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Catanduanes: Zero casualty during the onslaught of typhoon “NINA”

By: LGOO V Alma May T. Lim

“Nina” was one of the strongest typhoons to hit the island province of Catanduanes after ten years since typhoon Reming in November, 2006. It hit the province on eve of December 25, 2016. While families from the major parts of the country were having Christmas celebrations, some families in the province had to abandon theirs and take cover for safety. It took almost four hours to barrel through the island. The onslaught of TY Nina wrought havoc to the properties of the people of Catanduanes.

Despite the destruction, the Province of Catanduanes was zero casualty during the onslaught of TY Nina. According to the report from the Provincial Health Office (PHO) during the PDDRMC Meeting, there was an absence of deaths that could be attributed to the typhoon due to prompt dissemination of weather advisories by the DILG to all LCEs.

Being the hardest hit province, the Provincial Government, thru the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, declared a State of Calamity on December 26, 2016. The christmas typhoon inflicted about 1.456 B in damage to various sectors of transportation, agriculture, housing, state university and public schools as reported by Post-Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA) Team composed of representatives of various agencies from the regional and national offices and led by the Office of Civil Defense. (turn to page 3)



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PRRD confirms appointment of Mayor Rosal as RPOC Chair

By : [AO V Ma. Grace Joy U. Tango](#)

Legaspi City Mayor Noel E. Rosal was appointed by DILG Secretary Ismael Sueno and approved by President Rodrigo Duterte as Chairman of the Regional Peace and Order Council (RPOC) for Region V. Director Elouisa Pastor of DILG V handed over the Appointment to Mayor Noel Rosal on January 3, 2017. PCSUP Melvin Ramon is the RPOC Vice Chairman.

The members of the RPOC are the six (6) Provincial Governors, six (6) League of Municipalities of the Philippines (LMP) Presidents, three (3) Private Sector Representatives and the Regional Directors of the following National Government Agencies – DILG, AFP, DFA, NICA, OCD, NBI, PDEA, DOJ, DA, DAR, DPWH, DSWD, DOH, DTI, DOTC-LTO, DepEd, DENR, PIA, NCIP, OPAPP and PMS totalling to 38 RPOC Members.

The Regional Peace and Order Council (RPOC) shall among others provide for dialogue and deliberation of major issues and problems affecting peace and order including insurgency and recommend measures which will improve or enhance peace and order and public safety in their respective areas of responsibility, including anti-insurgency measures and initiate and/or oversee the convergence and the orchestration of internal security operations efforts of civil authorities and agencies, military and police.



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According to Congressman Cesar Sarmiento in one of his interview with the Manila Standard, Catanduanes was zero casualty because of the pre-disaster activities done by the Municipal Mayors. "Despite the devastation, no one was killed in Catanduanes", he added.

Gov. Joseph C. Cua, during the meeting with some of the Cabinet Secretaries and DILG RD Elouisa T. Pastor on December 27, 2016, recognized the effort of the DILG Catanduanes headed by PD Jun Razal in providing assistance and guidance in the disaster preparedness activities of the Provincial Government and all the municipalities which was instrumental in the achievement of the zero casualty goal during the onslaught of the typhoon Nina. The Disaster Preparedness activities of the Local Government Units such as immediate information dissemination , convening of LDRRMC , activation of OpCen, conduct of preemptive/forced evacuation, stockpiling and prepositioning of goods are part of LISTO program of the DILG.



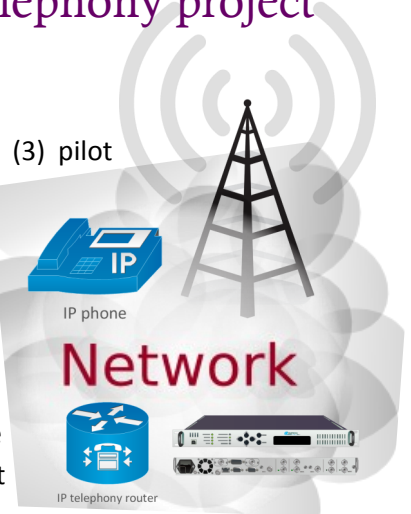
DILG RV established with LAN, WAN and IP Telephony project

By : ITO 1 Eden S. Lanuza

The DILG Regional Office No. V has been selected as one of the three (3) pilot regions for the implementation of the LAN/WAN and IP Telephony Project which is part of the Government-wide Medium-term Information & Communications Technology Harmonization Initiative (MITHI) approved and funded Information System Strategic Plan (ISSP) Project of the Department for CY 2016.

This project will serve as a direct link between the central office and the three (3) pilot regional offices both for data and voice through Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP).

In the first quarter of 2016, the DILG-Information Systems and Technology Management Service (ISTMS) conducted a survey and inventory of all the ICT resources of all the regional offices. To complete the evaluation and in order to come up with the final recommendation for the three (3) pilot regions, ISTMS conducted an on-site validation of ten (10) regional offices to fully examine their readiness in terms of ICT capability focusing on the network infrastructure, building facilities, internet connection speed and stability and availability of server room.



After a thorough review and evaluation, DILG Regional Office No. V was considered as one of the most responsive to the requirements for the establishment of the LAN/WAN IP Telephony project, along with DILG Regional Office No. 8 (Eastern Visayas) and DILG Region X (Northern Mindanao).

On December 12, 2016, the central office deployed all the equipment needed for the installation of the project which includes a firewall, proxy server, network switch, access point, UPS and IP phones. A

technical team from ISTMS headed by ITO 1 Danilo Tam, Admin Asst III Efren R. Ramos and Mr. Salvador Chua, Jr. of Accent Micro Technologies Inc. (AMTI) installed and configured the basic network for the WAN implementation.

All the remaining 13 regional offices will also be provided with the same network by year 2017.

2016 Yearend evaluation and performance review

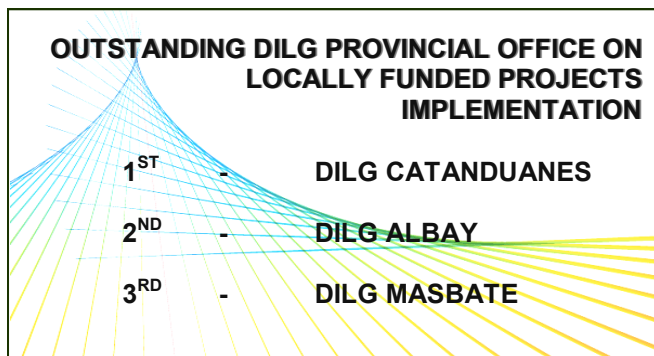
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Performance evaluation is one of the most important communication tools an organization can use. It benefits both the employees and the DILG V. It is a time to provide feedback, recognize quality performance and set expectations for 2017. It is also a time to discuss about performance that is lacking and how performance can be improved thus avoiding serious problems in the future.

This yearend evaluation and performance review was held at the Legazpi City Convention Center on December 19-20, 2016. It was participated in by all DILG V personnel. The activity was highlighted by the presentation of the 2016 program accomplishment and the 2017 Operations Plan and Budget by the Planning Unit. Director Elouisa Pastor also presented the direction of the DILG and the new program initiatives for implementation in 2017.

The activity was also highlighted with the distribution of awards and recognition to outstanding provincial office, cluster team and program focal persons in terms of the implementation of locally funded projects and the Seal of Good Local Governance. The awardees were as follows:



Castilla, Sorsogon declared as “Drug – Free Municipality”

By : Engr. Francia D. Octeza (LGU – Castilla)

January 20, 2017 – marks a day of celebration and commitment towards a sustainable Drug Free Community! “The battle cry for fighting against illegal drugs has the same intensity when we fight against insurgency”, said, MR. DOMINGO MADRIDEO the Municipal Barangay Defense system (BDS) Federation President, during the Declaration of “Drug – Free Municipality in Castilla, this Municipality is one of the eleven Drug – Free Municipalities in the Province of Sorsogon.



Implemented Drug – clearing Operations by the Municipal Anti – Drug Abuse Council (MADAC) and the community in order to realize its goal and objective of having a “Drug – Free “Municipality, has substantially resulted to decreases in crime volume (both I indexed & non indexed crimes), Increased crime solution efficiency and also increased in crime clearance efficiency of the said municipality. This accomplishment was made because of the strategic leadership of the MADAC CHAIRPERSON MUNICIPAL MAYOR HON. ATTY. JOAN ELIZABETH M. LORENZANO-AQUENDE with the active support of HON.VICENTE B. MANATA, ALL SANGGUNIAN BAYAN MEMBERS, BADACs and BARANGAY COUNCIL MEMBERS.

In the presentation of former CHIEF OF POLICE, PSI JIM V. JEREMIAS, he recognized the active role of the DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR & LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DILG) and acknowledged the MUNICIPAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS OFFICER, Ms. Ma. Linda S. Fornelosa for exerting all efforts in revitalization of BADAC and coordinating to Barangay Officials and inspired them to undertake Drug Clearing Operations in collaboration with PNP – CASTILLA and all stakeholders & community.

The declaration of Drug – Free Municipality in Castilla was highlighted by a short program which started at 9:00’o clock in the morning at 3rd floor, Mun.Building, Cumadcad, Castilla, Sorsogon.

The program started with an opening prayer led by REV.FATHER PATRICIO ALCANTARA of our Lady of Most Holy Rosary Church. Welcome Remarks was given by HON.VICENTE B. MANATA (VICE-MAYOR), Meanwhile, overview on Drug Campaign Operation was presented by PSI JIM V. JEREMIAS (Former COP-CASTILLA MPS) presently the chief of operations and plans (SORSOGON POLICE PROVINCIAL OFFICE). Double Barrel Accomplishments were presented by PSI JORDEN V. GUTAY, (OIC – COP CASTILLA MPS). The result of the interpretation / analysis of community survey on Drug Clearing was done by DR. RYAN V. DIO, Research & Development Director of Sorsogon State College. All members of the Sanggunian Bayan (SB) signed the certification of “Drug – Free “Barangays, after which was the open forum & message of commitment from Civic Society Organization (CSO). Messages from the hyper – active MUNICIPAL MAYOR HON. ATTY. JOAN ELIZABETH M. LORENZANO – AQUENDE, PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATOR ATTY. RENATO OLBES AND PROVINCIAL DIRECTOR PS SUPT RONALDO R. CABRAL of SORSOGON PROVINCIAL OFFICE further *(turn to page 11)*

Implementation of Business One-Stop-Shop in the Municipality of Viga for CY 2017

By: LGOO V Jose Rogel V. Maglaqui



The municipality of Viga, Catanduanes was included in the Roll-Out of LGUs in the implementation of Business Permit and Licensing System a program spearheaded by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and Department of Trade and Industry (DTI). Since then, this municipality implemented the Business One-Stop Shop which cater for the application for business permit to would be businessmen and to those old ones.

Last December 2016, the newly minted Municipal Mayor Hon. Emeterio M. Tarin of this local government unit, through the guidance of the DILG Officer issued an Office Order to the designated BPLO Mrs. Carmela Berces to lead the establishment of the Business One-Stop Shop (BOSS) at the Municipal Lobby beginning January 4, 2017 until the 27th day of January 2017. Mrs. Berces then, coordinated with different LGU departments involved in the processing of Business Permits including the Bureau of Fire Protection - Viga Municipal Fire Station.

During the opening day, no client go to the Business One-Stop Shop to apply for a permit. This could be attributed to the effects of Typhoon Nina which devastated the province of Catanduanes and also the celebration New Year revelry.

According to the report of the designated BPLO and Municipal Treasurer there are One Hundred One (101) Business Registrants during the whole period of the implementation of 2017 BOSS compared to last year where there is only Sixty Three (63) registrants or a 38% Increase. The New business registrant for this is Fourteen (14) and the Renewal of Business was (87) while last year only Five (5) New business registrant and the Renewal was only Fifty Eight (58). On business Tax Collection there is an increase of 39.26% where during 2016 implementation there is a Seven Hundred Forty Nine Thousand One Hundred Eighty Five Pesos and Five Centavos (P 749,185.05) collection, while for this year collection a total of One Million Forty Three Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Nine Pesos and Twenty Seven Centavos (P 1,043,329.27) Business Tax Collected.

The late applicants for the New and Renewal of business permit, the application is continuously being done at the Municipal Treasurer's office and applicants undergo the normal process wherein they go to different concerned offices. The municipal Treasurer's Office is planning to conduct another round of inspection and tax campaign this coming March 2017 to different barangays to ensure efficient collection of taxes.

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PRESIDENT DUTERTE's VISIT

By : LGOO V Alma May Lim

On December 27, 2016 President Rodrigo Roa Duterte visited the typhoon-stricken province of Catanduanes, following typhoon Nina hit the province. He was accompanied by Secretary Emmanuel Pinol of Dept of Agriculture, Secretary Leonor Briones of Dept. of Education, Secretary Alfonso Cusi of Dept. of Energy, and Secretary Judith Taguiwalo of the DSWD.



The President assured the residents of Catanduanes immediate aid from the government for the restoration of Christmas-typhoon inflicted damages to the province. "I know that we have to be here during this time. Dala ko ang mga tao na makakatulong sa inyo agad," he stated.

CDP and ELA Formulation

By : LGOO V Jimmy D. Lopez

CDP is the comprehensive planning document which is being required by any NGA, especially the DBM, NEDA and even the DOF, that's why the LGU of Panganiban opted to do it first instead of the ELA, which is the common document being prepared by all LGUs in compliance to the component 3 of the NEO Program.

Mayor Robert A. Fernandez of Panganiban has issued an Executive Order organizing and mobilizing the CDP Sectoral Committees who were tasked to work with the technical aspect of the document. The five sectors, such as, Social, Economic, Environment, Infrastructure and Institutional Sectors were included in order to ensure that the CDP has been truly comprehensive. The LCE urged everyone to rally behind the said undertaking for the benefits of Panganibanons. He also said that this milestone document will be useful even beyond his administration as it covers a 10-year plan. Furthermore, the good mayor stressed out that this would be a legacy of the present administration.



The Sangguniang Bayan Members thru Vice-Mayor Remelito S. Cabrera also expressed strong support to the formulation of the 10-year CDP which would also be the basis of the ELA for the period 2017-2019.

The workshop on CDP formulation lasted for almost 7 days. LGOO V Jimmy D. Lopez and MPDC Rafael M. Valledor serve as the facilitator/lecturer in the entire duration of the activity. At the end of the 7-day activity, each sectoral committee has its respective output.

To date, the CDP document still in packaging stage. While the ELA is now at the level of the MDC for review and endorsement of the same to the Sangguniang Bayan. *(turn to page 10)*

Appointment/promotion of DILG personnel

By : AO V Ma. Grace Joy U Tango

The DILG V always provides the right opportunities to its qualified personnel through job promotion and appointment of newly-hired personnel to complement its workforce. On December 19, 2016, the following personnel took their respective oath of offices:



NAME	POSITION	STATION
IMELDA B. BATALLER	LG00 VI	LG MED
ROY B. RAGRAGIO	LG00 VI	CAMARINES NORTE
GERARDO L. MALLAPRE	LG00 V	CAMARINES NORTE
ANGELINE E. PRIOLO	LG00 V	CAMARINES SUR
NOEL A. MANILA	LG00 V	CATANDUANES
MARY GRACELOU S. AREVALO	LG00 V	CATANDUANES
MYLA J. BORRES	LG00 V	MASBATE
ODESSA O. ROBRIGADO	LG00 III	ALBAY
MARY ANN G. PABICO	LG00 II	CAMARINES NORTE
JOSE PORFIRIO R. MERCADO	LG00 II	CAMARINES NORTE
MARIA SHEENA H. BETITO	LG00 II	CAMARINES SUR
ALIW B. FAJARDO	LG00 II	CAMARINES SUR
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CRISTY M. DERILO	LG00 II	SORSOGON
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REYNATO T. ARCILLA	ADM. ASST. II	CATANDUANES
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POPS Plan Formulation and Packaging

By : LGOO V Jimmy D. Lopez

The Panganiban Team compose of the LCE, MPDO, COP, MSWDO and MLGOO had attended the 2-Two day workshop on the formulation of Peace and Order and Public Safety (POPS) Plan for the period 2017-2019 at Capitol Dome, Virac, Catanduanes on November 7-8, 2016. Said activity was sponsored by the Provincial Government of Catanduanes in partnership with the DILG and PNP-Catanduanes. At the end of the two-day workshop, we were able to come up with draft POPS Plan.



To ensure that each municipality could submit the final output, LCEs were made to commit the date within which we can submit such document. In case of Panganiban, we committed to submit it on the second week of December, 2016. However, with due diligence of the Team, we were able to make it on the first week of 2016.

On December 2, 2016, the MPOC had convened just to approved the POPS Plan and thereafter submit the same at the DILG Provincial Office .

LAUNCHING OF MASA MASID

By : LGOO V Jimmy D. Lopez

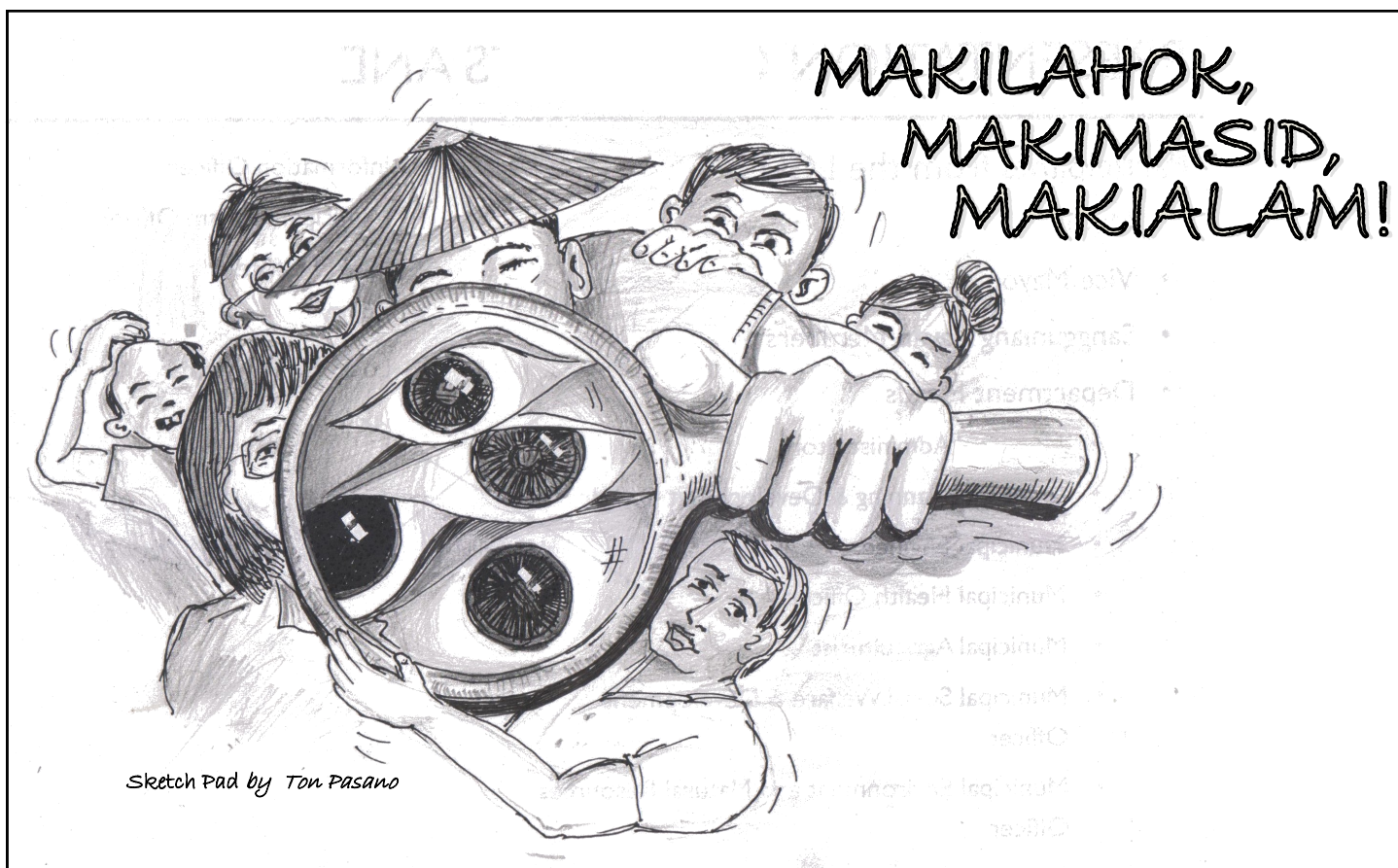
The Local Government Unit of Panganiban launches the MASA MASID Program on December 13, 2016 at the Panganiban Recreation and Evacuation Center. Present during the activity were the LGU elective officials headed by the LCE, Punong Barangays, MADAC and MPOC members, Expanded UBAS TWG, Barangay Kagawads Chairperson on Peace and Order and MMT of the 23 barangays of Panganiban. Said activity is a Department of the Interior and Local Government's community-based program for the prevention of corruption, illegal drugs and criminality in barangays.



Entitled Mamamayang Ayaw Sa Anomalya, Mamamayang Ayaw sa Illegal na Droga or 'MASA MASID,' the program aims to encourage communities to take a proactive stance in the government's fight against corruption, illegal drugs, and criminality.

MASA MASID is envisioned to unite different organizations in creating safer and drug-free communities in the country. Taking off from (Ugnayan ng Barangay at mga Simbahan) UBAS, which brought together barangay officials and religious groups for programs on good governance and community development, MASA MASID stresses the importance of multi-sectoral linkages in communities in combatting the spread of illegal drugs, as well as corruption and criminality.

The activity was highlighted with the Mass Oath Taking of the MASA MASID Team and signing of Pledge of Commitment by all concerns.



MASA MASID

Mamamayang Ayaw sa Anomalya Mamamayang Ayaw sa Iligal na Droga



TO ALL THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED TO JOIN THE MASA MASID PROGRAM OF THE DILG AS VOLUNTEERS, APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE DILG REGIONAL OFFICE (PLANNING UNIT), DILG PROVINCIAL/CITY/MUNICIPAL OFFICES.

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strengthen the commitment of various stakeholders. A total of 145 persons attended the program. Attendees are consist of BARANGAY OFFICIALS, PNP PERSONNEL, REPRESENTATIVE from DEP ED and ACADEME, CIVIC SOCIETY ORGANIZATION (CSOs), RELIGIOUS and BUSINESS SECTOR REPRESENTATIVES, HEALTH SECTOR REPRESENTATIVES and MEDIA PEOPLE.

Declaration of Drug – Free Municipality was done but the challenge to sustain it still continues.





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EXEMPTION OF MEDICAL AND DENTAL CLINICS FROM MAYOR'S PERMIT OR BUSINESS PERMIT REQUIREMENT.

Last November 28, 2016, the Office of the Secretary has issued Memorandum Circular No. 2016-170 which exempts medical and/or dental clinics used for the conduct of medical/dental check-ups or in the practice of the medical profession from the Mayor's Permit or Business Permit requirement.

The main basis for the exemption is Section 139 (b) of the Local Government Code (LGC) which provides that:

"SEC. 139. Professional Tax – xxx

(b) Every person legally authorized to practice his profession shall pay the professional tax to the province where he practices his profession or where he maintains his principal office in case he practices his profession in several places: Provided, however, That such person who has paid the corresponding professional tax shall be entitled to practice his profession in any part of the Philippines without being subjected to any other national or local tax, license, or fee for the practice of such profession." (underline supplied)

Supporting bases for the exemption are Bureau of Local Government Finance (BLGF) Opinions dated December 6, 1999 and February 25, 2015 as well as a Regional Trial Court (RTC) ruling in Branch 15 of Ilocos Norte.

Per Memo Circular No. 2016-170, Medical and/or Dental Clinics used for the conduct of medical or dental check-ups and procedures are taken to be established as a direct consequence of the practice of the medical profession, thus exempt from being subjected to any other national or local tax, license or fee, including the Mayor's Permit or business permit, **PROVIDED** that concerned medical professionals pay the corresponding tax to the province where he/she practices his/her profession or to the City in case of highly urbanized cities and independent component cities.

However, if the clinic has or is being used as an established shop for the purpose of generating income such as being engaged in the sale of products (i.e. medicine, glasses, toothpaste and other products), the Local Government concerned may require the owners to procure the Mayor's Permit or Business Permit.

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