



## Pres. Duterte is keynote speaker during Regional Peace and Order Summit for barangay officials

By : Planning Officer III Ma. Grace Joy Tango

President Rodrigo R. Duterte was in Legazpi City on February 8, 2019 to attend the Regional Peace and Order Summit for Barangay Officials as keynote speaker. This was spearheaded by the DILG Region V headed by Director Anthony C. Nuyda and was held at Ibalong Centrum for Recreation, Legazpi City.

Aside from the President Duterte, DILG Secretary Eduardo Año also attended the Summit together with some DILG officials namely, Asec Ricojude Echeverri, Asec. Alexander Macario, Asst. Director Dennis Villasenor and Ms. Maricar Cervantes from the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Indigenous Peoples Concern who served as resource persons on various topics.



Legazpi City Mayor and RPOC V Chair Noel E. Rosal welcomed all the guests and participants to the event. In his message, he emphasized the importance of peace and (turn to page 3)

## DILG V holds Barangay Summit on Good Governance

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In line with the campaign on intensifying the fight against illegal drugs, criminality, corruption and violent extremism and the Administration's quest for Federal republic, and the Department's goal of maintaining peace and order and establish a peaceful environment where every Filipino can live safely and happily, the DILG V conducted the Barangay Summit on Good Governance on January 23, 2019. This event was attended by 2,438 the Punong Barangays of the total 3,471 PBs in the region.

This activity which was held at the Albay Astrodome in Legazpi City, aimed to raise the awareness of all the PBs on the national and local issues affecting governance and society and to further enhance their capacities to improve their enable them to effectively and efficiently deliver to their constituents. (turn to page 3)

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## “SYNERGY BUILDING: DILG and LGU Interfacing on Flagship Programs” conducted in Camarines Sur

**D**ILG Camarines Sur initiated in the first quarter of 2019 interfacing activities with all the LGU officials and functionaries in the province to further strengthen its partnership in implementing the Department’s flagship programs to build synergy. Anchored on the Department’s vision of sustaining peaceful, progressive, and resilient communities, the strategy was conceptualized to provide a more productive engagement with local government units on the implementation of the DILG PPAs. Dubbed as “Synergy Building: DILG and LGU Interfacing on Flagship Programs,” the collaborative activity was conducted to primarily serve as an avenue to update the LGUs with DILG flagship programs; secondly, it tried to solicit feedbacks on its implementation; and finally it paved way in identifying set of strategies to ensure coordinated efforts in sustaining success and overcoming challenges in the programs’ implementation.

The DILG Synergy Team per cluster composed of the Cluster Heads and staff, along with the program champions made rounds to all LGUs during the month of February and March. During the interfacing, the LGU functionaries were apprised of the results of the 2018 Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG) - Governance Assessment Report (GAR), specifically on the LGU’s performance on the different governance areas. Focus was also given on the following DILG flagship programs: Peace and Order (POC) and Anti-Drug Abuse Council (ADAC) Audits, Disaster Risk Reduction - Climate Change Adaptation (DRR-CCA), Child-Friendly Local Governance Audit (CFLGA), Gender and Development (GAD), and status of the Locally-Funded Projects (LFPs). The challenges faced and the issues which confronted the LGUs were likewise discussed and possible courses of actions were thoroughly studied.

Given the receptiveness and willingness of the LGUs to adapt to the governance initiatives, DILG



Camarines Sur is in high hopes for a more fruitful partnership with LGUs to ramp up good governance. As LGUs recognize the challenges which they confronted in the previous years’ performance assessment, the Department stays committed and steadfast in ensuring that the thrust to further strengthen local government capacity remains a priority.

The activity affirmed that constant dialogues and interfacing activities between partners are extremely important in pursuing excellence in local governance.

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Considering the critical role of the barangay as the primary planning and implementing unit of government policies, plans and programs, projects and activities in the community, this Summit was also aimed at providing a platform for all elected PBs to discuss priority programs concerning illegal drugs, criminality, corruption, violent extremism and federalism.

Specifically, the Summit's objectives were to promote awareness about the national government's efforts on concerning illegal drugs, criminality, corruption, violent extremism and federalism; discuss national and local issues affecting barangay governance; explore other strategies to strengthen cooperation between national government and barangay government to effectively and efficiently deliver quality services at the barangay level.

In attendance also were all the DILG officials in the region and in the provinces and all DILG field officers.

Resource persons during the Summit include Undersecretary for Local Government – Usec Epimaco Densing III, Undersecretary for Barangay Affairs – Usec Martin B. Dino, then Asst. Secretary and now Undersecretary Jonathan Malaya and NBOO Director Karl Rimando. Asec Ricojuego Janvier Echiverri was represented by Mary Jane Mendizabal; Asec. Alexander Macario was represented by Ms. Joan Hope Tolibas and Asec Roosque Calacat was represented by Mr. Erwin Ronan Pares; Police Director Atty. Arnel B. Escobal of the PRO V was represented by PSupt. Frande Echaluca. DILG V Legal Officer Atty. Zalman Uddin also discuss salient points on Federalism.



*President Duterte is keynote speaker . . . . . from page 1*

order as drivers of development. He said that no amount of infrastructure can make the country great again without peace and order.

DILG R5 Regional Director Atty. Anthony Nuyda presented the overview of the activity and stressed the importance of reiterating the roles of punong barangays and other barangay officials in ensuring genuine peace and order in their areas of responsibility.

A total of 2,478 Punong Barangays out of the 3,471 total number of PBs in the region were in attendance during the Summit.





## LGCCD in Action

By: LGOO V Amaline R. Colina

**T**he Local Governance Capacity Development Division (LGCCD) have attended and participated in several activities during the first quarter of 2019. The new year started with the conduct of the LGU/LDC Capacity Building Program: Closing the Functionality Gap and Gearing Up for more Dynamic Local Development Councils (January 9-11) at Hotel St. Ellis and conducted the BNEO Year-End Assessment last January 15, 2019 at La Piazza Hotel and Convention Center, Legazpi City. On March 25-26, 2019, the division conducted the Regional Coaching and Catch up Planning Workshop on Locally Funded Projects together with the PDMU at Hotel Venezia and Training on the Implementation of the Enhanced Local Climate Change Adaptation Plan (LCCAP), on March 25-27 & 28-30, 2019 (2 batches), La Piazza, hotel and Convention Center

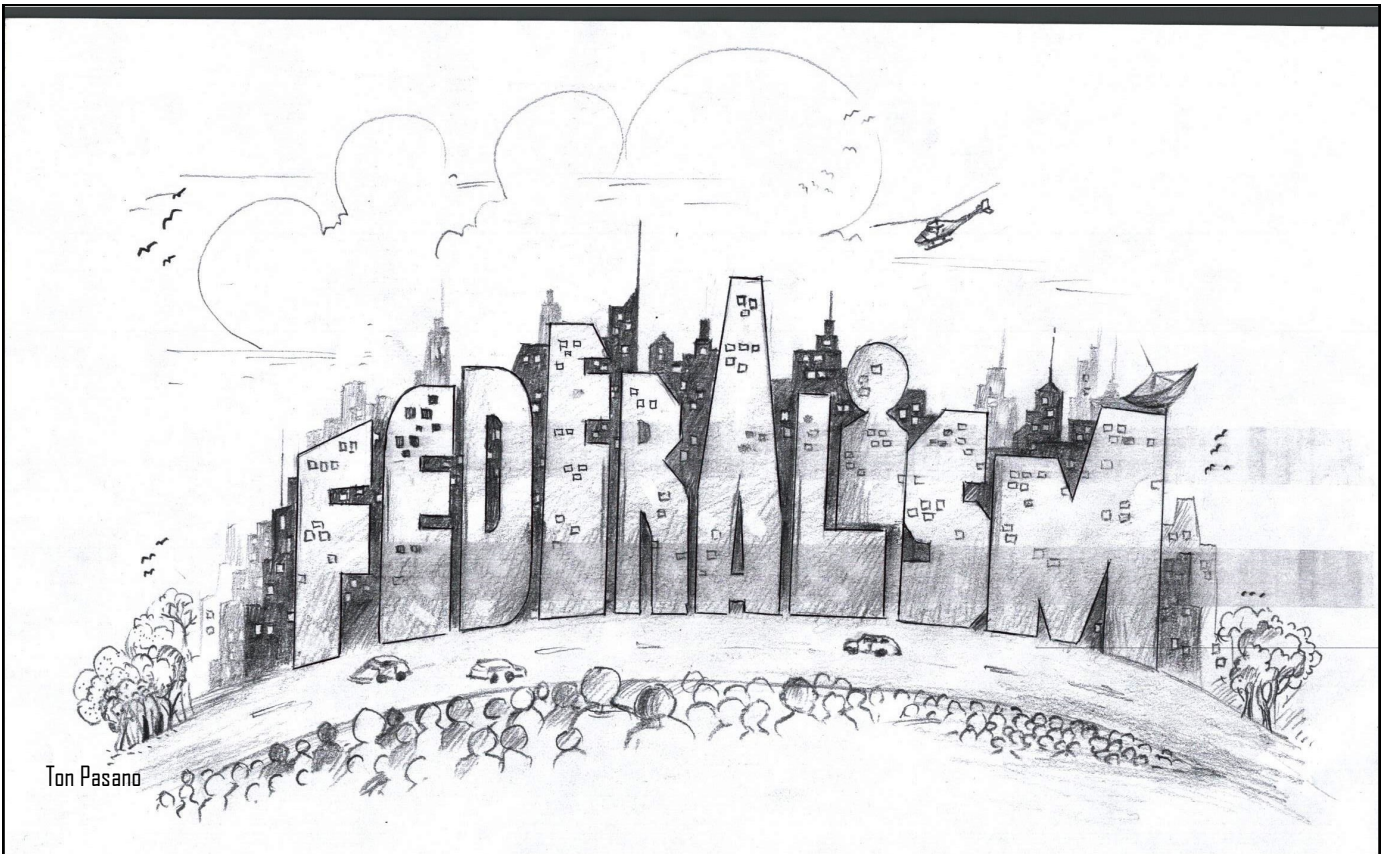
Active participation in Region-based activities such as, Strategic Planning Conference together with representatives from the Provinces in the finalization of commitments for the 2019 AOPB as well as the target activities for CY 2020. A Re-Orientation for BAC Members was also well participated by some of the LGCCD personnel and have actively assisted in two major activities of the Regional Office, the Barangay Summit and the Peace and Order Summit last January 23 and February 8, 2019 respectively.

The Division provided technical assistance on CBMS- App Modules to Local Government Units under the CBMS-BUB 2016 and monitored the status implementation of electronic BPLS relative to the passage of EODB Law in the Provinces of Albay, Sorsogon, Camarines Sur and Camarines Norte. Coordination with partner agencies such as DTI and CSC was also conducted specifically on the EODB Law implementation.

LGCCD representatives were also in attendance to the Operation Listo: Orientation on the Enhanced Disaster Preparedness Manual and Program Review (Jan 28-29, 2019) where roll-out activities are being planned for implementation, and other activities such as the DRMIS Project "Competency Baseline Profiling" and the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Conference of the LGRRC last February 15 and February 20-22, 2019 respectively and the seminar workshop on Laymanizing the EODB Act: Developing a Strategic EODB Act Communication Plan last Mar. 18-22, 2019, Tagaytay City.

LGCCD personnel also actively participated on Inter-Agency Activities such as quarterly meetings of the Regional Nutrition Cluster, RGADC, Regional Population Executive Board, Management of the Dead and Missing Cluster, RDC-DAC, Meetings called for by the DOH Center for Health and Development –Bicol, RIACEH, RDRRMC Full Council Meeting together with the members of the RPOC, RAATS (Local Aids Council) and invitations from agencies such as the DSWD (Adoption Consciousness Week) and CHR (Forum on: "*Panawagan ng mga Kababaihan: Karapatang Pantao Ipaglaban*"), as well as from Non-Government Organizations (Bicol-CBID Congress).





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We want a form of government brought down to the people, a government that hears the heartbeat of the grassroots. Such is the promise of Federalism, where every Filipino's voice will be listened to – just as the slogan says, “Malapit na gobyerno, dama ang serbisyo, ‘yan and Pederalismo.”

“I hope that we will all stand together as one to support President Duterte's push for constitutional reform and, in time, to step into an age where every Filipino will be empowered to participate in the process of nation-building.

- EDUARDO M. AÑO  
DILG, Secretary

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As a policy agenda, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) is mandated to spearhead and consolidate all efforts towards the fulfillment of this collective clamor by reviewing and revising the 1987 Constitution. In this regard, the DILG hopes that all the stakeholders would conscientiously come up with a draft Federal Constitution that is truly reflective of the aspirations and struggles of the Filipino people toward genuine change and national development.”

“Federalism is nothing new. It is actually the highest form of decentralization, which has been advocated by no less than the 1987 Constitution. As such, any legitimate effort towards this end should not come as a surprise since Federalism is the logical destination of our long and winding journey with decentralization for the past 27 years.

- JONATHAN E. MALAYA  
Undersecretary, DILG

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## Atty. Anthony Nuyda is new RD of DILG V

By : Planning Officer III Ma. Grace Joy Tango



In December 2018, DILG V welcomed Atty. Anthony C. Nuyda, CESO III as its new and 17<sup>th</sup> regional director. In a simple installation and turnover rites held on December 17, 2018 at the Legazpi City Convention Center, Atty. Nuyda received the DILG V banner from outgoing regional director Elouisa T. Pastor.

The ceremony was witnessed by then Asst. Secretary for Plans and Programs and now Undersecretary for Local Government Marivel Sacendoncillo, Assistant Secretary for Finance and Management Service

Ester Aldana, BLSG Director Atty. Odilon Pasaraba, Asec. For Peace and Order Manuel B. Felix, then Head Executive Assistant (HEA) of DILG Secretary Eduardo Ano and now Regional Director of DILG Region 12 Josephine Leysa, Executive Director of the Local Government Academy Thelma Vecina and other officials from the LGA, Mayor Noel Rosal of Legazpi City and RPOC Chair and other guests.

For his part, Director Nuyda, speaking before DILG V officials and personnel, stressed that he only demands three things: PERFORMANCE, PERFORMANCE,

He challenged all DILG V personnel not to be the best but to always do the best in their job.

Usec. Marivel Sacendoncillo in her message thanked outgoing RD Elouisa Pastor for her 30 years of service in the Department. Then she further talked on the new role of the DILG with the acronym GOLD. G means the DILG guides the LGUs in their actions and decisions. O means that the Department organizes stakeholders. L means the Department links local governments to the national government and other partners in local development and D means the Department develops the capacities of local government. In summary, the DILG has two major roles – performance oversight and performance management. These include assessment of LGU performance and provision of hard and soft capacity interventions for LGUs.

The hard component includes the infrastructure projects and the soft component includes the mentoring, coaching and trainings for LGUs. But Usec Sacendoncillo challenged all the DILG field personnel to continue challenging one's self and raise the bar of performance – to not settle doing things the easiest way and not settle on mediocrity.

Atty. Nuyda, prior to his present assignment was regional director of DILG Region VI for 5 years. He is a native of Bicol having been born and raised in Camalig, Albay. With sheer determination and hard work, he rose from the ranks having held various positions in the DILG V such as Regional Accountant, Division Chief of Operations Services Division (OSD) and Provincial Director of DILG Camarines Norte. Prior to his assignment to DILG Region VI as Assistant Regional Director and eventually as Regional Director, Atty. Nuyda was director of Internal Audit Service (IAS) at the DILG Central Office. Atty. Nuyda is also a Certified Public Accountant (CPA). He is married to Jenny Nuyda, a Supervising Administrative Officer at the Personnel Division at the DILG Central Office.

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## LTIA Regional Validation Team visits Masbate

By : LGOO VI Roma Santa C. Miranda



**O**n 25 March 2019, the Lupon Tagapamayapa Incentives and Awards (LTIA) Regional Validation Team composed of Ms. May M. Macasinag-Redoblado—OCC-RTC, Jose Demostenes M. Salgado - RPO-DOJ, Joaquin M. Sayson - PNP, Feda Ana B. Bajamundi—NGO representing MULTI-COOP took their time out for the validation of the entry Barangay in the following category: For the 1st-3rd class LGU—Barangay Panisijan, Uson, Masbate; For the 4th-6th class LGU— Umabay Exterior, Mobo, Masbate and for the City Category—Barangay Espinosa, Masbate City.

The LTIA was established to concretize the government's effort to implement the provisions under Section 406 (b) of the LGC of 1991 whereby the Department of the Interior and Local Government shall provide for a system of granting economic or other incentives to the *Lupon or Pangkat* members who adequately demonstrate the ability to judiciously and expeditiously resolve cases referred to them.

Lupons were evaluated by Committees organized in the regional, provincial and municipal levels. It is adjudged on the basis of efficiency of operations, effectiveness in securing the Katarungang Pambarangay objectives and creativity and resourcefulness of mediators.

The LTIA Journey for Masbate have come this far.

In the category of 4th to 6th class municipalities, the Lupon of Barangay Umabay Exterior, Mobo, Masbate is on its third time winning. It was conferred the 1st place in the regional level for two consecutive years from 2016 to 2017 and bagged the 2nd runner up and grand winner in the national level respectively. On 2017, Barangay Espinosa, Masbate City for the City Category coveted the 2nd Runner Up in the regional level together with Barangay Armenia, Uson Masbate for the 1st to 3rd class municipalities. This year however, Barangay Panisijan, Uson, Masbate took the latter's place. The Plaque of recognition and cash awards were given to the winners.

## Brgy. Sagrada Lone Entry of Catanduanes for 2018 LTIA Regional Level

By: Admin Aide IV Gizelle M. Alcantara

**B**arangay Sagrada, Bagamanoc, Catanduanes was officially affirmed as lone entry of the Province of Catanduanes for the 2018 Lupong Tagapamayapa Incentive Awards (LTIA) Regional Level 4th to 6th Class Municipality attaining the Overall Performance Rating of 97.875.

After 22 years, the Province of Catanduanes successfully made it to the Regional Level of the LTIA as Barangay Sagrada of Bagamanoc triumphantly passed the criteria for said award. Following this achievement, it will be a big challenge for all the Lupong Tagapamayapa in the Province for the next assessment.

Last March 09, 2019, Barangay Sagrada, Bagamanoc, Catanduanes officials headed by Punong Barangay Jose delos Santos and their Lupong Tagapamayapa welcomed validators from DILG Regional Office and other members of the Regional Awards Committee namely, LGOO IV Elena Belgado; DRP Jose Demostenes M. Salgado- LTIA Vice Chairperson; Atty. May M. Macasinag-Redoblado (RTC); PS MSGT Joaquin M. Sayson (PNP); and Feda Ann B. Bajamundi (CSO).

Also present during the validation were representatives from DILG Catanduanes Provincial Office: Cluster Head William T. Aldea; Municipal Local Government Operations Officer (MLGOO) Neil I. Evangelista; MLGOO Alma May T. Lim; and Provincial Focal Person LGOO II Concordia O. Siatong and representatives from DILG Regional Office: Margie M. Ogao, Statistician I ; and Marilou Barba, Administrative Aide VI who assisted in the assessment of Lupon's performance for possible

recommendation to the 2018 LTIA National Level.

The 2018 LTIA has five (5) major criteria: (1) Efficiency in Operation; (2) Effectiveness in Securing the Settlement of Interpersonal Dispute Objective of KP; (3) Creativity and Resourcefulness of Lupong Tagapamayapa; (4) Area or Facility for KP Activities; and (5) Financial or Non-Financial Support which will be the basis for the assessment and validation.

The Lupong Tagapamayapa is an administrative body created by law to operationalize the barangay justice system better known as "Katarungang Pambarangay" (KP).

The Lupong Tagapamayapa Incentives Awards (LTIA) was established pursuant to Section 406 (b) of the LGC of 1991 and Executive Order No. 394, s. 1997 which mandates the DILG to grant economic and other incentives to Lupong Tagapamayapa for their outstanding contribution to attain the objectives of the Katarungang Pambarangay.





## Regional Coaching and Catch-Up Planning Workshop Conducted for LGUs

By: Sheila Ragos



**I**n an effort to further strengthen capabilities and improve processes and systems of Local Government Units (LGUs) in terms of project implementation and management, the DILG Region V conducted a two-day Regional Coaching and Catch-up Planning Workshop on the implementation of locally-funded projects (LFPs) on March 25-26, 2019 at Hotel Venezia, Legazpi City.

The participants to said activity were Local Chief Executives (LCEs), provincial/ municipal engineers and accountants of Local Government Units (LGUs) with non and/or slow-moving LFP implementation. DILG Provincial Directors, Municipal Local Government Operations Officers (MLGOOs) and DILG provincial engineers also participated in the catch-up planning.

As a guide in formulating their catch-up plans, participants were given updates on the physical and financial accomplishments of Sagana at Ligtas na Tubig sa Lahat (SALINTUBIG) and Assistance to Municipalities (AM) Programs of the Department, specifically the status of projects being implemented in their respective municipalities.

The LGUs were also guided in setting the timelines or expected dates of completion of projects per funding year was also provided.

To ensure that the catchup plans formulated by each LGU would be adhered to, setting and signing of commitments were undertaken by the LGU officials. The DILG V through its provincial offices and concerned MLGOOs, likewise commit to providing continuous assistance to the local government units in ensuring that all projects would be fast-tracked and completed in accordance with the set plan and prescribed timelines. The catchup planning was facilitated by Ms. Fe Crisilla Banluta, Ms. Daisy Salacup, Asst. Program Manager, CMGP PMO, Engr. Felix Chua from WSSPMO and Engr. Martin Ledesma from the DRROI PMO.





# Level 2 on Prime Implementation for DILG R5

By: AO V Ma. Pia M. Salameño



The Civil Service Commission Regional Office 5 awarded the Certification of Recognition to DILG R 5 for obtaining Maturity Level 2 in the Four (4) Core HR Systems (1. Recruitment, Selection and Placement; 2. Performance Management; 3. Learning and Development and 4. Rewards and Recognition) on PRIME-HRM Implementation. Ms. Ruby Anson, Supervising HR Specialist of CSC Albay Field Office presented the award on January 17, 2019 at the DILG Training Hall, Regional Office, Legazpi City.

RD Atty. Anthony C. Nuyda, CESO III received the Certificate along with ARD Atty. Arnaldo E. Escobar Jr., CESO V, the six (6) Provincial Directors of DILG Bicol and HRMO Ma. Pia M. Salameño.



# Selection Process for the Filling Up of Various Vacancies in DILG R5

By: AO V Ma. Pia M. Salameño

The Human Resource Merit Selection and Promotion Board initiated the selection process for the filling up of the twenty-two (22) vacancies for the following positions in the region, to wit:

- (1) Supervising Administrative Officer,
- (1) Administrative Officer III,
- (1) Administrative Assistant II,
- (2) Administrative Assistant II,
- (5) Local Government Operations Officer V
- (3) Local Government Operations Officer III
- (9) Local Government Operations Officer II

The activities for the selection process were conducted on the following dates:



DATE	ACTIVITIES
February 5, 2019	General Written Examination at the Training Hall for the applicants for administrative and LGOO II positions
February 14-15, 2019	Simultaneous group orals and panel interview for the forty-eight (48) LGOO II applicants at four different venues, namely, Training Hall, Conference Room, Offices of the Regional and Assistant Regional Directors
March 6, 2019	Competency Based Assessment (CBA) was held for the applicants for LGOO V who have not undergone the process.
March 7, 2019	Panel Interview for the applicants for administrative positions held at the Conference Room, DILG Regional Office
March 15, 2019	Deliberation of Human Resource Merit Selection and Promotion Board (HRMSPB)
March 18, 2019	Submission of the recommendation of the HRMSPB to the Regional Director

RD Atty. Anthony C. Nuyda, CESO III appointed seven (7) new Local Government Operations Officers II and one (1) Administrative Assistant II. They are as follows:

LYSANDRA GALE S. DE JESUS	LGOO II
EDEN JEAN KATHRESE ROMBLON	LGOO II
VERNON JOSEF T. TEODORO	LGOO II
MA. MERCEDES A. DE LEÑA	LGOO II
BLESILA CASTELO	LGOO II
CHARLESTON D. FULGENTES	LGOO II
FRANC THOMAS D. DE SAGUN	LGOO II
NONILYN B. BESMONTE	Administrative Assistant II





RD Nuyda also signed the promotion of the following fourteen (14) employees to their new positions, to wit:

NAME	NEW POSITION
LG00 V ANTONIO H. PASANO	Supervising Administrative Officer
LG00 III ANIZA D. RINT	LG00 V
LG00 III ODESSA O. ROBRIGADO	LG00 V
LG00 II LOVELLA L. TOLOSA	LG00 V
LG00 II ROSEMARIE JOY O. DOMANICO	LG00 V
LG00 II WILMOR L. GUBIA JR.	LG00 V
LG00 II EVETTE E. LIQUE	LG00 III
LG00 II DONNA DAWN R. VIBAR	LG00 III
LG00 II FRANCISCO B. DEOCAREZA JR	LG00 III
Admin. Aide IV DUSHEEN MARIE B. ZAMORA	LG00 II
Admin. Aide IV CEASAR JAMES B. BATALER	LG00 II
Internal Auditor II NERISA M. LEE	Administrative Officer III
Admin. Aide VI MARIA THERESA A. HERRERA	Administrative Assistant III
Admin. Aide IV BELINDA A. EBUENGA	Administrative Assistant II

Ms. MA. RUTHEL P. GIGANTOCA of DILG Albay Provincial Office was also promoted to LG00 VII by SILG Eduardo M. Año on march 27, 2019. She took her oath before RD Nuyda along with the newly appointed and promoted employees. ARD Atty. Arnaldo E. Escobar Jr., Provincial Directors and Division Chiefs were witnesses during the oath taking.



## Training on the Implementation of the Enhanced Local Climate Change Adaptation Planning (LCCAP)

By: LGOO V Amaline R. Colina



**T**he DILG Regional Office thru the LGCDD conducted the LCCAP Training in two batches. **1<sup>st</sup> Batch** was conducted last March 25-27, 2019 participated by the following LGUs, Ligao City; Tabaco City; Provincial Government of Catanduanes; Virac, Catanduanes; Provincial Government of Sorsogon; and Pilar, Sorsogon. **2<sup>nd</sup> Batch** conducted last March 28-30, 2019 was participated by the following LGUs: Basud and Daet, Camarines Norte; Provincial Government of Camarines Sur; Iriga City; Provincial Government of Masbate; and Aroroy, Masbate. Participants include the Provincial/City/Municipal Planning and Development Officer; Provincial/City/Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer; Provincial/City/Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction Management Officer; Provincial/City/Municipal Engineer; Provincial/City/Municipal

Environment Natural Resource Officer; City/Municipal Local Government Operations Officer and the DILG-DRR Provincial Focal Person.

## DILG V Regional Management Interfaces with DILG Provincial Teams

By : Planning Officer III Ma. Grace Joy Tango

**U**p on the assumption of RD Anthony C. Nuyda as new regional director of DILG V, his first agenda was to have a dialogue with DILG provincial personnel through an interfacing activity undertaken as scheduled:

Together with key officials of DILG V regional office, RD

January 14, 2019 - DILG Camarines Norte

January 25, 2019 - DILG Albay

January 28, 2019 - DILG Catanduanes

January 30, 2019 - DILG Sorsogon

March 20, 2019 - DILG Camarines Sur

February 11, 2019- DILG Masbate

Together with key officials of DILG V regional office, RD Nuyda personally went around the six provinces of the region. During the interfacing activity, the DILG provincial offices had the opportunity to introduce all its personnel to RD Nuyda, present their accomplishments as well as the issues and concerns involving provincial operations. *(turn to page 14)*





## 1st RPOC-RDC Joint Meeting held for Peace and Development Convergence

By: LGOO IV Darlyn D. Ayende

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 70 of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte and in response to the President's call for action to end local communist armed conflict through the "Whole-of-Nation" Approach, the Full Councils of the Regional Peace and Order Council and the Regional Development Council jointly convened last 11 March 2019 at the Legazpi City Convention Center, Legazpi City.

Governor Al Francis C. Bichara, Chairperson of the RDC and Mayor Noel E. Rosal, Chairperson of the RPOC jointly presided over the meeting. Also present were Deputy Director General Damian L. Carlos of the National Security Council representing National Security Adviser Hermogenes C. Esperon Jr; Presidential Adviser for Bicol Affairs Usec. Marvel C. Clavecilla; RD Atty. Anthony C. Nuyda of DILG V, RD Agnes Espinas-Tolentino of NEDA V, RD Arnel B. Escobal of PNP V, MGen Fernando T Trinidad of the AFP, and other Regional Directors and representatives of national government agencies and organizations/sectors in the region as members of the RPOC and RDC.

By virtue of Executive Order No. 70, the *Whole-Of-Nation Approach* is institutionalized as a government policy for the attainment of inclusive and sustainable peace. The Government is thus directed to prioritize and harmonize the delivery of basic services and social development packages in conflict-affected areas and vulnerable communities. The Government is further directed to facilitate social inclusivity, making the active participation of all sectors of society an indispensable component in the pursuit of the country's peace agenda.

The convergence between the RPOC5 and RDC5 was further asserted by regionalizing the National Task Force of EO 70 through the creation of the Regional Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (RTF-ELCAC) under RPOC-RDC Joint Resolution No. 2. Among the specific functions of the Task Force are: 1) Facilitate the implementation of the Whole-of-Nation approach driven by the National Peace Framework; 2) Formulate action plans and relevant policies, and actionable items geared towards socio-economic development in conflict-affected and vulnerable areas; and 3) serve as the coordinating mechanism in the implementation of programs, projects, and activities between and among different national government agencies and LGUs in the region.

This decisive moment for the Bicolanos was concluded by the RPOC and RDC member-agencies, as *peace and development partners* under the *Whole-of-Nation Approach*, signing the Pledge of Commitment. This coming-together by RPOC and RDC member-agencies and partners, is also a resounding and positive expression of support and participation from Bicolanos to address the decades long problem of local communist armed conflict for after all, peace-building, like nation building, is everyone's business.







During the interfacing activity in Camarines Norte, RD Nuyda also awarded the checks for Locally Funded Projects which were personally received by the local chief executive concerned. In DILG Sorsogon, the interfacing activity was also highlighted by the awarding of outstanding cluster and MLGOOs.

On the part of the regional management, RD Nuyda also made known the changes and policies that he would want to implement to strengthen DILG R5.

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