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Calabarzon's economy accelerates by 6.7 percent in 2017

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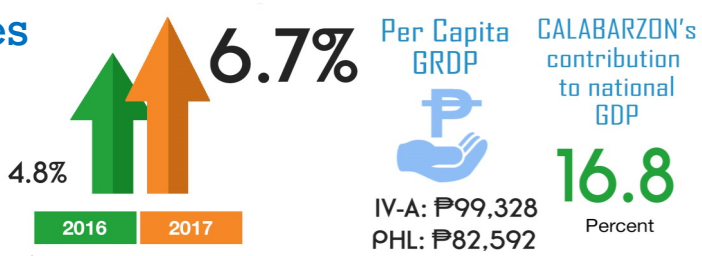

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Calabarzon's economy accelerated by 6.7 percent in 2017, exceeding the 4.8 percent growth in 2016. The growth is at par with the National Capital Region and the national average. The region's economy has been growing at an annual average of 6 percent, since 2012. This is the result of the continuous efforts of the government in sustaining economic growth by generating more investments and quality employment. Thus, the Region is still the second biggest contributor to the national economy next to NCR, with a percentage share of 16.8 percent.

The Region remains the primary industrial powerhouse of the country having the largest share of more than a third of the country's total industrial output. The Industry sector recorded a 7.7 percent growth, faster than 3.7 percent in 2016. The good performance was driven by the Manufacturing sub-sector with 7.3 percent, and the double digit growth of the Construction sub-sector with 15.9 percent. The increase in government spending on infrastructure and the high demand for private constructions boosted the growth of the Industry sector.

The Services sector grew by 6.0 percent, slower than the 7.2 percent in 2016. This can be attributed to the decelerated growth in the Transport, Storage and Communication, and Trade and Repair of Motor Vehicles, Motorcycles, Personal and Household Goods sub-sectors.

The Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries sector posted a negative growth of 0.6 percent from 3.4 percent growth in 2016. The effects of Typhoon Ramil, climate change and Avian Influenza significantly affected the sector's output. Despite the negative growth, the Region was the second largest contributor to the national output at 10 percent.

The 2017 Gross Regional Domestic Product was presented during a press conference held on April 26, 2018 at the NDN Grand Hotel, Sto. Tomas, Batangas. Dir. Luis G. Banua of NEDA Region IV-A said that it is timely to recognize how the Region has constantly been moving forward, despite of the uncertainties of the global economy, and the impact of natural disasters. He added that given the economic trend, the goal of a "matatag, maginhawa, at panatag na buhay para sa lahat" can be realized.

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The Calabarzon Region has mainly industrial economy. In addition to its strength as the country's industrial powerhouse, the Region has positioned itself as a micro, small, and medium enterprises hub through developing businesses at the country side - creating livelihood and products that aims to compete globally.

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RDC Calabarzon approves PHP12.75B worth of projects

by Mary Deemple G. delos Reyes-Ariate, NEDA Region IV-A

(Upper photo, L to R) Director Luis G. Banua of NEDA Region IV-A and RDC Vice Chairperson, Secretary Jose Maria Nicomedes Hernandez of OPAST, Governor Hermilando I. Mandanas of Batangas and RDC Chairperson, RDC Co-Chairperson Ladislao L. Andal, and Director Alexander R. Madrigal of DOST Region IV-A. (Lower left) Director Banua presents projects for inclusion in the Regional Development and Investment Program 2017-2022. (Lower right) Members of the RDC Calabarzon during the 1st Quarter 2018 Full Council Meeting held on March 14 at Paseo Premiere Hotel, Santa Rosa City, Laguna. (Photos by: Farhad E. Ali Asgari, NEDA Region IV-A)

The Regional Development Council (RDC) approved PHP12.75 billion worth of additional programs and projects for inclusion in the Regional Development Investment Program 2017-2022. These are composed of 353 programs and projects of the 20 agency regional offices and five state universities and colleges.

The infrastructure sector has the biggest share at PHP9.646 billion with 195 proposed projects, followed by the social sector with 57 projects amounting to PHP1.588 billion. The economic sector with 67 projects amounting to PHP1.14 billion and 34 projects for the governance sector with PHP382.97 million. Furthermore, the RDC also endorsed a total of PHP146.154 billion 2019 budget proposals of 24 regional offices and five state universities and colleges to central offices of agencies, to CHED central office for the SUC budget proposals and to DBM.

The proposed programs and projects were endorsed during the First Quarter 2018 Full Council Meeting on March 14 at Paseo Premiere Hotel, Santa Rosa City, Laguna.

The Council also approved the: 1) Calabarzon Regional Development Research Agenda 2018-2022 which aims to address the researches needed to address policy requirements and technological solutions to the challenges identified in the Regional Development Plan; 2) Calabarzon Information and Communications Technology Plan 2018-2022, formulated to sustain efforts in ICT and improve the Region's competitiveness as ICT investment destination; and 3) the Regional Development Plan-AmBisyon Natin 2040 Communication Plan which contains strategies to guide the regional line agencies, local government units, and state universities and colleges on the advocacy and dissemination of Regional Development Plan and AmBisyon Natin 2040. The RDC further endorsed transportation studies and projects for development of the transport sector of the region.

RDC Calabarzon endorses PHP146.154B for FY 2019 budgets of AROs, SUCs

by Lisa I. Pandela, NEDA Region IV-A

The Regional Development Council (RDC) Calabarzon endorsed the FY 2019 budget proposals of 24 agency regional offices, and five state universities to their central offices, CHED and DBM during its 1st Quarter RDC Full Council Meeting on March 14, 2018 at Paseo Premier Hotel, Santa Rosa City, Laguna.

Prior to the RDC endorsement, the RDC secretariat conducted a budget briefing in January and a two-day RDC technical budget review in February 2018. The review was presided by the RDC IV-A Vice-Chairperson Luis Banua with DBM OIC-RD Ruby Muro. The Provincial Planning and Development Coordinators, DA, DILG, DOST, CHED and some Co-Chairs of the RDC Committees served as the panelists. Deputy Speaker Raneo E. Abu and Congresswoman Angelita DL. Tan and Chiefs of Staff of District Representatives participated in the technical budget review.

The 2019 budget proposals of agency regional offices of BFAR, BJMP, CDA, DA, DAR, DENR, DENR-EMB, DENR-MGB, DepEd, DILG, DOH, DOLE, DOST, DOT, DPWH, DSWD, DTI, LTO, NEDA, NFA NIA, NNC, PhilFIDA, TESDA and the state universities, namely: BatSU, CavSU, LSPU, SLSU and URS were reviewed and endorsed by the sectoral committees to the RDC.

The Economic Development Committee endorsed PHP5.230 billion, the Social Development PHP73.143 billion, Infrastructure Development PHP66.941 billion and Development Administration PHP840 million, for a total of PHP146.154 billion.

Calabarzon NGAs, Provinces sign MOA on Yakap Bayan: Community Mobilization and Support Program Action Plan

by Mary Deemple G. delos Reyes-Ariate, NEDA Region IV-A

(L to R) Mr. Romulo Edaños of Quezon Province, Ms. Milagros Trias of Rizal Province, Gov. Hermilando Mandanas of Batangas Province, Secretary Jose Maria Nicomedes Hernandez of OPAST, OIC-RD Annie Mendoza of DSWD Region IV-A, BGen. Arnulfo Burgos of AFP-SOLCOM, RD Luis Banua of NEDA Region IV-A, and ARD Ariel Iglesia of DILG Region IV-A pose for a "kabit-bisig" photo after the Yakap Bayan: Community Mobilization and Support Program Action Plan MOA Signing on March 14, 2018 at the Paseo Premiere Hotel, Santa Rosa City, Laguna. (Photo by: Farhad E. Ali Asgari, NEDA Region IV-A)

A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was forged on the Yakap Bayan: Community Mobilization and Support Program among the Calabarzon provinces, Office of the Presidential Adviser-Southern Tagalog, Armed Forces of the Philippines-Southern Luzon Command, DILG Region IV-A, PNP Region IV-A, DSWD Region IV-A, and NEDA Region IV-A.

Secretary Jose Maria Nicomedes Hernandez, the Presidential Adviser for Southern Tagalog, initiated the convergence of government projects in addressing issues on peace and order, security and social protection in the region.

The Yakap Bayan: Community Mobilization and Support Program is a convergence of the PNP Community Mobilization Program, the AFP-SOLCOM Community Support Program, and the DSWD Yakap Bayan. These programs aim to establish strong and sustainable community defense system against lawfulness and criminality, involve the community in conflict resolutions, and provide rehabilitation, aftercare, transformation, and reintegration support for recovering drug surrenderers.

The Yakap Bayan: Community Mobilization and Support Program will also involve other national government agencies in the region as partners in the convergence activities. The MOA signing was held during the First Quarter 2018 RDC Full Council meeting on March 14, 2018 at the Paseo Premiere Hotel, Santa Rosa City, Laguna.

Luzon RDCom holds meeting

by Mary Deemple G. delos Reyes-Ariate, NEDA Region IV-A

The Luzon Regional Development Committee (RDCom) held its meeting on April 16, 2018 at the Metro Manila Development Authority, Makati City. The Luzon RDCom passed a resolution encouraging Local Government Units (LGUs), particularly provinces and cities, to exercise their functions for the improvement of Information and Communications Technology services to enhance virtual inter-connectivity in Luzon Island.

The Committee supported the position of the League of Provinces of the Philippines on retaining the current provincial setup as independent states under the proposed Federal System Form of Government, and the request of Regional Development Council (RDC) Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) to the National Irrigation Administration to consider the application of the Indigenous People's Rights Act in the estimation of irrigable areas in CAR.

The advocacy for the amendment of the 1987 Philippine Constitution Article X, Section 5 to strengthen local and fiscal autonomy through generation of LGUs' own revenue; increased Internal Revenue Allotment share of LGUs in all taxes; and LGUs supervision/direct controlled of natural resources within their area of jurisdiction and equitable share in the national wealth prescribed by the law were also discussed.

The MMDA under the leadership of Secretary Danilo D. Lim hosted the meeting. BGen. Jose V. Ocampo welcomed the RDCom members and presented the MMDA's Development Inititatives in behalf of Secretary Lim.

Luzon RDCom Chairperson and Batangas Governor Hermilando I. Mandanas presided over the meeting. Present in the meeting were: Gov. Junie E. Cua of Quirino, Luzon RDCom Co-Chairperson; Gov. Jose C. Alvarez of Palawan, Chairperson of RDC MIMAROPA; Mayor Edgardo D. Pamintuan, Chairperson of RDC Central Luzon; RD Luis G. Banua, RDC Calabarzon Vice Chairperson and Luzon RDCom Secretary; RD Ferdinand P. Tumaliuan, Vice Chairperson of RDC II; RD Agustin Mendoza, Vice Chairperson of RDC Central Luzon; RD Agnes Espinas-Tolentino, Vice Chairperson of RDC Bicol Region; Mr. Apollo Pagano representing RDC CAR; and Ms. Leia Lampitoo representing NEDA-Regional Development Staff.

RGADC renews partnership with PCW

by Aprille M. Suyat, NEDA Region IV-A

For the fourth year in a row, the Regional Gender and Development Committee (RGADC) signed another partnership agreement with the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW) during its 2nd Quarter Meeting on May 29 at St. Jude Cooperative Hotel and Event Center, Tayabas City. Since 2014, RGADC has been partnering with PCW in spearheading gender and development initiatives in the region. The partnership agreement covers the period 2018 to 2021 with an approved work plan for 2018.

This year's activities of the RGADC and PCW include the conduct of the 7th Regional GAD convention in September, certification of the Calabarzon GAD Resource Pool (CGRP), and continuous gender mainstreaming efforts such as trainings and technical assistance. Present in the meeting for the signing of the partnership agreement were RGADC Chair and NEDA Region IV-A Director Luis G. Banua, Deputy Executive Director Maria Kristine Josefina Balmes of PCW, and Ms. Theresa Jane G. Cajarte of NEDA Region IV-A, and Ms. Nharleen Santos-Millar of PCW as witnesses.

The RGADC meeting proceeded after the ceremonial MOA signing. The results of the recently concluded CGRP Leveling Session, as part of the CGRP certification process were presented and endorsed to the Regional

(L to R) Ms. Theresa Jane Cajarte of NEDA Region IV-A and RGADC Secretary, Dir. Luis G. Banua of NEDA Region IV-A and RGADC Chairperson, Dir. Maria Kristine Josefina Balmes of PCW, and Ms. Nharleen Millar of PCW sign a partnership agreement during the 2nd Quarter Meeting on May 29 at St. Jude Cooperative Hotel and Event Center, Tayabas City. (Photo by: Aprille M. Suyat, NEDA Region IV-A)

Development Council (RDC). Out of the 26 applications received by the secretariat, only 11 applicants passed the certification process. The successful applicants came from state universities and colleges, regional line agencies, and local government units. The CGRP members will be confirmed during the 2nd Quarter RDC Full Council Meeting. The preliminary details of the 7th Regional GAD Convention were also presented and approved by the committee during the meeting. This year's convention will focus on expanding gender mainstreaming in the region to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), in particular SDG no.5 on gender equality.

Local Planners tackle urban resilience, inclusive development

by Aprille M. Suyat, NEDA Region IV-A

The NEDA Region IV-A conducts annual meetings with the local planning officers in the region to provide updates on national and regional policies and plans, discuss concerns on development planning, and strengthen link among local and regional planners and government agencies. For this year, the local planners convened on April 20 at The Bayleaf Cavite, General Trias City, Cavite to be abreast and discuss ways to advance urban resilience and inclusive development amidst the region's rapid urbanization. Mayor Antonio Ferrer of General Trias City, the host of the seminar, welcomed the participants and expressed his appreciation for holding the seminar in their city and for sharing relevant topics that are useful for their progressing city.

In his opening message, Director Luis G. Banua of NEDA Region IV-A highlighted the importance of being able to prepare well and adapt to challenges brought by risks and rapid urbanization, and the key role of LGUs, particularly the local development planners, in achieving the country's and the region's growth and development objectives set out in the Philippine and Calabarzon Regional Development Plans for 2017-2022.

Director Angelito F. Aguila of the Policy Development, Legislation and Special Projects Group of Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council shared in his keynote message the recent policies, major programs as well as past experiences in implementing national programs on housing and urban development. He emphasized the importance of proper planning and governance at the local level to effectively implement the National Urban Development and Housing Framework 2017-2022 and achieve the objectives of the Urban Development and Housing Act of 1992. He also pointed out the need to develop a reliable planning database, good monitoring system, transparency, and participation of stakeholders.

The planners also discussed their concerns on the preparation of Provincial Development and Physical Framework Plans, Comprehensive Land Use Plans, Comprehensive Development Plans, and data generation for Community-based Monitoring System during an open forum led by Engr. Mildred Purificacion, President of the Regional League of Local Planning and Development Coordinators of the Philippines, Inc.

Calabarzon celebrates 2018 Women's Month

by Angela R. Llamas, NEDA Region IV-A

"A strong woman fights for herself, but a stronger woman fights for everyone else," said Assistant Regional Director Francis Bringas of DepEd Region IV-A, in his welcome remarks during the recently concluded 2018 Calabarzon Regional Women's Month Celebration held on March 20 at Joaquin Chipeco Hall, Jose Rizal Memorial Elementary School, Barangay Sais, Calamba City. The celebration was graced by Ms. Laverne Chipeco, the wife of Mayor Justin Marc Chipeco of Calamba City, and Engr. Ladislao Andal, the RDC Co-Chairperson.

Deputy Director Maria Kristine Josefina Balmes of the Philippine Commission on Women, in her keynote message, highlighted the importance of the celebration as a collective effort in localizing Magna Carta of Women. The theme "We Make Change Work for Women" is anchored on the administration's commitment of true compassion or *"Malasakit"* and real change or *"Pagbabago"*. Coinciding with the administration's term, the theme will be used from 2017 to 2022. Dir. Balmes addressed the contestants of the poster-making contest, one of the activities of the Celebration, to engage themselves even at their young age to contribute to the country's pursuit for *"Malasakit at Pagbabago"*.

A talk show on Inspiring Women Stories was also conducted with Dr. Marita Canapi, President of the University of Rizal System and Ms. Maria Corazon Rubio of DepEd Lucena City who shared their struggles, accomplishments and insights as successful leaders in their field to hopefully inspire and encourage other women to be the best version of themselves for their family, community, and the country.

Schools Division Office of Calamba City performs "A Tribute to All Women" during the 2018 Calabarzon Regional Women's Month Celebration held on March 20. (Photo by: Farhad E. Ali Asgari, NEDA Region IV-A)

"We hope that the acknowledgement of the contribution of women in our society doesn't end today. Let's bring with us the joy of knowing women's worth of which our continuous efforts are anchored on," said Dir. Luis G. Banua of NEDA Region IV-A and Regional GAD Committee Chairperson. He added that GAD advocacies still need to be expanded and deepened, and for the region to continuously fight for gender equality and women empowerment.

9th PSRs Convention promotes peace, development through better governance

by Mary Deemple G. delos Reyes-Ariate, NEDA Region IV-A

RDC Calabarzon Private Sector Representatives and Dir. Luis G. Banua of NEDA Region IV-A with (front row, seated L to R) PSR Richlie Lyndon L. Magtulis of RDC XII, RD Maria Rica C. Bueno of DOT XII, Undersecretary Adoracion M. Navarro of NEDA-Regional Development Office, RDC Calabarzon PSR Rodrigo Camia, and RD Arturo G. Valero of NEDA XII. (Photo by: NEDA Region XII)

The 9th Private Sector Representatives (PSRs) National Convention with the theme, "Peace and Development through Better Governance" was held on May 22 to 25, 2018 at Green Leaf Hotel, General Santos City. A total of 17 PSRs and representatives from RDC Calabarzon attended the said convention.

Undersecretary Adoracion M. Navarro of NEDA-Regional Development Office in her keynote address said that economic growth cannot be sustained without enduring peace. She stressed the importance of better governance both at the national and local levels in sustaining peace and development. Better governance can be achieved through better delivery of services. Given the limited human and financial resources of the government, the efficiency and innovativeness of the private sectors complement the effort of the public sector towards development. Thus, the government is strengthening the public-private partnership as a vehicle for private sector participation in service delivery.

The heads of delegation and NEDA counterparts discussed key issues and concerns such as the absence of Chairperson and Co-Chairperson in some regions, impact of free education in the private schools, colleges, and support to achieving Cordillera's autonomy before shifting to Federalism. Among the development issues discussed were Barrier Free Tourism, Federalism, Peace and Food Security, and Bangsamoro Basic Law.

The participants capped off the convention with a visit to the Tuna Capital of the Philippines. Delegates who opted for the tour visited Lake Sebu in South Cotabato, Isla Jardin del Mar, Gumasa, Glan in Saranggani, and Manny Pacquiao's mansions and other properties in General Santos City.

The PSR Convention is annually conducted to continuously build stronger partnership between and among the RDC private sector representatives, government, and other stakeholders to achieve economic development. For 2019, the RDC MIMAROPA will host the 10th PSR National Convention.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

Quezon reinvents coconut

by Quezon Provincial Information Office and Office of the Provincial Agriculturist

Quezon Province has long been synonymous with coconuts, as it is the top producer of the said crop in the Calabarzon Region. It is also home to the highest number of coconut traders and processors among other provinces, with one in ten Quezonians eking out a living from the tree of life.

Artist's perspective. Aerial view of the Quezon Research and Extension Center located in the Municipality of Catanauan. (Photo by: Quezon Province).

To realize the vision of a modern and thriving coconut industry, the Provincial Government of Quezon and the Philippine Coconut Authority Region IV-A teamed up to create the Quezon Research and Extension Center (QREC) located in Catanauan, Quezon. The center will serve as an avenue for production and agro-enterprise technology incubation, focusing on technology adoption, high-value coconut product development, and promotion.

The aim of QREC to have the potential of the coconut fully harnessed, stems from the goal of birthing a competitive local economy. By commercializing technologies and making them accessible, current small-scale processors will be able to produce more, and farmers will be able to take part in the more profitable part of the value chain. Such movement will inspire more investments and result to increase in income of Quezon's farmers while providing additional employment for their families.

From low utilization of the coconut and over reliance on just one product (often, copra), QREC champions the "whole nut concept". The idea puts to use every part of the coconut – including the often discarded husk and water – into the creation of high-value products like virgin coconut oil, vinegar, bio organic fertilizers, and geonets to name a few.

The sustainability of QREC is aligned with the provincial government's thrust to secure Quezon's future. Rather than just dole outs, a government does more for its citizens by strengthening existing industries.

Focusing on developing small and medium enterprise (SME) as major drivers of job creation, and increasing people's employability through education and trainings is the perfect approach to make Quezonian coconut farmers globally competitive. With optimized farmers capability, the project will eliminate the need for middlemen and high capitalization.

Laguna opens Majayjay District Hospital

by Laguna Provincial Information Office

Governor Ramil L. Hernandez led the recent blessing and inauguration of the new Majayjay District Hospital (MDH) headed by Dr. Judy A. Rondilla. The facility was upgraded and modernized under the Province-Wide Investment Plan for Health (PIPH)-Hospital Facility Enhancement Program of the Department of Health Region IV-A with budget allocation for infrastructure and medical equipment.

With effective health management as top priority in Gov. Hernandez's 8-point program of governance, the enhancements of MDH will further improve medical and health services designed to better serve his constituents, especially the underprivileged from the municipalities of Majayjay, Liliw, and Magdalena and nearby areas.

Gov. Ramil L. Hernandez (2nd from left) leads the ribbon cutting ceremony of the Majayjay District Hospital, with (L to R) Mayor Jojo Clado of Majayjay, Dr. Judy Rondilla MDH Chief of Nagcarlan District Hospital Chief Dr. Monalisa Cosme, and Dr. Ferdinand Galvez of Bay District Hospital (back). (Photo by: Laguna PIO)

Negosyo Centers boost businesses in Rizal

by Rizal Provincial Information and Special Concerns Office

Gov. Rebecca Ynares of Rizal Province thanks the DTI for spearheading the Negosyo Centers. (Photo by: Rizal PISCO)

The spirit of entrepreneurship in the Province of Rizal is very much alive and is getting more boost as the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)-Rizal has established a total of 16 Negosyo Centers strategically located all over the province.

The first Center was established a couple of years ago at the DTI-Rizal Provincial Office in Barangay San Jose, Antipolo City. These 16 Negosyo Centers are providing small -scale businesses, the much-needed business advisory, consultancy and entrepreneurship services.

Gov. Rebecca Ynares of Rizal thanked the DTI for spearheading the program and for aggressively setting up the trade and industry one-stop-shop Centers as provided under RA 10644, or the "Go Negosyo Act." The Negosyo Centers encourage constituents, particularly those aspiring micro, small and medium entrepreneurs (MSMEs) to grab the opportunity it offers insofar as marketing, promotions, finance, networking and other related services that will promote business development.

Gov. Ynares added that with the presence of Negosyo Centers province-wide, businessmen will be guided and trained to be more successful entrepreneurs through enhanced business management skills including proper work ethics to run their trade.

Gov. Ynares also underscored the vital role of business and industry in promoting employment, increase productivity, alleviate poverty and contribute to the development of the communities.

Batangas coops receive PHP37.5M Grant from PRDP

by Batangas Provincial Planning and Development Office

Production of coffee, dairy cattle and seaweeds are expected to increase in the Province of Batangas after the approval of some agricultural projects by the Philippine Rural Development Project (PRDP) under the Department of Agriculture.

Through Gov. Hermilando I. Mandanas and Investment in Rural Enterprises and Agricultural and Fishery Productivity (I-REAP) head and Provincial Cooperative Livelihood Enterprise Development Officer, Ms. Celia L. Atienza, financial grant was given to three cooperatives on May 7, 2018 at the Provincial Auditorium, Batangas City. More than PHP29 million was given to Batangas Dairy Cooperative (BADACO); PHP2.4 million to AGA Farmers Multi-Purpose Cooperative of the Municipality of Nasugbu and Barigon Multi-Purpose Cooperative of the Municipality of Agoncillio; and PHP5.89 million to Batangas Seaweeds Farmers Association, Seaweeds Farmers of Layon Carbonah Chapter, United Aquaculture Association of Poblacion 4 and Samahan ng Maliliit na Manggugulaman of Sitio Kanluran, Barangay 1 of the Municipality of Calatagan.

Included in the 10-Year program of BADACO is the expansion of dairy cattle production by purchasing imported dairy animals, expansion of milking parlor, construction of housing and bunker-type silo, and acquisition of additional machineries and delivery van.

Meanwhile, the project of AGA FMPC and Barigon MPC focuses on the production of Kapeng Barako in the province while the fund received by the group of seaweed farmers will be for the intensification and expansion of seaweed industry in Batangas particularly in Calatagan. They also want to increase the production of dried seaweeds which is one of the important ingredients in food, pharmaceutical and cosmetic products, fertilizer and animal feeds.

Batangas Dairy Cooperative holds the check worth more than PHP29 million during the Awarding of Financial Grant under the Philippine Rural Development Project of Department of Agriculture on May 7, 2018 at Provincial Auditorium, Capitol Compound, Batangas City. (Photo by: Batangas Province)

MSMEs continue to soar in Calabarzon Region

Different regional line agencies, state universities and colleges, local government units, and private sectors converge to implement various initiatives to create better opportunities at the countryside. The following are just few of the stories related to empowering the people in the Calabarzon Region through developing technologies, creating livelihood products that aims to compete globally.

Establishing Alabat Island as the First Makapuno Island in the Philippines

by Myrrh Caithlin L. Gutierrez, DOST Region IV-A

A lot can be done when people work hand-in-hand. Different government agencies converged and collaborated to establish the First Makapuno Island in the Philippines. The project was launched in Alabat Island, Quezon on February 16, 2018. "This project is not just a government project, but a project of the people," says Dir. Alexander Madrigal, of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Region IV-A.

Since 2009, DOST Region IV-A and the Southern Tagalog Consortium for Industry and Energy Research and Development (STCIERD) has been collaborating for the revitalization of Makapuno industry in Calabarzon Region. After numerous planning and workshop, the idea of a Makapuno Island was formed. Through the efforts of the Regional Offices of DOST, Philippine Coconut Authority, Department of Agriculture, Southern Luzon State University and the Local Government Units of Alabat, Perez, and Quezon with support from the DTI Region IV-A, DOLE Region IV-A, NIA Region IV-A, Office of the Provincial Agriculturist-Quezon, and the Office of Congresswoman Angelina Tan, the Makapuno Island project was kick-started. The launching ceremony was notable with the presence of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce (Toronto), and the Trade Mission Delegates from Canada who assessed the investment opportunities in Alabat Island.

The Makapuno Island Project aims to establish a Makapuno Island in Alabat Island, Quezon by initially putting up 110 hectares of Makapuno plantation this would address poverty in the island by giving the farmers additional earnings and increasing economic activities in the island. The different government agencies will continuously join hands to support the island with Embryo Cultured Makapuno (ECM) seedlings and processing technologies. Also included in their plans is working on the island's branding to be known not only as a main source of Makapuno but also Coco Sugar. To optimize the resources of the island, they are also looking on the potentials of integrated farming.

The project yielded positive support from the partner agencies. The efforts of the government agencies and the potential of Alabat Island were seen by the Trade Mission Delegates.

Asec. Maria Roseni M. Alvero, Senior Trade Commissioner and Phil. Consulate General of DTI-Foreign Trade Service Corps. Toronto Canada, presented her intentions of making Makapuno Island a model investment project wherein Overseas Filipinos can invest in their homeland's businesses. Her proposed project entitled "Transforming Overseas Filipinos (OFs) to Overseas Filipino Investors (OFIs): The Philippine Makapuno Industry and Agribusiness Investment Promotion Program in Alabat Island, Quezon" aims to launch a well-coordinated, harmonized and sufficiently funded export and investment campaign targeting the Filipinos living

abroad. By August 2018, the project will be launched in Toronto, Canada.

Ms. Vermelyn O. Evangelista of Philippine Coconut Research & Development Foundation assured the beneficiaries that they will continuously extend their Research and Development of Embryo Cultured Macapuno. She also discussed about the processing technologies that the island can later use for their Makapuno products. Meanwhile, Ms. Erlene Manojar, Regional Manager of PCA Region IV-A declared PCA's support to the beneficiaries "from production, processing, up to marketing". Mayor Fernando L. Mesa, mayor of the Municipality of Alabat, delivered the island's positive response by thanking all the agencies that made the Makapuno Island possible. He assured everyone that they will work hand-in-hand for the progress of the Island.

The program concluded with a Memorandum of Agreement signing of the partner government agencies, a commitment board signing of the Adopt-a-Makapuno Tree project, and declaration of support from the different participating agencies.

One Town, One Product continues to develop more Calabarzon MSMEs in 2018

by DTI Region IV-A

The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Region IV-A is set to bring the One Town, One Product (OTOP) program to the next level in 2018 to expand more assistance for the micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in Calabarzon.

OTOP Philippines is a priority stimulus program for MSMEs as government's customized intervention to drive inclusive local economic growth. The program enables localities and communities to determine, develop, support, and promote culturally-rooted products or services where they can be the best at or best renowned for.

> "It is important that we open our minds and hearts – innovate and modernize in terms of design, learn from our customers, and seek ways to scale up so we can meet the demands of the market."
>
> –ASec. Demphna Du-Naga, DTI Regional Operations Group

Since 2017, DTI is conducting a series of Regional and Provincial Orientations for the OTOP program's Assessment, Consultation, and Triage (ACT) session to DTI staff, commissioned designers, food experts, and brand consultants to ensure a uniform execution of the ACT sessions in the provinces and calibrate the various directions for the region. Each product is assessed such as the assistance needed by the MSMEs in terms of product and packaging designs. Moreover, seminars like the Brand Equity Development and Market Leadership, Training Needs Analysis, and Product Development are simultaneously conducted in relation to the execution of the intervention phase.

The core assistance provided by OTOP Next Gen is the product development. Upon the conduct of product development, 123 non-food prototypes and 47 food packages and labels have been produced, totaling to 170 prototypes. These products were showcased in a special setting during the KALAKAL Calabarzon Trade Fair 2017 and the National Arts and Crafts Fair 2017, generating PHP2.5 million and PHP3.6 million respectively.
"For this year, DTI Region IV-A targets to assist 375 MSMEs under the program, 130 of which will be enrolled in Product Development and the remaining 245 will be capacitated through various training sessions and seminars. We want to encourage our MSMEs to innovate and to be more competitive in terms of quality, design, packaging/labeling, marketability, branding, and production and delivery capacity to be able to create more jobs and to promote our products locally and internationally," said Dir. Marilou Q. Toledo of DTI Region IV-A.

Assistant Secretary Demphna Du-Naga of DTI Regional Operations Group encouraged the MSMEs to aspire competing with the best in the world. "DTI is providing market access opportunities such as trade fairs, Go Lokal!, and now the OTOP Philippines Hub where the best of our local products can be found," said Du-Naga.

Calabarzon welcomes new Region IV-A heads!

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DOST Region IV-A upgrades research outputs through free access to publications

by Rochelle L. Cruz , DOST Region IV-A

The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Region IV-A hosted the Orientation and Training on Elsevier's Science Direct and Scopus Databases for DOST-MIMAROPA, DOST Region V, and DOST Region IV-A on April 12 at RFSQAC Multipurpose Hall, DOST Region IV-A, Los Baños, Laguna.

Dr. Alexander Madrigal, Regional Director of the DOST Region IV-A, encouraged the participants to maximize the use of the databases in conducting researches. The orientation and training was facilitated by Mr. Pio Salvador Ramon Omana of Elsevier Philippines. He said that the recipients will have a remote access to all the database collection which covers 24 subject areas.

Mr. Gilbert Poralan Jr. and Ms. Reira Kris Villalina of DOST Office of the Undersecretary for Research and Development shared that the Philippines ranked 52nd among 140 economies in Global Competitiveness last 2016. This low ranking is due to weak human capital, and research and development. They also called for proposals for the Niche Centers in the Regions for R&D (NICER) Program, R&D Leadership (RDLead) Program, Collaborative Research and Development to Leverage Philippine Economy (CRADLE) Program, and Business Innovation through S&T (BIST) for Industry Program which are under the Accelerated R&D Program for Capacity Building of Research and Development Institutions and Industrial Competitiveness of the S4CP.

DOST-Philippine Council for Industry, Energy and Emerging Technology Research and Development's (PCIEERD) subscription to Elsevier is also in support to DOST's Science for Change Program (S4CP) which will further encourage our researchers. This program seeks to level up the science and technology in the country and contribute to the economic development. Through the Elsevier assistance and S4CP, DOST hopes to improve the number of quality of research outputs.

The orientation was attended by 80 participants, including researchers, research directors, principals, professors, librarians, and teachers. It aims to support the researchers in the regions by providing free access to millions of publications through Science Direct and Scopus Databases. The subscription to Elsevier references was funded by DOST-PCIEERD.

Quarterly Regional Economic Situationer:

January to March 2018

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

Improvement in performance

- Lower underemployment
- Increase in total ship calls in Batangas Port
- Increase in passenger traffic in Batangas, Lucena, and private ports in Quezon
- Increase in production of coconut, palay, corn, and coffee
- Increase in livestock and poultry production

Decline in performance

- Increase in inflation rate and average consumer price index
- Higher unemployment
- Decrease in total cargo throughput in Batangas Port
- Decline in production of sugarcane, cassava, pineapple, banana and potato
- Decrease in fisheries production

Prices and Inflation

Average Inflation Rate

Fig. 1. Average Inflation Rate, Calabarzon, Q1 to Q4 2017 and Q1 2018.

Inflation rate for the first quarter of 2018 accelerated to 3.3 percent, higher than the 3 percent recorded in the last quarter of 2017 and the same quarter of last year. Inflation for the quarter increased by 0.3 percentage points year-on-year (YOY) and quarter-on-quarter (QOQ).

The average Purchasing Power of Peso (PPP) slightly declined by 2.22 percent (PhP 0.02) QOQ and by 3.29 percent (PHP 0.03) YOY.

Fig. 2. Purchasing Power of Peso, Calabarzon, Q4 2017 and Q1 2018.

Consumer Price Index

Price hike on commodities and increase in inflation is partially due to the effects of the Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN) Law which came effect on January 1 of this year.

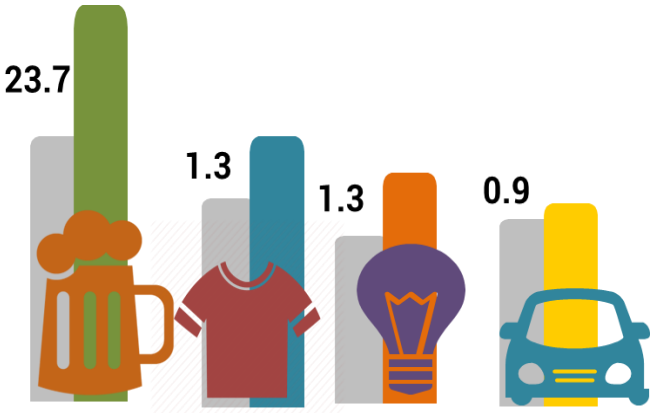

Fig. 3. Consumer Price Index, Calabarzon, Q1 2018.

Higher average consumer price indices were recorded for both YOY and QOQ. YOY price adjustments were highest among alcoholic beverages and tobacco, food and non-alcoholic beverages, and housing, water, electricity, gas, and other fuels. While increase in prices have eased on most commodities from the last quarter of 2017, the price of alcoholic beverages and tobacco continued to shot up in the 1st quarter of 2018.

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority Region IV-A

Labor and Employment

Fig. 4. Labor Force Participation Rate, Calabarzon, Q1 2018.

The decrease in labor force participation rate by 2.6 percentage points QOQ may indicate that more people in the workforce have decided to put off work to pursue higher education, skills enhancement activities or are simply not looking for work because of comfortable household income. A fraction of those surveyed may also still be in Senior High School.

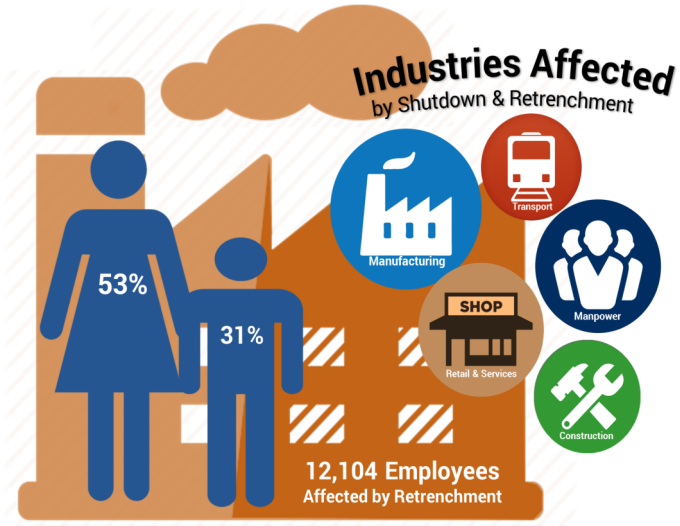

Fig. 5. Number of Employees and Industries affected by Retrenchment, Calabarzon, Q1 2018.

The decline in the employment rate of 1 percentage point QOQ was affected by the shutdown and retrenched establishments in the region and may also indicate that a significant number of jobseekers who are having difficulty in getting hired. On a positive note, underemployment decreased by 2 percentage points QOQ.

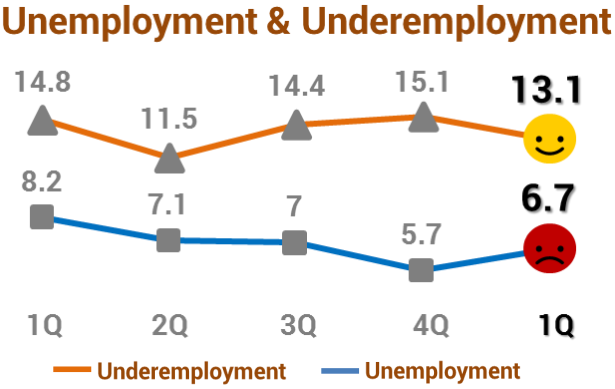

Fig. 6. Unemployment and Underemployment Rate, Calabarzon, Q1 to Q4 2017 and Q1 2018.

Shutdown cases, on the other hand was increased to 15 establishments affecting 1,528 employees, mostly in Laguna (75%).

Shutdown and retrenchment cases were mainly attributed to the lack of market, lack of raw materials and reorganization. Other reasons cited are financial losses and lack of capital and merger.

Affected industries are on manufacturing, manpower, retail and services, transport and construction.

Sources: Philippine Statistics Authority Region IV-A and Department of Labor and Employment Region IV-A

Agriculture and Fishery

In general, agriculture and fisheries declined in the first quarter of 2018 compared to the same period of last year with fisheries sub sector having the biggest decline of 21.79 percent followed by crops sub sector which decreased by 19.52 percent.

Crops

Sugarcane production decreased by 31.07 percent (358,080 MT) because most of the areas harvested is in the third ratooning, a process wherein a portion of cane stalk was left underground to give rise to a succeeding growth of cane. The significant decline in the yield of sugarcane affected the overall performance of the crop subsector.

The production of coconut, palay, corn and coffee increased in the first quarter of 2018 compared to the same period of last year. Coconut production increased by 14.47 percent (38,784 MT) due to the intensive coconut rehabilitation and fertilization program.

Palay and corn also posted a positive performance, 15.94 percent (13,386 MT) and 16.35 percent (3,352 MT), respectively. The increase in production may be attributed to the increase in area harvested and use of high yielding varieties of seeds.

The increase in production was driven by the high demand for livestock and poultry products in the region and in NCR and may be partly due to improved livestock raising practices and facilities.

Livestock and Poultry

In general, livestock and poultry subsector improved its performance with an increase in production of hog (4,164 MT), cattle (219 MT), carabao (4 MT) goat (4 MT), chicken (576 MT) and chicken eggs (5,143 MT), duck (13 MT) and duck eggs (111 MT).

Fisheries

Fisheries production fell by 21.79 percent or 22,342 MT due to the decrease in aquaculture (13,708 MT), municipal fishing (2,424 MT) and commercial fishing (3,786 MT). The significant decline in aquaculture may be attributed to the dismantling of fish pens in Laguna Lake while the low commercial fishing production is consistent with the national declining yield due to frequent gale warnings which hampered fishing operations.

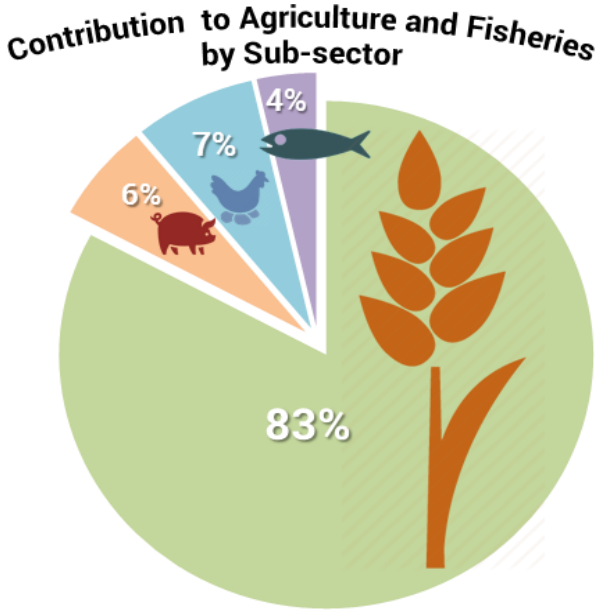

Fig. 7. Agriculture and Fisheries Performance, Calabarzon, Q1 2018.

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority Region IV-A

Port Performance

Batangas Port

The total ship calls in Batangas Port increased by 2.90 percent and 8.23 percent from the fourth and same quarter in 2017, respectively. Although total ship calls increased, it can be observed that foreign ship calls declined by 11.29 percent QOQ and 6.10 percent YOY.

Passenger traffic increased by 2.53 percent due to higher number of passengers who travelled during the Holy Week from March 26 to 30. Passenger traffic also increased by 0.56 from the same period last year.

This increase can be attributed to the deployment of fast, modern and new RoRo and fast craft vessels that was able to accommodate more passengers. Further, the promotion of ecotourism programs encouraging inter-island RoRo travel may have contributed to increased passenger traffic.

Fig. 8. Number of Shipcalls, Batangas Port, Q1 2018.

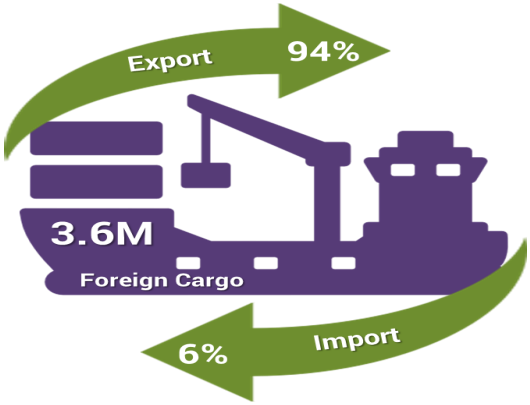

Fig. 9. Foreign Cargo, Batangas Port, Q1 2018.

Lucena Port and Private Ports in Quezon

The total number of ship calls in Lucena Port and private ports in Quezon declined by 10.27 percent from the previous year brought about by lesser RoRo ship calls at Lucena Port due to ongoing repairs and maintenance of four vessels and lesser demand for wheat at Sariaya Port. On the other hand, the total ship calls increased by 3.21 percent from the previous quarter.

Lesser cargo (i.e. palm oil, coconut oil and copras) being handled at Lucena Port was the primary reason for the decline in total cargo throughput by 28.88 percent from the previous year.

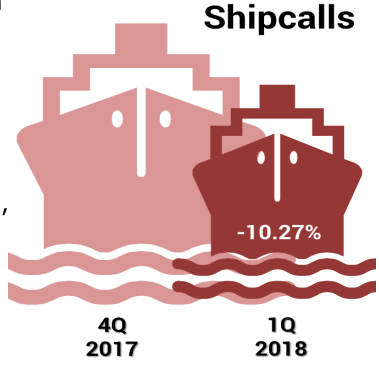

Fig. 10. Number of Shipcalls, Lucena Port and Private Ports in Quezon, Q4 2017 and Q1 2018.

Cargo Throughput

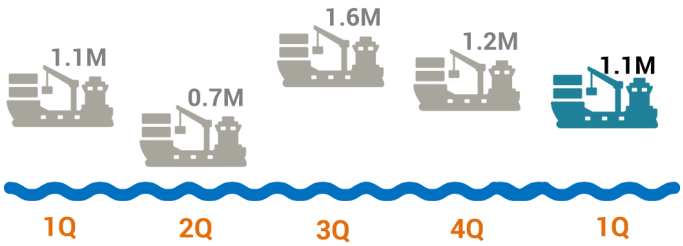

Fig. 11. Cargo Throughput in Million MT, Lucena Port and Private Ports in Quezon, Q1 2018.

Passenger traffic increased by 13.74 percent from the previous year due to higher number of passengers who travelled during the Holy Week and visited Marinduque to Celebrate Moriones Festival in March.

Total cargo throughput slightly decreased by 2.96 percent QOQ as cargoes being handled at Lucena Port were reduced. On a positive note, the total cargo throughput increased by 6.67 percent from the previous year due to the significant increase in imports from the private ports. High importation of coal at the private port in Pagbilao and increase in liquefied petroleum gas imports in Sariaya, Quezon contributed to the positive performance.

Sources: Philippine Ports Authority-Port Management Office of Batangas and Marinduque-Quezon

Tourism

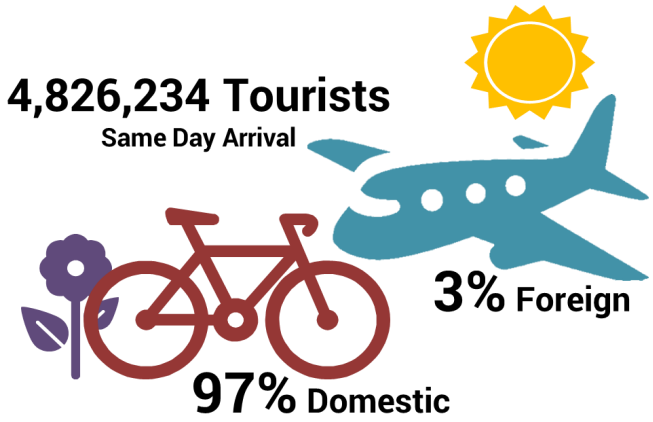

Fig. 12. Same Day Tourist Arrivals, Calabarzon, Q1 2018.

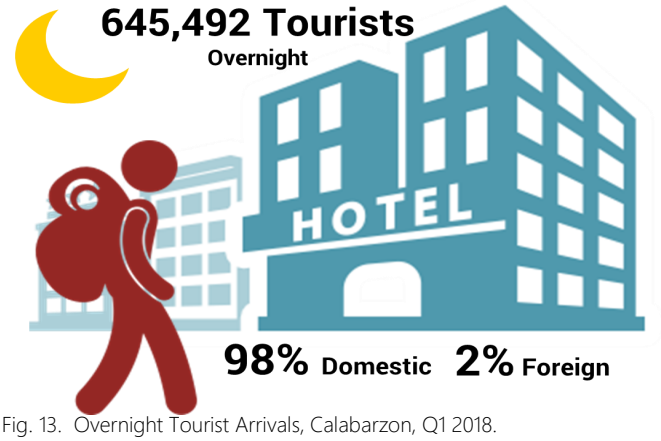

Fig. 13. Overnight Tourist Arrivals, Calabarzon, Q1 2018.

Domestic tourists remained the largest contributor to the tourist arrivals in Calabarzon. Based on preliminary data submitted by local government units, the Region recorded 4,826,234 same-day visitors, roughly 56 percent of which was recorded in Quezon province.

Overnight visitors reached up to 645,492. The provinces of Rizal and Batangas recorded the highest number of overnight visitors.

Source: Partial data from DOT Region IV-A based on LGU submissions

Development Prospects and Challenges

- The current surge in inflation is partly due to the transitory impact of TRAIN law but is expected to taper off in the coming months and stabilize by next year. There is a need to closely monitor price developments and implement mitigating measures immediately such as the Unconditional Cash Transfer to the poorest 50 percent of households plus the Pantawid-Pasada subsidy for jeepney drivers, and replacing quantitative restrictions on rice imports with tariffs. (NEDA Media Release, May 4, 2018 and NEDA Statement on the Philippine Economy for First Quarter of 2018, May 10, 2018).

- Labor participation rate may decline with the implementation of the Free Tuition Act starting school year 2018-2019 as students may be encouraged to pursue tertiary and technical-vocation education and training programs. The Free Tuition Act and K to12 program are expected to improve access to education and the quality of graduates leading to better employment.

- Traffic improvement due to widening, removal of obstructions along Road Right-of-Way and implementation of transport master plan.

- The diversion of tourists from Boracay to other parts of the region and the increase in the number of Chinese tourists are expected. Thus, a plan to develop and promote potential tourism destinations to cater to the increasing volume of visitor arrivals in the region is underway.

- Corn and rice production are expected to increase through the Region's provision of seeds, machineries, post-harvest equipment and facilities among others.

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by Project Monitoring and Evaluation Division, NEDA Region IV-A

RPMC holds Second Quarter 2018 Meeting

The Regional Project Monitoring Committee (RPMC) conducted its second quarter meeting on May 2 at the RDC IV-A Conference Room, Barangay Real, Calamba City. The Committee approved the 2018 Search for Outstanding LPMCs Awardees and the proposed Workshop to Revisit the Search Guidelines. The Second Quarter Field Monitoring and Macalelon Irrigation Project Problem Solving Session reports were adopted by the Committee. The Committee discussed the following for information: a) Impact Evaluation Studies Reports and Updates; b) LRT Line 1 and 2 Projects; c) Cavite-Laguna Expressway d) 4Ps; and e) LPMC Updates and their Migration and Development Initiatives.

Members listen to the presenters during the Second Quarter 2018 Meeting on May 2 at the RDC IV-A Conference Room, Barangay Real, Calamba City. (Photo by: Frea Bugarin, NEDA Region IV-A)

Field Monitoring of Priority Programs and Projects

RPMC IV-A visits on-going bypass roads in Calabarzon

The Regional Project Monitoring Committee (RPMC) of Calabarzon conducted field validation visits on April 4 and 5. The field validations focused on the monitoring of bypass roads in the region to facilitate the construction of the projects. These bypass roads are expected to address the worsening traffic situation in the urban areas of the region particularly in the Provinces of Laguna and Quezon. The projects visited were the Lopez Bypass Road, Gumaca Bypass Road, Atimonan-Mauban Road (Atimonan Section), Pagbilao Bypass Road, Sariaya Bypass Road and the Alaminos-San Pablo Bypass Road of Maharlika Highway.

The Lopez Bypass Road, Gumaca Bypass Road and Atimonan-Mauban Road Atimonan Section are components of the proposed Luzon Pacific Highway that will connect Regions II, III, IV-A and V along the Pacific Coast of the country.

The RPMC recommended the following: a) standardize the width of bypass roads to 30 meters and 50 meters at the junctions; b) inclusion of lay-bays complemented by rest areas and services like vulcanizing and restaurants; and c) installation of solar powered lights. The RPMC also urges the local government units to

The physical status of the monitored bypass roads are as follows:

Bypass Road	Physical Accomplishment	Completion Data
Lopez Bypass		
Phase I	80%	July 2018
Phase II	34%	September 2018
Gumaca Bypass	72%	2018
Atimonan-Mauban	35%	2019
Pagbilao Bypass Phase I	38%	2018
Sariaya Bypass		
Phase I	95%	2018
Bridge I	40%	2018
Bridge II	32%	2018
Alaminos-San Pablo Bypass		
Phase I	45%	2018
Phase II	18%	2018

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strictly implement the no obstructions, permanent structures and encroachment in the bypass road-right-of-way. The local government units will be requested to zone the areas adjacent to the bypass roads for a well planned development. Construction of other bypass roads are continuously being promoted to ease the traffic congestion in the urban areas in the region.

(clockwise starting from upper left) Alaminos-San Pablo Bypass Road in Laguna; Lopez, Quezon Bypass Road; Atimonan-Mauban Bypass Road in Quezon; Gumaca, Quezon Bypass Road. (Photos by: Wilfredo Lumanglas, NEDA Region IV-A)

RPMC IV-A , Tagkawayan LGU conduct a joint-ocular visit of Tagkawayan Port

The RPMC monitoring team and Tagkwayan LGU conducted a joint-ocular visit of the Tagkawan Municipal Fish Port Project on April 4, 2018. The monitoring team was composed of representatives from NEDA, DILG, DBM, LPMC Quezon, RDC Co-Chair Ladislao L. Andal, PSR Illuminada Gomez and PSR Ruel G. Punzalan.

The Tagkawayan Municipal Fish Port is a PHP13 million project and was completed in March 2016. The project aimed to increase economic activities of the fisherfolks in Tagkawayan and its nearby towns and municipalities. The project was implemented by the Department of Agriculture through its attached agency, the Philippine Fisheries Development Authority.

The monitoring team observed that the port is currently unutilized. The road right of way (RROW) going to/from the fish port is also not fully concreted. The RPMC recommended that the RROW be widened to improve accessibility and to extend the pier and dredge the port area to cater for bigger fishing boats/vessels. The Tagkawayan LGU will also seek the assistance of RDC and related agencies for possible convergence efforts to support and sustain the operations of the fish port.

(L to R) Main building and pier of the Tagkawayan Municipal Fish Port. (Photos by: Wilfredo Lumanglas, NEDA Region IV-A)

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(L to R) Tagkawayan Fish Port, some of the fishing boats. (Photos by: Wilfredo Lumanglas, NEDA Region IV-A)

NEDA Region IV-A conducts technical assistance on M&E in Tanauan City, Batangas

The NEDA Region IV-A conducted an orientation seminar on project monitoring and evaluation for the newly established local project monitoring committee (LPMC) of Tanauan City on April 6. The orientation seminar was attended by the members of Tanauan City LPMC and the City Planning and Development Office staff. The activity aimed to enrich the participants' knowledge on project monitoring and evaluation at the local level.

The NEDA Region IV-A shared the experiences and activities on project monitoring and evaluation and the RPMC's initiatives on the proposed inclusion of functional LPMC in DILG's Seal of Local Governance. The Annual Search on Outstanding LPMCs in Calabarzon was discussed. The Tanauan City LPMC also presented their 2018 workplan and priority projects for field monitoring.

Mr. Richard P. Engasa of NEDA Region IV-A serves as resource person during the orientation seminar on project monitoring and evaluation for the local project monitoring committee of Tanauan City on April 6. (Photos by: Tanauan City Planning and Development Office)

Updates on studies under NEDA M&E Fund

The final draft reports of the Impact Evaluation Studies for Marikina-Infanta Road and Batangas Port Phase were presented by the Consultants to the RPMC.

The Committees provided comments and recommendations for the enhancement of the final reports.

The status of the impact evaluation studies as of May 25 are as follows:

Study	Status
1. Impact Evaluation Study of Batangas Port Phase II	Approved Draft Final Report
2. Impact Evaluation Study of Marikina-Infanta Road	Revision of Draft Final Report
3. Impact Evaluation Study of Laguna de Bay Institutional Strengthening and Community Participation Project in Calabarzon	Submitted Revised Midterm Report

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The RPMC Secretariat monitored the following priority projects:

Sector	Status
Land Transport	
LRT Line 1 Cavite Extension	21% physical accomplishment. Completed construction of row houses and amenities of relocation site. Relocated 484 Informal Settler Families. Target project completion of Q1 2024.
LRT Line 2 East Extension	21% physical accomplishment. On-going construction of stations. Target project completion of Q4 2019.
Cavite-Laguna Expressway	Casting of girders ongoing at Sta. Rosa yard of DMCI Right-of-Way (ROW) Acquisition: 93% of Letter Offer served to land owners; 80% signed DOAS and Expropriation Case submitted to OSG, and 22% of Permits to Enter issued. Construction on Laguna segment is 8.54% completed.
SLEX Toll Road 4	Completed inventory of trees and crops for the 3km priority area On-going right-of-way acquisition.
DOT-DPWH Convergence Program	As of April 2018, there are 41 ongoing road projects.
Non-Transport (Water)	
Flood Risk Management Project (Imus River Basin Subproject)	As of April 2018, physical accomplishment is 9.23 % with negative 21 percent slippage
Social	
K-12/SHS Building Project	As of February 2018: • 2014 projects: 666 classrooms (CL) completed out of 735 target CL and 69 CL ongoing construction • 2015 projects: 1,199 CL completed out of 1,950 target CL and 751 CL ongoing construction • 2016 projects: 96 CL completed out of 2,269 target CL and 2,173 CL ongoing construction
Tanauan City Public Market Redevelopment Project	As of March 2018, physical accomplishment is 55.27 % with no project issues noted.
Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps)	As of May 2018, total household beneficiaries is 318,119. 97.87% overall compliance rate for health requirements, 91.96% compliance rate for Family Development Session Conducted 1,286 Youth Development Sessions.
Health Facilities Enhancement Program (HFEP)	As of February 2018: • 2016 HFEP in Provinces: 19 completed, 13 ongoing, 3 suspended and 10 with issues • 2016 School-based BHS: 179 completed (17 turned-over to LGU/DepEd) and 180 ongoing • 2017 HFEP projects are still in pre-construction stage
Economic	
Philippine Rural Development Project	As of January 31, there are 45 PRDP subprojects being implemented in the region
Quipot Irrigation Project	As of February 2018, physical accomplishment is 85.01 % with negative 9 percent slippage
Macalelon Small Reservoir Irrigation Project	As of March 31, physical accomplishment is 7.81% with a negative slippage of 15% (per revised schedule).
Procurement of One-Unit Fire Truck (Dolores, Quezon) under Calabarzon ER 1-94 Fund	As of February 28, 2018, the project is under procurement
Governance, ICT and Others	
Bottom-Up Budgeting Project	As of February 2018, the following are the status of projects under BUB, Assistance to Disadvantaged Municipalities (ADM) and Assistance to Municipalities (AM): a. BUB implementation: • 2014 – 87% completed • 2015 – 78% completed • 2016 – 43% completed b. ADM implementation: • Pipelined – 25% • Ongoing – 40% • Completed – 35% c. AM implementation • Project proposals were submitted to the DILG Central Office