:		
From Issuance of Debt Securities	-	
From Acquisition of Loan	22,118,428.35	
Total Cash Inflow	22,118,428.35	
Cash Outflows:		
Payment of Loan Am		

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

LOCAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT FUND UTILIZATION
For the 4th Quarter, CY 2023
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	27,030,780.00	59,794,954.70				86,825,734.70
Continuing Appropriations		51,334,443.00				51,334,443.00
Previous Year's Appropriations transferred to the Special Trust Fund		65,726,234.51				65,726,234.51
Transfers/Grants						
Total Funds Available	27,030,780.00	176,855,632.21				203,886,412.21
B. Utilization						
Payment to Medspecs Solutions, Inc. for the purchase of medical supplies for the use of PDRRMO, V# 4131, Check 2235376, JEV-2023-10-013032		46,000.00				46,000.00
Payment of financial assistance to Nila O. Camiguing, of Brgy Cabua-an, Balaon, La Union for (fire victim) whose house was totally damaged by fire. V#4364, Chk#2235246, JEV-2023-10-013337		30,000.00				30,000.00
Medical oxygen refill for use at PDRRMO ambulance. (PCV) JEV-2023-10-013516		3,100.00				3,100.00
Tarpaulin used during the conduct of Basic ICS Training Course. (PCV) JEV-2023-10-013516		2,535.00				2,535.00
Payment of honorarium to Freddie C. Evangelista et.al during the Basic Incident Command System Training last August 29-31, 2023. V#39, JEV-2023-10-013630		26,000.00				26,000.00
Payment to E.C. Palaroan Catering Services for meals and snacks served during the Ambulance Operation Training and Incident Command Training Level 1, V#4439 Chk#2236204, JEV-2023-10-013647		171,450.00				171,450.00
Payment to Spartan 3 Trading Corporation for the disaster and rescue		7,717,200.00				7,717,200.00
Payment to Metrovision Customized Printing and General Mdse. for the family packs - food items to be used as stockpile and to be distributed during calamities and emergencies. V#4579, Chk#2236233, JEV-2023-10-014133		837,200.00				837,200.00
Payment to A-RAMP TRADING for the drug and medicines to be used during Emergency Operations of PDRRMO. V#4644, Chk#2236132, JEV-2023-11-014601		14,970.00				14,970.00
Medical oxygen refill for use at PDRRMO ambulance. (PCV) JEV-2023-11-015146		3,750.00				3,750.00
Payment to Dandreb Casuga et.al for their honorarium as speakers /facilitators for the Integrated Planning course on Incident Command System Training on October 9-13, 2023, V#4727, Chk#2236270-721-2236208-2236273, JEV-2023-11-015147		40,000.00				40,000.00
Payment of financial assistance (fire victim) to Lanibelle G. Bumatay of Brgy Gueset, Naguilian, La Union whose house was partially damaged by fire. V#5248, Chk#2237684		10,000.00				10,000.00
Payment of financial assistance (fire victim) to Dolly Tolentino of Brgy Gueset, Naguilian, La Union whose house was totally damaged by fire. V#5279, Chk#2237683		30,000.00				30,000.00
Payment to Toyota La Union for the repair of rescue vehicle with plate no. SAA-2071 (Hi-Ace Grandia) of the PDRRMO. V#5358, Chk#2237700		20,000.00				20,000.00
Payment to AMRMR Forwarders, Inc for fuel expenses of the rescue for the Medical oxygen refill for use at PDRRMO ambulance, PCV, JEV-2023-12-018443		2,050.00				2,050.00
Repair and maintenance of jetski (repair of sparkplug), PCV, JEV-2023-12-018443		2,650.00				2,650.00
Tarpaulin used during the conduct of Position Course Training on ICS, PCV JEV-2023-12-018443		200.00				200.00
Payment to E.C. Palaroan for meals and snacks served during the Hasar Training (1st Batch - Sudipen) and ICS level 2 Integrated Planning by PDRRMO. V# 5338, Chk#2237650, JEV-2023-12-018941		224,875.00				224,875.00
Payment to E.C. Palaroan for meals and snacks served during the Open Water Scuba and distribution of IEC by PDRRMO, V#5311, Chk#2238037, JEV-2023-12-018944		132,040.00				132,040.00
Total Utilization	-	9,376,985.40	-	-	-	9,376,985.40
Unutilized Balance	27,030,780.00	167,478,646.81	-	-	-	194,509,426.81

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FDP Form 6 - Trust Fund Utilization

CONSOLIDATED QUARTERLY REPORT ON GOVERNMENT PROJECTS, PROGRAMS or ACTIVITIES
FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER, CY 2023

Program or Project	Location	Total Cost	Date Started	Target Completion Date	Project Status		No. of Extensions, if any	Remarks
					% of Completion	Total Cost Incurred to Date		
STY Egly Rehabilitation And Recovery Program	La Union	10,371,100.00	12/06/23	12/31/23	0.00%	-		
Health Emergency Allowance (HEA) - Caba District Hospital	La Union	6,000.00	12/06/23	12/31/23	100.00%	6,000.00		HEA for July 2021
Health Emergency Allowance (HEA) - Balaon District Hospital	La Union	1,286,750.00	11/07/23	12/31/23	100.00%	1,286,750.00		HEA for July and August 2021
Health Emergency Allowance (HEA) - Bacnotan District Hospital	La Union	1,641,750.00	11/07/23	12/31/23	100.00%	1,629,750.00		HEA for July and August 2021
Health Emergency Allowance (HEA) - Naguilian District Hospital	La Union	1,286,500.00	11/07/23	12/31/23	100.00%	1,286,500.00		HEA for July and August 2021
Health Emergency Allowance (HEA) - Rosario District Hospital	La Union	1,145,500.00	11/07/23	12/31/23	100.00%	1,103,500.00		HEA for July and August 2021
Sponsorship Assistance of the Philippine Sports Commission for the Senator Sonny Angara's 1st Elyu Friendship League	La Union	1,500,000.00	10/27/23	12/31/23	68.03%	1,020,500.00		
2023 Healthy Settings Program	La Union	1,196,680.00	10/24/23	12/31/23	0.00%	-		
Cash Assistance from the Office of the President in the recovery efforts from ST Egly	La Union	15,000,000.00	07/29/23	12/31/23	87.14%	13,070,275.00		
Province-Led Agriculture and Fisheries Extension System (PAFES) 2023	La Union	700,000.00	07/24/23	12/31/23	0.00%	-		
Health Emergency Allowance (HEA) - PHO and PDRRMO	La Union	4,618,000.00	07/07/23	12/31/23	100.00%	4,587,250.00		HEA for April and May 2022
Fixed Tranche Work and Financial Plan 2023 of the Provincial Health Office	La Union	4,293,188.05	01/01/23	12/31/23	13.99%	600,500.00		
Health Facilities Enhancement Program (DOH-HFEP)- Upgrading of Rosario District Hospital to Increase Bed Capacity	La Union	49,976,318.37	12/06/22	04/18/24	61.40%	33,579,088.31		
Health Facilities Enhancement Program (DOH-HFEP)- Upgrading of Naguilian District Hospital to Increase Bed Capacity	La Union	49,972,946.71	12/06/22	04/12/24	53.14%	30,068,222.30		
Fixed Tranche Work and Financial Plan 2022 of the Provincial Health Office	La Union	1,296,516.00	01/01/22	12/31/23	60.22%	780,770.00		
DLF Share (ER 1-94/1590 Energy Corporation)	La Union	2,418,450.86	02/23/21	12/31/22	33.93%	820,591.83		
Fixed Tranche Work and Financial Plan 2021 of the Provincial Health Office	La Union	1,367,056.00	01/01/21	12/31/23	44.44%	607,550.00		
RWMHEEF SHARE (ER 1-94/1590 Energy Corporation)	La Union	7,552,968.09	10/14/20	12/31/22	49.52%	3,739,917.32		
EF Share (ER 1-94/1590 Energy Corporation)	La Union	378,934.64	06/01/20	12/31/22	100.00%	377,365.36		
National Quality Corn Achievers Award 2019	La Union	3,000,000.00	02/05/20	12/31/22	82.85%	2,485,496.00		
Provincial Malaria Elimination & Response/Sustenance of the Malaria Status of the Province	La Union	1,000,000.00	01/31/19	12/31/22	92.35%	923,450.00		
Rice Achievers Award 2015-2016	La Union	4,000,000.00	01/01/18	12/31/22	66.89%	2,675,654.00		

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KAPROBINSIAAN POWERLIFTERS PROVE LA UNION'S LEGACY OF STRENGTH

Celean B. Ortega, GPC-SP

The 23rd Sangguniang Panlalawigan of La Union recognized the victories of powerlifter champions from the province, during its 72nd regular session on November 14, 2023 at the Sangguniang Panlalawigan Building, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union.

Team Barbells & Brews Elyu Strength Lab, led by Coach Jose Virgil Perez, along with Ms. Jomara Chan and Ms. Mikhaila Ortega, conquered the Luzon Open Powerlifting Championships, in July 2023 and the Central North Luzon (CNL) Baguio Power lifting in September 2023. Their relentless strength, hard work,

and dedication not only brought great pride to the province, but also served as an inspiration to the athletes in the province to dream big, work hard, and embrace the challenges that come with pursuing excellence in their sport.

The champs take pride of these victories:

Coach Jose Virgil Perez
Gold and Silver medals under the U93kg Weight-Class, Novice and Open Category
Squats: 225kg Bench-120kg Deadlift: 232.5kg

Jomara Chan
Gold Medalist and National

Record Holder
National Record Holder of Masters I (ages 40-49) at U63 and U69 Weight-Class
Squats: 107.5kg Record Holder
Bench: 50kg Record Holder
Deadlift: 132.5kg Record Holder
Gold Medalist for Raw Nationals (May 2023) and CNL Baguio, (September 2023)

Mikhaila Ortega,
Silver Medalist for Luzon Open (July 2023), CNL Baguio (Sept 2023) and Equipped Nationals (Nov 2023)
U63kg Weight-Class with Competition
Squat: 120kg
Bench Press: 55kg

Deadlift 132.5kg

The CNL Competition in Baguio City was also joined by Ms. Maria Christine Bigornia, a Gold Medalist under the Novice, Open and Masters I 40-49 y/o category along with Zabdiel Pere, who is also a gold medal awardee for the 120 kg Squat.

The Provincial Government of La Union, led by Gov. Raphaelle Veronica "Rafy" Ortega-David, and the Sangguniang Panlalawigan continue to unite to support and recognize La Union athletes who serve as inspiration to all kaprobinsiaan.



KAPROBINSIAAN BODYBUILDERS FINISH STRONG IN NBAU 2023

John Elysar C. Martin, PIO

After months of preparation, the hardwork and determination of Kaprobinsiaan bodybuilder Christian Libunao of Brgy. 1, City of San Fernando, La Union, have finally paid off as he won gold in the Natural Bodybuilding Australia Universe (NBAU) 2023 held at Makati City on November 11, 2023.

Flexing his muscle symmetry and muscularity, Libunao dominated the Men's Fitness Class A Beginners Category.

Presenting himself on the center stage and achieving an award is also a dream come true to Kyle Andre Batin of Brgy. Damortis,

Rosario, La Union. Batin placed fourth in the Men's Fitness Class B Beginners Category.

The Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) led by Gov. Raphaelle Veronica Ortega-David extends its warmest commendation and support to Mr. Libunao and Mr. Batin on their outstanding achievement and exceptional performance that reflects their dedication and perseverance on the said physical activity. Through the spirit of La Union PROBINSYAnihan, PGLU continues to support activities that improves the health and wellness of every kaprobinsiaan.



KAPROBINSIAAN TEACHER CLINCHES TOP 4 IN 2023 LET EXAM

John Elysar C. Martin, PIO

Demonstrating excellence and fortitude, another kaprobinsiaan teacher has triumphed after making it to the roster of topnotchers in the 2023 Licensure Examination for Professional Teachers.

Rosemarie Garcia of Brgy. Poblacion East, Rosario, La Union notched the 4th spot, obtaining a commendable passing rate of 93.80%.

Garcia attributes her remarkable achievement to her rigorous preparation during her review and most importantly prayers. Even if it seems impossible, she wished to be on the Top 8, but she was blessed as she landed on the 4th spot.

"Malaking bagay po kasi ang LET para sa akin dahil sa tagal po naming nagprepare. Tsaka gusto ko po talaga makapasa kasi ito lang way ko para makapagpasalamat sa family ko, lalong lalo na po sa Auntie ko na nagsupport sa akin noong college hanggang nagreview po ako". she said

Further, Garcia dedicate her success to the most important

people in her life- her late parents and brother whom she regards as her guardian angels. They have been her constant source of strength and inspiration in pursuing her dreams.

The 22-year-old La Union pride completed her bachelor's degree in Special Needs Education at the Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University- South La Union Campus (DMMMSU-SLUC in Agoo.

The Provincial Government of La Union led by Gov. Raphaelle Veronica "Rafy" Ortega-David extends its heartfelt congratulations to Ms. Garcia for her exceptional achievement and reaching another significant milestone in her life, underscoring her potential and determination. Her remarkable success is truly a beacon of inspiration for aspiring teachers.

As she move forward to pursue her career in teaching, let us altogether wish her success in her endeavors and may she continue to fulfill her passion in empowering the youth with special needs.



PGLU GOOD NEWS

PGLU BUILDS CHANNEL OF TRANSFORMATIVE EXCELLENCE THROUGH IMS RECERTIFICATION

Charissa Marie E. Go, GPC-HRMU

The Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) continues to move forward to greater heights as it passes the Recertification Audit for the established Integrated Management System (IMS) at the Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union. This embodies excellent compliance and implementation of the ISO 9001:2015, ISO 14001:2015, and ISO 45001:2018 standards in the systems and procedures of the PGLU while ensuring efficient public service delivery to Kaprobinsiaan.

The National Quality Analysis (NQA) Global Certification Body highlighted good points in their audit findings including Commendable commitment of

the top management and staff in implementing and maintaining the IMS; Noteworthy improvement of the documented information related to the IMS; and Continual improvements were evident by the awards and recognition received by the PGLU such as the Best Tourism Promotions Award and Best Event Hosting from the Association of Tourism Officers of the Philippines – Department of Tourism Pearl Awards 2023, Most Competitive Province in Region I and 7th Place Nationwide from the National Competitiveness Council, and 1st Place in the Regional Subaybayani Awards – Provincial Category of the Department of Interior and Local Government, among others. Areas for improvement were also

raised in the audit findings of the NQA.

Indeed, the PGLU sustains a high standard of management system that aims to meet its objectives.

PGLU is envisioned as a hallmark of transformative governance, significantly impacting organizational effectiveness and fostering change and empowerment in the province.



DATA PRIVACY PROTECTION IN PGLU STRENGTHENED; IMPROVES SERVICE DELIVERY, RISK ASSESSMENT

Ma. Ashley A. Ebreo, GPC-ICTU

To further strengthen the privacy and security of all the data collected and processed by the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU), the Office of the Provincial Governor-Information and Communications Technology Unit (OPG-ICTU) in partnership with the Department of Information and Communications Technology Region I (DICT-R1) conducted a three-day training and seminar on the Data Privacy Protection via Video Conferencing.

There were 98 participants from various PGLU Offices and District Hospitals took part in the training and workshops to further understand the significance of data privacy protection.

Ms. Mary Jane B. Nerona, OIC-Technical Operations Divisions Chief of DICT-R1; Mr. Kleve Laren Jullan Ducusin, ILCDB-Regional Focal Person; and Engr. Noel Ramos, Provincial Head of DICT-La Union were also present at the said training.

PGLU's Data Protection Officer Designate Atty. Dominic Jose S. Puzon emphasized the significance of data privacy awareness in each employee's day-to-day job activities. He went on to exhort everyone to put the knowledge they will earn into practice in their daily lives, not only at work.

Mr. Mark Anthony Portabes, a Data Privacy and Cybersecurity Advocate and a DICT Certified Trainer on Data Privacy Protection and Cybersecurity thoroughly discussed the R.A 10173 also known as the Data Privacy Act of 2012, its Declaration of Policy along with its Goals, Principles, and Guidelines; the Rights of Data Subject Respected; the Imposition of Penalties; the Data Privacy and Security Measures Implemented; and the Data Privacy Act of 2012 Rules and Standards.

Participants completed the

forementioned training by attending a Case Study session. The OPG-ICTU Unit Head, Mr. Gerry D. Binas-o, stresses in his closing remarks the significance of handling sensitive and private data because failure to do so can result in fines.

Under the direction of Gov. Rphaelle Veronica "Rafy" Ortega-David and with assistance from the DPO, Atty. Puzon will abide by RA 10173 to ensure that data is exchanged in a way that promotes growth and innovation while preserving individuals' right to privacy. The organization will institutionalize data privacy compliance's five pillars to ensure that information security management conforms to international requirements. Strictly and competently following the act can safeguard firm information and aid in decision-making regarding service delivery and risk assessment in general.



LA UNION RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD FOR KADUA VOLUNTEERISM PROGRAM

Office of the Provincial Planning and Development Coordinator

Acknowledging the invaluable efforts of all volunteers across the nation, the annual celebration of National Volunteers' Month in December recognizes volunteers and organizations who have rendered selfless service and exemplary acts to their communities. For this reason, the Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency (PNVSCA) awarded the exceptional volunteers and Local Government Units (LGUs) during the Search for Outstanding Volunteer (SOV) and Bayanihan Media Awards National Awarding Ceremony 2023 Century Park Hotel, Malate, Manila.

The Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU), received a Citation Award on Volunteerism for its active implementation of various volunteer-engaging programs, continuous engagement of Civil Society Organizations and volunteer individuals in local governance. This award was conferred upon the assessment and evaluation of the existing and developing volunteerism projects

under the Kadua Volunteerism program of the PGLU which includes the establishment of the Volunteer Focal Point System, development of the Kadua Portal, and implementation of volunteering schemes and opportunities with the private sector.

La Union has produced the following 2023 SOV Regional Awardees: Mr. John Paul F. Naoe, Individual-Youth Category; Ms.

Kristel Gizelle A. Beñas, Individual-Adult Category; and Lupon ng mga Indibidwal na Nangangalaga sa Kalikasan, Inc. (LINK, Inc.), Organization-Non-Profit. These awardees were recognized for their exemplary achievements in empowering their communities through volunteerism for nation-building.

In attendance at the event were several National Government Agencies who committed to

integrating volunteerism in the planning and development of the PGLU. The event was also graced with the presence of Dir. Donald James D. Gawe, Executive Director of the PNVSCA, who ingrained within the hearts of the participants and awardees that "Volunteerism not only enriches the lives of others but also that of our own."

His sentiment was affirmed by Atty. Karlo Alexei B. Nograles, Chairperson of the Civil Service Commission and NVM Honorary Chair who recognized that "Volunteerism is the embodiment of compassion, selflessness and the desire to create meaningful change. It is an expression of innate humanity and a testament to our shared values as a society."

To further its pursuit of La Union PROBINSYAnihan, the PGLU will dedicate more programs and activities to fostering a culture of volunteerism towards transformative governance grounded on kindness, compassion, and unity to mold a Province worth living in.

