

## RPMES Second Quarter 2017 Accomplishment Report

### RPMC Visits Calatagan Port in Batangas Province

Calatagan Port, being an all weather port, caters to many travellers coming to and from the Lubang Island. To further promote trade and tourism between Calatagan and Lubang Island all year long, the RPMC Monitoring Team conducted a field monitoring visit of Calatagan Port in Calatagan, Batangas on 07 April.

The Team assessed the implementation of support projects of the port and validated the actions taken on the recommendations made by the RDC Task Force Calatagan. Also, the Team inspected the existing port facilities, gathered feedback from the port users, and identified issues/concerns and possible recommendations/actions.



The monitoring team identified the following issues/concerns: 1) passenger terminal needs repair/improvements; 2) only small RO-RO vessels, motor bancas and fish utilize the port; 3) limited movement of vessels due to shallow water; 4) presence of a condemned building; 5) fare overcharging by tricycle drivers; and 6) non-issuance of drumming permit for fuel/dangerous cargo by the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG).

The Team recommended to further develop the port to an "all weather port, to demolish the condemned building to create more open space; to ask LGU to regulate tricycle fares; and 4) PCG to issue drumming permit to ensure safety of the passengers.

The monitoring team was composed of members and



representatives from the regional offices of DBM and NEDA, PPA PMO-Batangas, RDC-PSRs Ladislao Andal and Joselito Rodriguez, Batangas Provincial Project Monitoring Committee, DPWH Batangas 1<sup>st</sup> District Engineering Office, and Calatagan LGU.

### RPMC Checks Quipot Irrigation Project in Quezon Province

The P1 Billion Quipot Irrigation Project is one of the government priority projects that will benefit around 2,000 farmers in Quezon and Batangas. To check the status of its implementation, the RPMC Monitoring Team conducted a field monitoring visit of Quipot Irrigation Project in Quezon on 20 April. The RPMC monitoring team is composed of members and representatives from the regional offices of DILG, DBM and NEDA, OP-PMS, PSR Illuminada Gomez and NIA.



The monitoring team assessed the implementation of ongoing Quipot Irrigation Project, inspected the existing irrigation infrastructures, validated the negative 13 slippage and identified issues/concerns and possible recommendations/actions.

The monitoring team identified the following right of way acquisition issues: land ownership and tenancy; undocumented land; and slow land verification. Other implementation bottlenecks are the political and security issues and delayed issuance of DENR permit to cut trees.

The monitoring team recommended the following: 1) RPMC to initiate a problem solving session among DENR, DAR, BIR, Land Registration Authority, Registry of Deeds and Assessor's Office to facilitate right of way issues and the cutting of trees; 2) DILG to request manifestation of support from the concerned municipal and barangay government; 3) concerned LGU to ensure the security of the contractor's personnel and equipment during project implementation.





Members/representatives of the RPMC monitoring team visit on Quipot Irrigation Project