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Calabarzon RDC donates financial aid to Marawi casualties

by Marlo E. Chavez, NEDA Region IV-A

Calabarzon Regional Development Council (RDC) Chairperson Governor Hermilando I. Mandanas, in behalf of the RDC, handed over a total of P520,500 financial aid to Marawi casualties to MGen. Melquiades Feliciano of the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Civil-Military Operations at the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) on October 10 at AFP Head Quarters, Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City. The aid consisted of P500,000 check from RDC Calabarzon and P20,500 cash from RDC members.

MGen. Feliciano expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the Calabarzon RDC for the valuable gesture of support to the Marawi casualties. The assistance will be given to the soldiers who were the casualties of the conflict in Marawi.

Governor Hermilando I. Mandanas of Batangas and Calabarzon RDC Chairperson, and Assistant Regional Director Gina T. Gacusan of NEDA Region IV-A and RDC Secretary, hands over the RDC financial aid to Marawi casualties to MGen. Melquiades Feliciano of the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Civil-Military Operations and Col. Francis Cabugo, Executive Officer J7 of the AFP. (Photo by: NEDA Region IV-A)

According to AFP, they opened a Landbank account under the name AFP Marawi Casualty for donations for victims of armed conflict in Marawi to ensure that financial aid will be accounted properly.

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Calabarzon conducts Joint RDC-RPOC meeting

by Michael R. Lavadia, NEDA Region IV-A

From L to R: Secretary Jose Maria Nicomedes Hernandez Presidential Adviser for Southern Tagalog, PSR Ladislao L. Andal, Calabarzon RDC Co-Chairperson, Governor Hermilando I. Mandanas of Batangas and Calabarzon RDC Chairperson, and Governor Jesus Crispin C. Remulla of Cavite, Calabarzon RPOC Chairperson. (Photo by: Farhad E. Ali Asgari, NEDA Region IV-A)

A Joint Regional Development Council (RDC) and Regional Peace and Order Council (RPOC) Meeting was conducted on September 14 at Summit Ridge Hotel, Tagaytay City in an effort to harmonize socio-economic development programs, policies, projects and activities in attaining peace and order in Calabarzon Region.

Among the items discussed in the joint session were: in-migration of poor population to Cavite; support to Quezon Techno-Industrial Park; results of the Japan International Cooperation Agency study on potential industries of Calabarzon; establishment of the Disaster Resiliency Education for Adaptation and Migration Academy; increased penalties to overloading trucks; proposed transfer of the Senate of the Philippines to Antipolo City or in any area in Calabarzon; status of Bird Flu outbreak; and financial support to Marawi City.

During the meeting, the RDC approved the 2016 Calabarzon Regional Development Report which contain the Calabarzon's socio-economic development performance in 2016, and the Calabarzon Regional Development Investment Program 2017-2022 which include the programs and projects of implementing agencies in the Region in support to the implementation of the Calabarzon Regional Development Plan 2017-2022. The RDC also approved programs and projects in addressing key development issues in the Region.

Moreover, the RDC endorsed the conduct of feasibility studies to 15 inter-regional projects, and Calabarzon Water Resources Research and Extension Center. Other programs, projects, activities and policies were also endorsed by the RDC.

The RDC awarded plaques and certificates to agencies and individuals who brought honor and provided valuable services to the Region and the RDC. These were: Top ranking local government units in the 2017 Cities and Municipalities Competitiveness Index (CMCI); Regional Competitiveness Committee members, partners, and Dir. Rosalinda Bautista of PSA-NCR for their contributions in the CMCI; Lt. Gen. Ferdinand Quidilla of Southern Luzon Command for his contribution to peace and order; Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Hall of Fame Awardees (CARD Bank and NEDA Region IV-A); and Municipalities of Talisay and Tingloy, Batangas as Drug-Cleared Municipalities as of August 22.

RDC Chairperson Hermilando I. Mandanas expressed his gratitude to the Province of Cavite, through the leadership of RPOC Chairperson Jesus Crispin C. Remulla for hosting the RDC-RPOC Joint Meeting.

The RPOC held its meeting right after the RDC meeting to follow through with the discussions concerning peace and order. Among the issues discussed by the RPOC that may affect regional development were: counter violent-extremism; peace and order situation; drug situation; and trafficking of persons and child abuse.

Secretary Andanar presents the PCONet in the Joint RDC-RPOC Meeting

by Michael R. Lavadia, NEDA Region IV-A

Presidential Communications Operations Office Secretary Martin M. Andanar in his message during the Third Quarter 2017 Calabarzon Joint Regional Development Council (RDC) and Regional Peace and Order Council Meeting on September 14 at Summit Ridge Hotel, Tagaytay City said that his office established the Provincial Communication Officers Network or PCONet to serve as the basic instrument in information dissemination so that the government's advocacy will reach the grassroots and the countryside.

The PCONet will bring vital information from the Malacañang Palace to the people and vice-versa and stop the proliferation of unverified and fake news. He said, "We need not only rely on tri-media and social media in disseminating information, but also local information officers have vital role to publicize government's efforts in the development of the country to the people."

He then requested the support of the local government units to the PCONet by designating public information officers in every city and municipality and strengthen public information network. Secretary Andanar was thankful to the Provinces of Batangas, Cavite and Laguna for being models in terms of designating information officers.

He also announced the conduct of the Information Convention for all information officers of the country to be held in February 2018 in Davao City to discuss capability building and showcase modern communication tools. RDC Chairperson Hermilando I. Mandanas responded that he will allow his information officers to participate in the convention.

Presidential Communications Operations Office Secretary Martin M. Andanar presents the PCONet in the Joint RDC-RPOC Meeting on September 14 at Summit Ridge Hotel, Tagaytay City. (Photo by: Farhad E. Ali Asgari, NEDA Region IV-A)

Angeles City hosts Luzon RDCom meeting

by Michael R. Lavadia, NEDA Region IV-A

The local government of Angeles City, Pampanga through the leadership of RDC III Chairperson and Angeles City Mayor Edgardo D. Pamintuan hosted the Luzon Regional Development Committee (RDCom) Meeting on October 24 in Angeles City, Pampanga.

Mayor Pamintuan showcased the Angeles City Command Center that helps the local government monitor traffic, peace and order and safety of the city. He also added that the Command Center uses fiber optic technology which provides high definition monitoring of streets even in night time. Mayor Pamintuan added that the facility greatly aids the local government in solving crime and road accidents with clear documentation by cameras installed around the city. He also shared his initiatives on improving the tourism potential of the city by establishing people's parks from repossessed materials and clearing dangling wires of electricity and communication companies.

The meeting also discussed the proposed amendments to Energy Regulation No. 1-94. Governor Hermilando I. Mandanas of Batangas and Luzon RDCom Chairperson shared to the Committee that the Luzon RDCom is invited by Department of Energy Undersecretary Felix William B. Funtabella in a meeting to discuss and resolve prevailing issues on the matter. Chair Mandanas informed the committee that his petition for the release of P800 billion of Internal Revenue Allotment will soon be granted which greatly help local government units (LGUs) deliver basic services. He further explained that to have a truly effective Federal Government, it should be composed of strong autonomous LGUs. His proposal to amend Sections 5 to 7 under Article X of the 1987 Philippine Constitution will increase revenues of LGUs and promote local autonomy towards a federal form of government.

Chair Mandanas also raised the environmental and economic impacts of washed up water hyacinths and garbage from Manila swept in the coasts of Batangas. He further informed the committee that the garbage is being swept towards Mindoro Island. BGen. Jose V. Campo of the Metro Manila Development Authority thanked the Chairperson for the information and told the committee that this will be addressed by the agency.

NEDA Region IV-A spearheads Regional Forum on Economic and Financial Literacy

by Jamie Angeli A. Gutierrez, NEDA Region IV-A

A total of 80 representatives from SUCs, HEIs, informal sector groups in Calabarzon and NEDA Region IV-A participated in the forum held on November 7 at REDREC Auditorium, University of the Philippines Los Baños, Laguna. (Photo by: Farhad E. Ali Asgari, NEDA Region IV-A)

The National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) Region IV-A in partnership with the University of the Philippines Los Baños College of Economics and Management (UPLB-CEM) spearheaded the conduct of the Regional Forum on Economic and Financial Literacy (EFL) on November 7 at the REDREC Auditorium, UPLB-CEM. The theme *"O, Kita Mo Na! 'Pag May Alam sa Ekonomiya at Pinansya, May Ganansya!"* highlights the importance of developing economic and financial literacy among the public to help them make well informed decisions that can improve their finances.

Dr. Isabelita M. Pabuayon, Dean of the UPLB-CEM, welcomed the participants to the forum and expressed CEM's support to EFL activities. The topics presented in the forum are on basic economic concepts, national economy and financial literacy awareness.

Dr. Zenaida M. Sumalde, UPLB-CEM professor, discussed basic economic concepts such as demand and supply, inflation, interest rate, return on investment and how it relates to daily life. The lecture answered the questions such as how prices are set and the effect of inflation rate and interest rate to savings, investments or loans.

Assistant Regional Director Gina T. Gacusan of NEDA Region IV-A discussed the Gross Domestic Product, its components and what makes nations of today rich. She highlighted the significant role that people play in improving the economy.

"Financial management is a personal commitment," said Ms. Melanie N. Condes of Bangko Sentral-Lucena Branch during her talk on Financial Literacy for Better Personal Financial Management. She emphasized the need for Filipinos to develop good attitude, behavior, skills and knowledge on managing finances for them to make sound financial decisions.

The conduct of the forum is pursuant to Republic Act No. 10922 which mandates NEDA to lead the annual observance of the EFL in the country every second week of November.

NEDA Region IV-A assesses impact of Marikina-Infanta Road Project

by Ray Michael Kevin H. Abuso, NEDA Region IV-A

The Marikina-Infanta Road Project is a national road considered as the most important link from Manila to the northeastern towns in the Pacific Coast and the Real, Infanta, General Nakar and Polillo Group of Islands municipalities of Quezon. The road traverses the three Provinces of Rizal, Laguna and Quezon, starting from Junction Highway in Masinag, Antipolo City to Tanay in Rizal, to Sta. Maria in Laguna, and Infanta and General Nakar in Quezon. Serving as a vital alternate route to Quezon, an assessment of the impact of Marikina-Infanta Road Project as a diversion road to the existing national road from Masinag, Antipolo in Rizal to Infanta in Quezon is being conducted by NEDA Region IV-A.

The conduct of impact evaluation of completed projects is a monitoring and evaluation initiative of the NEDA Central Office, with the NEDA regional offices implementing the studies. The conduct of the Marikina-Infanta Road Project impact evaluation study is being undertaken by NEDA Region IV-A with assistance from consultants. The study commenced with a reconnaissance visit to the project site on September 18 and expected to be completed by March 2018.

NEDA Region IV-A conducts Project Development Training for Calabarzon Convergence Areas in Quezon Province

by Revy Ann Grace Z. Jolongbayan, NEDA Region IV-A

The NEDA Region IV-A, in partnership with the Provincial Government of Quezon, conducted a two-day training on Introduction to Project Development for the 33 LGUs under the Calabarzon Convergence Areas in Quezon Province. The training was held in two batches on October 4 to 5 for the first batch and October 11 to 12 for the second batch at the Ouan's The Farm Resort, Lucena City. A total of 60 local planners and technical personnel participated in the training.

Participants from the 12 LGUs of Quezon Province poses during the first batch of the Introduction to Project Development Training for Calabarzon Convergence Areas on October 4 to 5. (Photo by: Romer E. Mada, NEDA Region IV-A)

Ms. Maria Odessa Perez (2nd row, seated 4th from right), Quezon Provincial Planning and Development Coordinator joins the participants from the 21 LGUs of Quezon Province during the second batch of the Introduction to Project Development Training for Calabarzon Convergence Areas on October 11 to 12. (Photo by: Romer E. Mada, NEDA Region IV-A)

The training aimed to capacitate the LGUs in preparing basic project proposals for submission to National Government Agencies for funding assistance. The training is part of the Calabarzon Regional Development Council's initiative to address poverty in the region.

The NEDA staff served as resource persons on the project development cycle, logical framework and project proposal preparation. The training generated 31 proposals which include projects on road development, coco honey production, evacuation center and public market, among others. The project proposals will be submitted by the LGUs to the implementing agencies during the 2017 Calabarzon Investment Forum in December. The project proposals are targeted to be included in the 2019 budget proposals of implementing agencies.

OWWA chairs 1st Sub-Committee on International Migration and Development organizational meeting

by Jamie Angeli A. Gutierrez, NEDA Region IV-A

In 2016, the Regional Development Council (RDC) Calabarzon re-organized the Committee on Migration and Development and created two sub-committees which are the Sub-Committee on Internal Migration and the Sub-Committee on International Migration and Development (SCIMD). The move was parallel with the creation of the same sub-committees at the national level.

The SCIMD conducted its first organizational meeting on November 3 at the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Region IV-A Office in Parian, Calamba City. The sub-committee is envisioned to coordinate and implement initiatives, plans, programs and projects in Calabarzon that are related to international migration and development.

To provide overall direction for the Sub-Committee, the proposed Terms of Reference (TOR) and Action Plan of the Sub-Committee were presented and approved. Given the gradual turn over to Overseas Filipino Workers Administration (OWWA) of DOLE's programs and services starting 2017, DOLE Region IV-A suggested for the OWWA to take over the chairmanship of the Sub-Committee. Ms. Imelda B. Decipeda of DOLE Region IV-A informed the body that the National Reintegration Center for OFWs (NRCO), which is currently under the administration of DOLE Region IV-A, will be turned over to OWWA Region IV-A and that the DOLE Region IV-A will no longer provide programs and services of OFWs by 2018. OWWA Region IV-A agreed to be the Chairperson of the Sub-Committee.

RDC IV-A, PNVSCA conduct Regional Forum on Volunteerism

by Ray Michael Kevin H. Abuso, NEDA Region IV-A

The Regional Forum on Volunteerism was initiated by the Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency (PNVSCA) to create public awareness and appreciation on the value of volunteerism as a complementary cost-effective strategy in implementing priority development programs and projects to assist the marginalized and vulnerable sectors of the country. The Regional Development Council Region IV-A and PNVSCA conducted the forum on September 26 at Splash Mountain Resort, Los Baños, Laguna.

The forum also served as a venue to generate inputs for the formulation of a policy agenda and action plan for the volunteer program to support the Philippine Development Plan 2017-2022.

Representatives from the regional line agencies, local government units, state universities and colleges and the private sector attended the forum. Director Luis Banua of NEDA Region IV-A presented the Ambisyon Natin 2040, Philippine Development Plan, Regional Development Plan and the opportunities for volunteerism in the Region. Ms. Corazon Macaraig of PNVSCA presented the role of volunteerism in the overall development of the country. Workshops generated inputs to the Volunteerism for Development Communication and Advocacy Program.

Participants of the Regional Forum on Volunteerism held on September 26 at Splash Mountain Resort, Los Baños, Laguna. (Photo by: PNVSCA)

PESO Pila, Laguna bags 2016 National Best PESO Award

by Jorge Manuel C. Laude, DOLE Region IV-A

The Public Employment Service Office (PESO) of Pila, Laguna, headed by its PESO Manager Mr. Jayson D. Palasin, was named the 2016 Best PESO for the 3rd to 4th Class Municipality Category during the conferment ceremony of the Search for 2016 Best PESO. It was held at FL Dy Coliseum, Cauayan City, Isabela during the 17th National PESO Congress with the theme: "Trabaho, Negosyo at Kabuhayan: Matatag na PESO, Kaagapay ng Bawat Pilipino".

The annual Search for Best PESO is the Department of Labor and Employment's way of giving back the efforts of the PESOs to recognize their accomplishments and initiatives, both the PESO and its manager, as well as for the continuous support to fulfill the Department's mandate especially in employment facilitation that made possible in the grassroots level.

"Institutionalizing PESOs in your local government units will remarkably help your constituents avail of the multi-employment service facility. It is high time that we solidify our partnership so that more Filipino jobseekers will be able to build better lives through full, decent, and productive employment", Labor and Employment Secretary Silvestre H. Bello III said.

Ms. Ami N. Hernandez and Mr. Jayson Palasin in all smiles as they receive the plaques of recognition. (Photo by: DOLE Region IV-A)

PROVINCIAL NEWS

Rizal hailed as Most Competitive Province for two consecutive years

by Rizal Provincial Information Office

Governor Rebecca "Nini" Ynares and members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan proudly display the prestigious Plaque of Recognition awarded by NCC. (Photo by: Rizal PIO)

Rizal Province, under the leadership of Governor Rebecca 'Nini' Ynares has been hailed again as the Most Competitive Province in the entire Philippines by the National Competitiveness Council (NCC) during the 2017 Regional Competitiveness Summit and Awarding Ceremonies, held at the Philippine International Convention Center.

The award, second in a row for the province, recognizes the crucial role of local government units in promoting competitiveness in the country. The event highlights the results of the 2017 Cities and Municipalities Competitiveness Index (CMCI), which assessed and evaluated four pillars of governance such as Economic Dynamism, Government Efficiency, Infrastructure Development, and Resiliency, which Rizal Province tops among the rest of the provinces in the country.

The City of Antipolo was also adjudged as the Most Competitive Component City, while Cainta, Taytay, and Angono, garnered 1st, 2nd and 3rd place as Most Competitive Municipalities, respectively. It was also second in a row for both Cainta and Taytay which finished first and second, respectively, in the 1st - 2nd class category last year. Other LGUs of the province also landed in the Top 15 rankings of the CMCI, like Montalban (No. 6), San Mateo (No. 9), Binangonan (No. 10) and Tanay (No. 12). Under the 3rd – 5th class category, Cardona and Baras were adjudged No. 1 and 3 in Government Efficiency pillar, respectively. According to the Governor the awards reflect their effort in promoting social progress and better standards of life for their people. "This recognition will also provide a more enabling business environment that will make Rizal the preferred place to do business," added Ynares.

Leaders' Conference culminates Cooperative Month Celebration

by Provincial Information and Community Affairs Department

The Provincial Government of Cavite through the Provincial Cooperative, Livelihood and Entrepreneurial Development Office (PCLEDO) in partnership with the Provincial Cooperative Development Council (PCDC) culminated the Coop Month Celebration with the conduct of the 5th Cooperative Leaders' Conference with the theme, "Managing Risk Beyond Compliance" held on October 30 at the Tagaytay International Conventional Center, Tagaytay City.

On behalf of Governor Jesus Crispin Remulla and Vice-Governor Jolo Revilla, Mr. Alvin S. Mojica, PCLEDO Department Head and PCDC Cavite Chairperson welcomed and thanked all the participants who attended the conference. In his message, Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) Region IV Dir. Salvador V. Valeroso, stressed that cooperatives focus on poverty eradication. "Coop is still our weapon to lower the level of poverty," Valeroso said. He challenged the participants to focus not only on business resiliency or continuity planning but to think of adding investment to the cooperatives.

The cooperative month celebration in Cavite was capped by the 5th Cooperative Leaders' Conference with the theme, "Managing Risk Beyond Compliance" held at the Tagaytay International Conventional Center, Tagaytay City on October 30. (Photo by: PICAD)

The conference was attended by 286 participants composed of cooperative leaders, board of directors, committee officers, executives, managers and supervisors.

Laguna breaks ground for new *Sangguniang Panlalawigan* Building

by Laguna Provincial Information Office

Governor Ramil L. Hernandez led the groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of the new Sangguniang Panlalawigan Building of the Provincial Government of Laguna on October 23.

Located at the provincial capitol compound, the two-storey infrastructure will be built in two stages: Phase 1 covers structural components and rough-ins that will commence on the third quarter of 2017 while Phase 2 is scheduled to be finished by the end of 2018.

The ground floor will hold 13 spacious rooms for the board members, two spare rooms, and a common/public restroom. Meanwhile on the second floor will be the Office of the Vice Governor, Office of the Provincial Board Secretary and staff, be the session hall, and three function rooms. common/public restroom.

Assisting the Governor in the ceremony were Vice Governor Atty. Karen C. Agapay and Senior Board Member Ruth Mariano-Hernandez (2nd District), Board Members Carlo Almoro, Jose Mari Carait, Abigail Alonte (1st District), Pursino Oruga, Leeanne Aldabe (2nd District), Dante Amante, Alejandro Yu (3rd District), Joseph Kris Benjamino Agarao, Rai Ann San Luis (4th District), and ABC President Lorenzo Zuñiga, in the presence of department/unit heads, chiefs of hospitals, and provincial government employees.

Governor Ramil L. Hernandez leads the groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of the new Sangguniang Panlalawigan Building of the Provincial Government of Laguna on October 23 together with Sangguniang Panlalawigan Board Members. (Photo by: Laguna PIO)

Princess Martha Louise of Norway, Governor Mandanas grace Jotun grand opening

by Vince Altar, Batangas Provincial Information Office

Jotun Philippines, a Norwegian multi-national paint company, formally opened its paint factory with a royal launching ceremony on November 6 at the Light Industry and Science Park III in Sto. Tomas, Batangas.

The grand opening was highlighted by the participation of the Princess of Norway Martha Louise, who led a fairy tale presentation of the 91-year old Norwegian company's history. Jotun Philippines Country Manager, Mr. Stamatis Solomakos, and Jotun Board Chairperson Odd Gleditsch dy, also actively participated in the performance.

Batangas Governor Hermilando Mandanas welcomed the commencement of operations of the PhP 1.1 billion factory as it means more job opportunities for Batangueños and residents of the Calabarzon region. Also on hand was Mr. Kristian Netland, Deputy Ambassador of Norway to the Philippines.

Established in 1926, Jotun targets to produce five million liters of paint per year to supply coating requirements for Marine, Protective, Powder and Decorative segments.

The Princess of Norway Martha Louise (left) cheers on as (from left) Jotun Philippines Country Manager, Mr. Stamatis Solomakos; Deputy Ambassador of Norway to the Philippines, Mr. Kristian Netland; Batangas Governor Hermilando I. Mandanas; and Jotun Board Chairperson, Mr. Odd Gleditsch dy pressed the giant ceremonial button signifying the grand opening of Jotun, a Norwegian multi-national paint company in LISP III, Sto. Tomas, Batangas on November 6. (Photo by: Eric Arellano, Batangas PIO)

1st CALABARZON JOBSEEKERS SUMMIT TACKLES IMPROVING JOBSEEKERS' READINESS

by Theresa Jane G. Cajarte, NEDA Region IV-A

The First Calabarzon Jobseekers Summit and Provincial Job-Skills Matching convened jobseekers and representatives from the academe, industry, and government at the Batangas City Convention Center, Batangas City on October 25. The event was spearheaded by the Calabarzon Regional Development Council's Special Committee on Strengthening Academe and Industry Linkages in partnership with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Region IV-A and the City of Batangas.

With the theme "Enhancing Jobseekers' Readiness Towards a Global Calabarzon", the Summit is a milestone not only for Calabarzon but for the whole country as it revolved around improving jobseekers' readiness to increase their employability.

Setting the context of the Summit, Director Domique Rubia-Tutay of the DOLE-Bureau of Local Employment presented the employment situation in the Philippines and in Region IV-A and 21st century skills in the workplace. DOLE IV-A's Youth Employability Framework and the highlights of a region-wide survey which gathered jobseekers' experiences and challenges were also presented. From there, a panel composed of representatives from the academe, industry, national and local government, and non-government organization recommended interventions to assist jobseekers. The Summit also provided a venue to see the job-skills gap in each of the five provinces of Calabarzon and recommend specific interventions to improve employment in each area.

The Jobseekers Summit builds on the gains of last year's Calabarzon Academe-Industry Linkages Summit where one of the commitments in the signed Manifesto is to provide better education and employment and continuously provide a venue for academe and industry partnerships to thrive.

The Summit was organized by the technical working group composed of government representatives from CHED, DepEd, DOLE, TESDA, NEDA; academe representatives from Philippine Association of Colleges and Universities, De La Salle University-Dasmariñas, Batangas State University, Cavite State University, Laguna State Polytechnic University, Southern Luzon State University, University of Rizal System, University of the Philippines Los Baños; and industry representatives from IT & Business Process Association of the Philippines, Association of Petrochemical Manufacturers of the Philippines, Inc., and Motorcentral Sales Corporation. The NEDA Region IV-A served as the Jobseekers Summit Secretariat.

Panel Discussion on the result of the survey Assessing the Jobseekers' Situation in Calabarzon during the 1st Calabarzon Jobseekers' Summit held on October 25 at the Batangas City Convention Center, Batangas City. (Photo by: NEDA Region IV-A)

There are several activities conducted during the 1st Calabarzon Jobseekers Summit held on October 25 at the Batangas City Convention Center, Batangas including plenary sessions, provincial job-skills matching, and the ceremonial signing of support on the Youth Employability Framework. (Photos by: NEDA Region IV-A)

DOST, PCIEERD, ITDI, FNRI, DOH, FDA present outcomes of Food Safety, Technology Training Program

by Rochelle L. Cruz, DOST Region IV-A

Department of Science and Technology Regional Directors and Department of Health representatives, Temasek Foundation and Nanyang Polytechnic International delegates during the Food Safety and Technology Implementation Review on October 23, 2017 at Crimson Hotel, Alabang, Muntinlupa City.(Photo by: DOST Region IV-A)

As part of the partnership of Department of Science and Technology (DOST) with Nanyang Polytechnic International and Temasek Foundation Inc. in training the officials and staff on food safety and technology from 2016 to 2017, an implementation and training review was conducted on October 23 at the Crimson Hotel, Alabang, Muntinlupa City. The six agencies namely: Philippine Council for Industry, Energy and Emerging Technology Research and Development (PCIEERD), Industrial Technology Development Institute (ITDI), Food Nutrition Research Institute (FNRI), DOST Regional Offices, Department of Health (DOH), and Food and Drug Administration (FDA) which participated in the seminar-training presented their outcomes on how they were able to cascade their learnings and how they addressed the food safety issues and concerns in their locales.

Assistant Regional Director Corazon Flores, of DOH–National Capital Region shared the different advocacy activities they conducted such as Advocacy Forum on Food Safety, Regional Sanitation Summit, Water Quality and Food Safety Awareness to increase the awareness of the participants in food safety.

Engr. Niñaliza Escorial of PCIEERD shared their action plan to harness food safety by supporting the harmonization of food safety training modules, updating the food safety roadmap and action plans in collaboration with other government agencies, and monitoring of program's outputs.

Engr. Norbert Ambagan of ITDI said they focused on conducting awareness and echo seminar on food safety to students, LGU members, and food industry staff.

Dr. Mario Capanzana, Director of the FNRI presented the highlights of the projects related to Food Quality and Safety R&D Technology. According to him, some of the impacts include increased capability for innovative, cost-effective and science-based technology and services, improved nutritional status of the populace in Mindanao through consumption of quality and safe iron fortified rice, and enhanced national capability to evaluate food safety risks from chemical hazards.

Dr. Anthony Sales, Regional Director of the DOST XI said that they performed FST services such as training on Good Manufacturing Practice, Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points, Food Safety Management System; plant layout design consultancy; pre-assessment for certification; preparation of manuals; and other technical consultancy. There were a total of 497 trainings with 14,720 participants conducted nationwide as part of cascading the learnings from the training.

Mr. Andrew Delos Angeles of the FDA tapped the food safety agencies to enhance regulatory enforcement. They also utilized the DOST One Lab Network and involved the LGUs in enforcing food safety regulations.

With this journey coming to end, their roles in addressing food safety in our country still continues. Everyone must come hand-in-hand as "food safety is a shared responsibility".

DOST, DOH, and DA officials visit at the Nanyang Polytechnic School of Chemical and Life Sciences in Singapore.

Quarterly Regional Economic Situationer:

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by Policy Formulation and Planning Division, NEDA Region IV-A

CALABARZON'S ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE (Third Quarter 2017)

Consistent improvement in performance

- ↓ Inflation rate
- ↓ Unemployment rate
- ↑ Employment rate
- ↑ Production of rice, coconut, pineapple, banana, hog, cattle, carabao, goat, aquaculture and municipal fisheries
- ↑ Total shipcalls in Batangas Port

Consistent decline in performance

- ↑ Consumer price indices
- ↓ Commercial fishing, corn and chicken production
- ↓ Passenger traffic in Batangas Port
- ↓ Domestic cargo at the Lucena port and private ports in Quezon Province

Prices & Inflation

The third quarter posted a slightly lower inflation rate (IR) at 2.6 percent, compared to the previous quarter's IR at 2.9 percent. The increase in prices during the third quarter is lower than the increase during second quarter of 2016 and 2017. The average consumer price index (CPI) rose from P144.3 in the previous quarter and from P140.9 in the same period in 2016 to P144.5 in third quarter of 2017.

Prices of commodities continued to increase as shown by both quarter-on-quarter and year-on-year comparison for all items except housing, water, gas, electricity and other fuels, and communication. Among the top commodities with significant increase are education with P2.7 and alcoholic beverages and tobacco with P1.2. Consistent with the last quarter, higher excise taxes on alcoholic beverages and cigarette, and tuition fee increase in private colleges and universities were the primary reasons for the increase.

Other factors contributing to the increase in average CPI are: health with P0.7; food and non-alcoholic beverages and furnishings and household equipment and maintenance of the house both with P0.6 increase from last quarter; clothing with P0.4; and transport, restaurants and miscellaneous goods and services, and recreation and culture, with P0.3 increase. Early this year, a memorandum circular was issued by the Department of Health, allowing for a 10-30% increase from Drug Price Reference Indices in procurement prices of drugs, adding to the high variability of drug prices. In addition, lower supply of agriculture and fisheries commodities due to damage effects of Tropical Depression Maring brought the acceleration in food prices.

On the contrary, prices of housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels posted a decline from last quarter mainly due to several oil price rollbacks, reduced price of LPG

Table 1: Consumer Price Indices, Inflation Rate and Purchasing Power of Power Calabarzon, 3Q 2017, 2Q 2017 and 3Q 2016

Prices & Inflation	2017		2016	Trends	
	3rd Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	Quarter -on- Quarter	Year -on- year
Indicator					
Average CPI	144.5	144.3	140.9	↑	↑
Average Inflation Rate (%)	2.6	2.9	1.1	↓	↑
Average PPP (PhP)	0.69	0.69	0.71	=	↓
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	164.2	163.6	159.1	↑	↑
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	242.6	241.4	217.8	↑	↑
Clothing and footwear	140.0	139.6	137.9	↑	↑
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	122.0	123.1	119.8	↓	↑
Furnishings, HH equipment and routine maintenance of the house	135.1	134.5	133.6	↑	↑
Health	145.1	144.4	143.2	↑	↑
Transport	126.3	126.0	121.6	↑	↑
Communication	95.1	95.1	95.1	=	=
Recreation and culture	114.1	113.8	113.1	↑	↑
Education	155.8	153.1	151.7	↑	↑
Restaurants and miscellaneous goods and services	145.1	144.8	143.4	↑	↑

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority Region IV-A

and kerosene products and the refund from Meralco resulting to lower electricity charges. Communication prices remain the same since the start of the year.

Meanwhile, average purchasing power of peso (PPP) for this quarter did not change from last quarter's P0.69. Hence, changes in the CPIs for this quarter did not generally affect the value of peso and the amount of goods and services that can be availed by the general population remained the same.

Labor and Employment

Consistent with the increasing population in the Region, the number of population 15 years and above increased quarter-on-quarter and year-on-year. On the other hand, the labor force participation showed a slight decrease of 1.3 percentage points which may be due to a larger portion of the working age population who decided to attend formal schooling (higher education and Senior High School under K to 12) and other learning systems during the time of the survey.

On a positive note, the employment rate continued to rise quarter-on-quarter and year-on-year. Meanwhile, the unemployment also showed continuous decline from the previous quarters. The improved employment in the region may be attributed to better job opportunities and job facilitation activities such as job fairs and pre-employment trainings and seminars to improve readiness of jobseekers. However, the underemployment increased by 2.9 percentage points which may be a result of employees wanting additional working hours or higher paying jobs to augment their daily needs and for the coming holiday season.

The number of retrenchments in the third quarter of 2017 increased to 431 establishments from 98 in the previous quarter. This resulted to additional 6,472 affected individuals of which 27 percent are males and 60 percent are females. Twenty-one percent of the retrenchments were due to economic reasons while 76 percent to non-economic reasons. The main reasons cited for retrenchment are redundancy, lack of market and financial loss. Majority of the cases reported, about 69 percent, were in Cavite province.

The number of shutdown establishments decreased from 21 to 12 in the third quarter. Majority of the shutdowns were due to economic reasons such as financial losses, reorganization and downsizing and merger.

Table 2: Labor and Employment Data Calabarzon, 2Q 2017, 1Q 2017 and 2Q 2016

Labor & Employment	2017		2016	Trends	
Indicator	3rd Qtr (July)	2ndQtr (April)	3rd Qtr (July)	Quarter -on- Quarter	Year -on- year
Population 15 years and above (No.)	9,840	9,721	9,522	↑	↑
Labor Force Participation Rate (%)	62.4	63.7	62.8	↓	↓
Employment Rate (%)	93.0	92.9	92.4	↑	↑
Unemployment Rate	7.0	7.1	7.6	↓	↓
Underemployment Rate	14.4	11.5	10.7	↑	↑

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority Region IV-A

Table 3: Company Retrenchment and Shutdown Data Calabarzon, 3Q 2017, 2Q 2017 and 3Q 2016

Retrenchment & Shutdown	2017		2016	Trends	
Indicator	3rd Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	Quarter -on- Quarter	Year -on- year
Retrenchment					
No. of Establishments	431	98	314	↑	↑
No. of Employees Affected	6,357	2,660	6,472	↑	↓
Shutdown					
No. of Establishments	12	21	10	↓	↑
No. of Employees Affected	206	1,700	545	↓	↓

Source: Department of Labor and Employment Region IV-A

Tourism

Based on the partial data submitted by local government units (LGUs) to the Department of Tourism (DOT) Region IV-A, the number of overnight tourists in the third quarter reached a total number of 258,406 of which 95 percent are domestic tourists.

Partial data show that same day arrivals in the third quarter reached 2,150,755 of which 99 percent are domestic tourists.

Table 4: Number of Same Day Arrivals in Calabarzon, Third Quarter 2017

Tourism	2017
Indicator	3rd Qtr (Partial data)
Same Day Arrivals	2,150,755
Domestic	2,124,169
Foreign	26,586

Source: Department of Tourism Region IV-A

Table 5: Number of Overnight Tourist in Calabarzon, Third Quarter 2017

Tourism	2017
Indicator	3rd Qtr (Partial)
Overnight Tourist	258,406
Domestic	244,564
Foreign	13,842
Overseas Filipinos	0

Source: Department of Tourism Region IV-A

Table 6: Distribution of Arrivals per Province, 2Q 2016, 3Q 2016, 2Q 2017, and 3Q 2017

2nd & 3rd Quarter Arrivals	Overnight Arrivals		Same-Day Visitors	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Cavite	31,930	366,246	1,370,852	1,875,777
Laguna	563,617	696,775	1,133,931	2,211,271
Batangas	446,651	730,642	3,269,169	3,281,651
Rizal	391,079	492,255	2,379,434	2,228,210
Quezon	225,769	507,665	405,910	4,876,653
Calabarzon	1,659,046	2,793,583	8,559,296	14,473,562

Source: Department of Tourism Region IV-A

Agriculture & Fisheries

Agriculture and fisheries performance generally improved compared to last year due to the increase in production of rice, coconut, pineapple, banana, hog, cattle, carabao, goat, aquaculture and municipal fisheries. However, corn, chicken, and commercial fishing declined.

Coconut production increased from last year's level by 9.93 percent (51,976 MT). Rice and pineapple production increased by 5.34 percent (2,765 MT) while banana production increased by 5.58 percent (2,128 MT). The general increase in production may be attributed to the good weather condition with fewer typhoons and weather disturbances in the region, adequate water supply, use of high yielding variety seeds and recovery programs from previous years disasters. However, corn production posted a decline of 14.13 percent (5,009 MT) year-on-year which may be due to the decrease in area harvested.

Hog production increased by 1.41 percent (1,232 MT), cattle production by 2.57 percent (106 MT), carabao production by 0.7 percent (10 MT) and goat production by 1.61 percent (10 MT). On the other hand, chicken production declined by 4.42 percent (3,683 MT).

Fisheries production, in general, also posted a consistent improvement from last year's performance. Aquaculture and municipal fishing increased by 6 percent (2,610 MT) and 4.95 percent (1,379 MT), respectively.

Table 7. Agriculture and Fisheries Performance, 3Q 2017, and 3Q 2016

Agriculture & Fisheries	2017	2016	Trends
Commodity	3rd Qtr (in metric tons)	3rd Qtr	Year -on- year
Crops			
Rice/Palay	54,552	51,787.00	↑
Corn	30,443	35,452.00	↓
Coconut	575,664	523,687.90	↑
Coffee	n.d.	n.d.	-
Sugarcane	n.d.	n.d.	-
Pineapple	3,739	3,496	↑
Banana	40,241	38,113	↑
Livestock and Poultry			
Cattle	4,274	4,167	↑
Carabao	1,442	1,432	↑
Hog	88,771	87,539	↑
Chicken	79,593	83,276	↓
Goat	630	620	↑
Fisheries			
Commercial	11,367	11,487	↑
Municipal	29,227	27,848	↑
Aquaculture	46,082	43,472	↓

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority Region IV-A

Port Performance

The total ship calls in Batangas Port increased by 18 percent and 11 percent from the previous quarter and from the same quarter in 2016, respectively.

The increases were brought about by improved domestic and foreign ship calls. The total cargo throughput declined by 1 percent (76,236 MT) from last quarter due to the decline in the domestic cargo by 9 percent. Meanwhile, cargo throughput increased by 2 percent year-on-year as a result of the increase in domestic cargo by 18 percent. Imports dominated the share of foreign cargo at 95 percent. Passenger traffic decreased by 5 percent from last year.

Table 8: Performance of Batangas Port, 3Q 2017, 2Q 2017 and 3Q 2016

Port Performance	2017		2016	Trends	
Indicators	3rd Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	Quarter-on-Quarter	Year-on-Year
Shipcalls	10,026	12,154	9,008	↓	↑
Domestic	9,600	11,747	8,596	↓	↑
Foreign	426	407	412	↑	↑
Cargo Throughput (in MT)	5,956,346	6,032,672	5,819,607	↓	↑
Domestic	2,443,163	2,690,818	2,078,104	↓	↑
Foreign	3,513,184	3,341,854	3,741,503	↑	↓
Import	3,324,297	3,200,628	3,585,002	↑	↓
Export	188,887	141,225	156,502	↑	↑
Passenger Traffic	1,298,445	2,488,560	1,364,853	↓	↓

Source: Philippine Ports Authority-Port Management Office of Batangas

Table 9: Performance of Lucena Port and private ports in Quezon Province, 3Q 2017, 2Q 2017 and 3Q 2016

Port Performance	2017		2017	Trends	
Indicators	3rd Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	Quarter-on-Quarter	Year-on-
Shipcalls	1,435	1,720	1,421	↓	↑
Port of Lucena	1,320	1,556	1,282	↓	↑
Private	115	164	139	↓	↓
Domestic	89	150	124	↓	↓
Foreign	26	14	15	↑	↑
Cargo Throughput (in MT)	1,629,106	727,711	1,018,738	↑	↑
Port of Lucena	51,261	60,025	60,624	↓	↓
Private	1,577,845	667,686	958,114	↑	↑
Domestic	25,019	42,964	42,383	↓	↓
Foreign	1,552,826	624,722	915,731	↑	↑
Passenger Traffic (Lucena Port)	170,516	300,143	146,781	↓	↑

Source: Philippine Ports Authority-Port Management Office of Marinduque-Quezon

Lucena Port (including private ports in Quezon) posted a reduction of 17 percent on total shipcalls from last quarter and a slight increase by 1 percent from last year as a result of the 3 percent increase in the total shipcalls at Lucena Port. This increase can be attributed to the additional vessels from various shipping lines (i.e. MSLI vessels, R. Neptuna, R. Kleopatra, R. Yasmina, R. Kristina, and SSL vessels Virgin de Penafrancia III, V, VI and VII) that conducted sea trials during the third quarter and also by the increase in the trip schedules due to the long weekends in August. Moreover, the completion of the expansion project at the private port of Team Energy in Pagbilao contributed to the 17 percent year-on-year reduction in domestic vessels in private ports.

Domestic cargo at Lucena Port reduced by 15 percent due to lesser outward cargoes particularly coconut and palm oil. On the other hand, the 42 percent reduction in the domestic cargo at the private ports was mainly due to the completion of the expansion project at Team Energy in Pagbilao. On a positive note, import cargo increased by 70 percent due to more coal handled at Team Energy.

Passenger traffic decreased by 43 percent from the previous quarter. On the contrary, the number of passengers increased by 16 percent from the same period in 2016 due to the declaration of more holidays during the third quarter.

Development Prospects and Challenges

Aside from providing more jobs, government needs to facilitate the creation of better quality jobs that are regular and full time that would reduce both unemployment and underemployment and can help transition informal workers to formal and more secure jobs. There is also a need to provide regular emergency and alternative livelihood for workers in the agriculture sector.

While agriculture sector posted an improvement from last year, there is still a need to continuously develop and promote the use of climate resilient and high yielding crops among farmers. The ageing coconut trees can also reduce production in the coming years that would need replanting and other complementary interventions.

The performance of the Port of Batangas will continue to improve given the numerous planned projects of its operator, Asian Terminals, Inc. (ATI), such as additional reclamation of Batangas Phase I area, improve/upgrade of facilities (such as crane rail extension, cargo storage areas, passenger terminal equipment and facilities, office and communication) and developing a world class safety and security program. With improvements within Batangas Port and external logistics such as infrastructure development (e.g. proposed flyover from Star Tollway to Batangas Port), it is expected to attract more industries in the region as the port of exit.

The recurrent issue on the incomplete and late submission of tourist arrival data by LGUs calls for a stronger coordination mechanism between DOT and LGUs and the need for competent local tourism officers and/or staff to regularly collect and report data.

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Regional Project Monitoring Committee holds its 4th Quarter Meeting

The Regional Project Monitoring Committee (RPMC) conducted its fourth quarter meeting on November 27 at the RDC IV-A Conference Room, Barangay Real, Calamba City. The Committee approved the 2018 RPMC Work Plan and endorsed procurement of a vehicle for monitoring to NPMC and NEDA Central Office for inclusion in the 2019 proposed budget. The Committee also discussed the following for information: a) Fourth Quarter Project Field Monitoring Report; b) Problem Solving Session Report; c) Submission of RPMES Forms; d) Cavite-Laguna Expressway; e) Housing Projects in Calabarzon; f) Magallanes-Nasugbu Road; g) Drainage Issues in Cavite; h) Removal of Road Right-of-Way Obstructions; i) Studies under the NEDA Monitoring and Evaluation Fund; and j) Provincial LPMC Updates and their Migration and Development Initiatives.

RPMC monitors three road projects

The Regional Project Monitoring Committee (RPMC) regularly conducts field monitoring visits to facilitate the implementation of projects. Three road projects were visited during the 4th quarter, namely: Calamba-Tagaytay Road, Diokno Highway Bridge and Marikina-Infanta Road and Bridge Repairs. The field visits were conducted on October 11 to 12. The Provincial Project Monitoring Committee representatives from Batangas, Cavite and Laguna joined the RPMC.

Calamba-Tagaytay Road Project

The Calamba-Tagaytay Road Project involves the widening of 8.847 kilometers of national road that connects to the proposed road opening to Tagaytay City. The project is 30 percent complete. During the visit, it was observed that the project is delayed by 29 percent due to bad weather conditions and difficulty in securing the road right-of-way. A catch-up plan is now being implemented by the contractor.

Diokno Highway Bridge Project

The Diokno Highway Bridge Project involves the construction of a 90-meter permanent bridge that will connect Tagaytay City to Lemery, Batangas. The project implementation is on schedule with a 39 percent physical accomplishment. Bad weather and soil erosion adversely affected some activities of the project.

Marikina-Infanta Road Project

The Marikina-Infanta Road Project was completed in 2011. The road serves as an important link of the north eastern municipalities of Quezon Province to the National Capital Region. The Infanta, Quezon Section was heavily damaged by Typhoon Nina in 2015. It is not

RPMC monitors three road project, namely: a) Ongoing construction of the Calamba-Tagaytay Road Project; b) Ongoing clearing of the abutment area for the Diokno Highway Bridge; and c) The remnants of the previous Quecorep Bridge in Infanta, Quezon. (Photo by: NEDA Region IV-A)

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open to traffic due to landslides and collapsed bridge. The major repair works of the road and reconstruction of the Quecorep Bridge are being undertaken. The bridge is 17 percent complete with a negative nine percent slippage. The causes of delay are the bad weather conditions and the difficulty in hauling of materials to the project site. Other ongoing works include repair of collapsed road sections.

RPMC Region IV-A conducts Problem-Solving Session for the San Juan-Laiya Road Project

The San Juan-Laiya road is one of the projects under the DOT-DPWH Convergence Program and serves as an access road to tourism areas in the Batangas Province. The Laiya Road Section involves the widening of a 1.545 km road and is 90 percent completed. The project implementation is being hampered by issues on road right-of-way like obstructive trees and presence of informal settlers along the road right of way.

To solve these issues the Regional Project Monitoring Committee conducted a problem-solving session among stakeholders on October 20 at the RDC Conference Room, Marcelita Building, Calamba City, Laguna. The meeting was participated in by the Regional Project Monitoring Committee member agencies DBM, DILG, OP-PMS, NEDA and Private Sector Representatives Engr. Andal and Ms. Gomez. Also present were the Provincial Project Monitoring Committee representatives of Batangas, Mayor Rodolfo Manalo of San Juan, Batangas, PNP Region IV-A, AFP SolCom, NICA Region IV-A, DPWH Region IV-A and Batangas 4th District Engineering Office. An action plan to solve the project issues were prepared for implementation. A follow-through problem-solving session was conducted on November 27 to firm up the activities and timelines, and finalize the action plan.

Mayor Rodolfo Manalo of San Juan, Batangas (left) discusses the status of the San Juan-Laiya Road Project. (Photo by: NEDA Region IV-A)

Monitoring of priority projects

The RPMC Secretariat monitored the following priority projects:

Transport		Status as of October 2017
Land Transport		
1	LRT Line 6 Project	Project design is currently under review by LRTA
2	LRT Line 1 Cavite Extension	Ongoing soft renovation and upgrades of LRT Line 1 existing system Ceremonial ground breaking for the Common Station held on 29 September
3	Cavite-Laguna Expressway	Ongoing road right-of-way acquisition related activities, clearings, testing of materials, and tree-cutting activities
4	North-South Rail Project	Change in funding source from PPP to ODA and increase in project cost from P170.7 Billion to P285.1 Billion is currently being finalized by DOTr
5	Laguna Lakeshore Expressway-Dike Project	Awaiting next steps from DPWH after the failed bidding in 2016
6	SLEX Toll Road 4	Ongoing road right-of-way acquisition related activities
7	DOT-DPWH Convergence Program	Ongoing Projects: CY 2017 – 10 Projects; CY 2016 – 3 Projects; CY 2015 – 4 Projects

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The RPMC Secretariat monitored the following priority projects (continued):

	Non-Transport	Status as of October 2017
Water		
8	New Centennial Water Source - Kaliwa Dam Project	Ongoing coordination with local government units and agencies for endorsements and clearances Funding from Chinese ODA was confirmed by the NEDA ICC Cabinet Committee.
9	Flood Risk Management Project (Imus River Basin Subproject)	Conduct of additional detailed design, road right-of-way negotiation and resettlement are ongoing. The Project's physical accomplishment is 5.1 percent
Social		
10	K-12/SHS Building Project	As of June 2017, there are 5,338 completed public school buildings
11	Tanauan City Public Market Redevelopment Project	Demolition of the old public market is 100 percent completed. Clearing works are ongoing.
12	Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps)	Total number of regular CCT household beneficiaries: 316,271
13	Health Facilities Enhancement Program	Ongoing construction of health facilities appropriated under CY 2016 (P251M) and CY 2017 (P560M)
Energy		
14	Batangas-Manila (BatMan) 1 Natural Gas Pipeline Project	DOE/PNOC is currently reviewing the project scope and structure.
Economic		
15	Philippine Rural Development Project	Out of 15 subprojects in Calabarzon, seven are ongoing while eight subprojects already received the No Objection Letters from the World Bank.
16	Quipot Irrigation Project	Physical accomplishment is at 77 percent. With a negative slippage of 12 percent Ongoing civil works on canal structures, terminal facilities and drainage structures, among others.
17	Macalelon Small Reservoir Irrigation Project	Physical accomplishment is 5.6 percent with a negative slippage of 15 percent
18	Procurement of One-Unit Fire Truck (Dolores, Quezon) under Calabarzon ER 1-94 Fund	All requirements submitted to DOE and waiting for funds to be downloaded
Governance, ICT and Others		
19	Bottom-Up Budgeting Project	Completed Projects as of July 2017: 2014 – 791 (80 percent Accomplishment) 2015 – 763 (62 percent) 2016 – 277 (19 percent)

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3 PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS

Laguna
Quezon
Rizal

23 MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS

Bauan, Batangas
Malvar, Batangas
Carmona, Cavite
Kawit, Cavite
Magallanes, Cavite
Maragondon, Cavite
Naic, Cavite
Rosario, Cavite
Silang, Cavite
Kalayaan, Laguna
Nagcarlan, Laguna
Pagsanjan, Laguna
Gumaca, Quezon
Mauban, Quezon
Mulanay, Quezon
Pagbilao, Quezon
Panukulan, Quezon
San Antonio, Quezon
Unisan, Quezon
Angono, Rizal
Binangonan, Rizal
Tanay, Rizal
Taytay, Rizal

9 CITY GOVERNMENTS

Antipolo City
Batangas City
Biñan City
Calamba City
City of Bacoor
City of Dasmariñas
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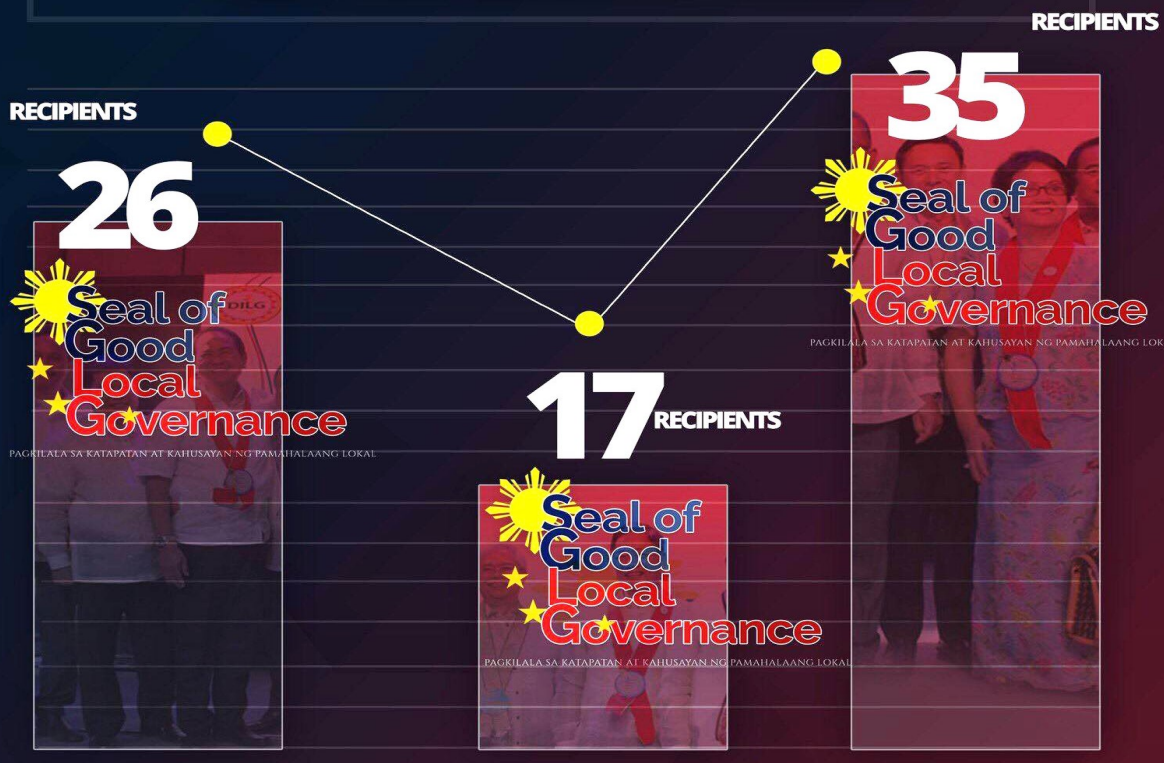

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