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Upcoming activity

**Launching of DILG V
Citizens Charter**

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Legazpi City
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DILG V holds graduation rites for 45TH batch of LGOOs

AO IV Ma. Grace Joy Tango

Two years after concluding their five-month induction training for Local Government Operations Officers, the 45th batch of LGOOs of DILG V have finally been awarded their certificate of completion in simple graduation rites held on March 27, 2009 at the DILG Conference Hall. Present during the graduation rites were Dir. Blandino M. Maceda, ARD Elouisa T. Pastor, PD Ric Casin of Albay, PD Robin Mercado of Camarines Norte, PD Dan Vibar of Camarines Sur, PD Arnel Madrideo of Catanduanes, PD Rene Alaurin of Masbate and PD Ruben Baldeo of Sorsogon, module coordinators and family members and other guests.

In her opening remarks, ARD Elouisa T. Pastor said that passing the Local Government Academy's standard for LGOO II deserve a commendation. She congratulated all the graduates for having successfully hurdled the training, giving them the foundation of success and having imbibed the DILG's tradition of excellence. She likewise

encouraged the graduates to exert efforts in their chosen field and be part of the DILG who "make things happen".

On the other hand, Dir. Blandino Maceda reminded the trainees that the skills they have derived from the training must be applied in order for them to attain a certain degree of competence.

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DILG concludes user's training on CDP guide preparation

LG00 IV Rafael dela Rama, Jr

The DILG Regional Office No. V in its effort to capacitate their frontline organic personnel has concluded the conduct of a region-wide Users Training on Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) Preparation Guide for city and municipal local government operations officers and provincial staff in the six (6) provinces of Bicol. It is part of the Department's commitment and responsibilities

under JMC No. 01 series of 2007 on "Synchronization and Harmonization of Planning, Investment Programming, Revenue Administration, Budgeting and Expenditure Management at the Local Level". Expected participants were 132 C/MLGOOs and provincial Staff. However, 165 participants actually attended including 8 regional staff of the Technical Services Division 14 LG00 IIs from the provinces

and 11 Municipal Planning and Development Coordinators (MPDCs) from the province of Catanduanes. The training was designed to provide common appreciation and understanding among participants on how to go about preparing a comprehensive development plan. It was conducted in each province as scheduled at their respective DILG provincial offices. (Turn to page 2)



DILG V hosts “Earth Hour Briefing”

AO IV Ma. Grace Joy Tango

The DILG V hosted the briefing/orientation to all governors, city mayors, media, people, representatives from the academe, government and non-government agencies, general manager of electric cooperatives in Region V and other stakeholders for the conduct of earth hour held at Ibalong Conference Hall, Legazpi City.

Representatives from the Department of Energy headed by Assistant Secretary Leonilo B. Lariosa discussed the objectives of the Earth Hour

together with representatives from Green Army Philippines who presented the history of the Earth Hour. Asec. Lariosa also presented a brief video showing the magnitude of the problem brought about by climate change.

The orientation-briefing on earth hour was held in order to create awareness that every Filipino must do his/her share to save Mother Earth and generate public support and participation by switching off lights for sixty minutes in order to minimize harmful emissions that contribute



to global warming and join the whole world in undertaking such activity.

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He advised the trainees to know their job, attend to their work regularly back in the field and to let the local government units feel the presence of DILG by being a good coach on effective governance thereby establishing credibility. As young DILG officers, Dir. Maceda encouraged the trainees to consult their respective provincial directors for guidance and as a final note, he

said he hopes to see the members of the 45th Batch of LGOO IIs grow in the profession and for them to carry the passion and zeal of a true DILG officer.



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TRAINING SCHEDULE on CDP Guide Preparation

Camarines Norte - Feb 9-12, 2009
Camarines Sur - Feb 16-19, 2009
Albay - Feb 24-27, 2009
Catanduanes - March 3-6, 2009
Sorsogon - March 9-12, 2009
Masbate - March 16-19, 2009

The Regional Training Management Committee was composed of: RD Blandino M. Maceda as Chair; ARD Elouisa T. Pastor as Vice-Chair, LGOO VII David F. De Guzman, Jr., Technical Services Division Chief and Henedina T. Gonzalez, Admin. Chief as members respectively. The resource persons during the training include Engr. David F. De Guzman of the Technical Services Division; OIC-PD Arnel Renato Madrideo of Catanduanes, LGOO V Imelda Bataller of Operations Services Division (OSD), LGOO IV Rafael L.

de la Rama, Jr. served as facilitator/secretariat and at the same time he acts as the regional CDP point person of the TSD.

The training was intended to provide skills to DILG field officers in terms of advocating, mobilizing, facilitating and organizing LGUs planning structure to prepare/adopt and mainstream the concepts, processes and tools contained in the guide thereby boost their level of confidence in providing the much needed technical

assistance in the preparation of Comprehensive Development Plan of cities and municipalities. Likewise, the training aimed to clarify the relationship between Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) and Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) including their vertical and horizontal linkages as mandated from local government units to formulate.

Regional Peace & Order Council V: Activities and Accomplishments

The peace and order councils at the national and sub-national levels have been in existence since the passage of E.O. 727 in 1981. Since then, efforts to combat the problems on peace and order posed by criminality, insurgency and subversion have been strictly enforced. However, E.O. 727 underwent series of amendments through E.O. Nos. 309 s. 1987; 317 s. 1988; 320 s. 1988; 20 s. 1992; 366 s. 1996 and 739 s. 2008. The recent amendment was through E.O. 773 s. 2009 wherein the role of the National Peace and Order Council and other sub national councils is expanded to support the internal security operations (ISO) campaign.

To implement the aforementioned Executive Orders, the DILG V issued series of memorandum circulars urging all provincial governors, city/municipal mayors to convene their respective peace and order councils and strengthen the same to ensure that programs/projects and activities on public safety, peace and order and anti-insurgency are efficiently and effectively implemented down to the barangay level.

The DILG V headed by Dir. Blandino M. Maceda and being the chairperson of the RPOC Secretariat have exerted best efforts in the realization of the objectives of the peace and order program at all levels.

As of this time, 111 out of the 120 LPOCs have already been organized. However, when EO 773 was issued on January 5, 2009 requiring POCs at all levels to further reorganize, 19 LPOCs have been organized. The DILG V expects 100% compliance by the end of the 2nd quarter this year. Endorsements of the three (3) private sector representatives in every province, city, municipal peace and order councils are being facilitated by the DILG as RPOC secretariat. To date, out of the 120 private sector representatives, 106% or 88 were endorsed to PNP and AFP for approval.

POC meetings

As agreed during RPOC meetings, the body created the Technical Working Group to serve as the technical arm of the Council and the Project Monitoring Team to conduct monitoring and validation of the projects being implemented in selected affected areas.

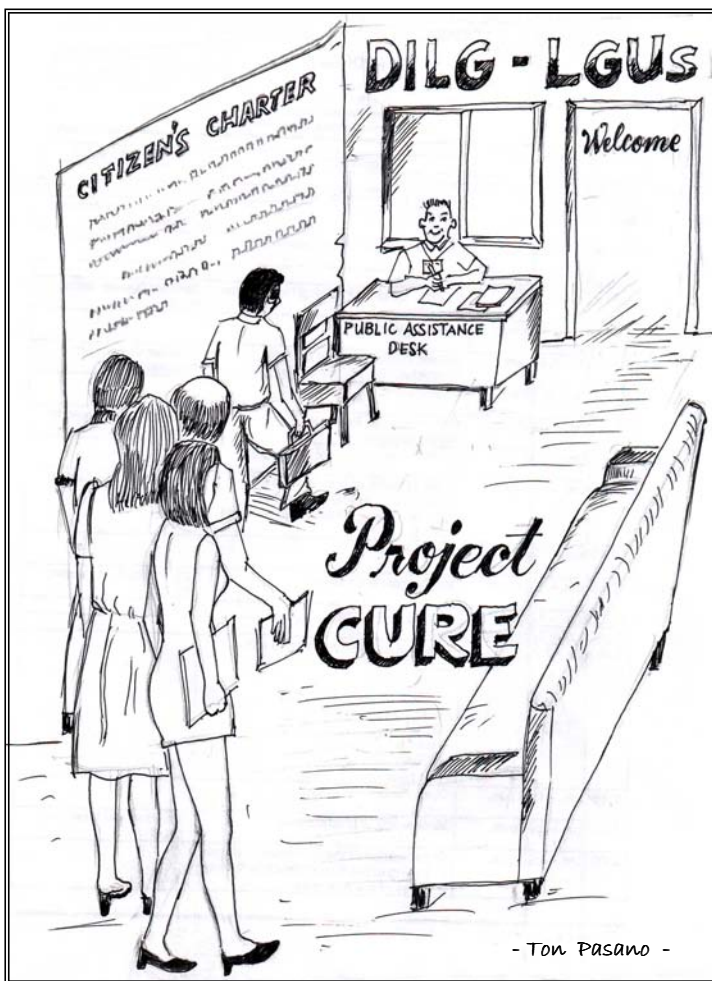
Formulation of IAC/PSP and RPOC Plan

All POCs at the regional and local levels are mandated to formulate the IAC/PSP which contains regular programs on public safety and peace and order. However, the Plan must conform with the mandate of E.O. 546, thus, an enhanced plan of action on counterinsurgency shall be incorporated therein.

Reports on peace and order projects being implemented in affected areas by government agencies and local government units will be consolidated and will serve as input in the formulation of the 2009 RPOC plan.

The RPOC Secretariat is also in the process of collating the list of projects being implemented by the national government agencies and local government units in affected areas in order to determine the use of the convergence approach, thus, identify the priority projects in affected barangays and interventions from the national agencies and LGUs can be delivered at the soonest time possible.





RPMT inspects reforestation projects in Camarines Sur

LG00 V Dith Basquiñas

The Regional Project Monitoring Team (RPMT) composed of the NEDA, DBM, PMS, OPAB and DILG in coordination with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) conducted field inspection of various reforestation projects in the municipalities of Calabanga and Pili, Camarines Sur on February 16-18, 2009. Among those projects that were inspected were:



- Agroforestry Project, Harubay, Calabanga, Camarines Sr
- Upland Reforestation Project, Curry, Pili, Camarines Sur
- Upland Reforestation Project, Tinangis, Pili, Camarines Sur
- Agroforestry Project, Curry, Pili, Camarines Sur
- Gabion Check Dam, Cadlan, Pili, Camarines Sur.

The inspection of said projects is one of the regular activities of the RPMT based on the 2009 approved RPMES Monitoring Plan.

CLEEP gains support in Catanduanes

LG00 V Zenaida S. Vargas

In consonance with the government's call for all its agencies and offices to render all-out support to the people in alleviating the effects of the present global financial crisis, the Provincial Government of Catanduanes declared its commitment to fully support the Comprehensive Livelihood and Emergency Employment Programs (CLEEP) by providing livelihood and employment to the people of Catanduanes.

To this end, Governor Joseph C. Cua organized the provincial convergence team to undertake proactive measures to ensure that government support and assistance would be available in the conduct of relevant programs and project. The convergence team include OPAG, DTI, DENR, DAR, DPWH, DA-ROS, DOST, DEPED, DILG, DOLE, TERSDA, PSWDO, LBP, VISION BANK, CSC, PESO, PIA and the MEDIA. The team were able to identify their respective roles and responsibilities in the implementation of CLEEP. This was

CLEEP Comprehensive Livelihood and Emergency Employment Program



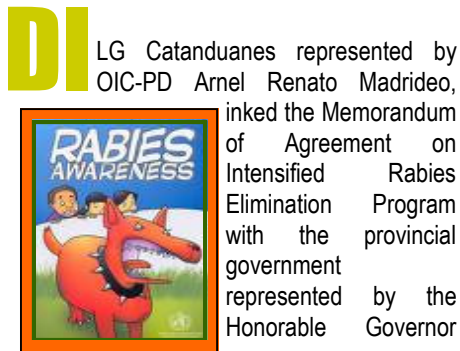
COMPREHENSIVE LIVELIHOOD AND EMERGENCY EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (CLEEP)

supported by a Memorandum of Agreement signed by the representatives of the member-agencies together with all the mayors of the 11 municipalities of Catanduanes.

Under the MOA, the DILG Catanduanes field office is tasked to ensure the cooperation and support of local chief executives and DILG municipal officers as well. It is also tasked to assist in the advocacy, monitoring and evaluation of the program.

NEWSBITS

DILG inks interagency MOA on rabies elimination program



DILG Catanduanes represented by OIC-PD Arnel Renato Madrideo, inked the Memorandum of Agreement on Intensified Rabies Elimination Program with the provincial government represented by the Honorable Governor

Joseph C. Cua, Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Health (DOH), Department of Education (DepEd), Catanduanes State College (CSC), Department of the Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), League of Municipalities (LMP) represented by Mayor Gregorio Angeles and the Liga ng mga Barangay represented by PB Joseph Mendoza.

Governor Cua in his message called on the people to be responsible pet owners in

order to ensure safety of the public and to give their full support to the program. Vice governor Al Aquino on the other hand disclosed the approval of a Sanggunian resolution on rabies control and prevention.

The MOA signing highlighted the culminating activity of the month-long Rabies Awareness Celebration held at the Capitol Dome in Catanduanes.

LGU Gigmoto conducts ARTA and CDP Orientation

LG00 II Allan S. Taniajura

In line with the implementation of Republic Act 9485 and DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2008-156, LG00 II-OIC Allan S. Taniajura of Gigmoto, Catanduanes, in close coordination with the local government unit has concluded the conduct of a one-day orientation/seminar on the Anti-Red Tape Act of 2007 and the Guidelines to Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) preparation.

The orientation was held at the

Sangguniang Bayan Session Hall, Gigmoto, Catanduanes on April 14, 2009.

Officials of LGU Gigmoto participated in the activity headed by its ever supportive Mayor Edgar M. Tayam, the Sangguniang Bayan members, department heads and PNP officials led by Police Inspector Darwin P. Asejo. Personnel from the DILG Catanduanes provincial office headed by OIC-PD Arnel Madrideo and LG00 V Marilou Talaran served as resource persons. They

presented the salient features of the CDP and ARTA.

The Comprehensive Development Plan once formulated will serve as the LGU's basis for the effective delivery of services to its constituents and the ARTA orientation would guide them in crafting their own citizen's charter.

LnB Basud holds orientation on KP Law

LG00 V Mary Ann Abilgos

The Liga ng mga Barangay Basud Chapter in Camarines Norte, through its President, Hon. Edgardo DV Morales, in cooperation with the DILG Municipal Field Office, Office of the Provincial Prosecutor and LGU Balud, held the two-day general orientation on the Katarungang Pambarangay Law

for 198 participants composed of punong barangays, barangay secretaries and members of the Lupong Tagapamayapa of the 29 barangays in Balud.

The implementation of the Katarungang Pambarangay System as a mode of amicably settling disputes at the barangay level is a strategy for maintaining peace and harmony within the barangay and among its

constituents. Statistics show that it has contributed greatly in resolving conflicts and decongesting court dockets, hence, the need for the same capability training is imperative.

The orientation was held at the Carillon Hall, Holy Trinity Cathedral Compound, Brgy. Cahonon, Daet, Camarines Norte. LG00 V Francisco Bertillo, LG00 V Mary Ann

Abilgos, LG00 V Ray Caceres and then LG00 II Amaline Colina rendered technical assistance during the conduct of the training.





Legal as dia (legal updates)

Issue: Whether the increase in the percentage requirement allocation for Development Fund is allowed in relation to the provision of Sec. 287 of the LGC.

Held: As per annotation of no less than the author of the LGC, Aquilino Pimentel, Jr., **“At least** 20% of its annual internal revenue allotments must be appropriated by an LGU for development projects.”

The terms “no less than” and “at least” indicates the minimum requirement, thus if it exceeds and is more than the minimum requirement, then it is allowed. There is no law or any provision thereof that prohibits any increase or even fixes the required percentage for development projects; otherwise it could have been expressly indicated in the law. *“When the words and phrases of a statute are clear and unequivocal, their meaning must be determined from the language employed and the statute must be taken to mean exactly what it says. Hence, what is not clearly provided in the law cannot be extended to those matters outside its scope.”* [Baranda v. Gustilo, 165 SCRA 757 (1988)]

Announcement!

DILG Region 5 is in need of:

1. *Regional Coordinator for the Strengthening the Local Government in the Philippines (SLGP) in Region V*
 - Must have good moral character
 - Fluent in both oral and written English
 - Knowledge in technical writing
 - Experience in working with LGU and NGOs is an advantage
2. *IT Developer/Administrator*
 - Must have good moral character
 - Two (2) years of solid web administration
 - Microsoft and/or Linux certification is a plus
 - Knowledge in different programming languages (PHP, AJAX, HTML, CSS, JAVASCRIPT, etc) and graphic design
 - Knowledge on log analysis and reporting tools, content management software, server software, database management and scripting languages

Deadline of submission of application is on JUNE 5, 2009

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