

DILG Aurora On Air

With the vision to impart the programs and activities of DILG for 2014 and bring it closer to the community, DILG Aurora Provincial Director Renato G. Bernardino guested for an interview with the news anchor of Radyo-TV Baler DWBW 92.1 FM, Mr. Bernie Rada in his segment "Balita, Isyu at Panayam" on January 30, 2014.

PD Bernardino discussed the Grassroots Participatory Process where he emphasized the need for Civil Society Organizations' involvement in program planning, implementation and monitoring. He also shared the related program on Full

Disclosure Policy and Seal of Good Housekeeping that enhance the trust and confidence of the community to the government. "For 2014 the department will pursue Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG) that will push LGUs to be excellent in public service and continuously walk the 'Daang Matuwid' ", the PD said.

Director Bernardino stressed the legacy left by the late Secretary Jesse Robredo and continued by Secretary Mar Roxas in giving incentives for those who follow rather than sanctions for those who don't.

- DILG Aurora

ARD Pascua joins PNP-NEPPO in Celebration of the "23rd PNP Foundation Day" in Nueva Ecija

ARD Pascua, assisted by PNP-NEPPO Provincial Director PSSupt. Crizaldo O. Nieves, led the Awarding of Commendation to the seven distinct PNP Officers. Awardees were SPO1 Rodolfo F. Luis and PO2 Redentor A. Vallejo of Lupao Police Station; PCI Renato C. Morales and PO2 Giovani L. Peñamante of San Leonardo Police Station; and PINSIP Nicanor P. Discipulo, PO3 Alberto U. Buendia Jr., and PO2 Christopher G. Domingo of Zaragoza Police Station.

Pursuant to PNP Reward Educational Assistance Program, PNP-NEPPO awarded 2 checks amounting to PhP 15,000 each, and educational assistance for CY 2013-2014, to the dependents of

PSupt Ricardo E. Villanueva and PINSIP Lawrence Dr. Lira.

ARD Pascua, in his message, applauded PNP-NEPPO in their sterling performance for the year 2013. He further commended them for their unwavering support and cooperation on the Typhoon Santi that devastated Nueva Ecija last October 2013. He also congratulated PNP-NEPPO in their 23rd Founding Anniversary.

At the end of the program, PNP-NEPPO Provincial Director Nieves awarded Certificate of Appreciation to ARD Pascua for his participation in the said event.

- DILG Nueva Ecija

A Tribute to Retirees



The retirees together with RD Dijan, ARD Pascua, CD and Division Chiefs

The Finance and Administrative Division of DILG R-3 with the all out support of RD Florida M. Dijan had successfully conducted the Tribute to Retirees for the eight (8) employees of the region for the year 2013. The activity, which was intended to show respect and due recognition to the valuable contributions of the retirees who spent their prime years serving the Department, was held on January 30, 2014 at the DILG R-3's Conference Room, Maimpis, City of San

Fernando, Pampanga.

During the Inspirational Message of RD Dijan, she acknowledged the hard work of the retirees and thanked them for their loyalty and unwavering efforts in realizing the Department's PPAs. She also mentioned that for sure many times in their career life, there were instances that they opted to sacrifice the welfare of their family just to carry out the call of duty as noble government employees.

Highlights of the tribute were the AVP for the retirees, awarding of plaques of appreciation and their giving of impression. For the finale, the retirees were requested to rise for the singing of the Baya't LGOO, for the last time.. but with heads held high, with strong conviction, knowing that they gave their fair share in keeping up the integrity and prestige of the Department. Deep in their hearts they know for sure, Once a DILG, Always a DILG.

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Regional Management Coordinating Committee 3 Holds Its First Meeting of the Year



RD Florida Dijan presides over the First RMCC-3 Meeting for CY 2014 at DILG Regional Office

The Regional Management Coordinating Committee (RMCC) in Region 3, chaired by Local Government (LG) Sector Regional Director Florida M. Dijan, held its first meeting for CY 2014 last January 28, 2014 at the DILG Regional Office 3, Maimpis, City of San Fernando, Pampanga. It was attended by the heads and other officials from the Bureau of Fire (BFP), Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP), Philippine National Police (PNP), Philippine Public Safety College Regional Training School (PPSC-RTS), National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM), and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (LG Sector).

The highlight of the meeting was the proposed creation of local DRRM Team of the Department. RMCC members also presented updates on activities undertaken by their respective agency.

Further, the committee discussed plans for the year such as proposed trainings (i.e. First Aid and Survival trainings) and conduct of fire and earthquake drills for the DILG personnel/officers.

The RMCC serves as the overall coordinating body for effective organizational and coordinative linkages and integration of policies and programs at the regional level.

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DILG R-3 Conducts Consultation-Meeting with USEC Bimbo Fernandez on Manila Bay Project

In line with the Department's mandate given by the Supreme Court to clean, rehabilitate and preserve the Manila Bay and its watershed areas as well as to prevent the proliferation of Informal Settler Families (ISF) and illegal structures along waterways, DILG R-3 conducted a Consultation-Meeting on the

Manila Bay Project on January 13, 2013 at the Municipal Hall of Candaba, Pampanga. It was presided over by USEC Francisco "Bimbo" Fernandez, Undersecretary for ISF, Urban Poor and Other Special Concerns.

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RD Dijan Advocates DILG Programs thru DWRW



RD Florida Dijan discusses 2014 DILG major programs

When asked about the major role of DILG, RD Dijan said, "The DILG is tasked to provide capability building interventions to LGUs in order to make local officials more effective and efficient in accomplishing their responsibilities as public servants. This will help LGUs achieve excellence in local governance."

RD Dijan also informed the listeners that DILG R3 already has released the official list of 2012 Seal of Housekeeping (SGH) awardees which were conferred this FY 2013 and the P42 million worth of projects for one Province, three Cities and 26 Municipalities. Likewise, awards were granted to the LGUs for their exemplary performance in settling disputes within their community. These LGUs made it to the Lupong Tagapamayapa Incentive Awards (LTIA) National level.

According to the Director the DILG together with its partner agencies continuously provides orientation and training programs for local officials particularly the newly elected barangay officials.

In her parting words, RD Dijan said that DILG serves as the guardian angel of the LGUs because the Department exists to provide necessary assistance and intervention to all Local Government Units.

In order to promote and inform the public of the Department of the Interior and Local Government's current projects and programs, DILG-R3 Regional Director Florida M. Dijan guested on the January 8, 2014 Episode of "Talakayan Ngayon" at DWRW-FM 95.1. RD Dijan shared the BEST Program Outcomes of the Department which stands for Business Friendly and Competitive LGUs, Environment-Protective, Climate Change adaptive and Disaster Resilient LGUs, Socially-Protective and Safe LGUs and Transparent, Accountable, Participative and Effective Local Governance (B.E.S.T).

- ADA IV' Haidi Dizon

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USEC Bimbo Fernandez discusses the operation LIKAS

The activity was aimed to give the necessary technical assistance to pilot LGUs, namely, Apalit and Candaba in Pampanga and Calumpit and Paombong in Bulacan for the formulation and approval of their respective Local Shelter Plan (LSP) that can easily lead to the access of housing program funds coming from different key shelter agencies. It was attended by the Local Chief Executives (LCEs), Punong Barangays and delegates of the aforementioned LGUs. The Regional Directors and representatives of DILG, DENR, DENR-EMB, DPWH, HUDCC, and NHA were also present in the said event. The group conducted an ocular inspection in Brgy. Buas, Candaba, Pampanga where there is a large number of informal settlers along the Pampanga River.

DILG R-3 RD Florida M. Dijan, in her message, proudly stated the strong partnership and coordination amongst concerned NGAs not just in this project but also to the enforcement and implementation of environmental laws and other programs. RD Dijan mentioned the 4 components of the

project namely Solid Waste Management and Informal Settlers who is chaired by the DILG while the DENR headed the Liquid Waste Management, and Habitat and Ecosystem Restoration. Lastly, she expressed her gratitude to the LCEs, other Regional Directors and delegates for their devotion and continuous efforts to save and restore not just the Manila Bay but also on our environment.

Usec. Bimbo Fernandez introduced the operation LIKAS (Lumikas Iwas sa Kalamidad At Sakit) which is currently implemented in NCR to reduce and eliminate flooding without sacrificing the safety of the informal settlers by make use of flood control measures. He mentioned that one of the priorities of President Benigno S. Aquino, Jr. before the end of his term in 2016 is for all the ISF who live in the danger areas be relocated to a safe and affordable houses which is also accessible to livelihood. Usec. Fernandez assured the LGUs that the DILG, in close partnership and coordination/cooperation with concerned line and key shelter agencies, will lend a hand and give all the needed assistance to resolve their respective ISFs problem.

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DILG R-3 Holds PCF Orientation-Workshop

The Department of the Interior and Local Government R-III held an Orientation-Workshop on Performance Challenge Fund (PCF) on January 10, 2014 at Red Rickshaw Chinese Restaurant, Sindalan, City of San Fernando, Pampanga.

The activity allowed the LGU beneficiaries and concerned DILG officers to be familiar with the mechanics of accessing the PCF. Likewise, the 130 participants composed of Municipal Planning and Development Coordinators, Municipal Engineers, Municipal Accountants, Municipal Budget Officers, DILG Cluster Team Leaders and Municipal Local Government Operations Officers had the chance to learn from the experiences/best practices of previous LGU recipients which they can replicate for the successful implementation of their projects.

In her opening remarks, RD Florida M. Dijan warmly welcomed the attendees and congratulated the LGU recipients for their performance in good local governance which yielded the PCF incentive. She also highlighted the role of DILG in monitoring the compliance of LGUs which were used in setting the standards of performance and served as basis for incentivizing. RD Dijan also encouraged the participants "not to fall back" and exercise "due diligence" in order to ensure and sustain a more effective and efficient program implementation of local development projects.

OIC-CDD Martin Porres B. Moral apprised the participants the status of implementation for PCF-supported projects for CY 2012 wherein 71 out of 103 or (68.93%) of the LGU projects were already completed and reminded the concerned LGUs to submit the necessary supporting documents pertaining to the completion and full liquidation of the projects.

The LGU recipients from the 2012 PCF namely: Apalit, Pampanga and San Luis, Aurora imparted their experiences/best practices in the successful implementation of their projects:



RD Florida M. Dijan during her Opening Remarks

Participants during the Action-Planning Workshop for the 2013 PCF-Supported Projects



Engr. Allan L. Ochigüe shares the experiences of Apalit, Pampanga



Hon. Annabelle C. Tangson shares the experiences of San Luis Aurora

OIC-Asst. Director Dennis D. Villaseñor from the Bureau of Local Government Development discussed the Implementing Guidelines of the CY 2013 PCF. He highlighted the mechanics on accessing the subsidy requirements. He also gave guidance to the participants in terms of project identification by utilizing the recommended modular projects which is one of the new features of the program.

Each LGU team also crafted their respective action plans for the PCF which included their strategies/activities starting from the project identification phase up to the post implementation phase along with the corresponding timeframe and personnel in-charge.

- CDD



Asst. Director Dennis D. Villaseñor of BLGD discussing the 2013 PCF Guidelines