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In 2022, the DILG Cebu Province launched its first ever newsletter named *Pangatungdanan*, a Bisaya word which means **service**.

Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth B. Lucero initiated to create this digital publication that serves as a quarterly archive of articles and photos reflecting the brand of service that DILG Cebu Province is known for.

True to its mantra "*serbisyon tiunay, malambuon Sugbo kanunay*", the *Pangatungdanan* newsletter features the efforts and achievements of the Department and the Provincial Government in their concerted efforts towards a stronger, more progressive, and no. 1 Cebu.

Indeed, the *Pangatungdanan* newsletter of DILG Cebu Province overall serves as a chronicle evidencing the trademark of genuine quality public service it delivers to its beloved Sugboanons.

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About Us



Vision

A highly trusted Department and Partner in nurturing local governments and sustaining peaceful, safe, progressive, resilient, and inclusive communities towards a comfortable and secure life for Filipinos by 2040.



Mission

The Department shall ensure peace and order, public safety and security, uphold excellence in local governance and enable resilient and inclusive communities.



Shared Values

Ang DILG ay Matino, Mahusay, at Maaasahan.

A portrait of a man with short dark hair and glasses, wearing a light blue button-down shirt with a patterned tie. He is looking slightly to the right with a gentle smile.

Message from the Provincial Director

We humbly present to you the brand of quality public service rendered by the DILG Cebu Province as evidenced by our initiatives and accomplishments during the year 2022, which are highlighted in this publication.

This would not be possible without the collaboration and efforts of our field officers, cluster heads, and provincial office technical and administrative personnel, in close coordination with the DILG Regional Office under the leadership of Director Leocadio T. Trovela, the Cebu Provincial Government headed by Governor Gwendolyn F. Garcia, component cities, municipalities, barangays, national government agencies, and other development partners.

Keep soaring, DILG Cebu!

A handwritten signature in red ink, reading "Ian Kenneth B. Lucero".

Ian Kenneth B. Lucero

ATTY. IAN KENNETH B. LUCERO, JD, MPSA
DILG Cebu Provincial Director

Transparent, Accountable, Participative, and Effective Local Governance



4 Cebu LGUs get SGLG

Four local government units in Cebu bagged the most coveted CY 2022 Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG) from the Department of the Interior and Local Government.

They were Talisay City, Danao City, Municipality of Sogod, and Municipality of San Remigio.

The local chief executives and other officials were joined by DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trovela, DILG Cebu Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero, Provincial Focal Person LGOO V Ginable Ejoc, and concerned DILG field officers during the national awarding ceremony graced by DILG Secretary Atty. Benjamin Abalos Jr on December 15 at the Manila Hotel.

The awardees received the Governance Assessment Report and SGLG Incentive Fund to finance their local development initiatives.

To recall, the SGLG awardees in Cebu underwent national validation by DILG-CAR in August.

Under Republic Act 11292, the SGLG is an award, incentive, honor, and recognition-based program for all LGUs and is a continuing commitment for LGUs to continually progress and improve their performance in various governance areas.



SGLG onsite assessment held

The Cebu Provincial Government underwent assessment and validation by the DILG-7 Regional Assessment Team as it vies for this year's Seal of Good Local Governance.

The assessment team was composed of DILG-7 Assistant Regional Director Loisella Lucino, DILG Siquijor Provincial Director Dennis Quiñones, DILG Bohol Provincial Director Jerome Gonzales, DILG Negros Provincial Director Farah Gentuya, Local Government Monitoring and Evaluation Division Chief Celerino Magto Jr., and Civil Society Organization Representative Atty. Jonathan Capanas.

During the onsite assessment on April 6, the provincial government team headed by Provincial Administrator Noli Valencia and Chief-of-Staff Atty. Frank Dinsay was assisted by DILG Cebu Province led by Provincial Director Jhoaden Lucero.

Under Republic Act 11292, the SGLG is an award, incentive, honor and recognition-based program for all LGUs and is a continuing commitment for LGUs to continually progress and improve their performance in various governance areas.

To get the prestigious recognition, the LGU must pass the "all-in assessment criteria" which include financial administration and sustainability; disaster preparedness; social protection and sensitivity; health compliance and responsiveness; sustainable education; business-friendliness and competitiveness; safety, peace and order; environmental management; tourism, heritage development, culture and arts; and youth development.





Cebu LTIA 2022 commences

The Lupong Tagapamayapa Incentives Awards (LTIA) Cebu Provincial Awards Committee (PAC) kicked off the onsite validation and assessment in November in the barangays shortlisted as this year's finalists.

Vying as the most outstanding Lupong Tagapamayapa are Barangay Sta. Cruz, Ronda, Barangay Tagnucan, Borbon and Barangay Villahermosa, Tudela for the 4th to 6th class municipalities category; Barangay Lamac, Pinamungajan, Barangay Poblacion Liloan, and Barangay South Poblacion, San Fernando for the 1st to 3rd class municipalities category; and Barangay Gairan, Bogo City, Barangay Uling, City of Naga, and Barangay Poblacion, Danao City for the component cities category.

DILG Cebu Provincial Director and PAC Co-Chairperson Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero was joined by members Atty. Jeah Gacang of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines Cebu Chapter, Atty. Nel Ediza of the Provincial Legal Office, Pros. Liewellyn Bonghanoy of the Provincial Prosecutor's Office, Lito Layao of the Liga ng mga Barangay Cebu Chapter, and Atty. Mark Gregory Avila and Atty. Christian Arenajo of the Young Lawyers Association of Cebu.

They reviewed the documents and interviewed the members of the Lupong Tagapamayapa of the contending barangays as to their innovations and best practices in the administration of Katarungang Pambarangay.

The winners of Cebu LTIA CY 2022 will be announced and awarded on January 6, 2023.

This year, Governor Gwendolyn Garcia allocated over P1.3 million for the winning barangays to fund their infrastructure projects and other expenses for the LTIA awarding ceremony.



REGIONAL AWARDING SGLGB, LTIA awardees recognized

The DILG-7 gave recognition to the national passers of the 2021 Seal of Good Local Governance for Barangays (SGLGB), including four barangays in Cebu Province, during a regional awarding ceremony on November 8.

DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trovela was assisted by DILG Cebu Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero in awarding the plaques and certificates/letters of commendation to the punong barangay of Barangay Tugas in Madridejos; Barangays To-ong and Calambua in San Remigio; and Barangay Mohon in Sogod.

Also present were Provincial Focal person LG00 V Ginable Ejoc, San Remigio MLGOO Claire Diaz, Sogod MLGOO Sheila Denden, and Madridejos OIC-MLGOO John Michael Legaspi.

SGLGB is a progressive assessment system that gives distinction to the remarkable performance of barangays in various governance areas, putting primacy integrity and good performance in pursuit for meaningful local autonomy and development.

On the same day, the DILG Regional Office also conferred awards to the regional winners of CY 2022 Lupong Tagapamayapa Incentives Awards (LTIA).

Barangay Nasipit, Barili, Cebu was hailed as the Regional Winner under the 1st to 3rd Class Municipalities category.

Barangay Uling, City of Naga, Cebu and Barangay Villahermosa, Tudela, Cebu meanwhile placed 1st runner-up in the Component Cities category and 4th to 6th Class Municipalities category, respectively.



36 LGUs named GFH passers

At least 36 local government units in Cebu Province passed the CY 2021 Good Financial Housekeeping (GFH) nationwide assessment of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG).

These LGUs were Alcoy, Alegria, Aloguinsan, Asturias, Badian, Balamban, Barili, Bogo City, Boljoon, Carcar City, Catmon, Consolacion, Cordova, Daanbantayan, Dalaguete, Danao, Dumanjug, Liloan, Madridejos, Malabuyoc, Medellin, Moalboal, Naga City, Ronda, Samboan, San Fernando, San Remigio, Santa Fe, Santander, Sibonga, Sogod, Tabogon, Tabuelan, Talisay City, Tuburan, and Tudela.

DILG Cebu Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero congratulated the LGU passers on their achievement which he said clearly proves their firm commitment and strong political will towards financial transparency.

"Continue to champion better fiscal management as it hopefully translates to enhanced delivery of services to the communities and eventually solidifies the trust of the people to the government," his congratulatory letter read.

The GFH measures the financial transparency and institution of public reporting of budget and expenditures of local governments.



Barangay Assembly Day conducted

All 1,066 barangays in Cebu Province have conducted Barangay Assembly (BA) Day for the second semester of 2022.

The theme was "Barangayanihan: Barangay at Mamamayan Sama-Sama sa Pagtaguyod ng Bayanihan Tungo sa Mas Ligtas at Maunlad na Pamayanan."

The Department of the Interior and Local Government earlier issued an advisory extending the period for the conduct of BA Day on any of the Saturdays or Sundays from October to November since some barangays were affected by the onslaught of Tropical Storm Paeng on October 28.



CSO Conference held



The Cebu Provincial Government, in collaboration with the DILG Cebu Province, gathered the civil society organizations (CSOs) in the province on August 16 for a conference pursuant to DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2022-083.

Concurrent with the issuance of the call for accreditation, the CSO Conference aims to orient the participants on the accreditation guidelines and raise their awareness on the importance of civil society participation in the local governance processes, and to encourage CSOs to apply for accreditation with their local sanggunian.

DILG Cebu Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero said the government recognizes the need to empower the citizens by providing them avenues where they can actively participate.

Program Manager LG00 VI Rothwel Pulido discussed the Guidelines on the Accreditation of CSOs and Selection of Representatives to the Local Special Bodies, while Provincial Focal Person LG00 V Iris Arias discussed the Relevance of Participatory Governance, Code-mandated Avenues for Participation and the Local People's Council.

Dean Caratao from the Office of Hon. Victoria Corominas-Toribio, Sangguniang Panlalawigan Chair on CSO Accreditation, likewise informed the CSOs on the provincial government's accreditation process, required documents, and timeline.

After the CSO Conference, the CSOs who attended shall submit the requirements for accreditation, or renewal, to the sanggunian.



DILG Cebu joins CSO Conference orientation

Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero and technical personnel of DILG Cebu Province attended the Visayas-Mindanao orientation on the conduct of Civil Society Conference (CSO) Conference at Bai Hotel, Mandaue City on June 30.

LG00 VI Rothwel Pulido, LG00 V Iris Arias, and LG00 II Randel Cedio Samonte joined other focal persons on CSO accreditation from other regions and DILG-7 sub-regional offices.

The participants shall cascade the orientation online to the DILG field officers who will orient their LGU functionaries such as the Local Planning Development Coordinators, CSO desk officers and/or other duly designated LGU appointive officials in preparation for the CSO conference in the first week of August.

The activity was spearheaded by CSO/People's Participation Partnership Program-Program Management Office (CSO/PPPP-PMO), DILG-Support to Local Governance Program -Project Management Office (SLGP-PMO), and DILG Region 7 as host region.



The topics discussed were Overview of DILG's CSO Engagement Roadmap and Objectives of the Session; Policy Briefing on the Amendment to DILG Memorandum Circular 2019-72 entitled Guidelines on the Accreditation of Civil Society Organizations and Selection of Representatives to the Local Special Bodies; and Capacity Development Program for CSOs in the LSBs, among others.

DILG Cebu joins CSO CapDev TOT

The DILG Cebu Province joined the hybrid regional training of trainers on the Capacity Development Program for Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in Local Special Bodies (LSBs) on August 22 to 26 at Bai Hotel, Mandaue City.

Present were Cluster Head CH Roxine Coyoca, Provincial CSO focal person LG00 V Iris Arias, City and Municipal Local Government Operations Officers, LGU functionaries from the local planning, local health and local social welfare and development offices, CSO desk officers, and others in charge of capacity development.

The activity aimed to capacitate the LGUs and external trainers on the content and approach in delivering the modules for the Local Development Council, Local School Board, and Local Health Board; module exercises to ensure uniformity and exchange for effective training delivery; and pointers for the nationwide rollout to be conducted.



DILG Cebu releases P900k death benefits



The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Cebu Province released a total of P912,000 death benefits to the beneficiaries of 66 deceased barangay officials from January to June this year.

Of these barangay officials, 12 were punong barangay (PB), 52 were sangguniang barangay members (SBM), and two were barangay secretaries.

DILG Cebu Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero, cluster heads, and field officers handed over the cheques to the beneficiaries.

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 115, series of 2002, the DILG is authorized to determine the amount and administer the payment of the death benefits of barangay officials who die during their term of office.

Beneficiaries of a deceased punong barangay can receive P20,000 for death benefit and P2,000 for burial expenses, while beneficiaries of a deceased member of a sangguniang barangay, including Sangguniang Kabataan chairpersons as ex-officio members, barangay secretary and barangay treasurer, can receive P10,000 death benefit and P2,000 for burial expenses.

The death benefit claims can be processed online through the Barangay Information System.



DILG Cebu releases death benefit claims



DILG Cebu Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero led the distribution of death benefit checks to at least 17 beneficiaries of barangay officials in Cebu Province who died during their term of office.

Beneficiaries of a deceased punong barangay received P22,000, while beneficiaries of a deceased member of a sangguniang barangay, including its Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) chairpersons as ex-officio members, barangay secretary and barangay treasurer, received P12,000.

The distribution was conducted during the local legislation training organized by DILG Cebu and Philippine Councilors League Cebu Federation for neophyte legislators on July 15.

These beneficiaries likewise received gallons of alcohol, vitamins, and face masks from the DILG Cebu Province.

Meanwhile, other beneficiaries likewise claimed the death benefit checks from the Provincial Office and field offices.





CSIS Utilization Conference held

Department heads and personnel of the Municipality of Dumanjug, Cebu participated in the Citizen Satisfaction Index System (CSIS) utilization conference on June 15.

Mayor Efren Gica thanked the DILG Regional Office, DILG Cebu Province, and DILG Dumanjug for spearheading the conduct of the activity, and vowed to support the plans and programs under the Citizen-Driven Action Plan which would be formulated during the conference.

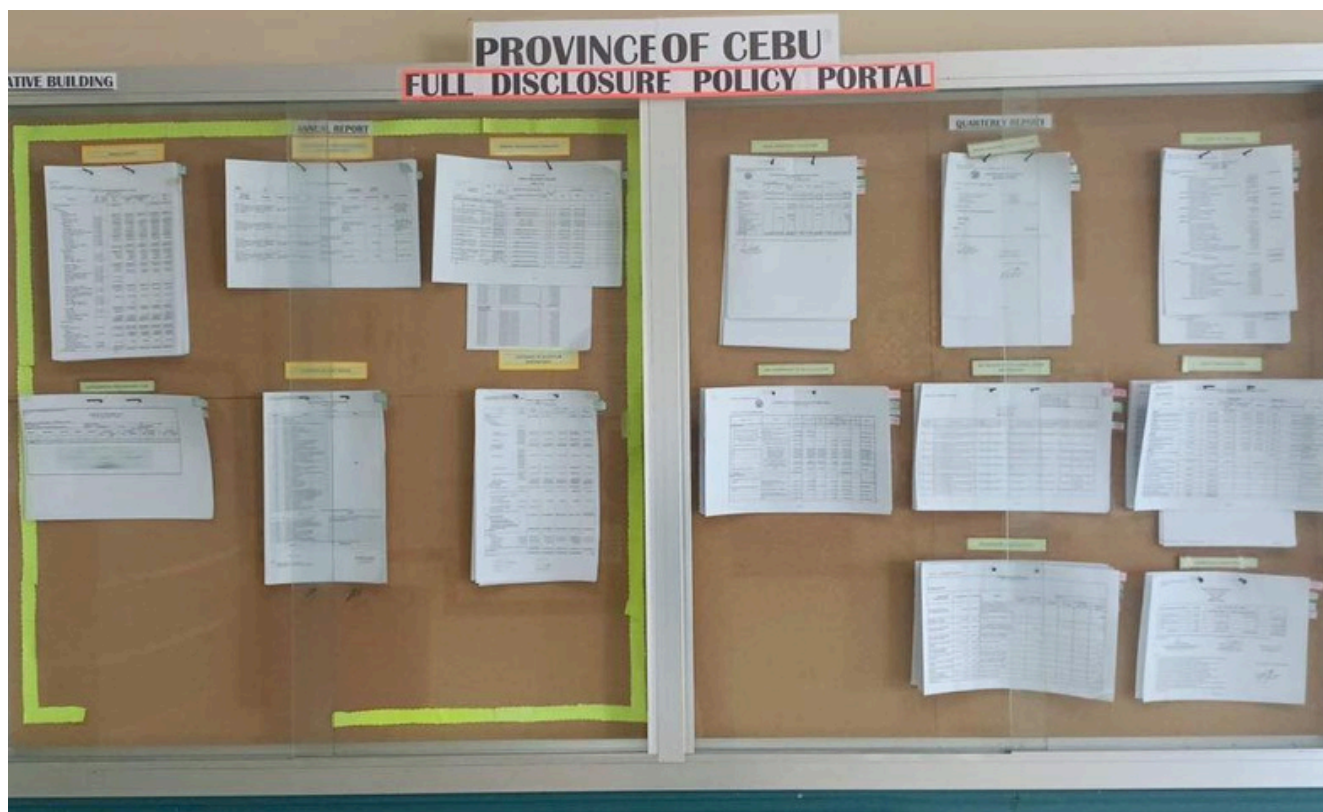
On behalf of DILG Cebu Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero, Cluster Head Roxine Coyoca expressed hopes that the municipality can come up with interventions and proposals to improve the service delivery.

Project Manager Jesse Susada of the University of San Jose-Recoletos as DILG-7 Local Resource Institute partner presented the comprehensive CSIS survey report and turned it over to the Municipality and DILG.

Also present were the Civil Society Organization/People's Participation Partnership Program (CSO/PPPP) Project Management Office headed by John Denver Calo, personnel from DILG regional, provincial, and field offices, and several CSOs.



FDP compliance intensified



Newly installed DILG Cebu Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero directed all cluster heads and City and Municipal Local Government Operations Officers (C/MLGOOs) to intensify the compliance of their respective LGUs with the Full Disclosure Policy (FDP).

In a Memorandum dated June 16, 2022, Lucero issued a Memorandum ensuring the full compliance of the LGUs with the uploading and posting of financial documents in the FDP portal for March 15, 2022 and June 15, 2022.

As of June 30, DILG Cebu posted 90.19% compliance rate for the first semester this year - the highest in the province since 2021.

Out of the 51 LGUs, only 10 were not able to comply with the FDP posting requirement.

The FDP, which requires LGUs to disclose particular financial documents and make them accessible to the public, is issued in accordance with the constitutional mandate of promoting good governance through transparency, accountability and participation.

HOME	UPLOAD DOCS	VALIDATION	STATISTICAL DASHBOARD	SGLG REPORT	INFOGRAPHIC
✓	✓	✓	Asturias	✓	✓
✓	✓	✓	Badian	✓	✓
✓	✓	✓	Balamban	✓	✓
✓	✓	✓	Barangay	✓	✓
✓	✓	✓	Barili	✓	✓
✓	✓	✓	Bogo City	✓	✓
✓	✓	✓	Bogo on	✓	✓
✓	✓	✓	Borbon	✓	✓
✓	✓	✓	Carcar City	✓	✓
✓	✓	✓	Carmen	✓	✓
✓	✓	✓	Catmon	✓	✓
✓	✓	✓	Consolacion	✓	✓

Lucero hopes for higher compliance ratings in the succeeding posting periods to help the LGUs since adherence to the FDP is among the criteria to pass the Good Financial Housekeeping, which is a component of the Seal of Good Local Governance, the DILG's most prestigious award given to LGUs with exemplary performance in government service.

Peaceful, Orderly and Safe LGUs



Garcia declares all-out war vs illegal drugs

Governor Gwendolyn Garcia has declared a total all-out war against illegal drugs in the province during the joint meeting of Provincial Development Council (PDC), Provincial Peace and Order Council (PPOC), Provincial Anti-Drug Abuse Council (PADAC), and Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (PDRRMC) on September 15.

She urged all local chief executives of the component local government units in the province and officials of local and national government agencies to unite in this endeavor.

Garcia's declaration was adopted and supported by PDC, PPOC, PADAC, and PDRRMC, which she all chairs, through a joint resolution passed during the said meeting.

DILG Cebu Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero, head secretariat of PPOC, thanked Garcia for making the joint meeting possible.

Lucero presented the Peace and Order and Public Safety (POPS) Plan and PADAC Plan, which were also approved during the meeting.

Meanwhile, the Cebu Provincial Management and Coordinating Committee, chaired by Lucero, passed Resolution Nos. 8 and 9, series of 2022, supporting and commending Garcia for making such declaration.





GARCIA CREATES ONE CEBU INTER-AGENCY INTERDICTION TASK FORCE

STORY AND PHOTOS FROM SUGBO NEWS

Gov. Gwen Garcia officially signed on Tuesday a memorandum of agreement with several agencies, led by the Police Regional Office 7, for the creation of the One Cebu Inter-Agency Interdiction Task Force in what is the country's first collaborative, localized fight against illegal drugs.

The momentous agreement signals the start of a unified effort among law-enforcement bodies and other agencies in battling illegal drug smuggling into and trade in Cebu.

"Dinhi sa atong pinalanggang Sugbo, ipakita nato that this is the way to go. Only by calling on and joining hands with all good men and women, with their respective mandates of their respective government agencies in a unified, collaborative effort, we can truly make a huge difference against this fight and war. In a most holistic approach, we will conquer this menace," Gov. Gwen said in her speech during the signing ceremony.

The task force consists of 13 government and non-government agencies. The signatories of the MOA included the PRO 7, PDEA 7, Cebu Port Authority, MCIAA, Bureau of Customs Cebu, Marina 7, NBI 7, NICA 7, Bureau of Immigration, Integrated Bar of the Philippines Cebu Province and Cebu City Chapters, and Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines.

The first phase of the task force's integrated anti-drug campaign involves the reduction of supply of illegal drugs coming to Cebu Island. The group's goal will also soon target drug operations within the province and the prosecution of drug cases.



"We will make it very, very hard for these drug suppliers to make Cebu their marketplace. Over here in Cebu, we don't do things for photo-ops or press releases. That (MOA signing) is just a symbolic gesture. Now, watch us translate the terms of that MOA into action – buhat ang pasultion," Gov. Gwen said.

Gov. Gwen will function as head of the task force. She said a command center will soon be put up at the Capitol for the group.

The governor has been relentless in her intent to make Cebu drug-free, or at least eradicate the supply coming to Cebu, saying that the menace of illegal drugs cannot be overemphasized.

She said this was the first of its kind drug campaign collaboration in the Philippines, where several agencies have come together in a localized anti-drug battle.



San Francisco, Poro bag ADAC awards

The Municipalities of San Francisco and Poro in Cebu were among the local government units hailed as national awardees during the 2022 Anti-Drug Abuse Council (ADAC) Performance Awards on December 13, 2022 at the Tent City, The Manila Hotel.

These LGUs garnered perfect scores in both functionality and awarding assessments during last year's performance audit.

DILG Cebu Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero commended San Francisco Mayor Alfredo Arquillano and Poro Mayor Edgar Rama for their "commitment and hard work in safeguarding the citizenry from the harmful effects of dangerous drugs by giving priority to preventive or educational programs, rehabilitation or treatment of drug users/dependents, and reformation of drug pushers."

"Atong timan-an, Buhay Ingatan, Droga'y Ayawan! Once again, congratulations," Lucero's congratulatory letter read.



Cebu LGUs kick off RCSP activities



Several local government units in Cebu Province commenced the activities for the second phase of the Retooled Community Support Program (RCSP) in October and November.

These LGUs were Moalboal, Talisay City, Minglanilla, and Barili.

The kickoff activities, which included the unveiling of the Dagyawan sa Barangay peace poles and oath taking of the local RCSP teams, were graced by local chief executives, other local officials, DILG Cebu Province headed by Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero, field officers, and other partner agencies.

“Atong itukod kining usa ka monumento nga kanunay magpahinumdom kanato sa atong nagkaiusang tinguha alang sa kalinaw”, Lucero said, referring to the peace pole.



Badian, San Fernando produce CBDRP completers



Around 390 former drug dependents from the Municipalities of Badian (194) and San Fernando (196) have completed the six-month rehabilitation and treatment under the Community-Based Drug Rehabilitation Program (CBDRP).

DILG Cebu Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero lauded Mayor Carmencita Lumain, Mayor Mytha Ann Canoy, barangay and municipal officials, DILG field officers, and others involved for the successful implementation of the program.

He mentioned that DILG Secretary Atty. Benjamin Abalos Jr. recently launched the “Buhay Ingatan, Droga’y Ayawan” (BIDA) national advocacy program which aims to reduce the demand for illegal drugs, show respect for the law and human rights, and focus on rehabilitation and socio-economic development.

“Sa tinud-anay, dili ni kaya sa gobyerno o kapulisan lang. Busa, nanghinaut ako nga magkahiusa ug magtinabangay kitang tanan sa pakigbisog sa iligal nga droga alang sa kaayohan sa tanan,” he said.

Lucero also handed the certificates of recognition conferred to the Municipality of San Fernando for earning high functional score and moderate functional score in the 2019 and 2020 Anti-Drug Abuse Council Performance Audit, respectively.



ADAC, POC, SAFETY SEAL DILG-7 awards LGUs

Local government officials and DILG field officers in Cebu Province received recognition from the DILG Regional Office during the Anti-Drug Abuse Council (ADAC), Peace and Order Council (POC), and Safety Seal Certification Regional Awarding Ceremony on November 8.

Joining the ceremony through Cisco Webex were the LGUs that earned moderate and high functional ratings during the CY 2021 ADAC Performance Audit such as Alcoy, Alegria, Aloguinsan, Asturias, Balamban, Bantayan, Barili, Bogu City, Boljoon, Borbon, Carcar City, Carmen, Catmon, Compostela, Consolacion, Cordova, Daanbantayan, Dalaguete, Danao City, Dumanjug, Liloan, Madridejos, Malabuyoc, Medellin, Minglanilla, Moalboal, Naga City, Pinamungajan, Poro, Ronda, Samboan, San Fernando, San Francisco, San Remigio, Santa Fe, Santander, Sogod, Tabogon, Talisay City, Tuburan, and Tudela.

Also joining virtually were CY 2019 POC Performance Audit awardees from Alegria, Balamban, Boljoon, Compostela, Cordova, Dalaguete, Liloan, Malabuyoc, Pinamungajan, Ronda, San Remigio, Santa Fe, Sogod, Tabogon, Talisay City, and Tuburan.

The local governments of Alcoy, Alegria, Aloguinsan, Asturias, Badian, Balamban, Bogu City, Boljoon, Borbon, Carmen, Catmon, Daanbantayan, Dalaguete, Danao City, Dumanjug, Liloan, Madridejos, Malabuyoc, Naga City, Oslob, Pinamungajan, Ronda, Samboan, San Remigio, Sogod, Talisay City, Tuburan, and Tudela likewise passed the CY 2021 POC Performance Audit.

DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trovela, who was assisted by DILG Cebu Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero, meanwhile conferred the awards to the local chief executives, their representatives, and DILG field officers in the Province who emerged as among top-performing LGUs and DILG offices in the implementation of the Safety Seal Certification Program.



The municipalities of Tabuelan and Madridejos placed 1st and 2nd, respectively, among the LGUs with the highest number of Safety Seals issued to registered establishments.

On the other hand, earning the highest percentage of establishments issued with Safety Seals were Pinamungajan (1st place under Municipalities category), Bogu City (2nd place under Component Cities/Independent Component Cities category), and Asturias and Balamban (2nd and 3rd place, respectively, under Municipalities category).

Among the DILG teams that issued the highest number of seals were Dalaguete (1st place), Tuburan (2nd place), and Sogod (3rd place), all under the Municipalities category; and Bogu City (3rd place) under CC/ICC category.

LGUs with highly functional ADACs receive markers

During his courtesy visit to the local chief executives in the second quarter this year, Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero conferred the markers from the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) to the local government units in Cebu with highly functional Anti-Drug Abuse Councils (ADACs).

The DILG, through the Philippine Anti-Illegal Drugs Strategy - Project Management Office (PADS-PMO) awarded the National ADAC Performance Award Marker to LGUs that achieved high functional adjectival ratings or those that garnered 85-100 audit scores during the 2019 and 2020 ADAC Performance Audits.

Lucero handed the marker to Tudela Mayor Greman Solante on June 1 and Samboan Mayor Emerito Calderon, Jr. on June 23, respectively, for passing the 2019 audit.

Borbon Mayor Noel Dotillos, Alcoy Mayor Michael Angelo Sestoso and Boljoon Mayor Merlou Derama also received the markers for passing the 2020 audit on June 9 and 22, respectively.

Lucero likewise handed the markers to San Francisco Mayor Alfredo Arquillano and Poro Mayor Edgar Rama for passing the 2019 and 2020 audits on June 1.

Lucero was accompanied by Cluster Head Roxine Coyoca, the respective Municipal Local Government Operations Officers, and other local officials and personnel during these visits.

In February this year, Bogo City LGOO VI Michael Eltanal also turned over the marker to Mayor Carlo Jose Martinez for passing the 2020 audit.



7 LGUs pass CFLGA

DILG Cebu Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero lauded seven local government units in the Province that were found eligible for the Seal of Child-Friendly Local Governance.

Passing the 2019 Child-Friendly Local Governance Audit (CFLGA) were Balamban, Bogo City, Compostela, San Fernando, San Remigio, Sogod, and Talisay City.

"Your relentless efforts in giving high importance to the rights and welfare of children in your community have finally paid off," reads a portion of Lucero's congratulatory letter to the mayors of the said LGUs.

The CFLGA aims to assess performance of the LGU in the delivery of child-friendly policies, programs and services.



17 Cebu LGUs pass CFLGA

Seventeen cities and municipalities in Cebu Province passed the 2021 Child-Friendly Local Governance Audit (CFLGA) which aims to assess the performance of local government units in delivering child-friendly policies, programs and services.

The list of Seal of Child Friendly Local Governance Audit (SCFLG) conferees was released in a Memorandum dated November 3, 2022 from Undersecretary for Local Government Marlo Iringan.

Out of the 1,410 audited LGUs, there were 372 cities and municipalities that were found to be SCFLG eligible.

50 brgys, 1 town drug-cleared

Fifty barangays and one municipality in Cebu Province were declared as drug-cleared by the Regional Oversight Committee on Barangay Drug-Clearing Program (ROCBDCP)-7 during its deliberation on November 21 and December 19.

The ROCBDCP-7 is chaired by the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency-7 and co-chaired by the Department of Interior and Local Government-7.



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DATE OF DELIBERATION	MUNICIPALITY	BARANGAY
November 21, 2022	Pilar	Esperanza
	Aloguinsan	Kandingan
		Kawasan
		Punay
	BANTAYAN	Kabac
		Patao
		Hilotongan
		Sulangan
	RONDA	Palanas
	BOLJOON	El Pardo
	DUMANJUG	Balaygtiki
		Poblacion Central
		Kanguha
		Kanyuko
	MOALBOAL	Busay
		Agbalanga
	TOLEDO CITY	Sagay
		Putingbato
	MINGLANILLA	Guindaruhan
	LILLOAN	Lataban
	CITY OF NAGA	Central Poblacion
		Lutac
December 19, 2022	SOGOD	Takay
	COMPOSTELA	Cambayog
	CATMON	Cambangkaya
	CITY OF TALISAY	Candulawan
		Maghaway
		Manipis
	CONSOLACION	Pitogo
		Casili
	TABOGON	Ilihan
	ASTURIAS	Agtugop
		Saksak
	MALABUYOC	Labrador
		Mahanlud
		Sorsogon
		Tolosa
	SAN FERNANDO	Balud
		Basak
		Greenhills
		Liburon
		North Poblacion
		Tabionan
		Tañafias
		Tinubdan
		Tonggo
	BADIAN	Tiguib
	CORDOVA	Dapitan
	MALABUYOC	Armeña
	SOGOD	Ibabao



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Socially Protective LGUs



PMCC passes 3 resolutions

At least three resolutions were passed during the first meeting of the Cebu Provincial Management and Coordinating Committee (PMCC) on June 29.

During the meeting presided over by PMCC Chair and DILG Cebu Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero, the Committee agreed to institutionalize the quarterly awarding of the top performing units/stations and personnel of the member agencies for their exemplary performance of their official duties.

It also issued a resolution adopting the provincial levels of Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency-7, Joint Task Group Cebu of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, and Central Visayas-Philippine Coast Guard as expanded members of the PMCC.

The Committee likewise passed a resolution strongly supporting the conduct of Caravan of Cebu Provincial Government Services.

The member-agencies also presented their major accomplishments during the first semester of 2022.

Attendees were Cebu Provincial Police Office Deputy Provincial Director for Operations PLtCol Mark Gifter Sucalit, National Police Commission Provincial Officer Atty. Giovanni Bravo, Bureau of Fire Protection-Cebu Deputy Fire Provincial Director F/Insp Cecil Alicaya, and Bureau of Jail Management and Penology Cebu Provincial Administrator JSupt John Conrad Marcilino Basilio.



PMCC holds 3Q meeting



The Cebu Provincial Management and Coordinating Committee (PMCC) convened for its 3rd quarterly meeting for CY 2022 at the Cebu Police Provincial Office (CPPO) on October 17.

DILG Cebu Provincial Director and PMCC Chairperson Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero welcomed new CPPO Provincial Director PCOL Rommel Ochave and the new members of the expanded PMCC family which are the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA), Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), and Philippine Coast Guard (PCG).

The PMCC passed resolutions strongly supporting and commending Cebu Provincial Peace and Order Council and Provincial Anti-Drug Abuse Council Chairperson, Governor Gwendolyn Garcia, for declaring a total all-out war against illegal drugs in the entire Province of Cebu.

It also adopted a resolution recognizing and commending the local chief executives who supported the establishment of Balay Silangan reformation centers in their respective localities.

Member agencies likewise presented their major accomplishments for the quarter and upcoming activities.



Cops, stations awarded

DILG Cebu Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero, who chairs the Provincial Management and Coordinating Committee (PMCC), awarded the certificates of commendation to 21 top-performing police officers and five police stations in the Province on October 17.

He was assisted by Cebu Police Provincial Office (CPPO) Officer-in-Charge PCOL Rommel Ochave during the awarding ceremony at the CPPO multipurpose activity area.

"As guardians of public safety, we hope you will not tarnish what you have accomplished especially when you don your uniform every single day," Lucero told the awardees, acknowledging their quality public service and sacrifices to make Cebu peaceful and orderly.

He also shared how the awarding and recognition system of PMCC started way back when he was the DILG Cebu City director and Cebu City MCC chairperson, with the goal of paying tribute to the government and law enforcement officers for performing their mandate.

Ochave thanked Lucero and PMCC for initiating the award system that boosts the morale of the police force.



BJMP personnel lauded

The Cebu Provincial Management and Coordinating Committee (PMCC) recognized 11 outstanding jail officers, personnel, and dormitories of the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) Provincial Office – Cebu on October 4.

DILG Cebu Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero, who sits as the PMCC chairperson, served as the guest of honor and speaker during the awarding ceremony held at Lapu-Lapu City Jail Male Dormitory.

Lucero commended the awardees for their professionalism and courage in the performance of their duties and expressed hopes that the award system will inspire others to follow suit.



Fire officers recognized

Provincial Management and Coordinating Committee (PMCC) Chairperson and DILG Cebu Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero served as the Guest of Honor and Speaker during the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) Cebu Province's 49th Fire Service Recognition Day with the theme "Kilalanin at Ipagbunyi, Bumberong Katangi-tangi" on December 13 at One Central Hotel, Cebu City.

In his message read by Program Manager LGOO VI Rothwel Pulido, Lucero said loyal and dedicated personnel like the service awardees and retirees serve as the foundation of BFP in fulfilling its mandate of ensuring public safety and economic development.

"Not only that, you are likewise instrumental to providing our people with a sense of security and assurance that they are safe with BFP around, ready and equipped to respond to fire emergencies and other man-made and natural disasters," he said.



PIMT convenes

The Provincial Inter-Agency Monitoring Team (PIMT) finalized the functionality assessment of Local Committees on Anti-Trafficking and Violence Against Women and their Children (LCAT-VAWC) on September 2.

LG00 V Ginablle Ejoc discussed the LCAT-VAWC indicators and the result from the previous assessment while LG00 VI Rothwel Pulido presented the assessment results for this year.

LCAT-VAWC aims to establish and strengthen local structures that will collaboratively address the problem of trafficking and VAWC.



Project monitoring committee undergo orientation



Members of the Cebu Provincial Project Monitoring Committee (PPMC) attended the orientation on project monitoring and evaluation on May 31 and June 9.

Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Cebu Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero expressed his hopes that the participants will make use of the knowledge they obtained from the orientation in properly performing their respective roles in the PPMC.

Lucero also assured the Capitol officials and personnel of the continued support of DILG Cebu Province in the implementation of programs, projects and activities.

Provincial Administrator Noli Vincent Valencia thanked the attendees and resource speakers namely LG00 V Janice Contado of the DILG Regional Office, and Maria Cleofe Saniel, Maria Gracia Dabon, Maria Melissa Guantero, and Engr. Elven Patriarca of the National Economic and Development Authority-7.



Water system project in San Remigio completed

The DILG Cebu Province turned over the completed improvement/expansion project of the water system worth P17.4 million to the municipal government of San Remigio on June 24.

Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero joined San Remigio Mayor Mariano Martinez and other officials during the inauguration of the said project under the Department's Sagana at Ligtas na Tubig para sa Lahat (SALINTUBIG) program that supplies water to 1,470 households from the different barangays.

To date, 330 more households have applied for water installation.

Lucero commended the efforts of the LGU under the leadership of Martinez that resulted in the successful completion of several projects despite the pandemic as well as the funding of P104 million worth of infrastructure projects and other assistance by DILG to the Municipality since 2014.

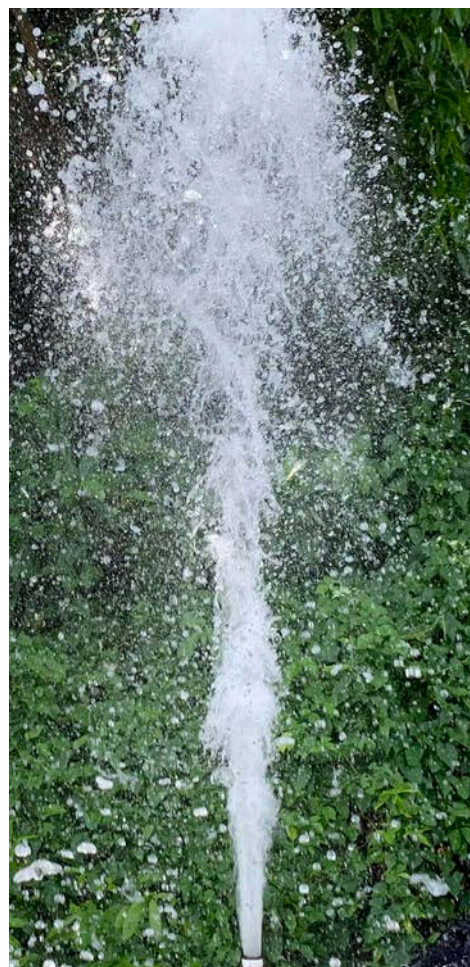
"Indeed, you have weathered the storm and emerged victorious after receiving various national recognitions," he said.



Lucero was referring to the awards received by San Remigio such as the Seal of Good Local Governance in the past years, CY 2021 Good Financial Housekeeping, 2019 Seal of Child-Friendly Local Governance, National Anti-Drug Abuse Council (ADAC) Performance Award, and CY 2021 Seal of Good Local Governance for Barangay for its two barangays namely To-ong and Calambua.

Martinez thanked DILG and all other stakeholders for contributing to the recent completion of the water system project and other projects like the Early Childhood Care and Development new building and RAFI school buildings at Maño Integrated School and Dapdap Elementary School.

During the activity, Lucero was accompanied by San Remigio MLGOO Mae Dura, LGOO II Janieva Dandan, and Engr. II Nicel Libradilla.



Evac center in Bantayan completed



DILG Cebu Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero graced the ribbon-cutting and turnover ceremony of the completed P9.2 million evacuation center in the Municipality of Bantayan on July 8.

Constructed through the Department's 2020 Assistance to Municipalities, the evacuation center features amenities and facilities like storage area for food packs, kitchen and mess hall, separate female and male comfort rooms, and bunk beds.

Lucero congratulated Mayor Arthur Despi and the rest of the municipality's workforce for the successful completion of the evacuation center.

He shared that DILG poured over P87.37 million worth of projects in Bantayan, including the rehabilitation of 25 barangay halls, 17 day care centers, civic centers, multipurpose building, repair of transport terminal, and water system.

Another P9 million was newly downloaded to the municipality under the Financial Assistance to Local Government Unit (FALGU) 2021, Lucero added.



DILG inaugurates Santa Fe water project



Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero, who heads DILG Cebu Province, led the turnover of the P4 million Level III Water System project in Barangay Balidbid, Santa Fe on July 7.

Mayor Ithamar Espinosa, Vice-Mayor Mary Greleigh Cabrera, Sanggunian Bayan members, and barangay officials took part in the inauguration of the water system rehabilitation funded by DILG under the 2020 Assistance to Municipalities and will cater to over 400 households.

Lucero assured the continued support of DILG Cebu Province to the endeavors of the municipality.

He said that the Department allocated and funded over P85.7 million worth of projects in Santa Fe, including the construction/repair of evacuation centers, water system, road projects, rehabilitation of multipurpose building and barangay hall.



He likewise cited the ongoing construction of an evacuation center worth P3.38 million and the upcoming P10 million worth of projects for street lighting, multipurpose building and improvement of public market projects under the 2022 Financial Assistance to Local Government Unit.

Espinosa expressed his gratitude to the Department for pouring projects to the municipality, stressing the need from the national government given the limited funds of the LGU.

Catmon road project inaugurated



DILG Cebu Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero graced the inauguration of the local access road upgrading project in the Municipality of Catmon on September 2.

The project, amounting to P11.8 million, was funded under the Assistance to Municipalities (AM) of the DILG and will benefit 2,526 residents of the Barangays Cabungaan to Cambangkaya.

Lucero expressed his admiration to the municipality led by Mayor Avis Monleon for their efforts in completing the road project.

He shared that the national government has poured over P72 million worth of infrastructure projects to the municipality such as expansion/improvement of water supply system, road concreting, and others, and recently downloaded another P15 million for more road concreting projects, health programs, and others.

"Kami sa DILG, rest assured nga magpabilin minga mosuporta sa tanang programa ug aktibidadis sa lungsod sa Catmon. Magtinabangay lang ta", he said.





Environment- Protective, Climate Change Adaptive and Disaster Resilient LGUs

DILG Cebu undergoes GIS training



Field officers and program coordinators from DILG Cebu Province underwent a five-day training on Geographic Information System (GIS), Climate and Disaster Risk Assessment (CDRA) and Local Climate Change Action Plan (LCCAP) formulation on September 19 to 23 at Golden Prince Hotel and Suites, Cebu City.

They were joined by the Municipal Planning and Development Coordinators and Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officers from Alcantara, Aloguinsan, Barili, Boljoon, Ginatilan, Oslob, Samboan, and Santa Fe.

The activity organized by DILG Region VII aimed to capacitate the participants on the basic concepts of GIS and CDRA, which is necessary in the crafting and formulation of their Comprehensive Land Use Plans, Comprehensive Development Plans, and LCCAP.

DILG Cebu attends MDM CapDev



Local functionaries and DILG personnel from Cebu Province attended the hybrid training on Management of the Dead and Missing Person (MDM) cum Capacity Development Activities on COVID-19 Response from November 14 to 16 at Golden Prince Hotel and Suites, Cebu City.

With DILG being the lead agency in MDM, DILG-7 Regional Director Leocadio Trowela underscored the importance of such capacity development activity especially on enhancing the disaster response efforts of local government units.

DILG Cebu celebrates Environment Month

Personnel of Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Cebu Provincial Office took active part in the river cleanup and tree planting activity as part of the Environment Month celebration in June.

LG00 III Michael Jickerie Alvarez and LG00 II Alan Jay Yap joined the river cleanup along Butuanon River in Mandaue City on June 5.

The activity was organized by the Cebu Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office in observance of the Philippine Environment Month 2022 and in line with the "R.I.V.E.R.S for life" (Recognizing Individuals/Institutions Towards Vibrant and Enhanced Rivers) program of the office.

On June 8, Yap and DILG Cebu Province contact tracer Sean Patrick Amatong participated in the tree planting activity in Sitio Cantipla, Barangay Tabunan, Cebu City.



CODE team visits Cebu

The National Task Force Against Covid-19 spearheaded the Coordinated Operations to Defeat Epidemic (CODE) team visit in Cebu to support the local government units in strengthening their response to the health crisis as the country gears toward the new normal.

Health Secretary Francisco Duque III and designated national testing czar, Secretary Vivencio Dizon led the CODE Team visit on March 18 in Lapu-Lapu City with the theme "BIDA Tungo sa New Normal".

They met with the local chief executives, national government agencies, and representatives from tourism, ecozones, business chambers, and academe in Cebu and Bohol Provinces for a dialogue to discuss opportunities and measures to swiftly address pressing issues in their respective areas of concern.

DILG Cebu Provincial Director Jhoaden Lucero delivered the closing message on behalf of DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trovela.



BAKUNA CAMPAIGN AWARDS

LGUs with high vax rate lauded



The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)-7 and Ramon Aboitiz Foundation Inc. (RAFI) recognized the local government units in Cebu for their extraordinary efforts and outstanding performance in the COVID-19 National Vaccination Program.

They awarded the top performing barangays with the highest percentage of vaccinated individuals (full dose) of the total eligible population, namely Lawaan 1, Talisay City; East Poblacion in Naga City; Poblacion Ward 1 in Minglanilla; Garing in Consolacion; San Miguel in Cordova; and Cotcot in Liloan.

The municipal governments of Consolacion and Liloan were likewise given recognition.

DILG Cebu Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero represented DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trovela during the Bakuna Campaign Awards in Consolacion on May 31, while Cluster Head Roxine Coyoca attended the awarding ceremony in Liloan on June 6.

RAFI conferred certificates and cash awards to the top five barangays in the cities and municipalities that achieved 70% and above vaccination rate (full dose) of the total eligible population based on the accomplishment report of the Local Vaccination Operations Center.



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Business-Friendly and Competitive LGUs

Road projects inspected

The DILG Cebu Project Development and Management Unit (PDMU) inspected and validated several locally-funded projects in the Province during the first semester of this year.

These projects included the road concreting/improvement, water system and other infrastructure developments in Borbon, Pinamungajan, Catmon, Argao, Badian, Alcoy, Sibonga, Sogod, Moalboal, Boljoon, Malabuyoc, and Carcar City.

Engineers Blaine Atil, Joseph Jay Nebril, Billy Ray Papa, Nicel Libradilla, and Louies Gabutin were accompanied by the City and Municipal Local Government Operations Officers in conducting the series of inspections aimed to monitor the actual status of implementation of the projects.

Each inspection was concluded with an exit conference attended by the mayors, municipal and city engineers, and other personnel of the local government units (LGUs)./gml





Locally funded projects inspected

Personnel of DILG Cebu Project Development and Management Unit (PDMU) inspected and validated the locally funded projects (LFPs) in several local government units in the Province to monitor the actual status of their implementation.

Among these LFPs were completed, ongoing and upcoming concreting/upgrading of local access roads in Asturias, Badian, Boljoon, Carcar City, Carmen, Catmon, Dalaguete, Danao City, Malabuyoc, Pinamungajan, and Sibonga.

These also included projects in Alcantara; installation of street lights and other upcoming projects in Alegria; concreting of farm-to-market road and repair/rehabilitation of barangay road networks affected by Typhoon Odette in Balamban; rehabilitation of streets in Pilar; construction of multipurpose hall, water project and road project in Poro; road projects, public market and purchase of ambulance in Samboan; and purchase of medical equipment in Tudela.

All these LFPs were funded under the Financial Assistance to Local Government Units (FALGU) FY 2021 and FY 2022, Assistance to Municipalities 2020, and Conditional Matching Grant to Provinces (CMGP) 2020.

Part of the onsite validation were the updating of the SubayBAYAN online monitoring system and exit conference securing the commitment of LGUs to complete the projects before yearend.

Meanwhile, the PDMU engineers provided onsite technical support during the video documentation of completed LFPs in San Fernando (149.4 million), Ronda (P22 million), and Alcantara (P4.3 million).



DILG Cebu supports “Dasig Pescador”



Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Cebu Provincial Director Jhoaden Lucero expressed support for the launch of “Dasig Pescador”, a volunteer campaign seeking to expedite the rehabilitation of Pescador Island in Moalboal, Cebu.

To recall, the island was temporarily closed after it was damaged by Typhoon Odette in December 2021.

The government-led initiative, which was formally launched on February 27, was spearheaded by Governor Gwendolyn Garcia in partnership with the Department of Tourism, signaling the reopening of the famous diving spot to tourists.

Recognizing that Moalboal is one of the most visited tourist destinations in the province, the Cebu Provincial Tourism Task Force has come up with intervention measures to speed up coral recovery and restore tourism livelihood in the area.



Tourism recovery eyed



To address issues and concerns from the tourism stakeholders, the Cebu Provincial Tourism Task Force conducted a dialogue on February 26 in Moalboal, Cebu.

Governor Gwendolyn Garcia, who heads the task force, tackled the efforts undertaken by the provincial government to revive the tourism industry following the COVID-19 pandemic and Typhoon Odette.

Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Cebu Provincial Director Jhoaden Lucero meanwhile commended Garcia and the concerned offices, and vowed to support the programs and activities intended for tourism recovery.

Strengthened Internal Organizational Capacity

DILG Cebu joins SILG interfacing



DILG Cebu Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero and selected technical personnel of the Provincial Office attended the interfacing with DILG Secretary Atty. Benjamin Abalos Jr. and members of the DILG Local Government Sector and Regional Management and Coordinating Committee-7 expanded family on July 15 in Cebu City.

Abalos stressed the need for cooperation of the interior and local government sectors at the regional level in implementing projects that redound to the benefit of the people.

DILG-7 Director and RMCC-7 Chairperson Leocadio Trovela, along with other attendees, expressed full support in realizing the priority programs and projects of Abalos.

After the meeting, Lucero handed to Abalos his book entitled "Jurisdictional and Procedural Aspects: Revised Katarungang Pambarangay Law 2021 Edition".



DILG Cebu field officers join SILG interfacing



The City and Municipal Local Government Operations Officers in DILG Cebu Province joined the field officers in Regions 6, 7 and 8 in celebrating the Department's achievements for the past six years under the leadership of Secretary Eduardo Año.

Carrying the theme "Celebrating GAINs: Sustaining the LINK for GOLD," the DILG Field Officers' National Convention-Visayas Cluster held on May 26 to 27 at the Waterfront Cebu City Hotel and Casino was also attended by the top management officials, regional directors, assistant regional directors, provincial and city directors, cluster heads, and program managers.

Año attributed the accomplishments and milestones of the Department to the hard work and dedication of the DILG field officers as development partners of the local government units.

He likewise encouraged them to sustain the gains and continue to assist the LGUs in delivering the basic services to the communities.

Highlighting the national convention was the giving of tokens to the outgoing Secretary as tribute to his legacy and service to the Department. On behalf of DILG Cebu, Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero gave SILG a huge wooden turtle as their appreciation gift.



AS ONE LUCERO EXITS

Another Lucero takes over DILG Cebu Province

Lawyer and 2021 Dangal ng Kagawaran national winner, Ian Kenneth Lucero is now the new provincial director of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Cebu.

Lucero succeeded his wife, Director III Jhoaden Lucero, who was reassigned to DILG Bicol Region as its assistant regional director following a two-year stint at Cebu Province.

DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trovela witnessed the ceremonial turnover of responsibility between the couple during the Field Officers' Conference at Harolds Evotel, Cebu City on May 24.

Also present were DILG Mandaue City Director Johnjoan Mende, DILG Lapu-Lapu City Director Jonah Pino, DILG Cebu City Officer-in-Charge Neila Aquino, DILG-7 Local Government Capability Development Division Chief Maria Thelya Oporto, DILG-7 Local Government Monitoring and Evaluation Division (LGMED) Chief Celerino Magto, Jr. and personnel of DILG Cebu City and DILG Cebu Province.



Lucero asked for the trust and support of the provincial personnel and field officers in the implementation of the Department's programs, projects and activities.

Lucero previously headed the DILG Cebu City from March 2019 to May 2022 and served as LGMED chief of the Regional Office for almost seven years from January 2015 to November 2021.

PD Lucero promoted to ARD



DILG Cebu Provincial Director Jhoaden Lucero took a step up the career ladder after having been appointed as Director III and promoted as the Assistant Regional Director in DILG Region V.

She took her oath before Undersecretary for Local Government Marlo Iringan on March 9.

Lucero served as the city director of DILG Mandaue City from 2010 to 2019 and took the helm of DILG Cebu Province from 2020 to 2022.

Among her major accomplishments and initiatives in DILG Cebu were the active participation and support of the provincial government headed by Governor Gwendolyn Garcia to the programs and activities of the Department; and the 'One-Link' guide to all their deliverables, deadlines, reporting templates, and schedule of activities.

Lucero likewise made it a priority under her leadership to increase the number of LGUs with approved Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) by creating a team that will focus on providing technical assistance to the LGUs. From only six LGUs with approved CDP when she assumed office as DILG Cebu Provincial Director, at least 40 out of the 50 LGUs of the Province already now have approved CDP as of June 30, 2022.

Her other innovations included the digital attendance monitoring system at the height of the pandemic; employee recognition and awards; renovation of office and procurement of office equipment; and "Pabaon sa Kinabuhi" takeaway series after every provincial conference wherein personnel share words of encouragement and life-changing experiences to uplift each other amid the ongoing COVID-19 crisis.

Lucero earned her baccalaureate degree in Business Management and master's degree in Management, both at the University of the Philippines - Cebu.

She was conferred with the Career Service Executive Eligibility (CSEE) in 2004 and the Career Executive Service Eligibility (CESE) in 2012. She was granted the CESO V rank in 2014 and earned her Environmental Planner license in 2019.

Following her promotion and reassignment to Bicol Region, she was replaced by her husband and former DILG Cebu City director, Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero who now heads the DILG Cebu. They have two children.



2022 CAPDEV ACE Lucero awarded, Cebu FOs nominated

Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero, former DILG Cebu City director and current DILG Cebu Provincial Director, was named as a national finalist for the most coveted Dangal ng Kagawaran (People's Choice) of the 2022 Capacity Development Awards for Catalysts of Excellence (CapDev ACE).

Lucero, who was also hailed as the 2021 Dangal ng Kagawaran national winner, was among the three nominees across the country, including Lanao Del Norte and DILG-6.

Lucero's efforts also propelled DILG Cebu City to its first-ever win as this year's national winner of the Bugkos ng Bayan (Most Outstanding Cluster, HUC or Province), also making history for DILG-7. "Indeed, when the time is right, the Lord will make it happen. And the time has finally come for DILG Cebu City. Hence, all our praises to you God our Father for this recognition," Lucero said in his acceptance speech.

The team, which was declared as Bugkos ng Bayan national finalist last year, was under Lucero's leadership during the last two assessment periods (2020 and 2021).

Also nominated for this year's Singing ng Tanikala (Best C/MLGOO) from DILG Cebu were 2021 Singing ng Tanikala national finalist LGOO VI Mae Dura, LGOO VI Irene Anonar, LGOO VI Lyn Aguelo, LGOO VI Gemma Bermoy, LGOO VI Sheila Denden, and LGOO VI Susan Tolentino.

CapDev ACE of the Local Government Academy recognizes DILG employees and Local Government Regional Resource Centers that have displayed outstanding performance in the delivery of programs, projects, and activities. It honors exceptional contributions of people and teams, creating a positive effect on fellow employees, the organization, and the community.



DILG Cebu awards performing personnel; launches brand identity

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Cebu Province, under the leadership of Provincial Director Jhoaden Lucero, gave recognition to its personnel and clusters for their exemplary performance and contributions to the Department.

Lucero organized an awarding ceremony, which was held on April 4 to 6 at the Chateau by the Sea in Lapu-Lapu City, to uplift the morale and productivity of the workforce composing the DILG Cebu.

Among the awards given were the Employee Performance Recognition, Special Award per Cluster per Outcome Area, Field Officer Special Awardee, Director's Choice Award, Most Improved Cluster, and Laban Lang Movers Award for Project Development Monitoring Unit.

During the same activity, Lucero likewise launched the sub-regional office's tagline dubbed as "Serbisyong Tiunay, Malambuung Sugbo Kanunay. #DILGCebuCares" to establish the brand identity of DILG Cebu Province.

The tagline represents the unified mantra of the DILG Cebu personnel to inspire them to deliver genuine quality service in their everyday dealings and in the long run, contribute to the growth and development of the Province.





BANSIWAG AWARDS 49 FOs get Diamante ng Katakos

Forty-nine field officers of DILG Cebu bagged the Diamante ng Katakos Award while one field officer received the Bulawan sa Kakugi Award during the DILG-7 *Bansiwag* Awards for the first three quarters of 2022.

Meanwhile, the DILG Cebu Provincial Office was awarded with the Perlas sa Kalantip Award.

DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trovela handed these awards to Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero during the *Bansiwag* awarding ceremony on December 2 which highlighted the Executive Committee Year-End Meeting.

Lucero, along with Cluster Heads Liza Fernandez, Lelanie Lopez, Roxine Coyoca, and Wyndell Valle, turned over the ribbons and certificates to the field officers during a special ceremony on December 6.

The *Bansiwag* awards, coined from the Cebuano word "*bansiwag*" which means "to stick out prominently", was initiated by Trovela as the region's brand of recognition to the sub-regional offices and their personnel for implementing the Department's programs, projects and activities.

The Diamante sa Katakos (Diamond of Competence) is conferred to the C/MLGOO for attaining 96% to 100% compliance rate; Perlas sa Kalantip (Pearl of Brilliance) for 91% to 95% compliance rate; Bulawan sa Kaabtik (Gold of Cleverness) for 86% to 90% compliance rate; and Bronse sa Kakugi (Bronze of Perseverance) is given to C/MLGOO for attaining 80% to 85% compliance rate.



Milestones celebrated; talents showcased

Personnel of DILG Cebu Province, under the leadership of Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero, gathered to celebrate victories and showcase their talents during a “shining, shimmering, splendid” fellowship night on December 6 at Montebello Villa Hotel, Cebu City.

Lucero proposed a toast to his team, acknowledging their efforts and hard work which contributed to the various achievements of the office for CY 2022, and expressing hopes for a more successful and better working relationship in the coming years.

Divided into groups, the clusters and the provincial office competed in a Bisaya singing competition wherein LGOO VI Glenda Gabuya and LGOO III Jonaluke Tubal of Cluster Tribu emerged as champion with their performance of “Pasayawa ko Day.”

LG00 VI Cliff Otadoy of Cluster Tig-a placed 1st Runner-up; LG00 VI Blanche Catherine Suan of Cluster Dasig ranked 2nd Runner-up; Engineer II Billy Ray Papa of Provincial Office placed 3rd Runner-up; and LG00 VI Richard Ouano of Cluster Bugsay ranked 4th Runner-up.

Cluster Dasig was also awarded as the winner of Mini Quiz Bee competition; Cluster Tribu as Best Cluster Presentation; and LG00 II Anthony Nieves and LG00 II Jean Marvette Demecillo were declared as Stars of the Night.

The gathering culminated the three-day Retooling on the Implementation of Various Activities under CSO, LGU Devolution Transition and Other Major Programs and Projects of the Department cum Cebu Provincial Year-end Evaluation and Assessment of the Implementation of DILG PPAs for CY 2022.



Cluster offices established



The cluster heads of the DILG Cebu Province established their own cluster offices within their jurisdictions following the directive of Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero.

Lucero introduced the reform to strategically strengthen the four clusters headed by LGOO VII Wyndell Valle, LGOO VII Lanie Lopez, LGOO VII Roxine Coyoca, and LGOO VI Liza Fernandez.

"This paves the way for easier accessibility and faster coordination with the field officers and your clients - the LGUs," Lucero told the cluster heads.

Valle established his cluster office in Alcantara, while Lopez put up her cluster office in Asturias.

Fernandez, on the other hand, set up her cluster office in Talisay City, while Coyoca maintains three offices in Danao City, Borbon and Cordova.

Meanwhile, Lucero aims to conduct weekly provincial staff meetings and monthly conferences with the cluster heads to monitor the compliance and status of programs and projects.

Consequently, the cluster heads shall have their own cluster conferences or meetings to cascade and discuss those that were tackled and reported during the said monthly meetings with the Provincial Director.

Lucero likewise committed that the issues raised during these meetings will be addressed and if necessary, elevated to the regional or central offices.



Lucero thanks clusters

Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero expressed gratitude to the cluster heads and field officers of DILG Cebu for contributing to the improved performance of the Provincial Office in terms of compliance reports.

Lucero graced the joint cluster meeting of Clusters Tig-a, Tribu and Dasig led by LGOO VII Roxine Coyoca, LGOO VII Wyndell Valle, and LGOO VI Liza Fernandez, respectively.

During the meeting on October 13 held at Harolds Evotel, Cebu City, Lucero also announced developments and updates on the implementation of DILG programs, projects, and activities, and discussed some Supreme Court rulings on issues affecting local governance.

Program Manager Rothwel Pulido, LGOO II Joie Ann Audiencia, and LGOO II Jean Marvette Demecillo discussed cluster comparative ratings, BPLS reportorial requirement, and basics on news writing and photojournalism, respectively.

Lucero also thanked Dasig Cluster headed by Fernandez during its cluster meeting in Carcar City on July 12 for submitting articles for the Pangatungdanan newsletter.

After answering the concerns and legal questions of the field officers, Lucero joined the cluster in paying a courtesy visit on Mayor Mario Patricio Barcenas, Vice-Mayor Efren Quijano, and members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

Last July 11, Lucero gathered the cluster heads and provincial staff to discuss upcoming activities, deliverables, and performance of clusters in the PPA implementation.



Personnel recite DILG Quality Policy

DILG Cebu Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero surprised the program coordinators and provincial office staff by calling some of them to recite the DILG Quality Policy during their weekly meeting on October 24.

Lucero, who implemented such practice even before with his team at DILG-7 Local Government Monitoring and Evaluation Division and DILG Cebu City which he previously headed, wanted his staff, this time at DILG Cebu Province, to internalize the policy and translate it into action through quality public service.

Lucero has been regularly conducting weekly meetings with the provincial office staff to discuss concerns on the office's operations as well as updates and status of the implementation of the Department's programs, projects and activities.

He likewise urged the personnel to ensure compliance with the reportorial requirements and provided guidance relative to the needed preparations for their upcoming activities.



Lucero to C/MLGOOs: Go the extra mile

Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Cebu Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero urged the field officers to go the extra mile when providing technical assistance to the local government units, especially in earning awards and recognitions.

Lucero conducted a series of supervisory visits during the second quarter of this year.

Among the field officers he visited were Sogod MLGOO Sheila Denden, Samboan MLGOO Kym Albrando, Sibonga MLGOO Dennis Itom, San Remigio MLGOO Mae Dura, Balamban MLGOO Rohjelou Patac, Naga CLGOO Joy Calvo, and Ginatilan OIC-MLGOO Jonaluke Tubal II to which Lucero turned over a brand new laptop.



DILG Cebu joins LGRRC workshop



Officials and personnel of DILG-7 and sub-regional offices, including LGOO II Jean Marvette Demecillo of DILG Cebu, joined other regions during the Sub-Local Governance Regional Resource Center (LGRRC) Business Planning Workshop in Binondo, Manila on October 18 to 20.

LGA consultant Theo Demaisip discussed the Key DILG Capacity Development Concepts and Principles; Institutional Context of LGRC; and LGRC Business Plan, and facilitated the workshop on business planning.

LGA Assistant Director Daphne Purnell meanwhile talked about the history and building blocks in establishing the LGRC.

Field officers reassigned



Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Cebu Provincial Director Jhoaden Lucero ordered the reassignment of field officers within the province during the first semester of 2022.

Lucero, together with the cluster heads, led the installation of the technical personnel in their respective local government units.

Below is the matrix of the reassigned personnel and their new assignments:

PERSONNEL	FROM	TO	ASSUMPTION	PERSONNEL	FROM	TO	ASSUMPTION
Alvarez, Michael Jickerie T.	Technical Staff at Bogo City	Bantayan (OIC)	Reassigned and assumed office on January 2022	Albrando, Kym A.	Provincial Office	Samboan	Assumed office on May 2022 (prior to the May 9 elections)
Andaya, James Andrew	Provincial Office	Liloan		Aquino, Jose Meneleo C.	Badian	Ronda	
Generale, Ammie Marie Z.	Bantayan	Carmen		Arquillano, Lewelyn M.	Ronda	Argao	
Ortega, Grethel S.	Cordova	Danao City		Caocoy, Shevah Trixy L.	Santander	Cordova	
Ouano, Richard F.	Liloan	Medellin		Cartuciano, Melissa R.	Alegria	Badian	
Pidor, Sheryl S.	Tabuelan	Consolacion		Gaudan, Elvie S.	Samboan	Malabuyoc	
Salinas, Judelyn C.	Medellin	Barili		Lope, Lim T.	Malabuyoc	Santander	
Boone, Ma. Lourdes D.	Cebu City	Alcoy		Patriana, Leo Nicolas T.	Argao	Boljoon	
				Tagaylo, Criselda D.	Boljoon	Alegria	

DILG Cebu FOs reassigned

Several field officers of DILG Cebu have been reassigned to other local government units while some were transferred to the Provincial Office during the second semester of 2022.

DILG Cebu Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero accompanied these field officers to their new assignments and introduced them to their local chief executives.

Lucero assured the mayors with the continued support of the Department, through the Provincial Office and assigned City and Municipal LGOOs.

It was also during the courtesy visit in Bogu City when Lucero turned over the 2021 National Anti-Drug Abuse Council (ADAC) Performance Award Marker to Mayor Atty. Carlo Jose Martinez.



REASSIGNED PERSONNEL

No.	PERSONNEL	FROM	TO	ASSUMPTION
1	LGOO VI Gemma M. Bermoy	Madridejos	Catmon	Reassigned and assumed office on July 2022
2	LGOO VI Claire V. Diaz	Tuburan	San Remigio	
3	LGOO VI Mae B. Dura	San Remigio	Bogu City	
4	LGOO VI Mildred C. Lasala	Dalaguete	Carcar City	
5	LGOO VI Easter-April R. Quirol	Sta. Fe	Tabuelan	
6	LGOO III John Michael M. Legaspi	DILG Cebu Provincial Office	Madridejos	
7	LGOO III Jerry Bib C. Pitogo	DILG Cebu Provincial Office	Tuburan	Assumed office on August 2022
8	LGOO II Junnel O. Sarda	DILG Cebu Provincial Office	Sta. Fe	
9	LGOO II Randel Cedie J. Samonte	DILG Technical Staff at Carcar City	DILG Cebu Provincial Office	
10	LGOO VI Blanche Catherine V. Suan	DILG Cebu Provincial Office	Dalaguete	Assumed office on August 2022
11	Admin Assistant II Rina Constanca R. Fortich	DILG R7 Office	DILG Cebu Provincial Office	Assumed office on September 2022
12	LGOO VI Deanna A. Mingueto	DILG Negros Provincial Office	DILG Cebu Provincial Office	Assumed office on November 2022
13	LGOO V Jane G. Zerda	DILG Bohol Provincial Office	DILG Cebu Provincial Office	

Luceros mentor LGOO Batch 54 apprentices

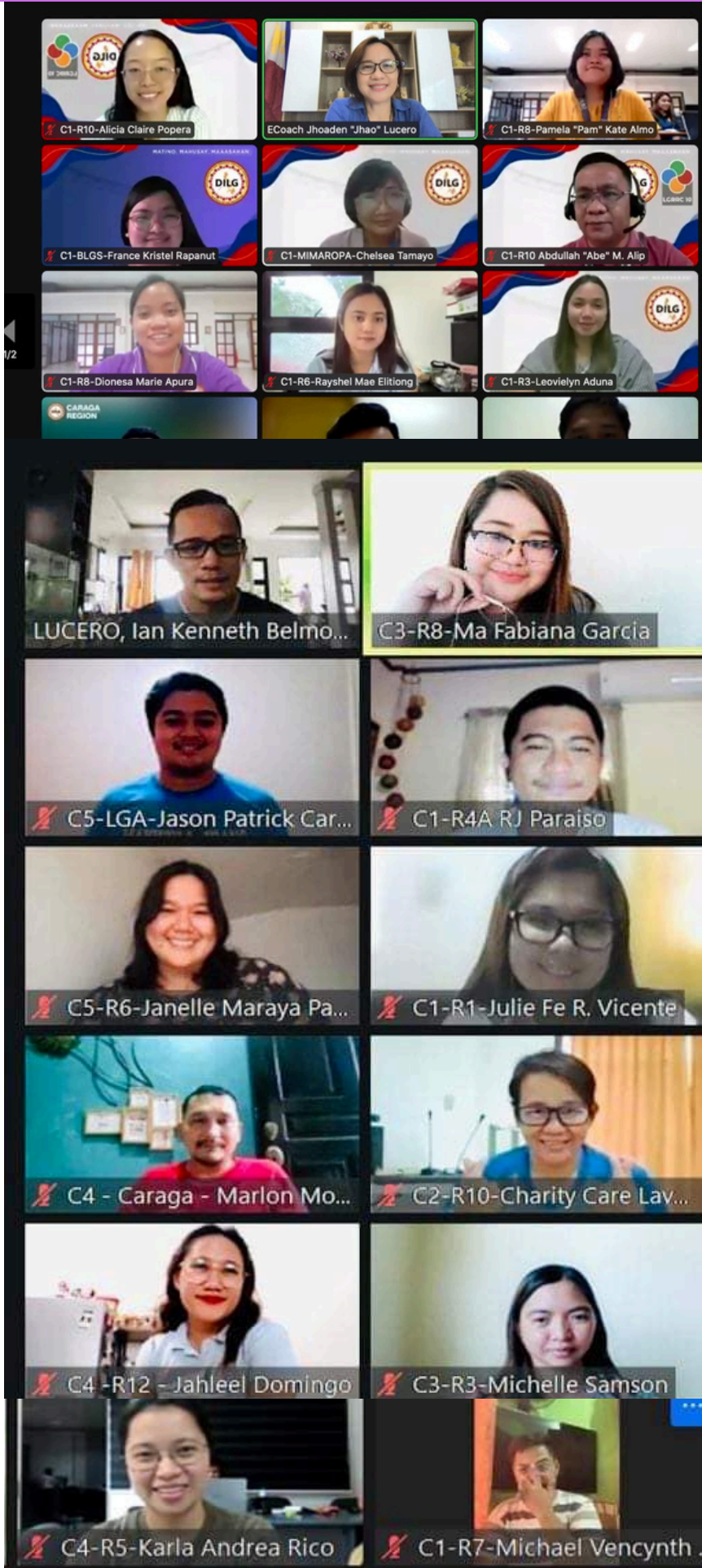
Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Cebu Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero and his wife and predecessor, Director Jhoaden Lucero served as mentors in the 54th Batch LGOO Apprenticeship Program.

On April 27, Dir. Jhoaden discussed Module 1: DILG Programs, Projects, and Activities as (PPAs) Anchor for Development.

Meanwhile, Atty. Ian discussed the salient features of Local Government Code of 1991 on May 29 during the final review in preparation for the May 30 Module Examination for the 150 apprentices.

Those who will pass the module examination will go to Tagaytay City for the face-to-face training of the 54th Batch of LGOOs II and III which will start on June 6.

Atty. Ian will likewise serve as a module coordinator, module writer, and one of the e-coaches on Module 2: Dynamics of Local Governance from May 10 to May 30./gml



PDs visit LGOO apprentices

DILG Cebu Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero and DILG Bohol Provincial Director Jerome Gonzales conducted supervisory visits to the Local Government Operations Officers (LGOO) apprentices deployed in Sibonga and Bogo City, Cebu on September 13 and October 18, respectively.

These apprentices from the 54th Batch underwent their Supervised Field Work Immersion - a component of the Apprenticeship Program for LGOOs II and III 54th Batch.

LGOOs II Atty. Michael Vencynth Braga, Maria Jean Lorina Salazar, and Joycelou Telmo were mentored by Bogo City CLGGO Mae Dura, while LGOOs II Jun Arcy Pacleb, Leonell Cawayan, and Jed Ighot were supervised by Sibonga MLGGO Dr. Susan Tolentino.

All of them have become full-fledged LGOOs as of this writing.





DILG Cebu receives office equipment

Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)-7 Director Leocadio Trovela turned over 19 brand new laptops, one printer and one scanner to DILG Cebu Province on June 20.

DILG Cebu Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero expressed his gratitude to Trovela for the office equipment which he said will improve the day-to-day operations of the office and enhance the productivity of the personnel.

Lucero said the equipment will be distributed to the provincial staff and field officers.



Field Officers' Conference held



CEBU PROVINCIAL FIELD OFFICERS' CONFERENCE

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Cebu Province organized a virtual Field Officers' Conference on February 28 to discuss the implementation of the Department's programs, projects and activities.

DILG Cebu Provincial Director Jhoaden Lucero presided over the meeting attended by the provincial staff and City and Municipal Local Government Operations Officers.

Cluster Heads Roxine Coyoca, Lelanie Lopez, Liza Fernandez, and Wyndell Valle, Program Manager Blanche Catherine Suan, Administrative Officer Designate LGOO V Iris Arias, and program coordinators were likewise present.

DILG Cebu holds team building

Field officers, cluster heads, and provincial staff of DILG Cebu Province participated in the team building activity facilitated by Ramon Aboitiz Foundation, Inc. on December 5 as part of the office's three-day Annual Year-end Assessment.

Earlier on September 23 to 24, the personnel of the Provincial Office went to Barangay Mabini, Cebu City for a team building activity cum journalism workshop.

Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero highlighted the need for the team to connect with each other and work together, thus increasing their motivation and collaboration to achieve the Department's goals and improving the quality of service they render to the clients.



Plans for 2nd Sem laid out

Technical staff of DILG Cebu Province attended the strategic planning and direction setting of plans, programs, and activities of the Department on July 20 to 21 in Ronda, Cebu.

Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero discussed the program assignments and report requirements for the second semester of 2022, among others.

Also part of the activity was the leveling-off of the Strategic Performance Management System ratings as presented by Program Manager Blanche Catherine Suan.

Ronda Mayor Terence Mariano Blanco, Ronda MLGOO Jose Meneleo Aquino, Moalboal MLGOO Lyn Aguelo, Badian MLGOO Melissa Cartuciano, and other officials were likewise present.



BAC awards 40 suppliers

The DILG Cebu Provincial Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) has awarded 40 suppliers for the procurement of goods, supplies, equipment and lease of venue for the second semester of FY 2022.

Pursuant to Provincial Order No. 2022-163 dated August 15, 2022, the newly reconstituted DILG Cebu BAC is chaired by LGOO VII Roxine Coyoca and co-chaired by LGOO VII Engr. Wyndell Valle.

They are joined by LGOO VII Lelanie Lopez, LGOO VI Liza Fernandez, and LGOO VI Rothwel Pulido as BAC members; and LGOO VI James Andrew Andaya, LGOO V Iris Arias, LGOO V Ginablle Ejoc, LGOO II Janieva Dandan, and LGOO II Niño Vincent Fiel.

Comprising the BAC Technical Working Group (TWG) are LGOO II Joie Ann Audiencia, LGOO II Alan Jay Yap, Admin Aide IV Tereza Ruby Leprozo, and Admin Aide IV Romel Navarro as Canvassers; and LGOO II Randel Cedie Samonte and Admin Aide VI Paul Merlo Pasquil as Inspection Team.

To ensure that its procurement, especially the issuance of a Notice of Award or Purchase Order, is compliant with the provisions of Republic Act 9184, the BAC including its secretariat and TWG conducted convene face-to-face and virtually during and beyond office hours and even on weekends and holidays.

With the support of DILG Cebu Province's Head of Procuring Entity, Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero, the new members of BAC Secretariat and TWG underwent orientation organized by the Local Government Resource Center Sugbo on September 6 to strengthen their implementation of the procurement process.



QMS assessment held

The DILG Cebu Province took part in the online national Quality Management System (QMS) Assessment for FY 2022 from October 3 to November 4 to continually improve the system's effectiveness towards organizational efficiency in pursuing the Department's mandate and achieving client's satisfaction.

LGOO VI Maria Lourdes Boone, LGOO VI Kym Albrando and LGOO V Iris Arias joined the Regional Committee in assessing the Regional Management and the process owners of DILG-10 on October 7 and October 10 to 11.

On October 12 to 14, the DILG Central Office and DILG-9 assessed the process owners of DILG Cebu namely Arias; LGOOs II Janieva A. Dandan, Joie Ann Audiencia, Abel John Peguit, Randel Cedie Samonte and Alan Jay Yap; and field officers LGOOs VI Lyn Aguelo, Irene Anonar, Cecille Belciña, Lovie Dela Cruz, Claire Diaz, Rojhelou Patac and Blanche Catherine Suan.



Meanwhile, DILG Cebu Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero were among the auditees of the DILG-7 Assessment of Leadership and Accountability on October 13 and recited verbatim the DILG Quality Policy during the audit.

The QMS assessment aims to determine the extent of compliance with DILG QMS to ISO 9001:2015 standard and applicable legal requirements as well as the adequacy and effectiveness of the implementation of the documented QMS processes.

Compliance monitoring strengthened thru 'One Link'

Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Cebu Province Program Manager Blanche Catherine Suan gathered the program coordinators of the provincial office to discuss and strengthen the utilization of "One Link" on June 9.

"One Link" is an initiative under the leadership of Provincial Director Jhoaden Lucero which makes use of a Google sheet to monitor the compliance with report requirements and address program concerns.

Suan emphasized the importance of "One Link" as an essential guide to the field officers in meeting deadlines for submission of reports.



SPMS rating orientation held



The provincial office staff of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Cebu gathered on June 22 for the leveling-off of the Strategic Performance Management System (SPMS) rating.

Program Manager Blanche Catherine Suan discussed the guidelines on grading report requirements in terms of quality, efficiency, and timeliness to ensure uniformity in the standards of rating submissions with due consideration of the conditions met.

She said the activity will level off the perspective among the program coordinators as raters and set the pace for submitting the accomplishments for the first semester of the year.

DILG Cebu oriented on GSD

LG00 II Joie Ann Audiencia and LG00 II Jean Marvette Demecillo of DILG Cebu Province joined the hybrid orientation organized by DILG-7 on September 2 on Gender Sensitivity and Development (GSD) and other administrative matters.

Other topics discussed were the DILG Strategic Doctrine, Structure and Priority Programs, Projects and Activities, Norms of Conduct of Public Officials and Employees, Accounting and Auditing Rules and Regulations, Policy Guidelines on Leave Administration for DILG officials and employees, and Program to Institutionalize Meritocracy and Excellence in Human Resource Management.

Assistant Regional Director Ma. Loisella Lucino and Finance and Administrative Division Chief Atty. Ferdinand Albaño graced the activity attended by the newly-hired personnel of DILG-7.

LGRC Sugbo Initiatives



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LGRC Sugbo institutionalized

The DILG Cebu Province, under the leadership of Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero, formally institutionalized its sub-Local Governance Resource Center (LGRC) dubbed as “LGRC Sugbo” as its official knowledge hub for local governance excellence.

Upon his assumption in May 2022, Lucero envisioned to strengthen DILG Cebu’s sub-LGRC and establish mechanisms to foster a culture of learning, knowledge creation and sharing, and improved delivery of capacity development services.

“Knowledge, if not shared and/or without action, is useless,” he said.

Anchoring on Knowledge Management, multi-stakeholdership and convergence as its key strategies, the *LGRC Sugbo* provides four core services namely capacity development; public education and citizenship; linkage and networking; and multi-media, knowledge and library services.

To address the capacity development needs of local government units, it functions as knowledge broker bringing together experts and trainers on local governance given its vast network of collaborators such as DILG-7 and field offices, the Provincial Government of Cebu, component cities, municipalities, barangays, national government agencies, non-government organizations, civil society organizations, academe, private stakeholders, and other development partners.

The *LGRC Sugbo* likewise serves as a repository of knowledge products championing best practices and innovations on effective local governance.

Just recently, the DILG Cebu officially unveiled the new logo of *LGRC Sugbo* solidifying its institutionalization.



DILG Cebu launches 1st digital newsletter

The DILG Cebu Province under the leadership of Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero launched its first digital newsletter named *Pangatungdanan* during the Field Officers' Conference on May 24.

Pangatungdanan is a Bisaya word which means service.

Lucero initiated the creation of the quarterly publication to serve as its repository of articles and photos showcasing the brand of service that DILG Cebu Province is known for.

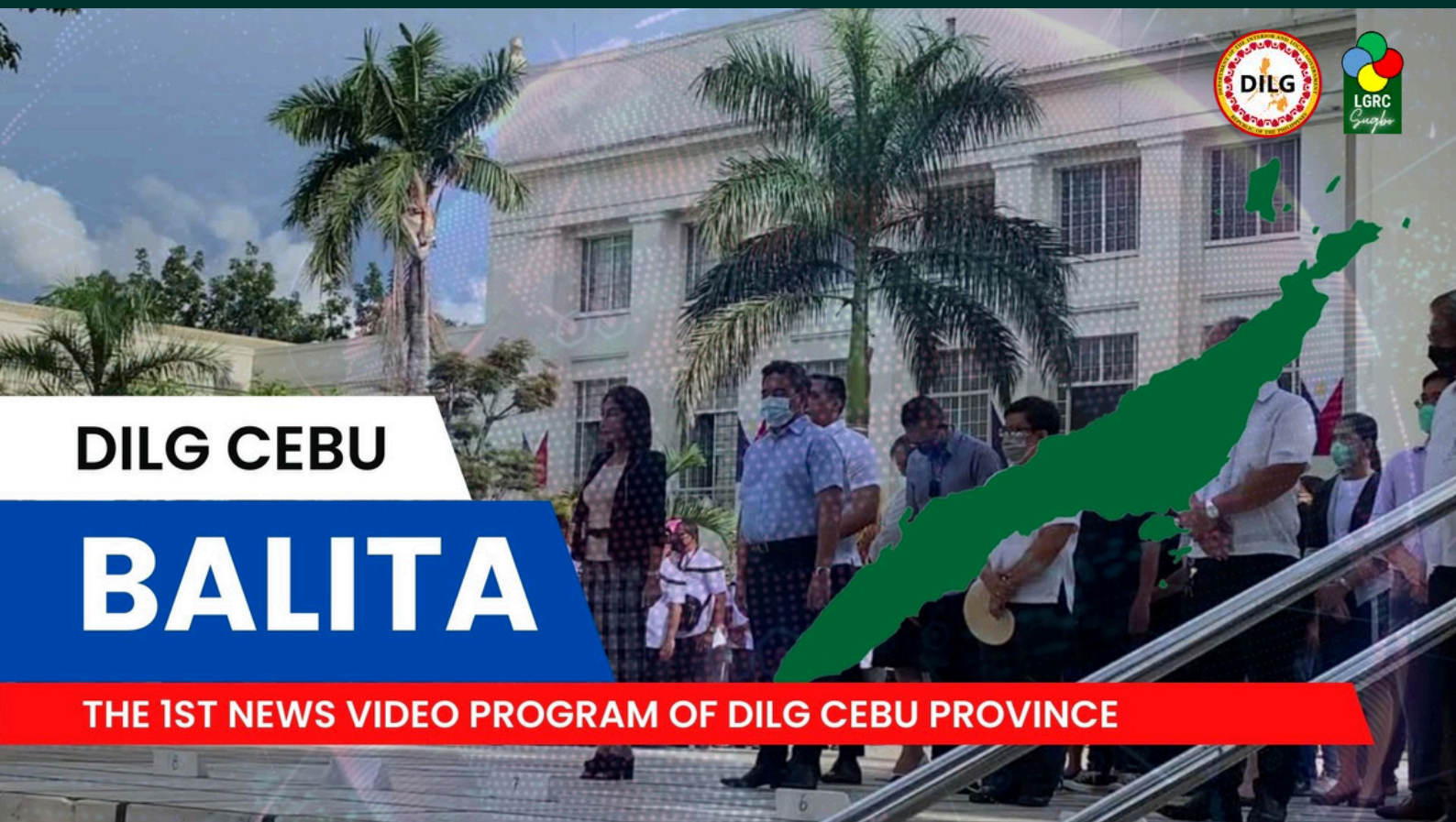
Among the highlights of this digital publication are the Clusters' Section featuring the articles from the different clusters of City and Municipal Local Government Operations Officers of the Province, a photo gallery of DILG Cebu Province up close and in action, and the Legal Hub for jurisprudence and legal opinions on local governance.

It also contains the Legislative Gains of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, and the *Ang Probinsyana* which exhibits the milestones of the Executive Department under the administration of Governor Gwen Garcia.

Moreover, Lucero strengthened the social media presence of DILG Cebu Province through the regular posting of daily updates on its official Facebook page in order to increase the public awareness on the programs and projects conducted by the Provincial Office and Provincial Government.

He likewise encouraged the field officers to do the same. At present, several City and Municipal Local Government Operations Officers have joined the bandwagon and are actively sharing online their activities and accomplishments with their respective local government units.





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THE 1ST NEWS VIDEO PROGRAM OF DILG CEBU PROVINCE

LGRC Sugbo launches DILG Cebu BALITA

In its bid to strengthen its Local Governance Resource Center (LGRC) Sugbo, the DILG Cebu Province under the directorship of Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero initiated its first news video program named “DILG Cebu Balita”.

Following the recent launch of its first digital newsletter entitled *Pangatungdanan*, Lucero saw the need to further maximize the online platform to elevate the public awareness on the efforts of the Department and local government units, thus creating their own news program.

The DILG Cebu Balita features human interest stories showcasing the programs, activities, and big-ticket projects undertaken by DILG in partnership with the LGUs and other stakeholders to improve service delivery and promote general welfare.

It also highlights the initiatives and accomplishments of the Provincial Government headed by Governor Gwendolyn Garcia, component cities, municipalities, and barangays in Cebu.



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As of this writing, DILG Cebu Balita has produced eight episodes via DILG Cebu Province - *Pangatungdanan* Facebook page, with its pilot episode released on July 4.

APO SHARES SPECIAL EPISODE LGRC Sugbo marks LG Day



To commemorate the enactment of the Local Government Code (LGC) of 1991, the Local Governance Resource Center (LGRC) Sugbo aired a special episode of DILG Cebu's online knowledge sharing program APO SHARES on October 10 via Facebook live.

DILG Cebu Provincial Director and APO SHARES creator/host Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero answered questions about LGC 1991 as raised by netizens across the country.

LG00 V Ginablle Ejoc also asked trivia questions to the viewers in exchange of P200 Gcash load. Three special winners received Lucero's third Knowledge Product entitled "Jurisdictional and Procedural Aspects: Revised Katarungang Pambarangay Law 2021 Edition".

The APO SHARES special episode, which was hosted by LG00 II Janieva Dandan and LG00 II Randel Cedie Samonte, has reached 4,600 people and gained 2,400 views and 1,300 reactions, comments and shares as of press time.

LGRC Sugbo likewise displayed and showcased Produktong Sugbuanon throughout the episode as its contribution to promoting Cebu's local products.

Prior to Local Government Day, Lucero earlier released the eighth episode of APO SHARES on July 5, tackling whether or not the Sangguniang Panlungsod or Sangguniang Bayan may remove a Sangguniang Kabataan chairperson from office without court intervention.

APO SHARES can be viewed on his Youtube channel Atty. Ian Kenneth B. Lucero.





PASIDUNGOG DILG Cebu honors partner agencies, offices



The DILG Cebu, under the initiative of Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero, marked another milestone as it launched the first ever “*Pasidungog*”, a recognition ceremony dedicated to its trusted development partners “for traveling the extra mile” in implementing the Department’s programs this year.

Pasidungog is a Bisaya word which means to give honor.

Lucero, together with Cluster Heads Liza Fernandez, Roxine Coyoca, Lelanie Lopez, and Wyndell Valle, conferred the plaques of recognition and tokens to 23 offices, government agencies, and civil society organizations during the ceremony on December 5 at Montebello Villa Hotel.

“In the coming years, we wish to further strengthen our networks and partnerships. Rest assured, we are one with you in all your endeavors as you are to us,” Lucero said.

The honorees were Office of the Cebu Provincial Governor, Bureau of Fire Protection Cebu Province, Cebu Police Provincial Office, National Police Commission Cebu Province, Bureau of Jail Management and Penology Cebu Province, Philippine Coast Guard Cebu Station, Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency Cebu, Task Group Cebu of Philippine Army, 219th Squadron of Philippine Coast Guard Auxiliary, Cebu Elite Marksman Eagles Club, Liga ng mga Barangay Cebu Chapter, Philippine Councilors League Cebu Chapter, Dilaab Foundation, Inc., Kaabag Sa Sugbo, Inc., Ramon Aboitiz Foundation, Inc., Pagtambayayong Foundation, Inc., Cermatex Manufacturing Corporation, Integrated Bar of the Philippines Cebu Chapter, Young Lawyers Association of Cebu, Inc., Office of the Provincial Prosecutor of Cebu, Philippine Information Agency-7, Cebu Provincial Legal Office, and Cebu Provincial Information Office.

The Pasidungog was one of the highlights of the annual year-end assessment of DILG Cebu.

Lucero brings APO SHARES to DILG Cebu

Even as he transferred office to DILG Cebu as the new provincial director in May this year, lawyer Ian Kenneth Lucero continued airing the APO SHARES, the online knowledge sharing program which he launched in 2021 during his stint as city director of DILG Cebu City.

The APO SHARES program, which can be viewed on Lucero's Youtube channel and also being shared in the DILG Cebu - Province Pangatungdanan Facebook page, serves as a platform to promote the culture of learning and understanding the wonders of local governance.

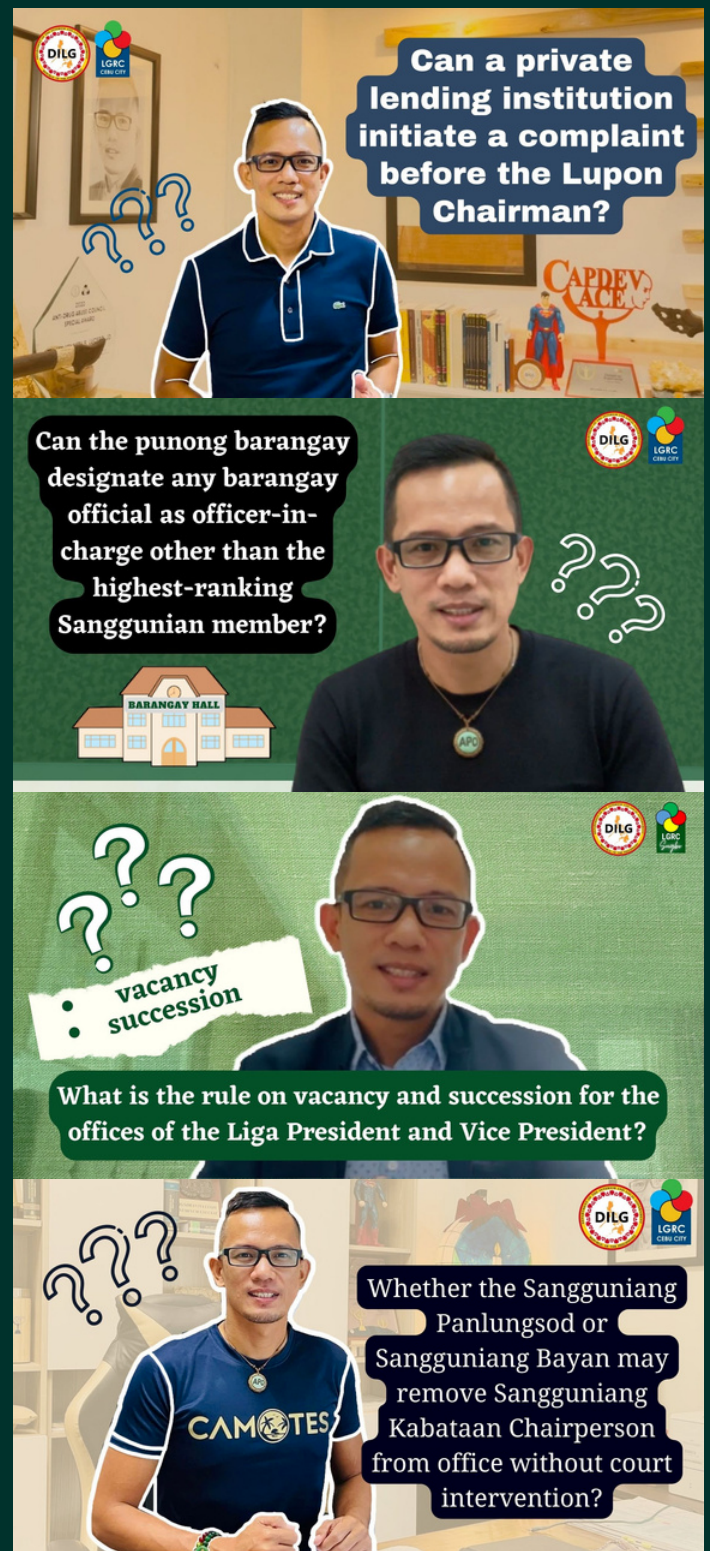
Lucero recently released three new episodes of APO SHARES, making the total number of episodes to seven at the end of the second quarter of 2022.

In the fifth episode uploaded on April 6, he responded to the query on whether or not a private lending institution can initiate a complaint before the Lupun Chairman.

For the sixth episode aired on May 11, he provided guidance on whether or not the punong barangay may designate any barangay official as officer-in-charge other than the highest-ranking sanggunian member.

He likewise discussed the rule on vacancy and succession in the offices of the Liga President and Vice President during the seventh episode that premiered on June 21.

"Let's continue making learning a monthly habit through APO SHARES. 'Cause the more we learn, the more we grow and the more we grow, the better we can serve others," Lucero said.



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Abalos, Garcia grace training for neophyte legislators

No less than DILG Secretary Atty. Benjamin Abalos Jr and Cebu Governor Gwendolyn Garcia graced the one-day training for newly minted local elected officials in the Province on effective local legislation.

The training, held at the Cebu Provincial Capitol Social Hall on July 15, was jointly organized by DILG Cebu Province headed by Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero and Philippine Councilors League (PCL) Cebu Chapter led by President Caroline Bacaltos.

Also serving as the resource person, Lucero anticipated the need of first-time legislators to be equipped with the fundamentals on local legislation to guide them in crafting legislations that will improve the lives of their constituents.

Abalos assured the neophyte legislators of the Department's continued support to help them properly discharge their functions.

Garcia meanwhile expressed hopes that the Cebuanos shall sustain the unity which made them overcome the challenges for the past years including the COVID-19 pandemic and Typhoon Odette.

DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trowela likewise attended the activity.





TOTs on local governance initiated



As part of its goal of building a culture of knowledge sharing and continuous learning, the Local Governance Resource Center (LGRC) Sugbo launched the training of trainers (TOT) specializing in local governance.

Technical officers from Clusters Tribu, Tig-a, Dasig, and Bugsay and the provincial office staff comprised the first two batches of trainers.

Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero, who heads the DILG Cebu Province, aims to establish a pool of experts among the DILG field officers as their contribution to the Department's pursuit of local governance excellence.

"I envision that every cluster member has a specialization in local governance topics," Lucero said.

With Lucero serving as the resource speaker, the first TOT on October 28 centered on the Revised Katarungang Pambarangay (KP) Law while the second TOT on December 27 focused on local legislation.

As Knowledge Sharer

Fulfilling the purpose of LGRC as a centralized hub for knowledge sharing, the DILG Cebu under the helm of Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero serves as a dynamic source of trainers tapped by local government units and various organizations, not only in Cebu Province but throughout the country, to share their expertise on local governance such as Katarungang Pambarangay Law, local legislation, formulation of Executive-Legislative Agenda, Mandanas-Garcia ruling, and Local Government Code of 1991.

KATARUNGANG PAMBARANGAY LAW



The Liga ng mga Barangay San Fernando Chapter invited PD Lucero as resource speaker on KP Law during its refresher course for barangays at One Central Hotel, Cebu City on July 14.

PD Lucero discussed KP Law and Safe Spaces Act during the training course on Alternative Dispute Resolution Mechanisms organized by the Office for Alternative Dispute Resolution (OADR) on August 9 at Radisson Blu Hotel, Cebu City.



PD Lucero was invited by the Liga ng mga Barangay Carmen Chapter as KP lecturer during the enhancement training for the 21 barangays of the municipality on August 10 at Cebu Business Hotel, Cebu City.



Punong barangay, members of Sangguniang Barangay and Lupong Tagapamayapa, secretaries, and treasurers of 29 barangays of Bogo City underwent KP training with PD Lucero on August 11 at Alta Cebu Resort.



As Knowledge Sharer

Barangay officials of some municipalities in Pangasinan attended the training with PD Lucero on KP Law and Barangay Drug Clearing Program on August 19 to 20 at Hotel Supreme Convention Plaza in Baguio City.



PD Lucero discussed the jurisdictional and procedural aspects of KP Law during the 19th Provincial Liga Congress of the Province of South Cotabato on September 15 at Bai Hotel, Mandaue City.

The DILG Local Governance Regional Resource Center Region 8 tapped PD Lucero as resource speaker on KP Law during the training conducted by the Liga ng mga Barangay sa Pilipinas – Guiuan Municipal Chapter on September 21.



PD Lucero was invited by the Liga ng mga Barangay – Barili Chapter during the enhancement seminar for punong barangay, Sangguniang Barangay and Lupong Tagapamayapa members, and barangay secretaries on October 14.

PD Lucero served as resource speaker during the nationwide seminar on “Effective and Structured Local Governance for Sustainable Development in LGUs, BLGUs, and SKs” organized by Dux Regulat Training Services, Inc. on October 15.



As Knowledge Sharer



As a way of giving back to the community, PD Lucero gave free KP training during the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP) Cebu Lecture Series as part of the organization's legal aid and medical mission in Sogod on October 23.

Punong barangay, members of Sangguniang Barangay and Lupong Tagapamayapa, and barangay secretaries from the Municipality of Tudela underwent training on KP Law with PD Lucero on November 4.



PD Lucero discussed KP Law to the punong barangay, barangay secretaries, and Lupong Tagapamayapa members of 22 barangays in Talisay City on November 17.

Borbon Mayor Noel Dotillos invited PD Lucero as resource person during the municipality's training on KP Law at Diamond Suites and Residences, Cebu City on November 17.



PD Lucero trained the barangay officials and Lupon members of the Municipality of Argao on KP Law on November 21.

As Knowledge Sharer

Around 60 Lupong Tagapamayapa members, barangay officials and barangay tanods in Samboan, Cebu attended Lucero's training on KP Law on December 10.



PD Lucero discussed the jurisdictional aspect and rules of venue of KP Law during the training workshop of the municipal government of Consolacion on December 12.

Punong barangay, barangay secretaries, barangay treasurers, and Lupong Tagapamayapa members from 18 barangays in Sogod, Cebu underwent KP training with PD Lucero on December 19 at Cebu Business Hotel, Cebu City.



Around 200 barangay officials, members of Lupong Tagapamayapa, barangay secretaries, and barangay treasurers from the Municipality of Catmon, Cebu participated in the KP lecture of PD Lucero on December 21.



LOCAL LEGISLATION



PD Lucero explained local legislation and barangay budgeting during the capacity development activity organized by Liga ng mga Barangay – Santa Fe Chapter on July 20 at Alta Cebu Resort in Cordova.

The Philippine Councilors League Surigao del Norte Federation tapped PD Lucero to discuss local legislation during its seminar for newly elected and re-elected officials on July 28 at Bai Hotel, Mandaue City.



PD Lucero served as resource person during the seminar conducted by the Philippine Councilor League Dinagat Islands Chapter on July 29 at Crown Regency Hotel and Towers in Cebu City.

Punong barangay, members of Sangguniang Barangay, secretaries, and treasurers of the 25 barangays in Tabogon, Cebu underwent skills enhancement seminar workshop on local legislation and barangay budgeting as explained by PD Lucero on August 9 at Mezzo Hotel, Cebu City.



PD Lucero discussed the quasi-judicial power of sanggunian and latest Supreme Court decisions affecting local governance during the Effective Legislation Seminar of the Municipalities of Catigbian, Sierra Bullones, and Balilihan in Bohol Province on August 26 at Golden Prince Hotel and Suites, Cebu City.

As Knowledge Sharer

Vice-Governor Hilario Davide III, members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Cebu, and their staff attended the training on effective local legislation with PD Lucero on September 20.



PD Lucero tackled the ABCs of Effective Local Legislation with Supreme Court Rulings and DILG legal opinions during the training for newly elected officials on September 27 at Summit Hotel, Naga City, Camarines Sur.

The Sangguniang Panlungsod of San Carlos City invited PD Lucero as resource person on local legislation during its refresher course for the sanggunian and legislative staff on October 6 at Waterfront Cebu City Hotel & Casino.



PD Lucero discussed local legislation before newly elected officials of the Province of Albay during their training organized by the Vice Mayor's League of the Philippines and Philippine Councilors League – Province of Albay Chapters on October 11 at Sheraton Manila Hotel, Pasay City.

Vice-Mayors, Sangguniang Bayan members and secretaries, Sangguniang Kabataan chairpersons, and DILG personnel of the Province of Biliran learned the fundamentals of effective local legislation as discussed by PD Lucero on October 26 at Cebu Parklane International Hotel.



As Knowledge Sharer

PD Lucero served as resource person on effective local legislation and Mandanas-Garcia ruling during the capacity development program organized by the Philippine Councilors League Davao del Sur Federation and DILG Davao del Sur on November 10.



The DILG Bohol Province invited PD Lucero as one of the resource speakers during the Newly-Elected Officials Training Course for the Vice Mayors League of the Philippines Bohol Chapter and Philippine Councilors League Bohol Chapter on November 9 and November 11.

PD Lucero shared tips on how to draft ordinances during the training organized by the Vice Mayors League of the Philippines Southern Leyte Chapter, Philippine Councilors League of the Philippines Southern Leyte Chapter, and DILG Southern Leyte on November 10 at Bai Hotel, Mandaue City.



Newly elected and re-elected members of Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the provinces of Zamboanga del Norte, Zamboanga del Sur, and Zamboanga Sibugay underwent training on local legislation with PD Lucero as their lecturer on December 6 at Bai Hotel, Mandaue City.

ELA FORMULATION

DILG Cebu Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero discussed local governance matters during the formulation of Executive-Legislative Agenda (ELA) of the Municipality of Imelda, Zamboanga Sibugay on September 22 at Bai Hotel, Mandaue City.



As Knowledge Sharer



Meanwhile, several field officers and technical staff of DILG Cebu were requested by other local government units outside the Province to assist in their ELA formulation.

Sibonga MLGOO Dr. Susan Tolentino, Minglanilla MLGOO Irene Anonar and Balamban MLGOO Rohelou Patac were tapped by Manukan and Katipunan, Zamboanga Del Norte to serve as resource persons on ELA formulation on September 14 to 16.

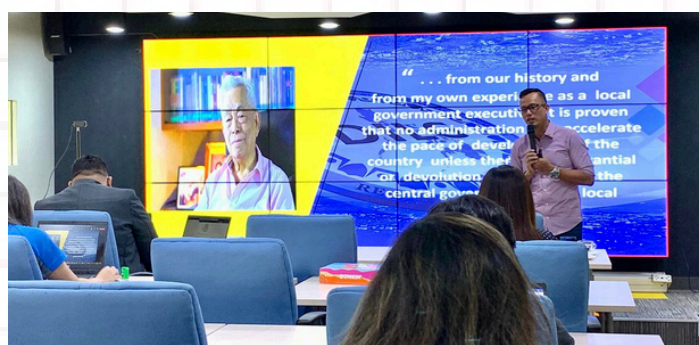
Tolentino was likewise asked by Hinatuan, Surigao Del Sur to provide technical assistance on September 28 to 30.

DILG Cebu Program Manager LGOO VI Rothwel Pulido was requested by Baliguian, Zamboanga Del Norte to assist in formulating its ELA on October 5 to 7.

Pulido and LGOO V Ginablle Ejoc of DILG Cebu were also invited by Catigbian, Bohol and Dapa, Surigao del Norte on August 2 to 4 and October 10 to 12, respectively, during their ELA formulation.

OTHER LOCAL GOVERNANCE TOPICS

PD Lucero tackled the salient points and implications of the Mandanas-Garcia ruling and Executive Order No. 138 issued by President Rodrigo Duterte during the learning session of Ramon Aboitiz Foundation Inc. (RAFI) on August 8.



PD Lucero served as one of the resource persons during the Newly Elected Officials (NEO) Orientation Course for Mayors of Region IX, which was also graced by Undersecretary Marlo Iringan and DILG IX Regional Director Paisal Abutazil, on August 15 at Bai Hotel, Mandaue City.

As Knowledge Sharer

PD Lucero explained the quasi-judicial power of sanggunian and basics on effective local legislation during the seminar conducted by the Philippine League of Secretaries to the Sanggunian (PLEASES) Inc. – Cebu Chapter on August 31 at Golden Prince Hotel and Suites, Cebu City.



Region 9 invited PD Lucero to discuss local governance topics during the Newly Elected Officials (NEO) Orientation Course for Vice Mayors on August 18 at Quest Hotel, Cebu City.

PD Lucero was requested by DILG CARAGA to discuss the salient features of the Local Government Code of 1991 and Supreme Court rulings during the NEO Orientation Course for Re-Elected Municipal Mayors on September 1 at Bai Hotel, Mandaue City.



PD Lucero was tapped by the League of Local Planning and Development Coordinators of the Philippines, Inc. during its seminar-workshop on the memoranda, laws, and Supreme Court decisions relevant to development planning on September 16 at Cebu Parklane International Hotel.

Members of Sangguniang Bayan and Panlungsod in Cebu Province were oriented by PD Lucero on relevant Supreme Court rulings and legal issues affecting local governance during the Philippine Councilors League Week on September 28 at Waterfront Cebu City Hotel & Casino.



As Knowledge Sharer



LG00 VI Rothwel Pulido, LG00 V Ginable Ejoc, and LG00 II Alan Jay Yap served as resource speakers during the Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG) Intervention Program and the 1st Youth Development Officers (YDO) Consultative Meeting on September 13 at the Capitol Social Hall.

DILG Cebu Program Manager LG00 VI Rothwel Pulido and Liloan MLG00 James Andaya were requested by Jimalalud, Negros Oriental to serve as resource persons on Gender and Development (GAD) Planning and Budgeting on August 9 to 11.



Meanwhile, Andaya was likewise tapped by Tagbilaran City and Tubigon in Bohol to discuss GAD Planning and Budgeting on December 1 to 2 and December 27 to 28, respectively.

Asturias MLG00 Dann Marr Andrino was invited by Ayungon, Negros Oriental to assist in its planning and workshop on Barangay Development Plan (BDP) and Barangay Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Plan (BDRMP) on August 31 to September 2.



As Knowledge Broker

Anchoring on the belief that there is no monopoly of knowledge, the LGRC Sugbo facilitates knowledge exchange by serving as broker with knowledge providers to address the capacity development needs of the Department and its clients.

GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT ACT



Members of the newly constituted Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), secretariat, and technical working group of DILG Cebu Province, as well as BAC members of DILG Bohol, Siquijor, and Negros Oriental, underwent an orientation on Republic Act No. 9184 or the Government Procurement Reform Act on September 6.



"We must enrich our understanding of how procurement systems operate and ensure compliance with the procedures and guidelines provided by the law, otherwise we will be exposing ourselves to liability/ies," DILG Cebu Provincial Director Ian Kenneth Lucero said.

Resource persons were DILG-7 Legal Officer Atty. Aiiza Fiel Arcenal and AO V Antolin Ryan Seco, Jr.

CAPDEV ACE

Cluster heads and field officers of DILG Cebu Province participated in the knowledge sharing activity on the Capacity Development Awards for Catalysts of Excellence (CapDev ACE) organized by LGRC Sugbo on September 5.

These field officers, who are Diamante Sa Katakos (Diamond of Competence) recipients of DILG-7's 2021 Bansiwig Awards, were automatically nominated for the 2022 CapDev ACE Singing sa Tanikala category.

DILG Cebu Provincial Director and 2021 CapDev ACE Dangal ng Kagawaran National Awardee Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero shared tips on how to showcase and market their best practices and accomplishments to the validators, while DILG-7 Planning Officer LGOO V Frislie Gay Virador presented the guidelines of CapDev ACE, documentary requirements, and necessary forms.



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Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero invited the Regional Information Unit of DILG-7 for a series of trainings to reinforce the competencies of the DILG Cebu team and beef up the Local Governance Resource Center (LGRC) Sugbo as a primary source of information on local governance.

DMO IV Atty. Grace Melanie Lacamiento of DILG-7, LGOO II Adel Dominique Gujilde of DILG Cebu City, and LGOO II Jean Marvette Demecillo of DILG Cebu Province served as resource speakers during the journalism training workshop on September 23 in Barangay Mabini, Cebu City.

Meanwhile on December 21 in Danao City, LGOO II Atty. Michael Vencynth Braga, LGOO II Kent Vincent Divinagracia, Lacamiento, and IO II Christopher Mahilum explained the fundamentals on documentation messaging; infographics and layout design; online writing and publication; and photojournalism and videography, respectively.

The trainings capped off with workshops wherein the participants submitted news articles and photos as their outputs which were evaluated by the resource persons.



RCSP

The Local Governance Resource Center (LGRC) Sugbo initiated an interfacing with local chief executives of target LGUs of the Retooled Community Support Program (RCSP) on September 5 at Harolds Evotel, Cebu City.

“The military and the national government cannot address this problem alone. With the collaboration and cooperation of all government agencies, our local government units, non-government organizations, and the citizens themselves, we at the Department are confident and hopeful that we finally have a fighting chance of ending this decades-long dilemma,” Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero said.

Col. Joey Escanillas, commander of Joint Task Group Cebu, gave a short briefer on CSP, while DILG-7 RCSP focal person LGOO V Frislie Gay Virador tackled the guidelines on RCSP implementation.

Dumanjug Mayor Efren Guntrano Gica shared the experiences and challenges of the municipality when it implemented the RCSP in 2020. On the other hand, Ramon Aboitiz Foundation Inc. Chief Brand Officer Estee Plunket presented their programs and advocacies as the development partner of DILG Cebu.

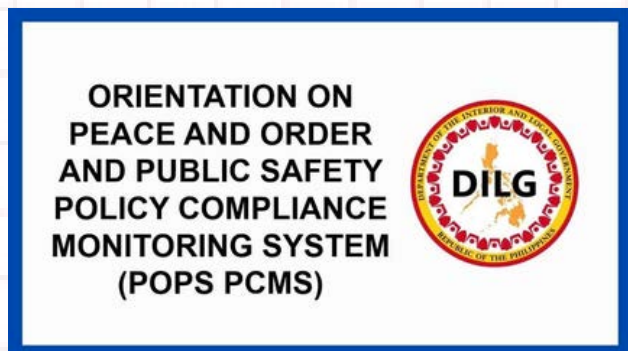
Present were Barili Mayor Pablo John Garcia IV, Carcar City Mayor Mario Patricio Barcenas, Carmen Mayor Carlo Villamor, Moalboal Mayor Inocentes Cabaron, representatives of Talisay City Mayor Gerald Anthony Gullas, Jr., Aloguinsan Mayor Cesare Ignatius Moreno, and Minglanilla Mayor Atty. Rajiv Enad, and technical officers of DILG Cebu.

Prior to the interfacing, the field officers, concerned cluster heads and provincial office staff of DILG Cebu were oriented on the implementation of RCSP on August 23 at the Vice Governor's Conference Hall.

Virador discussed the RCSP guidelines and salient points of Executive Order No. 70, s. 2018 which institutionalized the whole-of-nation approach to attain inclusive and sustainable peace, while LGOO VI Susan Tolentino shared Dumanjug's story on implementing the program.



POPS PCMS



DILG field officers and LGU encoders in the Province underwent orientation on Peace and Order and Public Safety Plan Policy Compliance Monitoring System (POPS PCMS) on September 23.

Inviting DILG-7 Regional Focal Person LG00 V Jupiter Dawa as the knowledge sharer, DILG Cebu Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero said the activity was organized in response to the requests of the field officers and their LGU counterparts to help improve their reporting, monitoring, and evaluation of POPS PCMS.



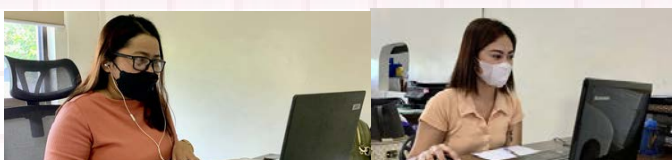
RLIP



The Local Governance Resource Center (LGRC) Sugbo reoriented field officers of DILG Cebu and city and municipal engineers in the Province on the Results-based Monitoring and Evaluation of LGU Infrastructure Projects (RLIP) on September 14.

It tapped DMO IV Bernadette Forones-Camilo, ISA III Reymund Cuizon and PEO II Edwin Moncedo from DILG-7 Regional Project Development Monitoring Unit as resource persons.

The activity aimed to hasten the results of LGU-funded initiatives on infrastructure for growth in transparency and accountability at all levels.



Collaboration with Partners

The LGRC Sugbo has forged collaborations and strengthened existing linkages with various government agencies and non-government organizations to fully attain its objective of enhancing the capacity of local governments through multi-stakeholder participation and convergence, among others.

LGRC Sugbo partners with RAFI

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The Local Governance Resource Center (LGRC) Sugbo, under the leadership of DILG Cebu Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero, has inked partnership with the Ramon Aboitiz Foundation, Inc. to assist in implementing programs and projects that aim to bring positive progress in Cebu Province.



During the third quarter of 2022, Lucero and officials from RAFI's Humanitarian Disaster Preparedness and Response (HDPR) program sat down in several coordination meetings to identify target local government units (LGUs) for priority capacity building interventions and discuss future plans necessary to strengthen their collaboration.



Lucero welcomed this development and acknowledged RAFI's support, particularly in enhancing LGUs' disaster preparedness and mitigation measures.

Several Disaster Information, Education and Communication (IEC) Campaign activities were facilitated by RAFI and DILG Cebu in target barangays in the Municipality of Boljoon on October 24 to 28.



RAFI earlier turned over to DILG Cebu a brand new 65-inch television set to improve the office's operations related to disaster risk reduction and management monitoring and updates.



Collaboration with Partners

Lucero graces PNP's KASIMBAYANAN

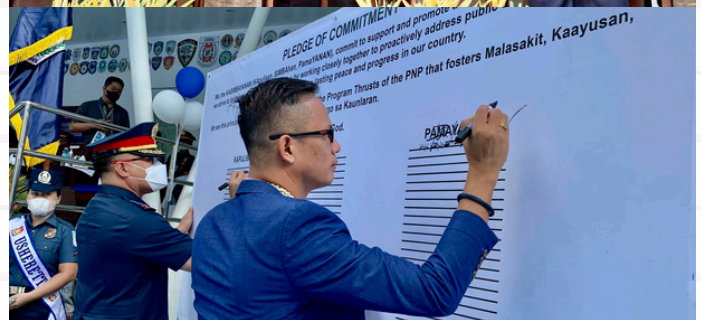


Speaking as guest of honor and speaker during the launch of the revitalized Philippine National Police (PNP) KASIMBAYANAN Program on October 10, DILG Cebu Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero stressed the shared responsibility of all sectors of the society in building and maintaining a culture of lasting peace and development.

Lucero said the Revitalized KASIMBAYANAN program, which stands for Kapulisan, Simbahan at Pamayanan, underscores the significance of collaboration among the police force, faith-based leaders, local government units, and other stakeholders in sustaining peace and security in the community.

"Everyone is counted, and nobody is exempted. For after all, it has been said that peace is but a single word but when echoed by many, it becomes a rallying cry for harmony," he said.

Lucero commended the Cebu Police Provincial Office headed by Officer-in-Charge PCOL Rommel Ochave for sustaining the trust and partnership with the members of the community and securing their continued commitment to the PNP KASIMBAYANAN program.



Collaboration with Partners

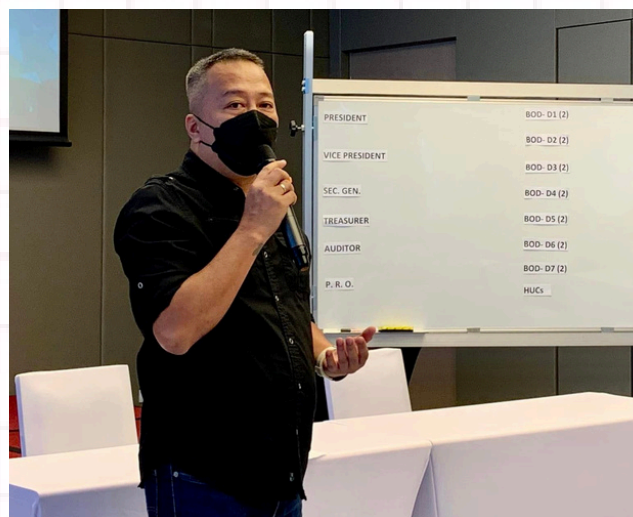
DILG Cebu facilitates VMLP elections



Technical personnel of DILG Cebu Province facilitated the election of officers of the Vice Mayors' League of the Philippines (VMLP) Cebu Provincial Chapter on July 26.

Cluster Head Wyndell Valle represented DILG Cebu Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero as COMELEC chairperson.

Meanwhile, VMLP National Secretariat Christopher Abcede and Binghay handed over the certificate of appreciation to Lucero, which was received by Valle, for his contribution to the successful conduct of the elections.



DILG Cebu supervises PCL Cebu polls



Lawyer Ian Kenneth Lucero, Provincial Director of DILG Cebu, served as the COMELEC chairperson, with the technical staff of DILG Cebu as secretariat, during the election of officers of the Philippine Councilors League (PCL) Cebu Provincial Federation on August 12.

The election, which was participated by 464 members, was graced by PCL National President Handy Lao and PCL Comelec members Danao City Councilor Atty. Edmund Lao and Sangguniang Panlalawigan Secretary Atty. Pulchra Marie Acevedo.

Other Highlights

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Abalos lauds Garcia

Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Secretary Atty. Benjamin Abalos Jr personally thanked and congratulated Cebu Governor Gwendolyn Garcia for her post-pandemic initiatives to help the people.

Among the programs mentioned during their brief conversation on December 27 were Garcia's flagship program dubbed as "Suroy-Suroy Sugbo", Caravan of Provincial Government Services which was actively participated by the Cebu Provincial Management and Coordinating Committee (PMCC) chaired by DILG Cebu, and the creation of One Cebu Inter-Agency Interdiction Task Force aimed to curtail the entry and trade of illegal drugs in Cebu.

To recall, Abalos joined the Suroy-Suroy Sugbo Southern Heritage Trail on November 18 along with DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trovela and DILG Cebu Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero.

Lauding Garcia's initiative, Abalos urged other local government units to replicate the province's program to spur tourism activities and boost economic growth.

Garcia thanked Abalos for gracing the activity, adding that it is the first time that a secretary of the Department personally witnessed the Suroy-Suroy Sugbo program.

Meanwhile, during the December 27 courtesy visit, Abalos officially introduced to Garcia the new Philippine National Police Chief, PGEN Rodolfo Azurin Jr. and newly installed Police Regional Office-7 Director PBGEN Jerry Bearis, and assured the Provincial Government of the support from the Department.

"Daghang salamat sa mainitong pagdawat, Gov. Gwen Garcia! Asahan ninyo na ang DILG ay handang tulungan ang probinsya ng Cebu sa pagtugon sa iba't ibang isyu ng lipunan lalo't higit sa illegal drugs," his Facebook post on December 30 read.





5T slippers distributed

The Cebu Provincial Management and Coordinating Committee (PMCC), chaired by DILG Cebu, gave out a total of 5,030 free rubber slippers during the Caravan of Provincial Government Services in the second semester of 2022.

The slippers were donated by member agencies of PMCC such as DILG Cebu, Cebu Police Provincial Police Office, Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), and Bureau of Jail Management and Penology, and National Police Commission.

Other donors included personnel of DILG-7 Local Government Monitoring and Evaluation Division, DILG Lapu-Lapu City, DILG Cebu City, Philippine Coast Guard Auxiliary 219.2 Division, and other private individuals.

PMCC Chairperson and DILG Cebu Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero took inspiration from Governor Gwendolyn Garcia in expanding the services they offer aside from the "Libreng Tsinelas alang sa Sugbuanon" program.

"Hinaut sa among pagbisita kaninyo karon, inyong mabati nga ang gobyerno di gayud buta ug bungol sa mga gikinahanglan sa katawhan," he said.

Lucero and DILG field officers provided free Katarungang Pambarangay (KP) Law training, dubbed as "KP on Wheels", to 850 Lupong Tagapamayapa members and barangay officials.

Residents likewise availed of free legal aid services from the lawyers of DILG-7 and BFP-7.

Lucero, together with Garcia, also handed over death benefit checks, alcohol and vitamins to the families of some deceased barangay officials.



Lucero vowed that the PMCC will continue to support the provincial government in bringing government services closer to the people. The Committee in fact issued Resolution No. 03, s. 2022 strongly supporting the conduct of the Caravan every quarter.

"Kining mga 'one-of-a-kind' nga mga programa sa atong numero unong gobernador angay lang dyud nga sundon or i-replicate sa uban probinsya ug LGUs aron kitang tanan, ang tibuok nasud dungan nga magmalambuan," he said.

Garcia in return expressed her gratitude to Lucero for not only joining the caravan but also providing additional services to the Cebuanos.

"Ang provincial director sa DILG, magkuyog-kuyog ni nato. Naningkamot sab siya nga malakip ang DILG niining atong programa karon nga maghatod og serbisyo sa katawhan. Magpasalamat ta," she told the crowd.

DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trovela, who graced the Caravan in Argao on August 2, likewise commended Governor Gwendolyn Garcia for her "unique brand of governance".



DILG Cebu joins BIDA launch

The provincial staff of DILG Cebu Province headed by Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero joined the launch of the Buhay Ingatan, Droga'y Ayawan (BIDA) program for the Visayas Cluster on November 26 at Plaza Independencia, Cebu City.

They were tapped to assist the DILG Regional Office to ensure the successful launch of the program which was participated by officials of national government agencies and local government units, City/Municipal/Barangay Anti-Drug Abuse Councils, Sangguniang Kabataan officials, civil society organizations, and faith-based organizations in the Visayas region.

In line with the commitment of the administration of President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. to continue the campaign against illegal drugs "within the framework of the law and with respect for human rights", the BIDA program uses a whole-of-nation approach to raise awareness and encourage community participation in drug demand reduction.

The BIDA program was simultaneously launched nationwide particularly in Quezon City for the Luzon Cluster, Cebu City for the Visayas Cluster, and Cagayan de Oro City and Davao City for the Mindanao Cluster.

Representing DILG Secretary Benjamin C. Abalos, Jr. in the Visayas launch were Undersecretary for Local Government Marlo Iringan, Assistant Secretary for Plans and Programs Francisco Cruz, and Assistant Secretary for Administration, Finance and Comptrollership Ester Aldana.

Also present were DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trowela, DILG-8 Director Arnel Agabe, and DILG provincial and city directors.



Lucero named outstanding public servant

Lawyer Ian Kenneth Lucero, former DILG Cebu City Director and now DILG Cebu Provincial Director, marked another milestone after being recognized as one of the outstanding public servants who contributed to the productivity of the Cebu City Government.

The plaque of recognition was given during the city's 124th Philippine Independence Awards Night and Ball at Waterfront Cebu City Hotel and Casino on June 12.

Mayor Michael Rama lauded Lucero's dedicated service to the city government as the officer-in-charge of DILG Cebu City for two years since 2019 and as a full-fledged city director in June 2021. Lucero was then reassigned to DILG Cebu Province in May 2022.

Lucero expressed his heartfelt gratitude to Rama and the city government for acknowledging his contributions and trademark of quality public service during his stint as head of DILG Cebu City.





Lucero earns Master's degree

Lawyer Ian Kenneth Lucero, who heads the DILG Cebu Province, finished Master in Public Safety Administration with flying colors at the Philippine Public Safety College.

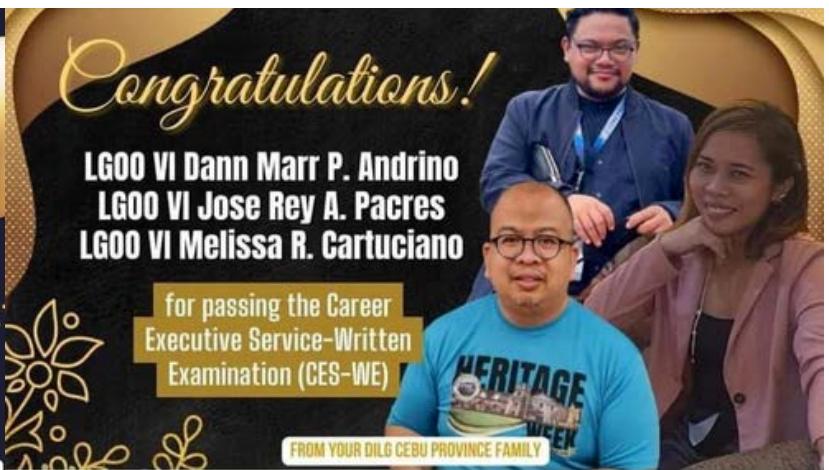
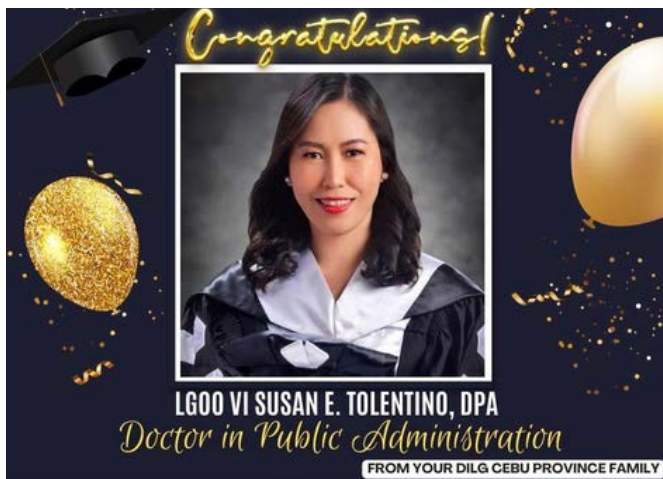
During his graduation ceremony on November 15, Lucero received Best in Policy Paper Award and Dr. Jose P. Rizal Academic Excellence Award.

His policy paper was entitled "The Delegation of Responsibilities of the Punong Barangay to the Sangguniang Barangay Members in the Delivery of Public Safety Services in Cebu City".

In an earlier interview, Lucero said he applied for the one-year government scholarship program to gain specialized knowledge on public safety which is in line with DILG's vision and mission.

"Only dead person stops dreaming and learning," he said.





DILG Cebu personnel pursue career growth

The DILG Cebu celebrates the milestones of its field officers and technical personnel of the Provincial Office in their inspiring pursuit of personal growth and professional advancement.

Setting as an example is no other than Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero, who recently earned his Master's degree in Public Safety Administration with flying colors at the Philippine Public Safety College.

Lucero was also one of the DILG-7's coaches recognized by the Local Government Academy as Level 1 Coach under the DILG Certification for coaches and mentors.

Sibonga MLGOO Susan Tolentino meanwhile finished her doctorate degree in Public Administration.

Asturias MLGOO Dann Marr Andrino, Oslob MLGOO Jose Rey Pacres and Badian MLGOO Melissa Cartuciano recently passed the Career Executive Service-Written Examination.

On the other hand, LGOO II Janieva Dandan (Batch 53) and LGOO II Niño Vincent Fiel (Batch 54) of the Provincial Office were recently declared as full-fledged LGOOs.

Pinamungajan MLGOO Jeffrey Lopez and Admin Aide IV Tereza Ruby Leprozo Administrative Aide IV took the 2022 Bar Examination last November.



FOs aid educational assistance distribution



Field officers of DILG Cebu assisted in the distribution of educational assistance to qualified beneficiaries from various local government units in the Province in August and September.

The educational assistance under the Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situation (AICS) program of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) is given to elementary, high school, senior high school, and college/vocational students to help defray the cost of tuition and other school expenses.

DILG Secretary Atty. Benjamin Abalos, Jr. issued a directive to DILG officers and local government units to extend the needed support to DSWD in ensuring the successful and peaceful implementation of the program.

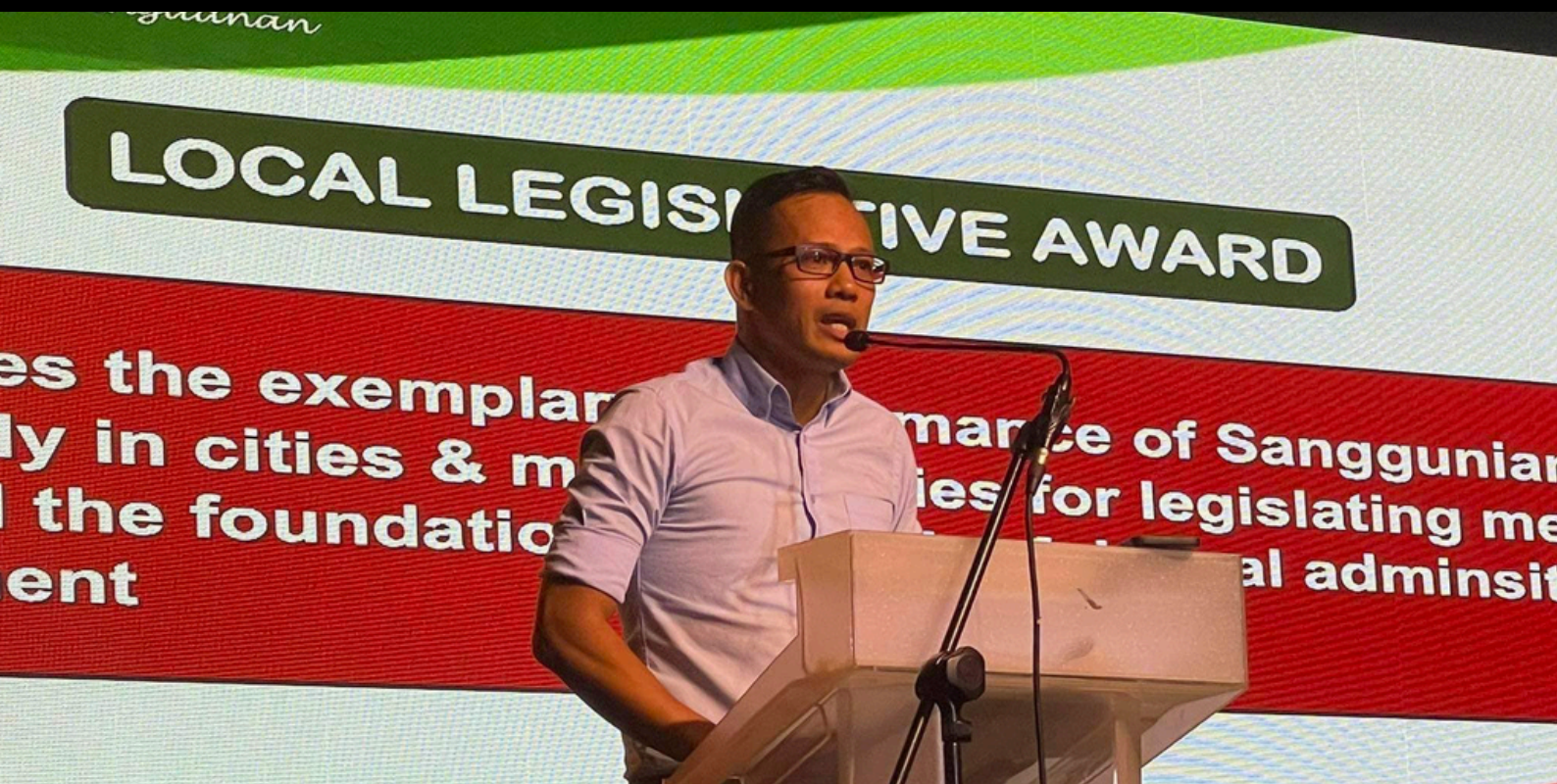
DILG Cebu recognized by RAFI

The DILG Cebu Province was one of the agencies and organizations recognized by the Ramon Aboitiz Foundation Inc. during its Partner's Night: A RAFI Christmas Celebration on December 15 at Montebello Villa Hotel, Cebu City.

RAFI, through its Humanitarian Disaster Preparedness and Response (HDPR) program, tapped DILG Cebu headed by Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero in strengthening and enhancing the disaster risk reduction and management, prevention and mitigation efforts of local government units.

They conducted disaster information, education and communication campaign activities in the Municipality of Boljoon on October 24 to 28.. During the gathering, Lucero was represented by Cluster Head LG00 VII Roxine Coyoca and Program Manager LG00 VI Rothwel Pulido.





DILG, PCL launch LLA

DILG Cebu Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero has partnered with the Philippine Councilors League (PCL) Cebu Provincial Federation President, Sangguniang Panlalawigan Ex-Officio Member and Toledo City Councilor Ricardo “Kuya Nick” Pepito in initiating the Local Legislative Award (LLA) of Cebu Province to take place in the 1st quarter of 2023.

The LLA Cebu was launched on December 1 during the 2022 Year-End Assembly of PCL Cebu wherein Lucero presented the rationale, award objective, and criteria in preparation for next year’s implementation of the term-based awards.

Lucero saw the need to revive the LLA awards system at the provincial level to give due recognition to the exemplary performance and innovations of Sangguniang Panlungsod and Sangguniang Bayan in legislating measures.

“It is right and proper to give recognition and motivation to our local sanggunian being the highest policy making body in their territories. There is nothing to implement by the executive without the policies made by them,” he said.

To recall, the PCL and DILG launched the LLA in 2006, which was last implemented in 2018.

Lucero said they will adopt all indicators of the national level but will add more indicators germane in the local setting.



Cebu kicks off founding anniversary

DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trovela and DILG Cebu Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero graced the opening salvo of the 453rd founding anniversary of Cebu Province on August 1.

Governor Gwendolyn Garcia led the celebration with the company of Vice-Governor Hilario Davide III, congressmen, members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, and mayors and vice-mayors of the component cities, municipalities and highly-urbanized cities.

The celebration kicked off with a series of activities such as flag-raising ceremony, tree planting, agri-fair opening, and a short program at the Capitol Social Hall.





Cebu relaunches 'Dancing Inmates'

DILG Cebu Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero graced the relaunch of the world-famous "Dancing Inmates" of the Cebu Provincial Detention and Rehabilitation Center on August 12.

Governor Gwendolyn Garcia led the activity which was part of the month-long celebration of Cebu's 453rd founding anniversary.

Also present during the relaunch were city and municipal mayors, officials of national government agencies, and other guests.





DILG Cebu assists LGUs' ELA formulation

The DILG Cebu Province, led by Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero, extended technical assistance during the formulation of Executive-Legislative Agenda of the local government units in the Province.

Among these LGUs were Barili, Madridejos, Borbon, Tabogon, Bogo City, Daanbantayan, Dumanjug, Sogod, Liloan, Ronda, San Fernando, and Badian.

Lucero emphasized that the unity of the local chief executives and the members of local sanggunian as one body, although performing different but related functions, is essential to realize their shared vision of improving the lives of their constituents.

"Your unified presence speaks volumes as you are set to formulate your ELA that will chart your destiny and direction for the next three years", he said.

Lucero also told the officials that the priority programs and projects to be reflected in their ELA should come from the development goals, objectives and strategies of the LGU as embodied in their respective Comprehensive Development Plans, and should be aligned with the national priorities and thrusts.

"After we have a clear plan and direction for the next three years, let us bear in mind that a plan remains a plan until implemented," he added.

Lucero was accompanied by cluster heads, respective city and municipal local government operations officers, and technical staff of the Provincial Office.





Amuma sa Barangay rolled out

Eighteen barangays in Cebu Province, particularly in Aloguinsan, Barili, Carcar City, Carmen, Dumanjug, Minglanilla, Moalboal, Talisay City, Toledo City, were among the 38 target local government units selected for the implementation of the Amuma sa Barangay program.

Derived from the Cebuano word “amuma” that means “to nourish, to take care of”, the AMUMA sa Barangay program, which is the brainchild of Regional Director Leocadio Trovela, aims to capacitate local government units so they can effectively adopt and implement programs and projects that ensure economic and livelihood security by cascading the importance of savings and financial freedom to their community savings group until they reach their full potential and financial growth.

The provincial staff of DILG Cebu and involved field officers attended a series of activities, such as the Regional Technical Working Group coordinating meeting on October 27 and training of trainers on November 10, in preparation for the kickoff of the program.

The DILG Cebu Provincial Office, together with the DILG offices of Cebu City, Mandaue and Lapu-Lapu subsequently conducted a training on November 28 which was participated by representatives of the concerned city and municipal governments, barangay officials, women leaders, Amuma champions, and DILG officers.

Daanbantayan awards DILG Cebu



The local government of Daanbantayan awarded the DILG Cebu in appreciation of the office's unwavering support and guidance in the municipality's implementation of the Barangay Drug Clearing Program.

On behalf of DILG Cebu Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero, LGOO VI Deanna Mingueto accepted the plaque of appreciation given during the first summit for Recovering Persons who Used Drugs (RPWUDs) on November 23 at the Lamberto Te Municipal Gymnasium.

Lucero, in his message delivered by Mingueto, commended the RPWUDs for their courage to turn away from drug dependence and their commitment to becoming productive members of the society again.

He also extended gratitude to the municipal government of Daanbantayan, under the leadership of Mayor Sun Shimura, for recognizing and valuing the partnership with DILG in the government's anti-illegal drug campaign.

To date, 19 out of 20 barangays in Daanbantayan were declared drug-free while 1,009 drug surrenderers successfully completed the Community-Based Drug Rehabilitation Program.

Lucero speaks before engineers

DILG Cebu Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero was invited as guest speaker during the City and Municipal Engineers Association of the Philippines and Philippine Association of Building Officials Cebu Chapter Year-end Evaluation and Seminar on December 28 at Golden Prince Hotel, Cebu City.

He stressed the critical role of the city and municipal engineers and building officials in ensuring that the buildings and structures within their jurisdictions do not pose a threat to public safety, conform to the principles of safe construction, and comply with the requirements under regulatory laws such as the National Building Code of the Philippines, Local Government Code of 1991, and local ordinances.

“And as we welcome 2023 and in the years beyond, may we always be reminded of the legal maxim “*Salus populi est suprema lex*”. The welfare of the people is the supreme law,” he stated.



Lucero likewise cited the case of Crisostomo Aquino vs. Municipality of Malay, Aklan (G.R. No. 211356, September 29, 2014) as one of the Supreme Court decisions that they may use as reference and guidance when dealing with issues on the exercise of police power by local government units.

Lucero graces Eagles' induction



Eagle and lawyer Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero, who heads the DILG Cebu Province, addressed the Cebu Elite Marksman Eagles Club (CEMEC) during its induction of new members and installation of officers for Eagle Year 2023 on December 17 at Mandarin Hotel, Cebu City.

In his fraternal message, he emphasized that more than the honor of being part of CEMEC is the challenging yet fulfilling commitment to uphold the spirit of volunteerism, promote social responsibility and create positive change in our society.

“We cannot walk towards positive change alone. Let us lock arms and make a difference together. By helping others, we find ourselves and we fulfill our purpose,” Lucero added.

219th PCGA Squadron Lucero gets new rank, awards

DILG Cebu Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero, who was recently promoted to auxiliary commander of the Philippine Coast Guard Auxiliary (PCGA), took his oath before Coast Guard District Central Visayas Commander CG COMMO Inocencio C Rosario Jr during the first year anniversary of 219th PCGA Squadron on July 1.

Lucero, who is the 219th PCGA Deputy Squadron Director for Administration and 219.2 Division Director, likewise received the certificate of recognition from the Squadron as its gratitude to DILG-7, DILG Cebu Province, and DILG Cebu City for supporting its various projects and activities during its first year of operation.

For engaging in different volunteer activities that support the mandates of PCGA, Lucero received three awards/ribbons, namely Good Conduct, Commendation, and Disaster Relief and Rehabilitation.



Lucero takes oath as Knight of Rizal

Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero, who heads the DILG Cebu Province, was among the DILG officials and personnel who took oath as new members of the Knights of Rizal (KOR) DILG Region 7 Chapter on December 5.

Lucero, who was also elected as Deputy Chapter Commander, expressed his gratitude to DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trovela and Sir Area Commander of Cebu South Bryner Diaz, KCR for inviting him to join the order.

"As I am now a full-fledged member of the order with the rank of Knight of Rizal (KR), a post-nominal title attached to my name, I pledge to observe the proper decorum of a knight and steadfastly abide by its constitution and bylaws, and promote the noble objectives of the order," Lucero said in his response.

The Knights of Rizal has been a partner of DILG-7 in various activities under the Disiplina Muna advocacy campaign, which promotes the culture of discipline as exemplified by Dr. Jose Rizal's life and writings.



DILG Cebu gets booster jabs, donates blood

Some personnel of the DILG Cebu Provincial Office led by Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero received their second booster dose of COVID-19 vaccine on August 22.

They took advantage of the pop-up site set up by the Cebu City Health Department, in coordination with the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP) Cebu City Chapter.

Meanwhile, some employees of DILG Cebu donated blood during the bloodletting activity organized by DILG-7 and Department of Health on September 30 at the DILG Regional Office.

They were MLGOO Cecille Belciña, Engr. Louies Gabutin, and PEO Catherine Sabillo.



Lucero joins Rizal's death commemoration



Some photos courtesy of Cebu City PIO

DILG Cebu Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero, who is also the Deputy Chapter Commander of the Knights of Rizal (KOR) DILG Region 7 Chapter, joined the Cebu City Government's commemoration of the 126th anniversary of the martyrdom of Dr. Jose Rizal on December 30 at Plaza Sugbo.

Lucero, along with DILG Bohol Provincial Director Jerome Gonzales, Local Government Monitoring and Evaluation Division Chief Celerino Magto Jr, Local Government Capability Development Division Assistant Division Chief Jerson Obo, and other DILG personnel who are also officers and members of the KOR DILG Region 7 Chapter, took active part during the reenactment of Rizal's death.

The KOR DILG Region 7 Chapter is led by Regional Director Leocadio Trovela.

PCGA gives gifts

Celebrating the true spirit of Christmas, the 219th Philippine Coast Guard Auxiliary (PCGA) Squadron led by Squadron Director CAPT Ludwig Amandoron distributed gift packs each to 300 families in Barangay Cogon Pardo, Cebu City on December 24.

The gift giving activity was in partnership with the barangay government headed by Cogon Pardo Punong Barangay and 219th Squadron LCDR Harry Eran.

Also present were DILG Cebu Provincial Director, 219th PCGA Deputy Squadron Director for Administration and 219.2 Division Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero; 219.1 Division Director CDR Neil Andales; other 219th PCGA officers; and barangay councilors.



Some photos courtesy of 219th PCGA and PCGA CDR Von Sapio

DILG Cebu plants trees



Personnel of DILG Cebu Province headed by Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero joined the DILG-7 family during its simultaneous nationwide tree planting in Barangay Calidngan, Carcar City on September 13.

Also present were the DILG Regional Office, Coast Guard District Central Visayas, Police Regional Office, Bureau of Fire Protection, Bureau of Jail Management and Penology, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Department of Agriculture, Department of Education, Task Group Cebu of Philippine Army, Carcar City Government, and barangay officials.

They planted a total of 1,600 native tree seedlings in support of the priorities of President Ferdinand Marcos Jr in preserving the environment and natural resources.

DILG Cebu oriented on SHIELD

LG00 V Ginable Ejoc and LG00 II Randel Cedio Samonte of DILG Cebu Province attended the orientation on the Strengthening Institutions and Empowering Localities against Disasters and Climate Change (SHIELD) program in Pasig City on August 18.

The DILG - Bureau of Local Government Development (BLGD), in coordination with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), initiated the activity.

SHIELD is a seven-year program with grant funding from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade - Australian Government to build institutional and community resilience to climate change and natural hazards while taking into account the systemic nature of these risks.



Lucero joins Oslob's Heritage Week culmination

DILG Cebu Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero graced the culminating activity of the 12th Heritage Week of the Municipality of Oslob on September 30.

Lucero commended the municipality under the leadership of Mayor Ronald Guaren for their relentless efforts in preserving and promoting their local heritage and culture, which he said is a shared responsibility between the government and community.

"This is a clear manifestation that Oslob is indeed an epitome for preservation of historical and cultural sites," he added.

Present during the activity were MLG00 Jose Rey Pacres, Sangguniang Bayan members, municipal department heads and personnel, teachers, and other stakeholders.



BHERTs acknowledged

All organized Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams (BHERTs) in the 1,066 barangays in Cebu Province received the awards from the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) for their significant efforts in COVID-19 response.

Field officers of DILG Cebu Province conferred the “Sertipiko ng Katibayan sa Kahusayan at Kasipagan ng BHERT” certificates to the members of BHERTs during the third quarter of 2022.

This was in line with the implementation of the Barangay Health Emergency Response Team Excellence Awards in Thwarting the Coronavirus Disease (BEAT COVID-19) Project of former DILG secretary Eduardo Año.



Contact tracers recognized

At least 31 DILG-hired contact tracers received certificates of appreciation from DILG Cebu Province on August 31 as their contracts of services ended.

DILG Cebu Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero initiated the virtual recognition ceremony to express his gratitude and commendation to all contact tracers, whom he described as the “silent heroes” for their significant contribution to the fight against coronavirus disease.

Lucero emphasized the importance of contact tracing as it helped control the spread of the virus, especially at the height of the pandemic in 2020.



Lucero joins media dialogue

DILG Cebu Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero and Cebu Police Provincial Office (CPPO) Provincial Director PCOL Rommel Ochave answered queries from members of the media during a dialogue at CPPO Conference Hall on October 20.

"This is a very good opportunity na magkaroon po tayo ng dialogue and kung ano din ang mga concerns ninyo, nandito po ang kapulisan natin to ensure your safety", Lucero told the media.

He also talked about the "Buhay Ingatan, Droga'y Ayawan" (BIDA) advocacy program recently launched by the Department to raise awareness and encourage participation from all sectors of the community in drug demand reduction.



Officials visit Lucero

Newly installed Commander of the Joint Task Group Cebu, Col. Joey Escanillas paid a courtesy visit on DILG Cebu Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero on September 2.

Part of their discussion was the Retooled Community Support Program (RCSP).

Meanwhile, the Youth for Peace - Batan-on sa Isla sa Sugbo, Dalangpan sa Kalinaw ug Kalambuan and the Armed Forces of the Philippines visited Lucero October 20 to present the group's plan for the youth on peace and security in partnership with the Department, Sangguniang Kabataan and Local Youth Development Offices.

On the other hand, Cebu Police Provincial Office Director PCOL Rommel Ochave and Provincial Investigation and Detective Management Unit Chief PLTCOL Judy Mar Bonilla went to Lucero on October 27 to tackle the upcoming activities with DILG Cebu.

Lucero also gave Ochave a copy of his latest book entitled "Jurisdictional and Procedural Aspects: Revised Katarungang Pambarangay Law" 2021 Edition.





NGAs, orgs visit Lucero

Officials of national government agencies and organizations visited Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Cebu Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero.

On June 3, Cebu Provincial Fire Director Supt Manases Bautista and his team discussed with Lucero the status and concerns involving the component local government units with fire stations and fire trucks, and upcoming activities of the Provincial Management and Coordinating Committee.

Meanwhile, National Commission of Senior Citizens Chairman Atty. Franklin Quijano and his colleagues paid a courtesy visit on Lucero on June 14 and presented their plans, programs, projects, and future activities.

On June 21, Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency Cebu Provincial Officer IA V Milva Motado, Assistant Cebu Provincial Officer IA III Joanna Mirador, and IO I Joahana Maris Bisabis also visited Lucero and provided him with a copy of the manual of operations for the Barangay Drug Clearing Program (BDCP).

Motado also turned over to Lucero the plaque of appreciation for his wife, Jhoaden Lucero, who was the former DILG Cebu provincial director and now DILG-5 assistant regional director, for her invaluable contribution to the successful implementation of BDCP in the Province.



Cluster Stories

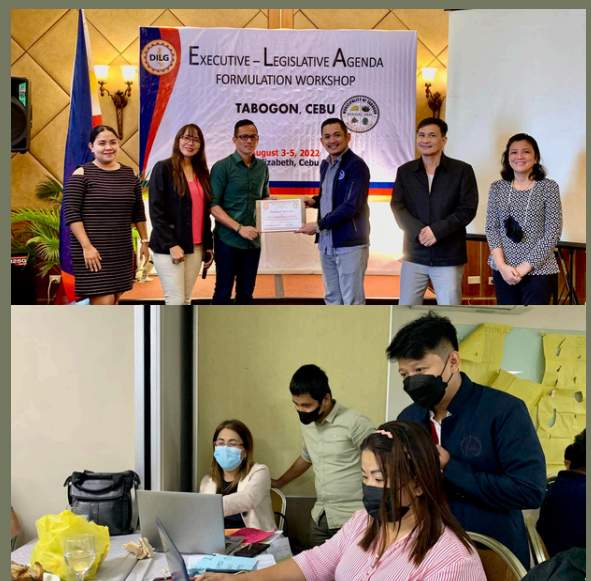
CLUSTER BUGSAY

100% Bugsay LGUs formulate ELA

All 12 local government units under the Cluster Bugsay successfully conducted their seminar-workshops on the formulation of their Executive-Legislative Agenda (ELA) for the term 2023-2025.

The cluster committed that the ELA should be formulated within the first 100 days of assumption of the new set of local officials so that all the LGUs shall have submitted the document by October 10 or three days prior the deliverable was due.

The ELA is a unifying document corresponding to the term of local elective officials that is developed and mutually agreed upon by both executive and legislative departments of the local government.



319 PWUDs in Asturias finish rehab



Around 319 persons who used drugs (PWUDs) in Asturias, Cebu completed rehabilitation sessions and activities under the "Druga Atong Taposon Uswag Katilingbang Asturiasnon" (DATU KA) program of the municipality.

The PWUDs, forming the second batch of graduates, received their certificates of completion and five kilos of rice during their graduation graced by Mayor Dana Andrew Dum Dum and other local officials at Asturias Sports Complex on August 4.

DATU KA program is a holistic wellness program and life coach training institutionalized by the municipal government to help people with substance use disorders achieve and maintain a meaningful and sustained recovery.

Launched in September 2019, it is likewise an initiative of the Municipal Anti-Drug Abuse Council to produce drug-cleared barangays by ensuring the implementation of the Community Based Rehabilitation Program in the barangay level.



CLUSTER BUGSAY

Asturias MPOC-MADAC confer awards

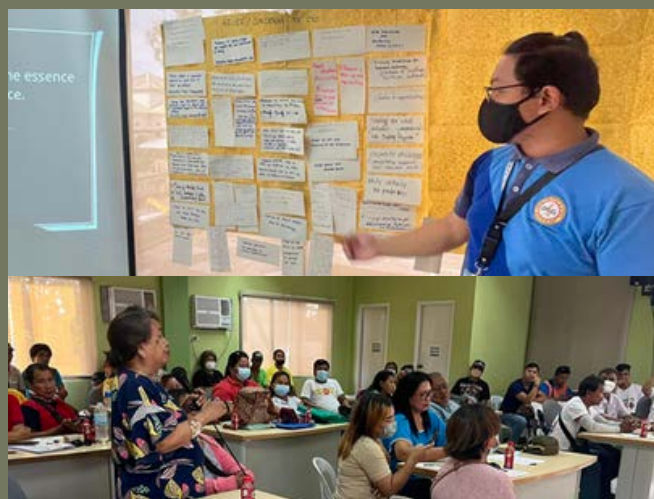
The Municipal Peace and Order Council and Municipal Anti-Drug Abuse Council of Asturias, Cebu gave recognition to outstanding Barangay Peace and Order Committee (BPOC), high-performing Barangay Anti-Drug Abuse Councils (BADACs), and exemplary tanods and Lupong Tagapamayapa.

The awardees received cash incentives from Mayor Dana Andrew Dumdum, certificates, and medals/ribbons during the kickoff ceremony of the National Peace Consciousness Month and culminating activity of the National Crime Prevention Week on September 6.

They were Barangay Langub as the lone outstanding BPOC; Barangay Tagbubonga and Bog-o as functional BADACs; and Barangays Owak, Agtugop, Kaluangan and Bairan for earning highest scores in the recently concluded functionality audit.



Bugsay FOs hold CSO confab



Field officers of the Bugsay Cluster partnered with their municipal governments in organizing the conference for Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) seeking representation to the Local Special Bodies (LSBs) during the third quarter of 2022.

The CSO Conference provided an avenue for CSOs to understand and raise clarifications on the DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2022-083 providing for the guidelines of their accreditation and selection of representatives to the LSBs.

CLUSTER BUGSAY

Asturias CSOs elect LSB reps

Accredited and recognized civil society organizations (CSOs) in Asturias, Cebu elected their representatives in the different Local Special Bodies (LSBs) of the municipality on October 12.

These CSOs sought representation in the Municipal Development Council, Municipal School Board, Municipal Health Board, Municipal Peace and Order Council, People's Law Enforcement Board, and Bids and Awards Committee.

Municipal Administrative Officer Atty. Annaliza Jayme emphasized the importance of citizen participation in responsive and participatory local governance which will result in effective service delivery and efficient use of resources.

During the activity, the newly elected LSB representatives were likewise oriented on their roles and responsibilities.



STATUS OF LOCALLY-FUNDED PROJECTS

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2022

MUNICIPALITY/CITY	TOTAL FUNDS	COMPLETED	ON GOING	NOT YET STARTED	REMARKS
ASTURIAS	92,656,566.00	77,656,566.00	10,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	
BALAMBAN	82,119,775.00	77,119,775.00	-	5,000,000.00	
BANTAYAN	141,952,743.06	120,858,743.06		9,000,000.00	Php 1,586,686.22 returned Php 10,507,313.78 advised to be returned to Bureau of Treasury
CITY OF BOGO	87,529,802.37	61,329,802.37	26,200,000.00	-	
DAANBANTAYAN	78,223,772.25	73,223,772.25	5,000,000.00	-	
MADRIDEJOS	86,691,230.00	80,691,230.00	2,000,000.00	4,000,000.00	
MEDELLIN	110,652,538.73	110,652,538.73	-	-	
SAN REMIGIO	104,652,538.73	104,652,538.73	-	-	
SANTA FE	112,116,898.34	94,735,898.34	3,381,000.00	14,000,000.00	
TABOGON	98,077,211.00	93,077,211.00	-	5,000,000.00	
TABUELAN	69,010,753.80	64,010,753.80	-	5,000,000.00	
TUBURAN	114,712,770.25	77,978,770.25	31,734,000.00	5,000,000.00	
CLUSTER BUGSAY	1,178,396,599.53	1,035,987,599.53	78,315,000.00	52,000,000.00	

CLUSTER D A S I G

MLGOO Anonar assists in AICS

Minglanilla MLGOO Irene Anonar provided technical assistance and monitoring in the orderly distribution of the educational assistance under the Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situation (AICS) program of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).

A total of 793 students received the assistance on August 27, September 17, and September 24 at Minglanilla Central School.



Minglanilla's FDP compliance validated



The Bureau of Local Government Supervision validated the compliance of the Municipality of Minglanilla, Cebu with the Full Disclosure Policy (FDP) on September 29.

The validation team was assisted by Minglanilla MLGOO Irene Anonar.

The FDP requires all provinces, cities and municipalities to fully disclose their financial documents in the FDP Portal and in three visible places to inform their constituents how the local budget is managed and spent.



CLUSTER D A S I G

SK leaders in Argao reoriented

Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) chairpersons, secretaries and treasurers from the 45 barangays in the Municipality of Argao underwent mandatory training refresher course on August 29.

The activity was organized by the SK Federation of Argao, Liga ng mga Barangay (LNB) and DILG Argao in response to the rising issues on resignation of SK secretaries and treasurers and non-opening of some SK bank accounts.

Serving as resource persons were Argao MLGOO Lewelyn Arquillano, SB Member Venerando Villaflor, HRMO Maribeth Rubia, MBO Leah Relampago and Municipal Accountant Deodora Carillo.

SK Federation President Yves Mariele Dela Peña, LNB President Guillermo Caminero, Jr, Atty. Jonathan C. Villegas Sr, and SB Member Elizer Canada graced the activity.



CLUSTER DASIG

Argao brgys trained on computer literacy



Barangay secretaries, encoders and treasurers in Argao, Cebu participated in the computer literacy seminar-workshop facilitated by LGU Argao Information Technology Officer Charlton Teo and MLGOO Lewelyn Arquillano.

To accommodate all 45 barangays, the capacity development activity was conducted in two batches on July 19 to 21 and August 9 to 11 at Cagigas Royal Garden, Poblacion, Argao.

It aimed to capacitate the barangay personnel on the use of Microsoft applications and in-house Barangay Management System.

STATUS OF LOCALLY-FUNDED PROJECTS

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2022

MUNICIPALITY/CITY	TOTAL FUNDS	COMPLETED	ON GOING	NOT YET STARTED
CARCAR CITY	59,273,880.60	27,180,343.60	-	32,093,537.00
CITY OF NAGA	39,395,788.68	24,395,788.68	-	15,000,000.00
DALAGUETE	94,540,425.00	65,040,425.00	-	29,500,000.00
MINGLANILLA	62,207,948.00	57,207,948.00	-	5,000,000.00
OSLOB	63,230,273.00	35,230,273.00	-	28,000,000.00
SAN FERNANDO	64,711,091.00	64,711,091.00	-	-
SANTANDER	102,598,523.00	79,598,523.00	-	23,000,000.00
SIBONGA	87,070,623.00	77,070,623.00	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00
TALISAY CITY	43,600,000.00	23,600,000.00	-	20,000,000.00
CLUSTER DASIG	830,068,550.36	599,221,013.36	23,254,000.00	207,593,537.00

CLUSTER

T I G - A

Liloan seeks most disaster resilient brgy

In celebration of the National Disaster Resilience Month in July, the Municipality of Liloan launched in July its first Search for the Most Disaster Resilient Barangay as a means of recognition and incentivization for barangays that undertook measures and initiatives on disaster risk reduction and management (DRRM).

The awards program features two categories namely Best Barangay Emergency Response Unit and Barangay Checklist for Barangay DRRM Council Resiliency.

It is organized in coordination with the Municipal Management Coordination Council composed of DILG, PNP and BFP.



Sogod formulates CDP, ELA



The executive and legislative departments of the Municipality of Sogod successfully conducted their Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) and Executive-Legislative Agenda (ELA) planning and formulation workshop in August.

Mayor Lissa Marie Durano-Streegan presented her executive agenda covering five most important sectors namely economic, social, infrastructure, environment, and institutional.

She also congratulated the administration of former mayor and now Vice Mayor Richard Streegan in accomplishing its long-term plan which she eyed to continue during her term.

"I congratulate the Municipality of Sogod for this activity nga ato gyud gitan-aw ang kaayuhan ug kalambuan for the constituents of Sogod," said DILG Cebu Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero who graced the activity.

Sogod MLGOO Sheila Denden facilitated the four-day workshop with MPDC Engineer Jose Gonzalo Tumalak.

CLUSTER TIG - A

Borbon trained on LCCAP, MDRRM Plan

Municipal officials, functionaries and personnel of Borbon, Cebu attended the Local Climate Change Action Plan (LCCAP) Formulation-Workshop and Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (MDRRM) Plan Updating on August 1 to 3 at Cebu Parklane International Hotel.

Liloan MLGOO James Andrew Andaya, Local Government Capability Development Division Assistant Division Chief Jerson Obo and LGOO VI Kim Galacio of Mandaue City served as the resource persons.



Borbon marks Family Planning Day



The Municipality of Borbon, Cebu celebrated this year's Family Planning Day on August 23 to emphasize the importance of planning for the family and improving the quality of life.

The participating mothers receive their preferred family planning methods and five kilos of rice from the municipal government.

Borbon MLGOO Cecille Belciña served as the chair of the Board of Judges during the search for the Miss Family Planning 2022.

Other highlights of the celebration were Zumba dance, free insertion of Implanon and IUD, free DMPA injection, and provision of pills and condoms.

CLUSTER TIG - A

Borbon plants 1,568 seedlings

A total of 1,568 seedlings were planted by the Municipality of Borbon during the nationwide simultaneous tree planting activity on September 13.

Mayor Noel Dotillos and Vice-Mayor Roy Melgo led the 160 participants composed of municipal officials, national and local government functionaries, and other personnel at the planting site in Sitio Lunas, Barangay Cadaruhan.

Meanwhile, the 18 barangays also participated by setting up their planting sites within their localities.



STATUS OF LOCALLY-FUNDED PROJECTS

MUNICIPALITY/CITY	TOTAL FUNDS	COMPLETED	ON GOING	NOT YET STARTED
BORBON	79,104,380.00	61,104,380.00	13,000,000.00	5,000,000.00
CARMEN	57,612,370.00	52,612,370.00	5,000,000.00	-
CATMON	72,403,415.00	57,403,415.00	-	15,000,000.00
COMPOSTELA	66,256,422.00	41,256,422.00	10,000,000.00	15,000,000.00
CONSOLACION	70,305,358.00	55,305,358.00	-	15,000,000.00
CORDOVA	63,710,102.00	47,146,551.00	16,563,551.00	-
DANAO CITY	42,517,622.00	37,517,622.00	5,000,000.00	-
LILLOAN	50,647,760.00	50,647,760.00	-	-
PILAR	56,631,110.42	46,631,110.42	-	10,000,000.00
PORO	72,642,008.00	52,642,008.00	10,000,000.00	10,000,000.00
SAN FRANCISCO	67,735,747.00	52,735,747.00	-	15,000,000.00
SOGOD	100,159,816.72	95,159,816.72	5,000,000.00	-
TUDELA	43,507,894.00	43,507,894.00	-	-
CLUSTER TIG-A	843,234,005.14	693,670,454.14	64,563,551.00	85,000,000.00

CLUSTER T R I B U

Malabuyoc BPATs trained

The Barangay Peacekeeping Action Teams (BPATs) of the 14 barangays in Malabuyoc, Cebu underwent a three-day training on August 9 to 11 to equip themselves as first responders to crime incidents in their communities.

The capacity development activity was organized by the municipal government in close coordination with Malabuyoc MLGOO Elvie Samson-Gaudan and the local Philippine National Police.

The culminating activity was graced by Mayor Erlinda Piedad, Vice-Mayor Ann Deborah Alloda, Sangguniang Bayan Member Manolito Quiñanola, punong barangay, and other officials.



CLUSTER T R I B U

Moalboal IMTF for CFLGA convenes



Moalboal MLGOO Lyn Aguelo called for the first organizational meeting of the Inter-agency Monitoring Task Force (IMTF) in preparation for the upcoming 2022 Child-Friendly Local Governance Audit (CFLGA) audit assessing the municipality's performance in 2021.

The Moalboal IMTF for CFLGA is chaired by Aguelo, with MSWDO Christy Villaceran as Vice-Chairperson, and MHO Dr. Nicole Alexis Machacon, MPDC-Designate Engr. Noel Grengia, DepEd District Supervisor Delia Alocillo, and CSO Representative Jessica Baga, as members.



The CFLGA is a results-based assessment tool and annual mandatory audit for all cities and municipalities to gauge the level of performance of LGUs in implementing programs and instituting measures to uplift the welfare of children.

Passers of the audit are conferred with the Seal of Child-Friendly Local Governance and may qualify for the Presidential Award for Child-Friendly Municipalities and Cities.

STATUS OF LOCALLY-FUNDED PROJECTS

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2022

MUNICIPALITY/CITY	TOTAL FUNDS	COMPLETED	ON GOING	NOT YET STARTED
ALCANTARA	64,866,370.00	34,866,370.00	20,000,000.00	10,000,000.00
ALEGRIA	103,352,642.00	73,352,642.00	20,000,000.00	10,000,000.00
ALOGUINSAN	61,630,561.00	32,630,561.00	14,000,000.00	15,000,000.00
BADIAN	54,146,390.00	44,146,390.00	-	10,000,000.00
BARILI	83,225,520.00	73,225,520.00	-	10,000,000.00
DUMANJUG	61,497,180.00	17,497,180.00	20,000,000.00	24,000,000.00
GINATILAN	63,806,224.00	48,806,224.00	-	15,000,000.00
MALABUYOC	77,115,193.01	67,115,193.01	-	10,000,000.00
MOALBOAL	103,777,771.00	83,777,771.00	10,000,000.00	10,000,000.00
PINAMUNGAJAN	94,815,873.00	86,815,873.00	-	8,000,000.00
RONDA	86,975,009.00	70,975,009.00	16,000,000.00	-
SAMBOAN	106,125,672.00	84,125,672.00	12,000,000.00	10,000,000.00
TOLEDO CITY	20,000,000.00	-	-	20,000,000.00
CLUSTER TRIBU	981,334,405.01	717,334,405.01	112,000,000.00	152,000,000.00

Legal Hub



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MUNICIPALITY OF CORELLA, represented by MAYOR JOSE NICANOR D. TOCMO, Petitioners, vs. PHILKONSTRAK DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION and VITO RAPAL, Respondents.

FACTS:

The Municipality of Corella in Bohol, through then mayor Rapal, entered into a contract agreement with Philkonstrak for the rehabilitation and improvement of the municipal waterworks system for a total amount of P15,997,732.63.

As of December 2009, Philkonstrak accomplished more than 50% of the work essential for the project and demanded Corella to pay for the actual expenses it incurred in the amount of P8,233,000.00.

Corella, through now Mayor Tocmo, refused to pay and denied liability, questioning the validity of the contract and averring that Rapal had no authority to enter into such contract.

Philkonstrak filed before the Construction Industry Arbitration Commission (CIAC) a complaint for collection of sum of money against Corella and Rapal.

Rapal averred that he was authorized to enter into the contract with Philkonstrak in accordance with Municipal Ordinance No. 2010-0228 or "An Ordinance Appropriating the Amount of Twenty-Seven Million Pesos (Php 27,000,000.00) for the Purchase of the Following Heavy Equipment: One Unit Brand New Road Grader, One Unit Reconditioned Road Roller, and Rehabilitation/Improvement on the Existing Waterworks System of the [Local Government Unit]."

Corella asserted that the contract is not binding because Municipal Ordinance No. 2010-02 was in violation of Article 107(g) of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the "Local Government Code (LGC) of 1991."

The CIAC issued a Decision finding the contract between Philkonstrak and Corella to be valid, which was affirmed by the Court of Appeals (CA).

ISSUES:

- Whether or not a separate Sangguniang Bayan authorization is still necessary when the appropriation ordinance is sufficient in detail.
- Whether or not an appropriation ordinance requires the affirmative vote of a majority of all the Sangguniang members.
- Whether or not the Principle of Quantum Merit is applicable in this case.

RULINGS:

1. No separate sangguniang bayan authorization is necessary when the appropriation ordinance is sufficient in detail.

Tocmo asserts that before then Mayor Rapal entered into the contract on behalf of Corella with Philkonstrak, two requirements were necessary to be met: (1) prior authorization from the sangguniang bayan of Corella, in accordance with Section 22(c) of LGC and Section 37 of the Government Procurement Act; and (2) the appropriation ordinance or resolution authorizing or directing the payment of money or creating a liability, in accordance with Article 107(g) of the IRR of the LGC.

The Court disagrees. In the landmark case of Quisumbing v. Garcia, the Court delineated when a sangguniang bayan authorization is still necessary to accompany the appropriation ordinance and when it is not. Depending on the circumstances of the case, if the **project is provided for in sufficient detail** in the appropriation ordinance, meaning the transactions, bonds, contracts, documents, and other obligations the mayor would enter into in behalf of the municipality, among others, are enumerated, then **no separate authorization is necessary**. On the other hand, if the project is merely couched in general and generic terms, then a separate approval by the sangguniang bayan in accordance with the law is required.

In the case at bar, the one-paged appropriation ordinance specifically and expressly set aside an amount of money, P27,000,000.00, for certain projects, including the purchase of specific heavy equipment and rehabilitation/improvement of the existing waterworks system of the municipality. Municipal Ordinance No. 2010-02, having sufficiently covered the project and the cost in detail, need not be accompanied by a prior sangguniang bayan authorization any longer.

2. An appropriation ordinance requires the affirmative vote of a majority of all the sanggunian members.

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G.R. No. 218663, February 28, 2022 (Second Division)

MUNICIPALITY OF CORELLA, represented by MAYOR JOSE NICANOR D. TOCMO, Petitioners, vs. PHILKONSTRAK DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION and VITO RAPAL, Respondents.

Article 107(g) of the IRR of the LGC provides the **general rule** that no ordinance or resolution shall be passed by the sanggunian without prior approval of a **majority of all the members present**. The **exception to the general rule** is that for ordinances or resolutions **authorizing or directing the payment of money or creating a liability**, what is needed is the affirmative vote of a **majority of all the sanggunian members, whether present or not**. Simply, the quorum in the general rule depends on the number of the sanggunian members present while the quorum in the exception depends on the total number of sanggunian members voted into office.

In the case at bar, Corella asserts that Municipal Ordinance No. 2010-02, the appropriation ordinance in question, directs and authorizes the payment of money; thus, requires a majority vote of **all the members** of the sangguniang bayan, not only of the members present. Thus, since the sangguniang bayan of Corella is composed of a total of 11 members, the majority vote of six is required in order for Municipal Ordinance No. 2010-02 to be valid and binding. However, the municipal ordinance only obtained five affirmative votes, based on the quorum on the sanggunian members **present** at that time, which was eight members. Thus, Tocmo contends that Municipal Ordinance No. 2010-02 is null and void. Consequently, the contract between Corella and Philkonstrak is null and void too.

The term "appropriation," as defined under Section 306, Title V of the Local Government Code "refers to an authorization made by **ordinance, directing the payment of goods and services** from local government funds under specified conditions or for specific purposes."

Juxtaposing this definition with the exception in Article 107(g) of the IRR of the Local Government Code, that **"any ordinance x x x authorizing or directing the payment of money x x x, shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of all the sanggunian members,"** it is express and clear that an "appropriation ordinance" is one such ordinance contemplated in the exception.

The definition of the term **"appropriation"** in the LGC is clear: [i]t is an authorization made by an ordinance that **directs the payment of money**. The exception to the general rule of the prescribed voting requirement in the IRR of the LGC is clear: an ordinance that directs or authorizes the payment of money **needs a quorum of all the sanggunian members, not only of those sanggunian members present**.

3. The principle of quantum meruit is applicable in this case.

Quantum meruit literally means **"as much as he deserves."** This legal principle, a principle predicated on equity, states that a person may recover a reasonable value of the thing he delivered or the service he rendered. It is a device to **prevent undue enrichment** based on the equitable postulate that it is unjust for a person to retain a benefit without paying for it.

The Court has held in the past that recovery on the basis of quantum meruit is allowed **despite the invalidity** or absence of a written contract between a contractor and a government agency. **The absence or invalidity of required documents would not necessarily preclude the contractor from receiving payment for the services he or she has rendered for the government.**

Thus, in the case at bar, **despite the invalidity of Municipal Ordinance No. 2010-02, which in turn rendered the contract between Corella and Philkonstrak, invalid**, the latter is **still entitled to receive payment** for the services it rendered for the local government of Corella. Corella cannot be unjustly enriched and allowed to retain the benefits of the services rendered by Philkonstrak without properly paying for it.

**GOV. LUIS RAYMUND F. VILLAFUERTE, JR., and the PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR,
Petitioners, vs. HON. JESSE M. ROBREDO, in his capacity as Secretary of the Department of
the Interior and Local Government, Respondent.**

DILG MCs not infringement of local and fiscal autonomy

FACTS:

In 1995, the Commission on Audit (COA) conducted an examination and audit on the manner the local government units (LGUs) utilized their Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) for the calendar years 1993-1994. The examination yielded an official report, showing that a substantial portion of the 20% development fund of some LGUs was not actually utilized for development projects but was diverted to expenses properly chargeable against the Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE), in stark violation of Section 287 of R.A. No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 (LGC).

Subsequently, the late Honorable Jesse M. Robredo (respondent), in his capacity as then Secretary of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), issued the following issuances:

- (a) Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 2010-83 dated August 31, 2010, pertaining to the full disclosure of local budget and finances, and bids and public offerings;
- (b) MC No. 2010-138 dated December 2, 2010, pertaining to the use of the 20% component of the annual internal revenue allotment shares; and
- (c) MC No. 2011-08 dated January 13, 2011, pertaining to the strict adherence to Section 90 of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 10147 or the General Appropriations Act of 2011.

Former Governor Luis Raymund F. Villafuerte, Jr. and the Province of Camarines Sur (petitioners) filed a petition for certiorari and prohibition seeking to annul and set aside the aforementioned issuances on the ground of unconstitutionality and for having been issued with grave abuse of discretion amounting to lack or excess of jurisdiction.

ISSUE:

Whether or not the assailed memorandum circulars violate the principles of local and fiscal autonomy enshrined in the Constitution and the LGC.

RULING:

No. The assailed memorandum circulars do not transgress the local and fiscal autonomy granted to LGUs.

A reading of MC No. 2010-138 shows that it is a mere reiteration of an existing provision in the LGC. It was plainly intended to remind LGUs to faithfully observe the directive stated in Section 287 of the LGC to utilize the 20% portion of the IRA for development projects.

It was, at best, an advisory to LGUs to examine themselves if they have been complying with the law. It must be recalled that the assailed circular was issued in response to the report of the COA that a substantial portion of the 20% development fund of some LGUs was not actually utilized for development projects but was diverted to expenses more properly categorized as MOOE, in violation of Section 287 of the LGC.

Contrary to the petitioners' posturing, however, the enumeration was not meant to restrict the discretion of the LGUs in the utilization of their funds. It was meant to enlighten LGUs as to the nature of the development fund by delineating it from other types of expenses. It was incorporated in the assailed circular in order to guide them in the proper disposition of the IRA and avert further misuse of the fund by citing current practices which seemed to be incompatible with the purpose of the fund. Even then, LGUs remain at liberty to map out their respective development plans solely on the basis of their own judgment and utilize their IRAs accordingly, with the only restriction that 20% thereof be expended for development projects.

The petitioners likewise misread the issuance by claiming that the provision of sanctions therein is a clear indication of the President's interference in the fiscal autonomy of LGUs. Significantly, the issuance itself did not provide for sanctions. It did not particularly establish a new set of acts or omissions which are deemed violations and provide the corresponding penalties therefor. It simply stated a reminder to LGUs that there are existing rules to considering the disbursement of the 20% development fund and that non-compliance therewith may render them liable to sanctions which are provided in the LGC and other applicable laws. Nonetheless, this warning for possible imposition of sanctions did not alter the advisory nature of the issuance. At any rate, LGUs must be reminded that the local autonomy granted to them does not completely sever them from the national government or turn them into impenetrable states. Autonomy does not make local governments sovereign within the state.

As in MC No. 2010-138, the Court finds nothing in two other questioned issuances of the respondent, i.e., MC Nos. 2010-83 and 2011-08, that can be construed as infringing on the fiscal autonomy of LGUs. The petitioners claim that the requirement to post other documents in the mentioned issuances went beyond the letter and spirit of Section 352 of the LGC and R.A. No. 9184, otherwise known as the Government Procurement Reform Act, by requiring that budgets, expenditures, contracts and loans, and procurement plans of LGUs be publicly posted as well.

It is well to remember that **fiscal autonomy does not leave LGUs with unbridled discretion in the disbursement of public funds. They remain accountable to their constituency. For, public office was created for the benefit of the people and not the person who holds office.**

The assailed issuances of the respondent, MC Nos. 2010-83 and 2011-08, are but implementation of this avowed policy of the State to make public officials accountable to the people. **They are amalgamations of existing laws, rules and regulation designed to give teeth to the constitutional mandate of transparency and accountability.**

It is inconceivable, however, how the publication of budgets, expenditures, contracts and loans and procurement plans of LGUs required in the assailed issuances could have infringed on the local fiscal autonomy of LGUs. Firstly, the issuances do not interfere with the discretion of the LGUs in the specification of their priority projects and the allocation of their budgets. The posting requirements are mere transparency measures which do not at all hurt the manner by which LGUs decide the utilization and allocation of their funds.

Secondly, it appears that even Section 352 of the LGC that is being invoked by the petitioners does not exclude the requirement for the posting of the additional documents stated in MC Nos. 2010-83 and 2011-08. Apparently, the mentioned provision requires the publication of "a summary of revenues collected and funds received, including the appropriations and disbursements of such funds." The additional requirement for the posting of budgets, expenditures, contracts and loans, and procurement plans are well- within the contemplation of Section 352 of the LGC considering they are documents necessary for an accurate presentation of a summary of appropriations and disbursements that an LGU is required to publish.

Finally, the Court believes that the supervisory powers of the President are broad enough to embrace the power to require the publication of certain documents as a mechanism of transparency. Moreover, the Constitution, which was drafted after long years of dictatorship and abuse of power, is now replete with numerous provisions directing the adoption of measures to uphold transparency and accountability in government, with a view of protecting the nation from repeating its atrocious past. In particular, the Constitution commands the strict adherence to full disclosure of information on all matters relating to official transactions and those involving public interest.

In the instant case, **the assailed issuances were issued pursuant to the policy of promoting good governance through transparency, accountability and participation.** The action of the respondent is certainly within the constitutional bounds of his power as alter ego of the President.

It is needless to say that the power to govern is a delegated authority from the people who hailed the public official to office through the democratic process of election. His stay in office remains a privilege which may be withdrawn by the people should he betray his oath of office. Thus, he must not frown upon accountability checks which aim to show how well he is performing his delegated power. For, it is through these mechanisms of transparency and accountability that he is able to prove to his constituency that he is worthy of the continued privilege.



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