

## *BU launches Jesse M. Robredo Institute of Local Governance*



**In** order to give honor to the legacy of the late DILG Secretary Jesse M. Robredo, the Bicol University dedicated its Institute of Local Governance by renaming it as BICOL UNIVERSITY Jesse M. Robredo Institute of Local Governance (JMR-ILG) in ceremonies held on September 19, 2012.

The launching ceremony was highlighted by the unveiling of the JMR-ILG marker led by BU President Dr. Fay Lea Patria M. Lauraya, Atty. Ma. Leonor G. Robredo, widow of the late Sec. Jesse M. Robredo, Dr. Nora S. Licup, dean of the BU Graduate School, Rev. Fr. Jose Victor E. Lobrigo, president of the Bicol Consortium for Development Initiatives (BCDI) and DILG V Regional Director Blandino M. Maceda. *(turn to page 2)*

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## *Camarines Norte PDRRMC is 2012 Regional Kalasag Awardee*

**T**he Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council of Camarines Norte was acclaimed as the BEST PDRRMC in the recently conducted 2012 Regional Gawad KALASAG Award for the Search for Excellence in Disaster Risk Reduction Management and Human Assistance during the awarding ceremony last September 26, 2012 at Legaspi City.



The province received a trophy and a cash prize of P50,000.00 which will be used for programs and projects for DRRM. Through the able leadership of Governor Edgardo A. Tallado and efficient stewardship of Dr. Carlos Galvez, PDRRMO, the province's effort and relentless drive to mitigate and prepare for any type of disaster was given recognition. The exemplary performance

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During the ceremonial launching and dedication of the JMR-ILG, tributes were given by Fr. Jovic Lobrigo of the BCDI, Dr. Milwida M. Guevarra of SYNERGEIA, Dr. Eddie Dorotan of Galing Pook, Ms. Marlene Rodriguez, a former colleague in the Regional Development Council (RDC) when Sec. Robredo was its chairman, Governor Joey Salceda who was represented by Vice Governor Harold Imperial, Libon Mayor Agnes Dycoco, Naga City Mayor Atty. John G. Bongat, Dr. Gloria J. Mercado of the Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP), Dr. Alex B. Brillantes, Jr. of the UP-NCPAG, Dir. Blandino M. Maceda of the DILG V and Dir. Freddie T. Bernal of the Commission of Higher Education (CHED) V. Former students of the late Sec. Jesse M. Robredo (he was a guest professor of the BU Graduate School) and the BU Order of the Blue Feather Society, the honor society of Bicol University also gave a special tribute. The Regional Development Council (RDC) V headed by Governor Joey S. Salceda through Vice Governor Harold Imperial presented an award of recognition to the late Sec. Jesse M.

Robredo for his contributions when he was chair of the RDC.

Atty. Leni Robredo personally received the awards and citations for and in behalf of the late Sec. Jesse Robredo and in response she said that she and her children continue to be amazed of the many tributes and stories people made about her husband and on how her husband was able to do all the things that he has done and yet he was able to divide his time between his work and his family. Despite the pain of losing him, Atty. Robredo said that they are consoled knowing the fact that his life was not wasted and that people appreciated what he did. She thanked Bicol University for giving such a great honor to his husband by naming the Institute as JMR-ILG. She said that JMR's passion was education and local governance. She challenged the Institute to continue the ideals of JMR and produce more JMRs who will advocate for transparency, accountability, people's participation and accessibility of local officials.

The launching and dedication of the JMR-ILG was approved by the



BU Board of Regents in its Resolution No. 040 signed on September 3, 2012. The Institute of Local Governance has been dedicated to the national legacy of the late Sec. Jesse M. Robredo thus renamed it as JMR-ILG to immortalize Secretary Jesse M. Robredo for his having been a source of inspiration as a mentor of transformative leadership and an icon of transparency and good governance. - (Planning Officer III Joy U. Tango)

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of the Council is attributed to its plan for climate change adaptation; hazard profiling and risk assessments; installation of early warning system; construction of DRRM projects and evacuation centers in the various barangays in the province and its innovative program dubbed as **"BEAT D RRISK"** which stands for **B**uilding an **E**nvironment of **A**wareness and **T**rust through **D**isaster **R**isk **R**eduction **I**nitiatives, **S**afety and **K**nowledge **M**anagement"

The province also made its mark as the first local government unit in the country to have a training institute for disaster preparedness named SANAYANG PANGKALIGTASAN situated in Mat-i, Sto. Domingo, Vinzons. The training center also serves as the 24-hour Operation Center of the province.

The Gawad KALASAG, which stands for **K**alamidad at Sakuna **L**abanang **S**ariling **G**aling ang Kaligtasan, is conducted yearly by the NDRRMC to recognize the exemplary performance of the local government units, private sector and volunteer organizations, schools and hospitals along the areas of disaster prevention and mitigation; disaster preparedness; disaster response; and disaster recovery and rehabilitation.

As the regional winner, the PDRRMC is automatically the entry of Region V to the national search for the Gawad Kalasag. Given the citation, the province of Camarines Norte is anticipating the high, if not very high, performance rating for the Seal of Disaster Preparedness on flooding. - (LGOO VI Melody E. Relucio)

## *Groundbreaking ceremony of SALINTUBIG project in Del Gallego, Camarines Sur held*



**T**he groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of potable water system Level II project in Barangay Mansalaya, Del Gallego, Camarines Sur was held last October 3, 2012 worth P 7 million is funded under the Sagana at Ligtas na Tubig sa Lahat (SALINTUBIG) project of the National Government through the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC) which will benefit 221 households covering a population of 1,400.

The guest of honor present in the groundbreaking was Dir. Blandino M. Maceda, the Regional Director of DILG V. Other personalities who were present during the groundbreaking were the municipal officials of the Municipality of Del Gallego and the barangay officials and constituents of Barangay Mansalaya who are the recipient of the water supply project. Said groundbreaking signals the start of the implementation of project in the Municipality of Del Gallego.

The initial 50% of the total amount of the project – P3.5 million, was already received by Mayor Lydia B. Abarientos of Del Gallego from Director Maceda in a simple ceremony held at the DILG Regional Office last October 2, 2012.

The detailed engineering designs of the water supply project have already been completed by the Municipal Government of Del Gallego and the bidding activity to choose the contractor that will implement the project will be done as soon as possible. It is targeted that the project construction will start by November 2012.

The Municipality of Del Gallego was conferred with a Seal of Good Housekeeping (SGH) in 2011 which facilitated in availing the grant of P 7 million SALINTUBIG project. The Municipality of Del Gallego is the only municipality in the Province of Camarines Sur which was able to avail the SALINTUBIG project for the year 2012. – (LG00 V Jerwin A. Novio)

## *Catanduanes adopts Sanggunian Information System (SIS) provincewide*



All municipalities in the province of Catanduanes worked in unison and agreed to avail of the Sanggunian Information System (SIS), an ICT tool developed by the Bureau of Local Government Development (BLGD) to improve service delivery performance and effectiveness of the local sanggunian. Because of the multifarious role of the sanggunian, they deemed it necessary to be fully capacitated on ICT and to enhance their administrative competencies to deliver their legislative tasks.

Executive Secretary Antonio Peña of the province of Catanduanes gladly welcomed a total of eighty (80) participants from the 12 municipalities composed of Vice Mayors, SB Members, SB Secretaries and legislative staff during the opening program of the three-day Installation and hands-on-training conducted on October 8 – 10, 2012 at the Capitol Dome, Catanduanes. He said that with the use of the system, the office of the sanggunian bayan will easily manage and institutionalize its operation in tracking down the performances of the sanggunian not only the current sanggunian members but including the previous sanggunians.

The speakers were LGOO V May Isabel Rosal and LGOO IV Rafael de la Rama both members of the Regional Technical Assistance Team (RTAT) assisted by LGOO V William Aldea of DILG Catanduanes.

According to DILG Provincial Director Atty. Arnaldo Escobar, with the presence of the system, legislators can easily track down individual performances and accomplishments that will push for more responsive administrative governance. The Legislative Tracking and Performance Monitoring System (LTPMP) aims to improve information, planning and implementation, citizens' participation in the decision making process, thus making the LGUs more accountable, transparent and effective. Participants expressed their appreciation to the Department for the free installation of the system. – (LGOO V May Isabel R. Rosal)

## *Ligao City inaugurates the Jesse M. Robredo productivity and training center funded out of the 3M PCF & LGU funds*

**T**he City Government of Ligao held the blessing and inauguration of the newly constructed Productivity and Training Center named after the former DILG Secretary Jesse M. Robredo in a simple but meaningful ceremony held on October 16, 2012 in Brgy Tuburan. Atty. Leni Robredo, wife of the deceased DILG Secretary graced the occasion.

Atty. Robredo applauded the initiative of Hon. Linda P. Gonzalez and the City Government of Ligao in providing a livelihood center for women. She congratulated the city officials for garnering the 2011 Regional Gawad Pamana ng Lahi City Category award and for having been conferred with the Seal of Good Housekeeping.

She also extended her gratitude to the Sanggunian Panlungsod and Mayor Linda P. Gonzalez for naming the complex as the Jesse M. Robredo Productivity and Training Center. According to her, such project is a legacy and living proof of the good collaboration between the DILG and LGUs in improving the lives of its constituents. She also expressed her interest in bringing the Naga City Women's sector to visit the center and learn from the local women's group. The affair was attended by Ligao Women's club, city and

barangay officials, national government agency representatives, teachers and women sector.

The project was funded out of the 3 million Performance Challenge Fund and LGU counterpart with a total cost of P6,309,080.48. The center is a three-storey main structure with two units working hall (outhouse) for training activities such as automotive and other trainings utilizing big equipment and/or machineries.

One of the innovations of Mayor Gonzalez when she took the reins of the city government was the Ligao Participatory Governance for Social, Economic and Enterprise Development (LPG-SEED), a socio-economic enterprise which aims to provide livelihood to women in the 55 barangays. Having no permanent training venue before, the products made by women cooperative were stockpiled in the cooperative office and has no space for display which contributed to the slow return of investment. Hence, the training center was conceived in order to have a proper training venue and to showcase their products and souvenirs in the locality. – (LGOO VI Jocelyn A. Belen)



### *Daet reaps its reward as a recipient of the Seal of Good Housekeeping*

**S**eptember 21, 2012 marks yet another feat for the municipal government of Daet under the competent administration of Mayor Tito S. Sarion. It inaugurated its administrative building and Rural Health Building II and III in Barangay 1 and Lag-on. DILG RD Blandino M. Maceda, together with Atty Leni Robredo, were the guest of honor during the inauguration rites.

The inauguration of the RHU 3 in Lag-on is made more significant by the fact that its fund came from the Performance Challenge Fund (PCF) amounting to P1M and Local Government Support Fund (LGSF) also of the same amount. These were incentives given to local government units with Seal of Good Housekeeping. It was another legacy of the late SILG Jesse M. Robredo. With the funds given for the RHU 3 building, the LGU was able to construct earlier than planned another RHU, i.e., the RHU 2 Building.

The Seal of Good Housekeeping also paved way for the sourcing out of funds for the construction of the 2-level administrative building located at the back of the main municipal building. The second floor will house the Sanggunian Bayan Session Hall and offices while the ground floor will be leased out to national government offices to cover the part of the building's loan payment.

The day did not end with the inauguration as it also marked the launching of the Bicol 2012 Essay Writing

Contest on the Living Legacy SILG Jesse Robredo slated on October 12 in Camarines Norte and Sur and on October 26, 2012 in Albay and Sorsogon. The Essay Writing Contest was spearheaded by LGU Daet in partnership with the DILG, PIA, ABS-CBN, academe and groups.- (LGOU V Maridel C. Verrosa )



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### DILG Region V recipient of I.T equipment

**T**he Department of the Interior and Local Government Regional Office, Legazpi City and DILG Provincial Office Camarines Sur will be recipients of equipment and property from Local Governance Support Program for Local Economic Development. This include one (1) unit Asus Laptop, one (1) unit Focus Projector, a Sony Digital Camera and HP Printer. This is part of LGSP-LED commitment to provide and assist DILG to ensure the smooth implementation of LGSP-LED initiatives of Metro Naga Development Council (MNDC).

On November 8, 2012, a Regional Economic Transformation Team was organized to fully support the MNDC initiatives. The Regional Economic Transformation Team was composed of NGA Representatives from DOT, DTI, TESDA, DENR, DPWH and PNP as members with DILG as Chair. The RETT will help to ensure that the required technical assistance and services are coordinated and provided to the alliance. - *(LG00 VI Salvador C. Begata)*

### ARTA-RCS adopts cross posting in Sorsogon province

**T**he Anti-Red tape Act-Report Card Survey is the product of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Civil Service Commission and the DILG with the purpose of generating feedback on compliance with the requirements of RA 9485.

Provincial Director Ruben Esq. Baldeo issued Provincial Order No. 2012-08 directing all DILG City/Municipal Local Government Operations Officers to report to assigned DILG City/Municipal Office on July 2-6,2012. The C/MGOOs acted as interviewees with thirty (30) respondents per LGU in the actual survey and all the fourteen(14) municipalities and one(1) city submitted an output on the activity conducted. The application of the survey is focused on Health Service Delivery and Civil Registry Service Performances.

Subsequent MC dated August 10, 2012, required Additional Information on the inclusion of the Business Permits and Licensing System (BPLS) in the ARTA-RCS which have already completed the streamlining process on BPLS. Sorsogon City and 11 municipalities in Sorsogon were obliged to include BPLS as an additional frontline service. PD Baldeo issued Provincial Order 2012-13 dated September 29,2012 re Cross-Posting Assignment on October 2,2012 with the instruction that the same process of the survey from data collection to validation shall be followed.

The result of the survey shall be used as one of the criteria in the Seal of Good Housekeeping Silver Level. - *(LG00 V Mabel E. Morano)*

### MNDC LGSP-LED set the seminar on tourism awareness

**T**he Metro Naga Development Council, an alliance of 16 Local Government Units in Camarines Sur in collaboration with the Department of Tourism, Regional Office 5, Legazpi City, has conducted Tourism Awareness Seminar on the Roles and Functions of Local Government Units in Tourism Development on October 6, 2012 at Champagne Garden, Naga City.

The seminar was attended by City/Municipal Mayors, Tourism Officers, City and Municipal Planning and Development Coordinators and SB Chairperson on Tourism coming from the sixteen (16) MNDC member LGUs. It is aimed to orient the participants on the roles and functions of LGUs in tourism development and for the LGUs to draft or formulate their respective City/Municipal Tourism Development Plan.

## *Labo celebrates its 14<sup>th</sup> Busig-on festival*



**W**ith the theme “Isang Galaw, Isang Adhikain sa Pag-unlad ng Bayan Natin!” the municipal government of Labo, Camarines Norte celebrates its 14<sup>th</sup> Busig-On Festival and 212<sup>th</sup> Foundation Anniversary on September 3-8, 2012 under the proficient administration of Mayor Dindo V. Pardo. During the opening program at Labo People’s Park, DILG Regional Director Blandino M. Maceda was the Guest Speaker.

In his message, RD Maceda emphasized that the men and women of Labo along with every Laboeno have more reasons to celebrate their foundation anniversary and festival as Labo was awarded with the Seal of Good Housekeeping by no less than the late SILG Jesse M. Robredo. The conferment of the seal is an achievement which affirms the efforts and perseverance of the local government to comply with the standards set on good governance. According to the RD, the seal is a testament that the local officials of Labo adhere to the principles of transparency and accountability which serve as the pillars of effective local governance that is honest, effective, participatory, sustainable and results-oriented. He further extolled the steadfast commitment of the Department to elevate the practice of good governance to the level envisioned by the late SILG Robredo, who is the icon of good governance.

The week-long celebration was highlighted by the various events and festivities such as Blessing of Mama Mary’s icon, Grand Parade, Pista ng Nayon-Ribbon Cutting and Parade of Food and Delicacies with Cultural Presentations, Ribbon Cutting: Likas na Yaman – Pinta Larawan, Choral Singing, Tula and Interpretative Dance Contest, Agro-Industrial Cum Tourism Trade Fair, Duathlon (cycling and marathon), Busig-on Quiz Show, Busig-On X Factor (showcase of local talents in singing and dancing), Fingerlings River Stocking (tilapia), Tree Planting, River Games (swimming, banca race, fishing contest, regatta), Symposium of Cultural Awareness program in selected schools, Busig-On Cheer Dance Competition, Free Mass Church Wedding, Masustansyang Pagkain para Kalusugan ng mga Batang Taga Labo, Drum and Lyre Corps/Drum and Xylophone Corps Competition, Dance Drama Presentation, Street Dancing Competition, Annual Marian Possession, and LCC Festival Night/Awarding Night.

Given all the activities, it really is amazing and more fun in Labo. - (LGOO V Roy A. Ragragio)

## *Capalonga celebrates its 378<sup>th</sup> founding anniversary*

**I**n line with the week-long 378<sup>th</sup> Founding Anniversary of the municipality of Capalonga on August 11, 2012, DILG Regional Director Blandino M. Maceda conferred the Seal of Good Housekeeping Award for 2011 to Hon. Senandro M. Jalgalado. Mayor Jalgalado, a neophyte local chief executive, received the award in the presence of all department heads, Sangguniang Bayan members, NGO's/POs/CSOs, Punong Barangays, Barangay Officials and Capalongueños.

The SGH is one of the flagship programs of the DILG giving recognition to local government units for their performance in good governance. Together with the conferment of the Seal are incentives for Capalonga as recipient of Performance Challenge Fund and Local Government Support Fund.



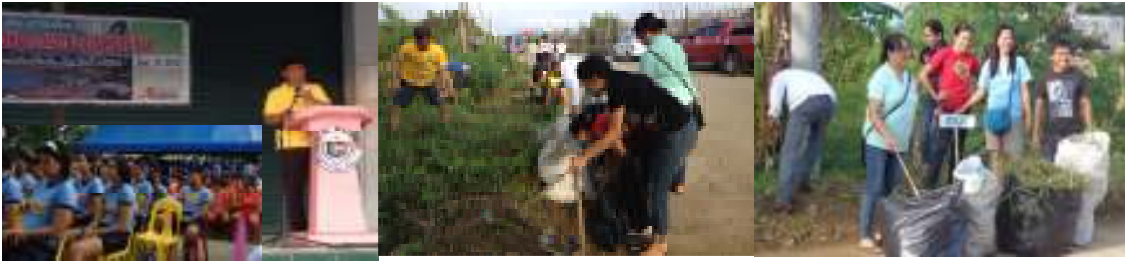
On the same occasion, RD Maceda, together with Mayor Jalgalado, Vice-Mayor Mariano L. Arguelles and the DILG Provincial Management Team, led the groundbreaking ceremony of the Ten (10) Million Rehabilitation/Expansion of Level III Water Service Facility in Barangay Alayao. Capalonga is one of the waterless municipalities in the Province of Camarines Norte with project under the MDGF 1919 DOH-NAPCI-DILG Sagana at Ligtas na Tubig Para Sa Lahat Program.

During the course of the RD's visit, Mayor Jalgalado presented his visions for the municipality and he personally toured him through the main streets of the municipality where massive changes especially in its infrastructure and ecotourism development are visible to everyone.

Indeed, the municipality, although the farthest in the province and is now beginning to be awakened because of the leadership and political will of Mayor Jalgalado. The municipality is now flocked not only by pilgrims and devotees of the Black Nazarene but also by people who just wants to experience the beauty and excitement, which only Capalonga can offer. It truly is more fun in Capalonga. - (LGOO V Mary Ann B. Bolo-Abilgos)



## *DILG - Masbate joins Masbate City's coastal clean-up day*



**O**n September 15, 2012, DILG – Masbate personnel headed by Provincial Director Renato S. Alaurin participated in the annually-observed Coastal Clean-Up Day by the City Government of Masbate.

The activity, which has been a significant part of the month-long celebration of the City's 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, started with a short program at the Magallanes Coliseum, Masbate City at 5:00 a.m. attended by city officials, different offices of the city government, public and private schools, national government offices in the province of Masbate, religious groups and other civil society organizations.

In his message, Hon. City Mayor Socrates Tuason lauded the efforts of the participating agencies and organizations especially in showing their support to all environmental-related activities of the city government. He emphasized the long-term effect of a simple clean-up initiative to our marine life, citing the awards/recognitions received by the city government for its LGU-maintained marine sanctuaries.

After the program, the Clean-Up Volunteers then proceeded to their respective assigned areas for clean-up. Most of them were assigned at the long stretch of the city's coastal areas while the rest, particularly the students, cleaned up the city's main streets. - (LG00 V Summer Hope B. Aycardo and LG00 II Carlo C. Candidato)

## *Training of trainers on Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS) data processing conducted in 2 batches for NAPC-covered LGUs*

**T**he Training of Trainers on Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS) Module 4: Data Processing for twenty-nine (29) LGUs under the Anti-Poverty Convergence Program of the National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC), the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) V and the CBMS Network Team was conducted in two (2) batches at Hotel Villa Caceres, Naga City last September 4-7 and Allysa's Convention Hall, Legazpi City on September 11-14, 2012 respectively.

Participants to the training were the Municipal Planning and Development Coordinators, Municipal Local Government Operations Officers, Encoders and Digitizers. They will take charge of the data processing in their respective LGUs using freewares shared by the CBMS Network such as Census Survey Processing System 5 Crosstab (CSPRO 5 Crosstab), Statistics Simulator (StatSim) and Natural Resource Database.

Generated outputs of the LGUs during the 4-day activity were the duly matched LGUs databases, imported processed data into the CBMS Database using CBMS-NRDB and produce the

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## *Registry System for Basic Sectors in Agriculture (RSBSA) gets underway in the Province of Sorsogon*

**T**he Department of the Interior and Local Government issued Memorandum Circular 2012-119 on the Registry System for Basic Sectors in Agriculture (RSBSA). It is a vital undertaking by the Good Governance and Anti-Corruption (GGAC) Cluster of the national government headed by His Excellency President Benigno S. Aquino III.

This endeavor was headed by the Department of Budget and Management, through the cooperation of the Department of the Interior and Local Government, Department of Agriculture, Department of Agrarian Reform, National Anti-Poverty Commission and the National Statistics Office.

The four-day Third Level Training (Provincial Level) was conducted by NSO Provincial Office in Villa Isabel, Sorsogon City on September 3-6, 2012 and was participated in by the NSO Provincial Office Staff, DILG Provincial Focal Persons, City/Municipal Local Government Operations Officers, DAR Provincial Officers, DA Provincial Officers, BAS Provincial Agricultural Statistics Officers, C/M Planning and Development Coordinators (C/MPDCs), C/M Agricultural Officers (C/MAOs), C/M Civil Registrars and Assistant Registration Area Supervisors.

The four-day Fourth Level Training (City/Municipal Levels) was likewise conducted in the ensuing weeks. The municipalities of Barcelona, Bulan, Gubat, Irosin, Juban, Pto Diaz and Sta. Magdalena carried out the training on September 10-13, 2012 while the municipalities of Casiguran, Castilla, Donsol, Magallanes, Pilar, Matnog, Bulusan and the city of Sorsogon conducted the training on September 17-20, 2012. The representatives from different government agencies and LGU participants pooled their time and efforts and acted as speakers and facilitators in discussing the details, the data to be gathered and the manner of conducting the survey.

A Registration Team per LGU shall be created to be composed of the C/MPDC, MAO, MARO, LCR and C/MGOO to supervise the registration activity in all barangays within the c/municipality. Of date, the registration is still ongoing.

It is seen with optimism that the success of this undertaking will ultimately redound to the benefit of the farmers, farm laborers and fisher folks of the community. - (LGOO V Mabel E. Morano)

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poverty maps using CBMS data and know how to interpret them using CBMS-NRDB . These generated outputs will be presented to the Barangay Council by members of the LGU's CBMS Team for validation.

Technical personnel from the local government units of Legazpi City, Sagnay, Gainza, Lupi and the provincial government of Camarines Norte, whose implementation of the CBMS project is LGU initiated, also participated in the training

It is expected that these group of LGUs will deliver the required outputs for the particular module as pre-requisite for their inclusion in the next phase of CBMS Training scheduled this October, 2012. - (LGOO V Ruth Fay Belarmino)



## *Sustaining the gains on SLGP*

In 2008, 55 local government units in Bicol were identified by the Spanish government through the Agencia Espanola Cooperacion Internacional para el Desarrollo (AECID) and the Local Government Academy (LGA) to be the beneficiaries of the Strengthening Local Governments in the Philippines (SLGP) project. The SLGP project was primarily aimed at uplifting the socio-economic condition of the communities by creating business and environment friendly local governments.

SLGP project was divided in three phases which ran for a period of four years, March 2008 to February 2012. As evaluated, the project has greatly benefitted the DILG and the LGUs; the DILG as an agency mandated to capacitate local governments and the LGUs particularly the local officials, functionaries, and those mandated to provide basic services to their constituents.

The first and second phases of SLGP project were mainly devoted to capacitating DILG and LGUs. The major concern was the identification of the urging priority needs of the LGUs in upgrading the socio-economic situation of the communities. Programs on proper planning and prioritization aligned with the development agenda of the present administration have been implemented. Most noted are the Community Based Monitoring System (CBMS) implemented in 18 municipalities with the purpose of creating a database of information needed for various plans and the Business Permit and Licensing System (BPLS) to 37 cities and municipalities with the purpose of facilitating business applications and renewals in the LGUs. In further support of the BPLS program, 26 LGUs were distributed with sets of computers and printers and were given software.

The third phase spelled a great difference. SLGP project has provided both the capacity and infrastructure development to select LGUs. Focus of holistic development has been given to the 5 LGUs, namely: Tiwi and Tabaco City of Albay, Iriga City of Camarines Sur and San Andres and San Miguel of Catanduanes, which have met the requirements set by the project implementers. These 5 LGUs have received a total amount of 16 million for the Ecological Parks with 16 barangays served, Level II Water System with 5 barangay beneficiaries and the Community Training and Development Center with 25 barangay beneficiaries and the 2 adjacent LGUs, the Bagsakan Center with --- upland barangays served and the Cold Storage Facility with --- market store owners benefitted. These infrastructures were further backed with skills and management training of the project management office for the smooth operations of the projects.

The general populace of the LGU-beneficiaries are now enjoying the benefits of the projects through the abundant supply of potable drinking water, clean and safe environment through proper waste disposal on the ecological parks, easy market of farm products, livelihood and skills training, employment opportunities, facilitated business permits application and renewal through the BPLS, increased local tax collection, updated and easily accessible database through the CBMS and Capacity Development Agenda and many others.

Summarily, the four years of SLGP in Bicol has achieved to a greater extent the very purpose of its implementation. Aside from the financial support, the project has also taught the local officials the idea of sharing and partnership, that a certain project, be it big or small, is both owned by the local government and the fund donor. It was further noted that big changes were seen from the LGUs which were given bigger slice of support. And all these are attributed to the unwavering financial grant and technical support from the Spanish government through the AECID, LGA and DILG.

The SLGP project may have ended last February 2012 but as AECID Program Manager Mr. Gonzalo Serrano promised, the support of the Spanish government will continue despite the financial crisis Spain is experiencing nowadays. Hence, much still awaits the lucky LGU partners who have greatly performed in local governance as more projects on sustaining livelihood and the environment are on their way. - (LGOO V Ning S. Casin)

## *LGU Monreal conducts Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) and Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) training for barangay stakeholders*



A total of one hundred five (105) participants comprising of select barangay officials and employees, community volunteers, and other stakeholders from eleven (11) barangays in the Municipality of Monreal, Masbate, attended the three – day Training on Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction and Management for Barangay Stakeholders on 11 – 13 July 2012 at the Monreal Multi-Purpose Gymnasium, Monreal, Masbate.

The said learning event, in coordination with KALAHI CIDDS: Makamasang Tugon and with technical assistance from the DILG Municipal Operations Office, was conducted in pursuit of giving flesh to Republic Act No. 10121, otherwise known as the “Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010” and Republic Act No. 9729, or the Climate Change Act of 2009.

The participants were oriented on salient features of the new laws to include the changes in the composition as well as duties and responsibilities of the present Local Disaster Coordinating Councils including those at the Barangay level; the disposition of the calamity fund at the barangay level, and the directive to undertake appropriate disaster response training and drills to improve on the knowledge and skills of the people on taking challenges arising out of all forms of calamities and disasters.

It also capacitated the participants with the necessary knowledge on the formulation of the required plans and programs in the use of the barangay calamity fund and management and integration of climate change mitigation to local plans to ensure that the mandates of these new laws are implemented at the barangay level.

Selected resource persons provided lecture – discussions on relevant topics and concerns. Among them are DENR representative CENRO Forester II Anna Bartolay; DILG representatives LGOO V Ben Paul M. Naz and LGOO V Roy C. Geronimo; Philippine Red Cross – Masbate Chapter representatives Marie Jane M. Oxemer and Carlo Sampaga; PNP Municipal Police Station representative P/Inspector Allan Q. Lopez (COP); and BFP Municipal Fire Station representative SFO2 Erlindo V. Deuda (MFM).

Workshops were facilitated by the MLGOO concerned, LGOO V Summer Hope B. Aycardo particularly on the crafting of the Annual Work and Financial Plan, BDRRM Resolution on the use of the 5% DRRM Fund, and Report on the Utilization of the 5% DRRM Fund.

Also present during the Opening Program were LGOO VI Thelma T. Zaragoza (Cluster Head), LIGA President Hon. Ricardo Espinosa, Municipal Administrator Archibald Rejuso and SB Sec. Rogelio Cascante (representing the Municipal Vice-Mayor) and some municipal functionaries. - (LGOO V Summer Hope B. Aycardo)

## DILG 5 welcomes new admin employees

**D**irector Blandino M. Maceda, CESO III recently appointed nine (9) administrative personnel after successfully passing the selection process upon the recommendation of the Regional Personnel Selection Board (RPSB).

The newly-appointed personnel were oriented on the vision, mission, mandates, administrative requirements and programs of the Department. They took their oath of office before Dir. Blandino Maceda and ARD Elouisa T. Pastor on October 1, 2012. - (AO V Ma. Pia M. Salameño)



- FRANCISCO JUNIOR B. CALLO - Administrative Assistant III (Regional Office)
- JESSA T. ENCARNACION - Administrative Assistant II (Catanduanes)
- REAGAN T. LUMBAO - Administrative Assistant II (Catanduanes)
- LUNINGNING Z. BRAZIL - Administrative Aide IV (Albay)
- MA. THEZA N. RAMOS - Administrative Aide IV (Albay)
- CEASAR JAMES B. BATALER - Administrative Aide IV (Albay)
- KRISTINE JOY L. BALDON - Administrative Aide IV (Albay)
- LEA F. AVILA - Administrative Aide IV (Catanduanes)
- JERRY ANDE VON E. APALIT - Administrative Aide IV (Masbate)

Dir. Maceda has also promoted two (2) employees to higher administrative position namely:

- CATHERINE A. DOLOR from Administrative Aide VI to Administrative Assistant II
- LOREEN M. BERNALDEZ from Administrative Aide IV to Administrative Aide VI

## DILG V joins national crime prevention week celebration

**T**he Department of the Interior and Local Government V joined the Philippine National Police during the 2012 celebration of the national crime prevention week that kicked off on September 1, 2012. Adopting the theme “Sa Crime Prevention, May Magagawa Ako”, the DILG participated in the series of activities that were held to highlight the wee-long celebration.



The DILG V joined the motorcade from Penaranda Park to Camp Simeon Ola and rendered support during the poster-making and slogan contests participated by high school students within the Albay Division. Seminars on crime prevention were conducted and the commitment signing of more or less 40 jail inmates of Legaspi City Jail. The celebration was held to continuously create awareness among the general public that crime prevention is everybody’s concern. - (LGOO V Franz M. Abaldonado)



**Is the summons issued by the vice-mayor in violation of the sanggunian rules, valid?**

An administrative complaint was filed in the sanggunian against a group of barangay officials. Thereafter, instead of referring to the Committee on Good Government, the vice-mayor issued the summons.

Section 3 of Rule II (Procedure) of the rules in the investigation and disposition of administrative complaints (Resolution No. 2004-067) provides that:

*Section 3. SUMMONS. Within seven (7) days after the Administrative Complaint is filed, **the Sangguniang Bayan, thru the Committee Chairman (Committee on Good Government,** per Resolution No. 2011-045 adopting the amended IRP of the sanggunian), shall cause the issuance of summons, together with the copy of the complaint, upon the respondent, requiring the latter to file his verified answer and/or responsive pleadings within fifteen (15) days from receipt thereof. (Emphasis and identification of the committee ours)*

Due to the controversy of who must really issue the summons, the proceedings halted.

The above quoted Section 3, Rule II of the sangguniang bayan is based from Section 62 of the Local Government Code of 1991 (RA 7160):

**SECTION 62. Notice of Hearing.** - (a) *Within seven (7) days after the administrative complaint is filed, the Office of the President or **the Sanggunian** concerned, as the case may be, shall require the respondent to submit his verified answer within fifteen (15) days from receipt thereof, and commence the investigation of the case within ten (10) days after receipt of such answer of the respondent. (Emphasis ours)*

Notice that the law vested the responsibility of issuing summons upon the sanggunian, as a collegial body. Hence, when the sanggunian delegated this responsibility to the Chairman of the Committee on Good Government under its present rules, it deprived any other official of the sanggunian of similar responsibility or authority. We could therefore say that the summons issued by the vice-mayor without the authority of the sanggunian is defective.

However, this defect could be disregarded and waived by the respondents if, in obedience and belief to the validity of the summons, they file their respective verified answers within the period prescribed. After all, the respondents were supposed to be the ones who may be affected by the "defective summons". Thus, if they filed their respective verified answers, they voluntarily submitted themselves to the jurisdiction of the sanggunian, triggering the next sanggunian step – investigation.

For the complainant, this operates in his favor and in accordance with his right to speedy disposition of his administrative complaint. We believe the mandatory seven (7) day period within which to summon the respondents is a guarantee against sanggunian inaction.

Finally, this issue should not be used to further delay the proceedings.

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