



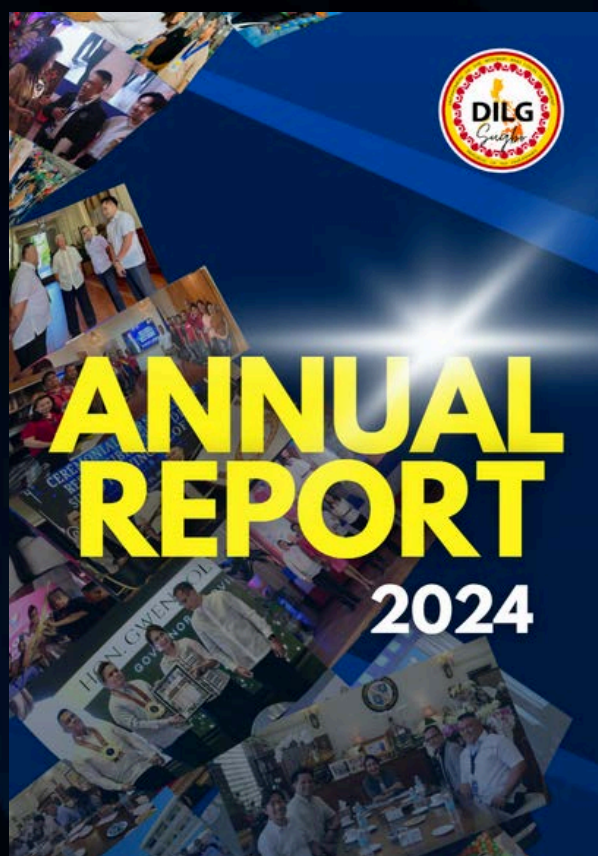
ANNUAL REPORT 2024



ABOUT THE COVER

The 2024 Annual Report cover for DILG *Sugbo* is a visual representation of the milestones and achievements of the year. Designed with simplicity and significance, it features a collage of photos capturing key events and accomplishments that reflect the dedication, collaboration, and hard work of field officers, provincial staff, officials of local government units, and partners.

This compilation of milestones reflects the unified efforts of DILG *Sugbo* in implementing meaningful and responsive programs.





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.

MESSAGE FROM THE PROVINCIAL DIRECTOR



We present to you the 2024 Annual Report of DILG Sugbo.

The year 2024 marked a period of transition and renewed commitment for DILG Sugbo, as we embraced change in leadership while staying steadfast in our mission of promoting excellence in local governance.

Our achievements this year would not have been possible without the support and dedication of our field officers, provincial staff, and the steadfast leadership of DILG Regional Director Atty. Leocadio Trovela and Assistant Regional Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero.

Also, through collaboration with our local officials headed by Cebu Governor Gwendolyn Garcia and other development partners, we have achieved significant milestones in strengthening local government functionality, transparency, and accountability.

As we move forward, may our shared commitment to good governance continue to prosper in the coming years.


DR. JESUS ROBEL T. SASTRILLO JR., CESE

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EXCELLENCE IN LOCAL GOVERNANCE UPHELD

14 Cebu LGUs bag SGLG award

Fourteen local government units from the Province of Cebu bagged the 2024 Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG) from the Department of the Interior and Local Government during a ceremony on December 10 at the Manila Hotel.

The awardees were Cities of Bogo and Danao, and Municipalities of Alegria, Asturias, Carmen, Consolacion, Cordova, Daanbantayan, Medellin, Pinamungajan, San Remigio, Santa Fe, Sogod, and Tuburan.

Present during the ceremony were DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trovela, Assistant Regional Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero, and DILG Sugbo OIC-Provincial Director Dr. Jesus Robel Sastrillo, Jr. together with cluster heads, field officers, provincial focal person, mayors, vice-mayors, and LGU representatives from Cebu Province.

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.





Alegria



Asturias



Balamban



Bogo City



Consolacion



Cordova



Daanbantayan



Danao City



Madridejos



Medellin



Santa Fe



Tudela



Pinamungajan

Cebu LGUs undergo 2024 SGLG national validation

Several local government units in Cebu Province, including Cordova, Consolacion, Bogo City, Asturias, Daanbantayan, Danao City, Madridejos, Balamban, Santa Fe, Tudela, Medellin, Tuburan, Pinamungajan, Carmen, and Alegria, underwent national validation for the 2024 Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG) on September 10 to 13.

In addition to the 15 LGUs, the municipalities of San Remigio and Sogod were likewise endorsed for national validation but were no longer visited by the validators because they have passed the SGLG for two or more consecutive years.

DILG-7 Assistant Regional Director and concurrent DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero, cluster heads, and concerned field officers showed support to the said LGUs.

Lucero, Danao City CLGOO Gemma Bermoy, Asturias MLGOO John Michael Monillas, and San Fernando OIC-MLGOO Ginable Ejoc welcomed the national validators from Region XII upon their arrival at Mactan-Cebu International Airport on September 8.

LGUs subjected to national validation but not visited by national validators

SOGOD

SAN REMIGIO

57 brgys pass SGLGB

Fifty-seven barangays in Cebu Province passed the CY 2023 Seal of Good Local Governance for Barangay (SGLGB), comprising 74% of the 77 total SLGB passers in Region 7.

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

BADIAN	PINAMUNGAJAN	Barangay Poblacion
Barangay Dobdob	Barangay Lamac	Barangay Tabunok
CATMON	SAMBOAN	Barangay Pansoy
Barangay Flores	Barangay Colase	CITY OF TALISAY
CITY OF BOGO	Barangay San Sebastian	Barangay Biasong
Barangay Gairan	SAN FERNANDO	Barangay Bulacao
CITY OF CARCAR	Barangay Cabtbatan	Barangay Cadulawan
Barangay Buenavista	SAN REMIGIO	Barangay Camp IV
Barangay Calidngan	Barangay Argawanon	Barangay Cansojong
Barangay Liburon	Barangay Calambua	Barangay Jaclupan
Barangay Poblacion III	Barangay Cayam	Barangay Lagtang
Barangay Tuyom	Barangay Dapdap	Barangay Lawaan I
CORDOVA	Barangay Libaong	Barangay Lawaan II
Barangay Ibabao	Barangay Maño	Barangay Lawaan III
CITY OF DANAÖ	Barangay Sab-a	Barangay Linao
Barangay Sacsac	Barangay To-ong	Barangay Manipis
DAANBANTAYAN	SANTA FE	Barangay Mohon
Barangay Dalingding	Barangay Maricaban	Barangay Pooc
Barangay Pajo	SOGOD	Barangay San Isidro
MINGLANILLA	Barangay Cabalawan	Barangay Tabunoc
Barangay Poblacion Ward II	Barangay Cabangahan	Barangay Tapul
Barangay Tungkil	Barangay Ibabao	TUDELA
OSLOB	Barangay Lubo	Barangay Calmante
Barangay Daanglungsod	Barangay Mohon	Barangay General
	Barangay Nahus-an	Barangay McArthur



Orientation on 2024 SGLG conducted

Field officers, cluster heads, and technical personnel of DILG Sugbo headed by Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero gathered on May 14 for an online orientation on the 2024 Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG).

Lucero said the orientation aims to ensure a common understanding among the team and acquaint themselves with the new and enhanced indicators of the 10 governance areas namely: Financial Administration and Sustainability; Social Protection and Sensitivity; Sustainable Education; Disaster Preparedness; Safety, Peace, and Order; Health Compliance and Responsiveness; Business-Friendliness and Competitiveness; Environmental Management; Youth Development; and Tourism Heritage Development Culture and the Arts.

The SGLG, institutionalized through Republic Act No. 11292, serves as an award, incentive, honor, and recognition-based program for all local government units.

Lucero interviewed on SGLG

DILG-7 OIC-Assistant Regional Director and DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero answered questions from different media outlets regarding the CY 2024 Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG) regional onsite assessment in Mandaue City on May 28.





Gulane, Guaren win 2024 OLLLA

Sangguniang Panlungsod member Ethel Gulane (City of Bogo) and Sangguniang Bayan member Atty. Ronamarie Therese Guaren (Municipality of Oslob) were hailed as winners of the first-ever Outstanding Lady Local Legislator Awards (OLLLA) in the cities and municipalities categories, respectively.

The event, spearheaded by DILG Sugbo and the Lady Local Legislators League (4L) Cebu Chapter in collaboration with the Cebu Provincial Government, celebrated the crucial role of women in governance.

Other finalists for the cities category were Hon. Vivian Canama (City of Bogo); Hon. Annabeth Cuizon (City of Lapu-Lapu); Hon. Jennifer Del Mar (City of Mandaue); Hon. Ma. Nevhell Francisco (City of Bogo); and Hon. Emily Jusay Juanillo (City of Bogo); while finalists for the municipalities category were Hon. Coca Nicohl Bustamante (Dalaguete); Hon. Janet Hubahib (Bantayan); Hon. Thelma Jordan (Liloan); Hon. Maricar Lumain (Badian); Hon. Annette Navarro (Pinamungajan); and Hon. Natileigh Marie Therese Sitoy (Cordova).

Cebu Governor Gwendolyn Garcia, keynote speaker during the November 26 awarding ceremony, commended the initiative, stating, "Women are created with a DNA for public service. We are redefining public service."

DILG-7 Regional Director Leocadio Trovela highlighted women as drivers of positive change, while Assistant Regional Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero emphasized their pivotal role in advancing governance. Lucero chaired the OLLLA Awards Committee and led the team in crafting its guidelines and indicators.

Each winner received ₱500,000 worth of infrastructure projects funded by the Cebu Provincial Government, ₱20,000 cash, a plaque of recognition, and a copy of The Language of Local Legislation authored by ARD Lucero. Finalists were awarded ₱100,000 worth of projects, ₱10,000 cash, and similar tokens of recognition.



DILG Sugbo OIC-Provincial Director Jesus Robel Sastrillo Jr., 4L Regional Chapter President Victoria Corominas-Toribio, 4L Cebu President Nerissa Corazon Soon Ruiz, and 4L Cebu Vice-President Arlene Zambo assisted in the awarding.

Also present were female 4L Cebu Board of Directors, city and municipal vice-mayors, city/municipal Liga ng mga Barangay Presidents, Sangguniang Kabataan Federation Presidents, DILG Mandaue City Director Johnjoan Mende, and DILG Sugbo field officers.

Prior to the awarding, Lucero, Sastrillo, and 4L officials held various coordination meetings to finalize preparations.



Outstanding Local Lady Legislators Awards (OLLLA) launched

The Lady Local Legislators League (4L) Cebu Chapter and Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Sugbo officially launched on February 22 the Outstanding Local Lady Legislators Awards (OLLLA) which aims to give recognition to the exemplary performance of female legislators in the Province.

During the first general assembly of the Philippine Councilors League Cebu Chapter, 4L Cebu President Nerissa Corazon Soon-Ruiz thanked DILG Sugbo headed by Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero for the assistance in coming up with the indicators for the awards system.

Lucero, in the same gathering, presented the OLLLA indicators which was crafted by his team composed of Liloan MLGOO James Andrew Andaya, Oslob MLGOO Deanna Alila-Mingueto, Sibonga MLGOO Susan Tolentino, Moalboal MLGOO Lyn Aguelo, and LGOO VI Jupiter Dawa of the Provincial Office.





47 LGUs named GFH passers

At least 47 local government units in Cebu Province passed the CY 2023 Good Financial Housekeeping (GFH) nationwide assessment of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG).

These LGUs were the Province of Cebu, Alcantara, Alcoy, Alegria, Aloguinsan, Asturias, Badian, Balamban, Bantayan, Barili, Boljoon, Borbon, Carmen, Catmon, City of Bogó, City of Carcar, City of Naga, City of Talisay, Compostela, Consolacion, Daanbantayan, Dalaguete, Danao City, Dumanjug, Ginatilan, Liloan, Madridejos, Malabuyoc, Medellin, Minglanilla, Moalboal, Oslob, Pinamungajan, Pilar, Poro, Ronda, Samboan, Santander, San Francisco, San Remigio, Santa Fe, Sibonga, Sogod, Tabogon, Tabuelan, Tuburan, and Tudela.

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



Poro officials oriented on quasi-judicial functions

In celebration of the Local Government Code Day, the DILG Sugbo and the Municipality of Poro conducted a two-day orientation on “Strengthening the Knowledge and Capacity of the Local Sanggunian’s Quasi-Judicial Functions” on October 10 to 11 at Diamond Suites and Residences in Cebu City.

DILG-7 Assistant Regional Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero discussed the quasi-judicial powers of the local sanggunian and pertinent Supreme Court rulings during the activity which was attended by Poro Mayor Edgar Rama and Sangguniang Bayan members headed by Vice-Mayor Dina Rama.

Atty. Philip Camiguing, Acting Director of the Preliminary Investigation, Administrative Adjudication and Prosecution Bureau and Officer-in-Charge of the Public Assistance and Corruption Prevention Bureau of the Office of the Ombudsman Visayas, presented the basics on conducting administrative investigation, while Atty. Grace Melanie Lacamiento, Attorney III of the DILG-7 Regional Legal Unit, gave tips on writing decisions.

Poro MLGOO Cliff Otadoy and DMO IV Atty. Joseph Dale Batocoy and DMO III Mary Jane Verdida of the DILG-7 Local Government Monitoring and Evaluation Division served as facilitators during the activity which included revalida on mock trial and decision writing.





DILG, OMB orient Compostela officials on quasi-judicial functions

The Sangguniang Bayan of Compostela headed by Vice-Mayor Froilan Quiño underwent a two-day orientation on Strengthening the Knowledge and Capacity of the Local Sanggunian's Quasi-Judicial Functions on August 19 to 20 at Bai Hotel, Mandaue City.

DILG-7 Assistant Regional Director and DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero served as one of the knowledge sharers, particularly discussing the quasi-judicial powers of the local sanggunian and pertinent Supreme Court rulings.

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LG00 II Atty. Tereza Ruby Leprozo of DILG Sugbo and DMO IV Atty. Joseph Dale Batocoy and DMO III Mary Jane Verdida of the DILG-7 Local Government Monitoring and Evaluation Division also served as facilitators during the revalida sessions on mock hearing and decision writing.

Mayor Felijur Quiño and Compostela MLG00 Melbourne Navalez were likewise present during the activity organized by DILG Compostela and Municipal Government of Compostela.





DILG-7 joins Local Governance Summit 2024

DILG-7 Regional Director Leocadio Trovela, Assistant Regional Director and concurrent DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero, and other provincial and city directors attended the Local Governance Summit 2024 with the theme “LGUs sa Bagong Pilipinas: Smart. Resilient. Driven.” on August 22 to 23 at the Philippine International Convention Center, Pasay City.

The summit aimed to gather local chief executives, local elective officials, LGU functionaries, policymakers, and other stakeholders to discuss innovations to development challenges, and facilitate knowledge exchange and sharing of good practices to bolster excellence in local governance for enhanced public service delivery and the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Moreover, Cebu Provincial Government’s consultant Eddie Ybañez showcased the Province’s best practices on e-governance through digital transformation particularly the QR-coded platform in social service delivery.





Lucero joins FGD on deepening CSO engagement

DILG-7 OIC-Assistant Regional Director and DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero was invited by the DILG Central Office during its focus group discussion on April 15 in Quezon City to share inputs and recommendations to enhance the Department's programs, policies, and initiatives towards a more meaningful engagement of civil society organizations in governance.





SUMBANAN indicators crafted

The DILG Sugbo led by Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero formulated on April 29 to 30 the results-based indicators and means of verification for the first-ever **SUMBANAN** Awards, a brainchild program of Cebu Governor Gwen Garcia.

"Sumbanan" is a Cebuano word for "model", "paragon", or "benchmark".

To recall, Garcia tapped Lucero's team to come up with the indicators for the awards system which aims to recognize cities and municipalities in the province worthy to be emulated in terms of excellent and impactful governance.

Lucero was joined by selected field officers and technical personnel of the Provincial Office, namely: Liloan MLGOO James Andrew Andaya, Sibonga MLGOO Susan Tolentino, Aloguinsan MLGOO Dennis Itom, Oslob MLGOO Deanna Alila-Mingueto, Moalboal MLGOO Lyn Aguelo, Dalaguete OIC-MLGOO Iris Arias, San Fernando OIC-MLGOO Ginable Ejoc, LGOO VI Rothwel Pulido, LGOO VI Jupiter Dawa, LGOO II Randel Cedie Samonte, LGOO II Jean Marvette Diaz, and LGOO II Clarice Kitz Andrin.

The indicators, once finalized, will be presented to Garcia for approval.

It was also during Lucero's leadership when the DILG Sugbo was likewise instrumental in enhancing the indicators for the 2023 Local Legislative Award which were adopted in the national level and in formulating the indicators for the Outstanding Local Lady Legislators Awards in partnership with the Lady Local Legislators League (4L) Cebu Chapter.





Cebu mulls results-based indicators for **SUMBANAN** Awards

Cebu Governor Gwen Garcia tapped the DILG Sugbo headed by Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero to craft the outcome-based indicators for the first ever **SUMBANAN** Awards which eyes to recognize local government units in the Province worthy to be emulated in terms of excellent and impactful local governance.

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Lucero formed a team composed of field officers namely Liloan MLGOO James Andrew Andaya, Sibonga MLGOO Susan Tolentino, Aloguinsan MLGOO Dennis Itom, Oslob MLGOO Deanna Alila-Mingueto, Moalboal MLGOO Lyn Aguelo, Dalaguete OIC-MLGOO Iris Arias, and San Fernando OIC-MLGOO Ginable Ejoc, and technical officers from the Provincial Office including LGOO VI Rothwel Pulido, LGOO VI Jupiter Dawa, LGOO II Randel Cedie Samonte, LGOO II Jean Marvette Diaz, and LGOO II Clarice Kitz Andrin.

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Mandatory bookkeeping training for Cebu SK treasurers conducted



DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero deployed the Cluster Heads and the City and Municipal Local Government Operations Officers of the Province to assist the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) in conducting the training for Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) treasurers in 10 clusters.

To recall, Lucero met with Governor Gwen Garcia on January 22 which was attended by TESDA Deputy Director General for Special Concerns Vidal Villanueva III, TESDA-7 Regional Director Ramon Evan Ruiz, TESDA-7 Assistant Regional Director and Cebu Provincial Director Floro Ringca, SK Federation Cebu President Loren Singco, and other officials.

TESDA acted on Garcia's recommendation to shorten the National Certificate III Qualification course from the usual 36 days to just one day.

Garcia said the training, which shall focus on journal keeping and financial reports, should be conducted per cluster or district as soon as possible considering that SK treasurers cannot assume office unless they have completed the said training from TESDA.

Under Republic Act No. 11768 amending Section 10 of RA 10742 or the SK Reform Act of 2015, SK treasurers are required to undergo a mandatory bookkeeping training from, and be duly certified by, the TESDA before assumption to office.



DILG Sugbo hosts Bantay Korapsyon planning activity

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Sugbo hosted the Bantay-Korapsyon - Program Management Office (BK-PMO) Forward Planning and Direction-Setting Activity from November 20 to 22, 2024 in Moalboal, Cebu.

The event gathered personnel and officials from DILG Central Office, BK-PMO, and regional focal persons, primarily legal officers and program coordinators, to review and refine the program's strategic direction for 2025-2030, ensuring alignment with the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) and DILG Strategic Plan.

The three-day session focused on finalizing BK's 2025 target deliverables, refining the BK Strategic Roadmap 2025-2030, and gathering input from regional focal persons to enhance implementation.

Technical personnel and lawyers from DILG-7 and DILG Sugbo provided assistance during the activity.

Orientation for 1st-time PB in Cebu organized



The DILG Sugbo, in partnership with the Cebu Provincial Government and Liga ng mga Barangay (LnB) Cebu Chapter, initiated the conduct of basic orientation for first-timer punong barangay in Cebu Province.

To accommodate the total number of participants, the activity was held at the Capitol Social Hall in two batches - 172 newly minted punong barangay on January 16 and 79 on February 6.

DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero said the one-day activity was specifically designed for those who are new in public service to help equip them in performing their functions as leaders in their respective barangays.



He shared that it also aimed to acquaint them with the plans and initiatives of Governor Gwen Garcia to sustain implementation in the communities despite the change of leadership.

"Mata alang sa usa ka purpose - ang kalambuan sa Sugbo nga Sugboanon," Lucero added.

He meanwhile expressed hopes that the new set of punong barangay in the Province will deviate from practices which did not yield positive impact in the communities but will instead pursue making a difference for constituents through good and effective governance.



"Mao paman inyong pagsugod, sugod sa maayong pamaagi. Ipakita nga ang maayong panggobyerno, posible diay. Posible gyud and I hope to see that," said Garcia in her keynote speech.

"Congratulations and welcome to the next two years of hard labor. I look forward to working with you, to effectively performing with you," she added.

In his inspirational message, LnB Cebu Chapter President Celestino Martinez III urged the attendees to help each other in advocating the needs of the barangays and their constituents, assuring them as well of the assistance from the LnB.

Lucero discussed the duties and functions of punong barangay as chair of the Lupong Tagapamayapa, while Bogo City Accountant Atty. Jose Neil Lumongsod, CPA, explained the disbursement/utilization of barangay funds.

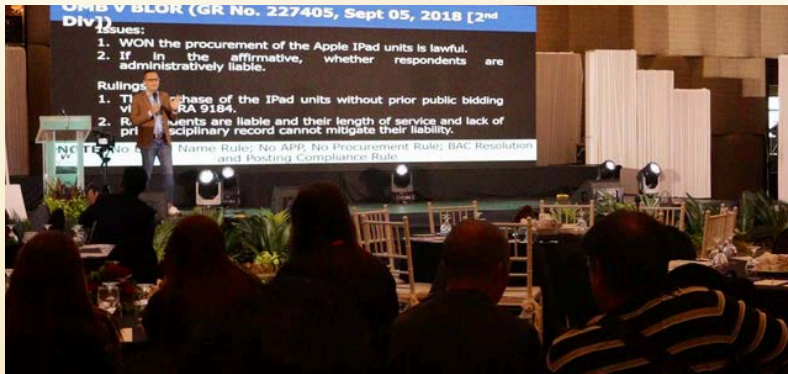
Also serving as knowledge sharers were Moalboal Municipal Local Government Operations Officer Lyn Aguelo, Liloan Municipal Local Government Operations Officer Dr. James Andrew Andaya, and Sibonga Municipal Local Government Operations Officer Dr. Susan Tolentino who tackled the powers and functions of punong barangay; Listo si Kap; and barangay budgeting, respectively.

Department heads of the Cebu Provincial Government namely Dr. Roldan Saragena (Provincial Agriculturist's Office); Dr. Mary Rose Vincoy (Provincial Veterinary Office/Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office); Nerces Bispo (Provincial Planning and Development Office); and Atty. Pulchra Marie Acevedo (Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan) oriented the participants on the programs and initiatives of the Cebu Provincial Government such as the SUGBUsoG, Enhanced Countryside Development, Caravan of Services, Sugbo Kahanas, Bugasan sa Kababayan-an sa Barangay, Sugbo Maisan, Sugbo Merkadong Barato, Sugbo Baboyan sa Limpyo ug Hapsay nga Tugkaran, Sugbo Merkadong Barato, Agri-Fishery Insurance, Agri-Fishery Clinic, ABAG Sugbo, Dog Population Control and Rabies, Veterinary Missions, Barangay Animal Health Aide's Animal Disease Monitoring, infrastructure projects like barangay roads, barangay hall/multi-purpose building, solar street lighting, covered court, and day care centers, and the disbursement and utilization of financial assistance to barangays.

It can be recalled that Lucero, in coordination with the Philippine Councilors League Cebu Chapter, likewise initiated a one-day training for first-time legislators in Cebu with no experience in legislation on July 15 last year which was graced by DILG Secretary Atty. Benjamin Abalos Jr, Garcia, and DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trovela.



VMLP invites Lucero



DILG-7 Assistant Regional Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero served as knowledge sharer during the 3rd Quarter General Assembly and Seminar organized by the Vice Mayors' League of the Philippines Cebu Chapter on July 9.

He discussed the updates and status of locally-funded projects in Cebu Province, guidelines on the release and utilization of the Local Government Support Fund-Financial Assistance to Local Government Units under the FY 2024 General Appropriations Act, amended guidelines on the establishment of national and international sister-city or town-twinning program, guidelines on the application for Authority to Purchase Motor Vehicle, and pertinent Supreme Court rulings on procurement and local legislation.

Lucero graces PCL assembly

DILG-7 Assistant Regional Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero served as knowledge sharer during the quarterly assembly of the Philippine Councilors League Cebu Chapter headed by its President Ricardo Pepito at Bai Hotel Cebu on September 5.

In his message, Lucero wished the 17 LGUs in Cebu Province the best of luck as they will undergo national validation for the Seal of Good Local Governance next week.

He meanwhile urged those LGUs which did not qualify for the national validation to not lose hope and instead prepare as early as now for next year's assessment.

Lucero likewise encouraged all the city and municipal lady councilors from the Highly Urbanized Cities, Component Cities, and Municipalities in Cebu to join the search for the 1st Outstanding Local Lady Legislators Award (OLLLA), a joint flagship initiative of DILG Sugbo and the Lady Local Legislators League (4L) Cebu Chapter that aims to celebrate the exemplary performance of the female legislators in One Cebu Island.

He also gave updates on the latest Supreme Court decisions concerning them.





Mandaue City taps ARD Lucero

DILG-7 Assistant Regional Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero served as knowledge sharer during the Legal Capacity Building Program of the Mandaue City Legal Office on September 4 at Bai Hotel Cebu, Mandaue City.

Speaking before the department heads and representatives of the different offices of the city government, Lucero discussed the salient features of the Local Government Code of 1991 along with Supreme Court rulings and DILG legal opinions on local governance.

Mandaue City Acting Mayor Glenn Bercede, city councilors, and DILG Mandaue City Director Johnjoan Mende graced the activity.

Also present were Attorney III Grace Melanie Lacamiento of the DILG-7 Regional Legal Unit, LGOO II Atty. Tereza Ruby Leprozo of the DILG Sugbo, and DMO IV Atty. Joseph Dale Batocoy and DMO III Atty. Mary Jane Verdida of the DILG-7 Local Government Monitoring and Evaluation Division.

DILG Sugbo joins BNEO orientation

Field officers, cluster heads, and technical personnel of DILG Sugbo attended the basic orientation on Barangay Newly Elected Officials (BNEO) towards Grassroots Renewal and Empowerment for Accountable and Transparent (GREAT) Barangays program of the Department at Golden Prince Hotel and Suites in Cebu City on January 25.

DILG-7 OIC-Assistant Regional Director and DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero represented Regional Director Leocadio Trovela in welcoming the participants and the Local Government Academy which spearheaded the orientation.

Present from DILG Sugbo were Cluster Heads LG00 VII Engr. Wyndell Valle, LG00 VII Roxine Coyoca, LG00 VII Lelanie Lopez, and LG00 VI Liza Fernandez; co-program manager LG00 VI Rothwel Pulido; Moalboal MLG00 Lyn Aguelo; Pilar MLG00 Lovie De la Cruz; Sibonga MLG00 Susan Tolentino; Ginatilan OIC-MLG00 Emmanuel Pedralba; Madridejos OIC-MLG00 John Michael Legaspi; San Fernando OIC-MLG00 Ginabille Ejoc; Dalaguete OIC-MLG00 Iris Arias; Medellin OIC-MLG00 Janieva Dandan; Bantayan OIC-MLG00 Michael Jickerie Alvarez; and Santa Fe OIC-MLG00 Niño Vincent Fiel.



Lucero graces BNEO orientations of Carmen and Moalboal

DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero served as the guest of honor during the orientations for Barangay Newly Elected Officials of the Municipalities of Carmen and Moalboal on February 1 at Cebu Business Hotel.

Lucero urged the punong barangay, Sangguniang Barangay members, and Sangguniang Kabataan chairpersons to actively participate in the discussions considering that topics are crucial in the performance of their duties and functions.



Sogod brgy officials urged to adhere to laws

DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero reminded the newly elected barangay officials of Sogod, Cebu to always follow the laws, rules, and guidelines in performing their functions and responsibilities.

Lucero, who was invited to deliver an inspirational message during the Barangay Newly Elected Officials orientation at Sarrosa International Hotel and Residential Suites in Cebu City on February 12, likewise shared relevant Supreme Court rulings during the activity.



Lucero graces BNEO program of Badian, Aloguinsan

DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero served as knowledge sharer during the Barangay Newly Elected Officials (BNEO) program orientation of the municipalities of Badian and Aloguinsan on February 13 at Cebu Business Hotel and One Central Hotel in Cebu City, respectively.

He shared some relevant Supreme Court Rulings to the barangay officials and urged them to continuously adhere to laws, rules, and guidelines relative to the discharge of their duties and functions.



Lucero graces BNEO orientations of Balamban, Medellin, Asturias

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Lucero graces BNEO orientations of Alcantara and Barili

DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero served as knowledge sharer during the orientations for Barangay Newly Elected Officials of the Municipalities of Alcantara and Barili on February 26 in Cebu City.

Lucero shared pertinent laws and Supreme Court rulings and likewise reminded them to adhere to the laws, rules, and regulations governing the performance of their duties and functions.



Lucero orients San Remigio brgy officials

Serving as guest in the orientation for Barangay Newly Elected Officials (BNEO) of the Municipality of San Remigio on February 27, DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero explained relevant laws and Supreme Court rulings and shared inputs about legal issues affecting barangay governance.

Lucero graces Dalaguete's BNEO orientation



DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero served as knowledge sharer during the Barangay Newly Elected Officials (BNEO) orientation of the Municipality of Dalaguete on March 15 in Cebu City.

He shared relevant Supreme Court rulings and urged the barangay officials to continuously adhere to laws, rules, and guidelines relative to the discharge of their duties.



Lucero graces BNEO orientation of Cordova



The Liga ng mga Barangay Cordova Chapter invited DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero as knowledge sharer on the Jurisdictional Aspect of the Revised Katarungang Pambarangay Law during its orientation for Barangay Newly Elected Official in Cebu City on February 29.

Lucero likewise shared relevant laws and Supreme Court Rulings during the orientation.

Pinamungajan brgy officials urged to adhere to laws



DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero reminded the newly elected barangay officials of Pinamungajan, Cebu to always follow the laws, rules, and guidelines in performing their functions and responsibilities.

Lucero, who was invited to deliver an inspirational message during the Barangay Newly Elected Officials orientation at Cebu Business Hotel in Cebu City on March 20, also shared relevant Supreme Court rulings and Ombudsman decisions during the activity.

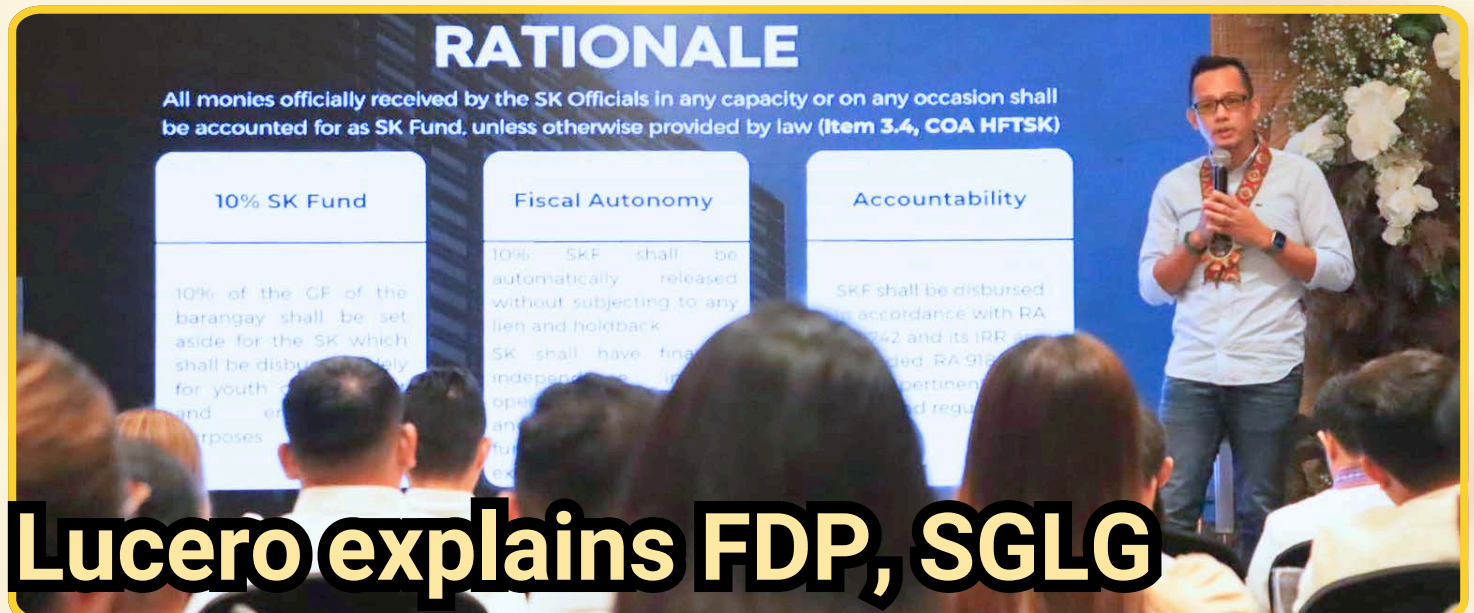
He likewise urged barangay officials to actively participate in the discussions.



Lucero discusses sanggunian's quasi-judicial power

DILG-7 OIC-Assistant Regional Director and DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero served as knowledge sharer during the CY 2024 1st Semester Assembly and Local Legislation Enhancement Training of the Philippine Councilors League - Sultan Kudarat Chapter on February 29 in Cebu City.

Speaking before the officials of 12 local government units in Sultan Kudarat Province, Lucero explained the quasi-judicial power of sanggunian and presented relevant Supreme Court rulings.



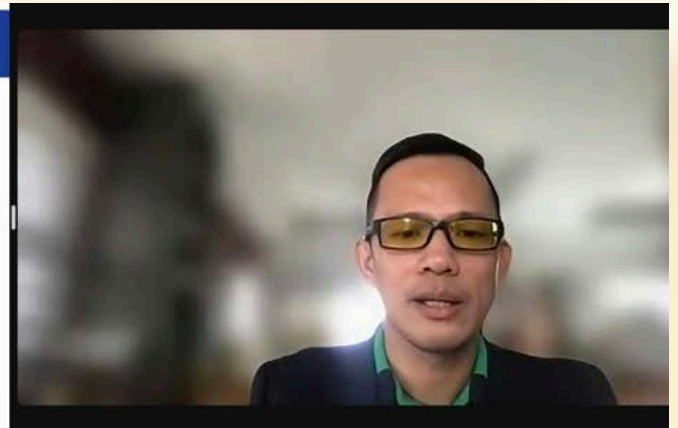
Lucero explains FDP, SGLG

DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero discussed the SK Full Disclosure Policy and Seal of Good Local Governance during the activity organized by the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Cebu Provincial Federation headed by President Loren Singco on March 16.

Speaking before the SK Federation presidents and Local Youth Development Officers from the different cities and municipalities in Cebu Province, Lucero emphasized one of the SK's functions of adopting and implementing a policy on full public disclosure of all its transactions and documents involving public interest.

Lucero trains SK Alcate, Oriental Mindoro on procurement

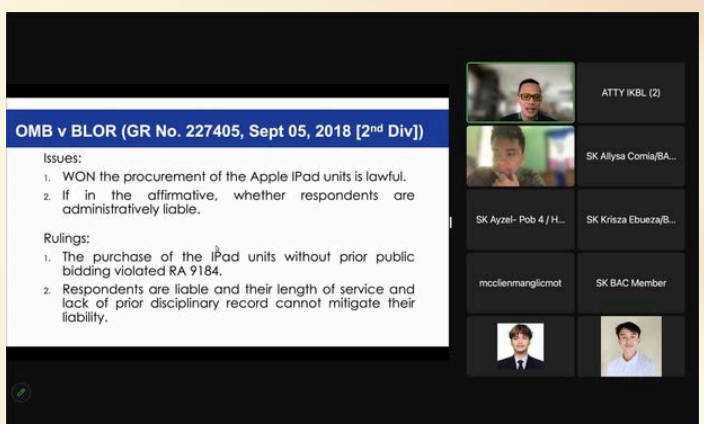
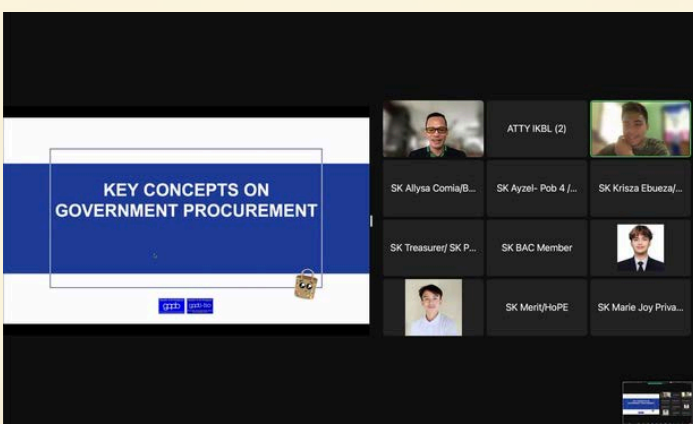
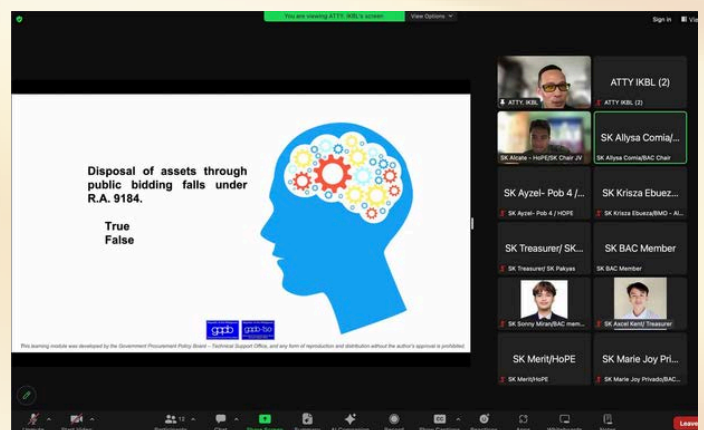
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DILG-7 Assistant Regional Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero served as knowledge sharer on Government Procurement 101 and Procurement Planning and Budget Linkage, including Early Procurement Activities, with Supreme Court rulings and Government Procurement Policy Board (GPPB) non-policy matters during a training session with Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) officials of Barangay Alcate, Victoria, Oriental Mindoro on August 21.

Lucero, who was tapped by GPPB to cater to the request of SK Alcate, reminded the youth leaders to strictly observe Republic Act 9184 or the Government Procurement Reform Act and other relevant rules and regulations to protect public funds and avoid administrative sanctions and delay in the delivery of services.

The GPPB aims to professionalize and develop the capacity of government procurement officers and ensure the conduct of regular procurement training programs for the procuring entities.





LNB Magsingal, Ilocos Sur invites Lucero

DILG-7 Assistant Regional Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero shares his expertise on the procedural aspect of the Revised Katarungang Pambarangay (KP) Law to 68 punong barangay, barangay treasurers, and secretaries in Magsingal, Ilocos Sur during the convention organized by the Liga ng mga Barangay Magsingal Chapter Chapter on July 12 at Hotel Elizabeth Cebu.

LNB Carmen taps Lucero

DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero explained the procedural aspect of the Revised Katarungang Pambarangay Law to over 130 barangay officials, barangay secretaries, and Lupong Tagapamayapa members in Carmen, Cebu during the seminar organized by the Liga ng mga Barangay Carmen Chapter in coordination with the Municipal Government of Carmen and DILG Carmen on July 1.





Lucero discusses barangay governance

DILG-7 OIC-Assistant Regional Director and DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero spoke before the newly elected officials of the 18 barangays of the City of Santa Rosa, Province of Laguna during the BNEO Component 3: Strengthening Proficiency of Barangay Newly Elected Officials on April 10 at the Waterfront Cebu City Hotel.

Lucero gave a comprehensive discussion on the pertinent laws, Supreme Court rulings, and DILG opinions regarding the principles of local autonomy and decentralization, governmental powers (police power, eminent domain, and taxation), barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan budgeting, barangay legislation, government procurement, Katarungang Pambarangay Law, and other related topics and legal issues affecting barangay governance.





DILG Sugbo joins the 'Pagtambayayong 2024: Istorya ta Bai' forum

Personnel of DILG Sugbo headed by OIC Provincial Director Dr. Jesus Robel Sastrillo Jr attended the online knowledge-sharing forum dubbed as 'Pagtambayayong 2024: Istorya ta Bai' organized by the DILG-7 through the Local Governance Regional Resource Center on October 25.

Representatives of the Municipality of Sogod, who were invited to share their best practices during the activity, likewise joined the forum.

The activity is in line with the 2024 Local Government Month celebration.



Death benefit aid release

At least P478,000 worth of death benefit claims were turned over by DILG Sugbo to the beneficiaries of deceased barangay officials in Cebu Province in 2024.

The Department grants death benefit assistance to the immediate family or any legitimate beneficiary of a barangay official – punong barangay, sangguniang barangay member, barangay secretary, and treasurer – who died during his or her incumbency.



DILG Sugbo joins TPM exit conference



The DILG Sugbo attended the exit conference on the Third-Party Monitoring (TPM) for the Local Government Support Fund-Growth Equity Fund (LGSF-GEF) FY 2022 projects at Waterfront Cebu City Hotel on September 18.

DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero was represented by GEF Provincial Focal LGOO II Engr. Louies Martin Gabutin during the activity which was graced by Finance and Administrative Division Chief Atty. Ferdinand Albaño and Project Development and Management Division OIC-Division Chief Rommel Correa.

Enumerators from the accredited service provider Caucus of Development NGO Networks (CODE-NGO) presented the survey responses, key findings, and recommendations as well as their experience during the deployment.

The TPM, which was conducted on July 30 and 31 in Tudela and Pilar, aims to ensure transparency and accountability in the implementation of the LGSF-GEF FY 2022 projects.

Present during the monitoring were Tudela MLGOO Persius Borlasa, Pilar MLGOO Lovie De La Cruz, LGOO II Engr. Hannah Joy Paz from DILG-7, and Engr. Carlos Cena from DILG Sugbo.

DILG Sugbo assists Madridejos in SubayBAYAN, RLIP

LGOO II Engr Louies Martin Gabutin and Engineer Teodoro Damayo Jr of the DILG Sugbo PDMU assisted the Municipal Government of Madridejos on August 29 in updating and encoding in the Subaybayan ang Proyektong Bayan (SubayBAYAN) and Results-based Monitoring and Evaluation of LGU Infrastructure Projects (RLIP) portals for Locally Funded Projects (LFPs) under Financial Assistance to LGUs (FALGU) program.

Madridejos OIC-MLGOO John Michael Legaspi and Assistant Municipal Planning Development Officer Catalino Tamayo attended the coaching session.



DILG Sugbo inspects P19.6M worth of projects

The DILG Sugbo headed by OIC-Provincial Director Dr. Jesus Robel Sastrillo Jr., inspected the P13.2-million construction of school buildings in Aloguinsan and P6.4-million farm-to-market road and construction of multi-purpose building in Dumanjug, Cebu on October 30.

Present were Tribu Cluster Head Wyndell Valle, Aloguinsan MLG00 Dennis Itom, Dumanjug MLG00 Glenda Gabuya, LG00 IV Cresencio Antonin Aseniero, LG00 II Louies Martin Gabutin, and Engr. John Philip Corposales of the DILG Sugbo Project Development and Management Unit.



P17M worth of projects inspected

DILG Sugbo OIC-Provincial Director Dr. Jesus Robel Sastrillo Jr. led the onsite inspection on the P17-million farm-to-market roads in Barangays Calmante and Villahermosa in Tudela, Camotes Island, Cebu on November 28.

Sastrillo was assisted by Tudela MLG00 Persius Borlasa, LG00 II Engr. Louies Martin Gabutin, and Engr. Teodoro Damayo Jr., of the DILG Sugbo Project Development and Management Unit.



DILG, OPDS conduct PrIME in Southern Cebu LGUs

Engineers of DILG-7 and DILG Sugbo assisted the Office of Project Development Services (OPDS) during the Project Implementation Monitoring and Evaluation (PrIME) from October 28 to October 31 in various local government units across Southern Cebu.

LG00 II John Arnold Reluya of DILG-7 and Engr. Billy Ray Papa of DILG Sugbo accompanied the OPDS team during the assessment of infrastructure projects funded by the Local Government Support Fund since 2022 in the Municipalities of Santander with P40M worth for construction and rehabilitation of municipal building; Boljoon with P20M for road concreting and multi-purpose building; Samboan with P16M for construction of park and museum and seawall repairs; Alcoy with P15M for road concreting and building rehabilitation; and City of Carcar with P16.6M for school buildings.

PrIME aims to ensure compliance with project specifications and budgets, promoting transparency and effective use of public funds.



DILG Sugbo holds SubayBAYAN coordination meeting



The DILG Sugbo headed by OIC-Provincial Director Dr. Jesus Robel T. Sastrillo, Jr., CESE, through the DILG-7 Project Development and Management Unit, conducted a coordination meeting on Locally Funded Projects and Simultaneous Encoding of RLIP and RSSA in the SubayBAYAN Portal, at Cebu Parklane International Hotel on October 21, 2024.

Regional Project Development and Management Division personnel Engr. II Clarise Amandoron, Engr. II Javi Dawn Generoso, and ISA II Sherwin Fortuna spearheaded the RLIP, RSSA, and Subaybayan Simultaneous Encoding, respectively, assisted by DILG Sugbo PDMU staff.

Present were DILG Sugbo cluster heads, field officers, and personnel, and LGU participants which included the MPDC, Municipal Engineer, MLGOO and the SubayBAYAN encoder/focal from 50 municipalities and cities of Cebu Province and the three HUCs including Cebu City, Mandaue City, and Lapu-Lapu City.

DILG Sugbo attends the GPPB-TSO Talks

DILG Sugbo LGOO V Michael Jickerie Alvarez, LGOO II Devon Paredes, LGOO II Louies Martin Gabutin and interns from UC-Banilad attended the online GPPB-TSO Talks: What's New in the New Government Procurement Act regarding the renewal of regular and recurring services on October 2.



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Sugbo PMCC continues service through Cebu Caravan of Services

Highlighting its sustained participation in the Cebu Provincial Government's Caravan of Services, the Sugbo Provincial Management and Coordinating Committee (PMCC) has provided various services to residents across all seven districts and three islands in Cebu from June 2022 to December 2024.

Newly-appointed OIC-DILG Sugbo Provincial Director and PMCC Chairperson, Dr. Jesus Robel Sastrillo, Jr., pledged to continue the initiatives started by his predecessor, Assistant Regional Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero. Sastrillo also expressed gratitude for the support of the PMCC member agencies, including the Cebu Police Provincial Office (CPPO), Joint Task Group (JTG) Cebu of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP), Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA), National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM), Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), Naval Forces Central (NAVFORCEN), and the newest partner, the Land Transportation Office-7 (LTO-7).

SERVICES RENDERED BY SUGBO PMCC Second Quarter 2022 - Fourth Quarter of 2024							
Services	CY 2022	CY 2023	Q1 2024	Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Q4 2024	GRAND TOTAL
Libreng Tsinelas (PMCC)	5,030	12,285	2,870	2,881	2,905	2,797	28,768
Libreng Tsinelas (Prov'l Gov't)	-	7,600	2,550	2,550	2,450	2,550	17,700
SUGBUgas	-	776	249	307	283	236	1,851
KP on Wheels	850	1,849	845	674	338	212	4,768
Libreng Serbisyo Legal	50	335	39	40	37	44	545
Libreng Tupi	-	1,312	427	482	382	245	2,848
Basic Fire Safety Training	-	434	194	228	137	30	1,023

LIBRENG SUGBUGAS

The Sugbo PMCC gave out a total of 1,075 packs of rice to residents, primarily senior citizens, persons with disabilities, and pregnant women, during the fourth-quarter Caravan of Services for 2024.



LIBRENG TSINELAS ALANG SA SUGBOANON

In 2024, the Sugbo PMCC distributed a total of 11,453 pairs of slippers to local government units and residents in the Province.



KP ON WHEELS

DILG-7 Assistant Regional Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero, DILG Sugbo OIC-Provincial Director Dr. Jesus Robel Sastrillo and field officers provided training on the Katarungang Pambarangay Law, capacitating 2,069 punong barangay, Lupong Tagapamayapa members, and barangay secretaries in 2024.



LIBRENG SERBISYO LEGAL

In 2024, DILG Sugbo OIC-Provincial Director Dr. Jesus Robel Sastrillo, Jr, Attorney III Grace Melanie Lacamiento and Atty. Mary Jane Verdida from the DILG-7 Regional Office, LGOO II Atty. Tereza Ruby Leprozo of DILG Sugbo, and Atty. Bernaliz Requilme of PDEA-7 provided free legal assistance to 160 residents.



LIBRENG TUPI

The JTG Cebu, BFP, CCPO, and NAVFORCEN provided free haircut services to 1,536 residents in Cebu during the Caravan in 2024.



BASIC FIRE SAFETY TRAINING

The BFP Cebu oriented 589 residents, volunteers, and barangay workers in the Province on basic fire safety and firefighting in 2024.



8 Cebu LGUs hailed as 2024 ADAC National Awardees

Eight local government units in Cebu Province were declared as national awardees in the 2024 Anti-Drug Abuse Council (ADAC) Performance Awards for their exemplary implementation of anti-illegal drug initiatives in their localities.

The local chief executives of the Municipalities of Borbon, Carmen, Daanbantayan, Samboan, San Francisco, San Remigio, Sogod, and Tudela received the awards and cash incentives with P150,000 during the awarding ceremony at the Manila Hotel on December 11. Cebu Province is the only province from Region 7 with national awardees this year.

DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trovela, Assistant Regional Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero, and DILG Sugbo OIC-Provincial Director Dr. Jesus Robel Sastrillo, Jr, along with cluster heads and field officers joined the mayors, vice-mayors, and LGU representatives from the Province of Cebu during the ceremony.

The outstanding ADACs were determined through the following criteria : 1) percentage of City/Municipal/Barangay ADAC functionality; 2) sustainability of drug-cleared or drug-free status; and 3) percentage of completion of Community-Based Drug Rehabilitation Program (CBDRP) graduates vs. enrollees.



75 LGUs to each get P13.33M funding for safe, clean sources of water



Interior and Local Government Secretary Benhur Abalos on Wednesday announced that 75 local government units (LGUs) from across the country will each receive P13.33M to be used for the improvement of water supply and sanitation in their respective localities.

The amount will come from Support and Assistance Fund to Participatory Budgeting (SAFPB) Program, as prescribed by Republic Act 11975 or the General Appropriations Act (GAA) of 2024.

SAFPB is a groundbreaking initiative aimed at strengthening the partnership and collaboration between LGUs and civil society organizations (CSOs).

In his speech during the SAFPB event held in Cebu City, Abalos reminded the LGUs to be accountable and make sure that the fund will only be used on its intended purpose of improving their water sources and sanitation facilities.

"Pag binigay namin sa inyo ang benepisyo, may kasama itong mga responsibilidad. Even if you mean well, gamitin natin ng tama ang pribilehiyo na naipagkaloob sa inyo," he said.

The program covers projects ranging from the construction, expansion, and rehabilitation of Level III water supply systems or existing sanitary toilets and hygiene facilities for public places.

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Abalos added that despite the recent improvements in water and sanitation, more localities still need crucial assistance from the government, especially those without an identified water source and those that are geographically isolated.

The DILG Chief elaborated that the program is in compliance with President Ferdinand Marcos, Jr.'s call of increasing local access to reliable and clean sources of water.

The program is also in line with the Philippines' Open Government Partnership (PH-OGP), which was institutionalized by the President through Executive Order No. 31 dated June 20, 2023.

"We shall comply with this directive of the President. Lalo na ngayon na may El Niño, we must not just govern but also foster a culture of genuine engagement so that workable solutions could flow from there," Abalos emphasized.

In the same speech, he also called for the support of the LGUs towards the Department's other initiatives, such as averting rising HIV-AIDS cases among the youth, the resurging problem of tuberculosis, and the urgent need to solve growth stunting brought by malnutrition.

Meanwhile, Department of Budget and Management (DBM) Secretary Amenah Pangandaman said the program also aims to "accelerate access to safely-managed and resilient water and sanitation services in lagging municipalities nationwide."





Lucero attends CORDS-RTF ELCAC 7 full council meeting

DILG-7 OIC-Assistant Regional Director and DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero represented Regional Director Leocadio Trovela during the full council meeting of the Cabinet Officer for Regional Development and Security (CORDS)-Regional Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (RTF-ELCAC) of Region 7 on January 19 at Marco Polo Plaza Cebu.

Lucero met Department of Tourism Secretary Ma. Esperanza Christina Garcia Frasco who presided over the inaugural meeting that tackled the accomplishments of the RTF clusters in 2023.

The DILG-7 chairs five clusters of RTF-ELCAC namely Basic Services; Sectoral Unification, Capacity Building and Empowerment; Local Peace Engagement; Enhanced Comprehensive Local Integration Program (E-CLIP) and Amnesty; and Local Government Empowerment.





Cebu POPS Plan and ADAC Plan 2025 approved

DILG-7 Assistant Regional Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero and DILG Sugbo OIC-Provincial Director Dr. Jesus Robel Sastrillo, Jr. attended the joint meeting of the Provincial Development Council, Provincial Peace and Order Council (PPOC), Provincial Anti-Drug Abuse Council, and Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council on October 15.

Lucero presented the 2025 Peace and Order and Public Safety (POPS) Plan and PADAC Plan, which were also approved during the meeting.

He likewise introduced Sastrillo to the mayors of the cities and municipalities of the Province and attendees of the joint meeting.

"I assure you, Gov, that I will support your priority thrusts and I will continue to uphold what my predecessor has started especially the Caravan of Services and Suroy-Suroy sa Sugbo. And I am looking forward to the engagements with our local chief executives," Sastrillo said.



Cebu PDC-PPOC-PADAC-PDRRMC joint meeting held

Members of the 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) convened during a joint meeting for the 1st Quarter of 2024 which was presided by Chairperson, Governor Gwendolyn Garcia on March 6 at the Capitol Social Hall.



DILG Sugbo Provincial Director and PPOC Head Secretariat Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero introduced Cebu Police Provincial Office Director PCol Percival Zorilla and IA V Milva Mojado of Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) Cebu, who presented the current peace and order and drug situation in the Province, respectively.



Sangguniang Panlalawigan Member Red Duterte commended the efforts of PDEA and PNP for being proactive in eradicating the rising drug problem especially in Camotes Islands.



Upcoming PDC-PPOC-PADAC meeting discussed

Cebu Governor Gwen Garcia and DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero planned for the joint Provincial Development Council-Provincial Peace and Order Council-Provincial Anti-Drug Abuse Council quarterly meeting scheduled on March 6.

Joining them were Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members Cesar Baricuatro, Mike Villamor, and Philippine Councilors League Cebu Provincial Federation President Ricardo "Kuya Nick" Pepito.





Orientation on POC, ADAC held

The DILG Sugbo and the Cebu Provincial Government organized an orientation on the 2024 Peace and Order Council (POC) Performance Audit and 2024 Anti-Drug Abuse Council (ADAC) Performance Audit and Awards at the Capitol Social Hall on March 18.

DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero thanked Governor Gwen Garcia for funding the activity and expressed commitment to assist the local government units in the Province during the ongoing POC and ADAC audits.

"I hope we will sustain the POC and maintain the 51 local government units, and for the ADAC, we will have more success and everyone will pass and get an award up until the national level," he said.

Participants included the field officers of DILG Sugbo and POC and ADAC focal persons of the LGUs.



Outstanding Lupons in Cebu Province recognized

Nine barangays in Cebu Province were honored for their exemplary performance in settling community disputes during the 2024 Lupong Tagapamayapa Incentives Awards (LTIA) Sugbo held at the Capitol Social Hall on December 9.

The awardees were the following: Barangay Gairan, City of Bogu for Component Cities Category Winner, 1st Runner-up: Barangay Poblacion, Danao City and 2nd Runner-up: Barangay Bulacao, Talisay City. For 1st to 3rd Class Municipalities Category, Barangay Ibabao, Cordova hailed as winner while 1st Runner-up is Barangay Lamac, Pinamungajan and 2nd Runner-up is Barangay Argawanon, San Remigio. For 4th to 6th Class Municipalities Category, the winner is Barangay Villahermosa, Tudela, 1st Runner-up is Barangay Ibabao, Sogod and 2nd Runner-up is Barangay Tagnucan, Borbon.

Governor Gwen Garcia, the keynote speaker, announced increased prizes for winners and runners-up, with P400,000, P200,000, and P100,000 worth of infrastructure projects for 2024, and even higher prizes planned for 2025.

"Continue doing what you are doing on volunteer basis. Agi kini'g pasalamat sa Probinsya sa Sugbo sa inyong tampo nga kining atong pinanggang lalawigan, husayon ang mga gubot kay tinguha nato nga magkahi-usa ta," she said.

DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trovela, who was represented by DILG-7 Assistant Regional Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero highlighted the Lupons' vital role in settling disputes, saving the government P147 million in 2023 and P94 million in the first half of 2024.

"Rest assured, we at DILG Region 7 are one with all the barangays in the Region, including Cebu Province, in our continued commitment towards the expedient administration of barangay justice for a peaceful and orderly society," he added.

Liga ng mga Barangay National President Celestino Martinez commended the runners-up and winners, emphasizing the invaluable contributions of the Lupons and barangay officials in fulfilling their duties and responsibilities with dedication and excellence.

DILG Sugbo OIC-Provincial Director Dr. Jesus Robel Sastrillo, Jr. lauded the leadership of Garcia, for championing initiatives that recognize and support the invaluable contributions of the Lupong Tagapamayapa.

"To our provincial winners and finalists, I congratulate you for your exemplary performances. May this recognition inspire you to continue improving and to give even more pride to the number one province in the country—the Province of Cebu," he added.





Sugbo PMCC passes 4 resolutions

The Sugbo Provincial Management and Coordinating Committee (PMCC) passed four resolutions in the 4th quarterly meeting at the Cebu Police Provincial Office in Cebu City on October 18.

These resolutions include requesting the national headquarters of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) to allow the holding of special barangay drug-clearing deliberations to assist local government units in complying with the requirements for the Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG); commending former Joint Task Group Commander COL Erwin Rommel Lamzon for being an active member of PMCC; commending all the top performing personnel, units, and substations of the PMCC member-agencies; and commending DILG-7 Assistant Regional Director and outgoing PMCC chairperson Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero for uniting and encouraging the PMCC members to go the extra mile in providing services to Cebuanos through the Caravan of Services.

During the meeting, Lucero introduced the new DILG Sugbo OIC-Provincial Director Dr. Jesus Robel Sastrillo, Jr., who will also assume as the new PMCC Chairperson.

Also discussed were the upcoming 4th quarter Caravan of Government Services, major accomplishments, and updates of each member agencies, among others.

Present during the meeting hosted by CPPO and JTG Cebu were CPPO Provincial Director PCOL Percival Zorrilla of CPPO, MAJ Samuel Maglinao of Joint Task Group Cebu, NAPOLCOM Cebu Provincial Officer Atty. Giovanni Bravo, SUPT Manases Bautista of BFP-Cebu, IA V Milva Mojado of PDEA-Cebu, ENS Jay-R Alguindano of CGS Central Cebu, SJO2 Nimrod Vito of BJMP-Cebu, and Transportation Officer Pearl Gutierrez of LTO-7, the new member agency of the committee.



DILG, PMCC join Bagong Pilipinas caravan in Naga



The DILG-7 headed by Regional Director Leocadio Trovela and the DILG Sugbo led by Assistant Regional Director and concurrent Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero, who likewise chairs the Sugbo Provincial Management Coordinating Committee (PMCC), provided various services during the Bagong Pilipinas Caravan of Services in the City of Naga on August 24.

Attorney III Atty. Grace Melanie Lacamiento and DMO IV Atty. Joseph Dale Batocoy of DILG-7, LGOO II Atty. Tereza Ruby Leprozo of DILG Sugbo, and Atty. Rodulfo Pfleider of Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) Cebu, rendered free legal assistance.

Sugbo PMCC members Cebu Police Provincial Office, BFP Cebu, and Joint Task Group Cebu of Armed Forces of the Philippines provided free haircut services to 75 beneficiaries in the 1st District of Cebu.

Meanwhile, Naga City CLGOO Emma Joyevelyn Calvo was joined by the DILG lawyers and personnel of DILG Sugbo in distributing free slippers to the residents.



Sugbo PMCC joins Bagong Pilipinas Caravan

The Sugbo Provincial Management and Coordinating Committee (PMCC) chaired by DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero offered different services during the Bagong Pilipinas Caravan of Services in the Municipality of Dalaguete on April 13.

Joining Lucero were Joint Task Group (JTG) Cebu Commander COL Erwin Rommel Lamzon, Cebu Police Provincial Office (CPPO) Provincial Director PCOL Percival Zorrilla, Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) Cebu Provincial Fire Director SUPT Manases Bautista, and LTJG Keith Stephen Liwag of Naval Forces Central (NAVFORCEN).

Lucero and Sibonga MLGOO Susan Tolentino served as knowledge sharers during the DILG Sugbo's Katarungang Pambarangay training dubbed as "KP on Wheels" which was attended by 165 punong barangay, barangay secretaries, and members of Lupong Tagapamayapa of Dalaguete.

Attorney III Atty. Grace Melanie Lacamiento and DMO IV Atty. Joseph Dale Batoctoy of DILG-7, LGOO II Atty. Tereza Ruby Leprozo of DILG Sugbo, and Atty. Cerfranz Boniel, SFO2 Atty. Antonio Ermac Montajes, and F03 Atty. Emerson Arceo of BFP extended free legal services to 23 beneficiaries.

The DILG-7 and DILG Sugbo also distributed 100 pairs of slippers and five packs of rice, while BFP, JTG Cebu, and NAVFORCEN gave free haircut to 66 residents.

The BFP likewise provided free circumcision to 82 boys and conducted basic fire safety training to 50 residents and volunteers, while NAVFORCEN showcased their various equipment to raise public awareness.

The Bagong Pilipinas Caravan of Services is one of the flagship programs of President Ferdinand Marcos Jr which aims to bring government services closer to the Filipinos.





DILG joins Bagong Pilipinas caravan in Alegria

DILG-7 Regional Director Leocadio Trola and OIC-Assistant Regional Director and DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero graced the Bagong Pilipinas Serbisyo Fair in Alegria, Cebu on June 15.

The activity was spearheaded by the Office of the President, Office of Presidential Assistant for the Visayas, and House of Representatives.

The DILG-7 and DILG Sugbo distributed slippers and rice, provided free lecture on the Revised Katarungang Pambarangay Law, and offered free legal services to the residents.





DILG joins R-PSB BIDA launch

DILG Bureau of Local Government Supervision Director Debbie Torres, DILG-7 Regional Director Leocadio Trovela, and DILG-7 Assistant Regional Director and concurrent DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero attended the grand launch of Revitalized-Pulis sa Barangay (R-PSB) Buhay Ingatan, Droga'y Ayawan (BIDA) in Region VII at Hoops Dome, Lapu-Lapu City on September 14.

Trovela led the recitation of the pledge of commitment on behalf of Secretary of the Interior and Local Government Atty. Benjamin Abalos Jr.

Present were Philippine National Police (PNP) Chief PGEN Francisco Marbil, Police Community Relations Director PBGEN Roderick Augustus Alba, Police Regional Office-7 Director PBGEN Anthony Aberin, Armed Forces of the Philippines LTGEN Fernando Reyeg, and Lapu-Lapu City Mayor Junard Chan.

Also in attendance were personnel from DILG-7, DILG Sugbo, PNP, and BFP, and delegates from Cebu Province, Lapu-Lapu City, Cebu City, and Mandaue City.





IDADAIT and BATARIZ youth forum held

Over 100 Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) officials of Borbon, Cebu joined the “BIDA Kabataang Malaya sa Droga: 2024 IDADAIT and BATARIZ Youth Forum” organized by the DILG Sugbo, in partnership with the Municipal Government of Borbon and Knights of Rizal (KOR) Segunda Katigbak Chapter, on August 3 in observance of the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking (IDADAIT).

DILG-7 Assistant Regional Director and concurrent DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero urged the youth leaders to support the government’s continued campaign against illegal drugs particularly the DILG’s flagship program entitled Buhay Ingatan, Droga’y Ayawan (BIDA).

Borbon Mayor Noel Dotillos meanwhile emphasized the crucial role of the youth in the community, describing them as the “future of Borbon”.

Sir Leocadio Trovela, KGOR, Knights of Rizal (KOR) Cebu South and Bohol Area Commander and DILG-7 Regional Director, welcomed the youth leaders of Borbon to the Batang Kaparis ng Rizal (BATARIZ), the flagship initiative of DILG Region 7 which aims to empower the youth and increase their engagement and participation in local governance.

He likewise commended the DILG Sugbo headed by Lucero and the Municipal Government of Borbon led by Dotillos for the successful conduct of the youth forum which he described as worthy of replication in the region.

Invited as knowledge sharers during the activity were Armed Forces of the Philippines Joint Task Group Cebu Commander COL Erwin Lamzon; KOR Central Visayas Deputy Regional Commander Sir Bryner Diaz, KGOR; Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) Cebu Provincial Officer IA V Milva Mojado; PDEA-7 Drug Enforcement Officer IO I Jard Dalumpines; and Bogo City Police Station Assistant Police Community Relations - Police Non-Commissioned Officer PSSG Edwin Catamco.

The youth leaders likewise engaged in the Usapang BIDA ng mga Kabataan, team-building activities, recitation of the pledge of commitment to BIDA campaign, BIDA dance challenge, and commemoration of the 128th anniversary of Dr. Jose Rizal’s visit to Cebu.



744 Cebu brgys declared 'drug-cleared'

The Regional Oversight Committee on Barangay Drug Clearing (ROCBDC) declared 744 out of the 1,066 barangays in Cebu cleared from illegal drugs as of September 25.

To date, at least 304 barangays in the Province were identified as drug-affected barangays by the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency, which chairs the ROCBDC.

Tudela, 35 brgys declared as drug-cleared

The Municipality of Tudela and 35 barangays in Cebu Province were declared as drug cleared by the Regional Oversight Committee on Barangay Drug Clearing (ROCBDC) - 7 on May 29.

ROCBDC Chairperson PDEA-7 Director Emerson Margate expressed gratitude and commended the municipality and barangays for their efforts in sustaining the anti-illegal drug programs at the local level.

Congratulations!



TUDELA, CEBU
Drug-Cleared Municipality



Congratulations!

35 DRUG-CLEARED BARANGAYS IN CEBU

ASTURIAS BRGY. AGBANGA BRGY. MAGCALAPE BRGY. UBOGON BRGY. MANGUIAO	BANTAYAN BRGY. BANTIGUE BRGY. TICAD
BADIAN BRGY. SULSOGAN BRGY. GINABLAN	BALAMBAN BRGY. STA. CRUZ - STO. NIÑO
	BARILI BRGY. CAMPANGGA

Congratulations!

35 DRUG-CLEARED BARANGAYS IN CEBU

CARCAR CITY BRGY. LIBURON	COMPOSTELA BRGY. CANAMUCAN
CATMON BRGY. BACTAS BRGY. CAN-IBUANG	DUMANJUG BRGY. TUBOD-BITOON BRGY. BULAK
DANAO CITY BRGY. OGUIS BRGY. CAHUMAYAN BRGY. CAGAT-LAMAC	GINATILAN BRGY. CAGSING
	MINGLANILLA BRGY. CAMP 8

Congratulations!

35 DRUG-CLEARED BARANGAYS IN CEBU

SAN FERNANDO BRGY. PITALO	TOLEDO CITY BRGY. BULONGAN BRGY. BUNGA BRGY. CARMEN BRGY. DUMLOG BRGY. TUBOD BRGY. STO. NIÑO
SIBONGA BRGY. LIBO BRGY. MAGCAGONG BRGY. CANTULAROY	TUBURAN BRGY. MONTEALEGRE BRGY. SANDAYONG
TALISAY CITY BRGY. SAN ROQUE	

Lucero leads inauguration of Moalboal projects



DILG-7 Assistant Regional Director and concurrent DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero led the inauguration of four DILG Locally-Funded Projects in the Municipality of Moalboal on September 2.

"This signifies our commitment and desire towards Moalboal's economic progress and development as we inaugurate four locally-funded projects which would help improve the lives sa katawhan sa Moalboal," he said.

Lucero was joined by Mayor Inocentes Cabaron, Vice-Mayor Paz Rozgoni, Sangguniang Bayan members, Tribu Cluster Head Wyndell Valle, Moalboal MLGOO Lyn Aguelo, barangay officials, and residents.

The inaugurated projects include:

- P6.6-million concreting of farm-to-market road in Barangay Saavedra
- P10-million concreting of barangay road in Barangay Basdiot
- P10-million construction of a market building in Barangay Poblacion East
- P10-million improvement of multi-purpose building in Barangay Poblacion West.





Public market in Sugod inaugurated

DILG-7 Assistant Regional Director and concurrent DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero graced the inauguration of the public market in the Municipality of Sugod jointly funded by the national government and the Province of Cebu on July 24.

The Provincial Government spent P10 million for the first phase of the project and implemented the second phase worth P20 million which was funded under the Financial Assistance to Local Government (FALGU) 2022.

Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members Red Duterte and Mike Villamor, Sugod Mayor Lissa Marie Durano-Streegan and Vice-Mayor Richard Streegan, Liloan Mayor Aljew Jordan Frasco, Poro Mayor Edgar Rama and Vice-Mayor Dina Rama, Sugod MLGOO Sheila Denden, barangay officials, and residents were also present.





Catmon inaugurates P5M farm-to-market road project

DILG-7 Assistant Regional Director and concurrent DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero led the inauguration of the rehabilitation/concreting of the farm-to-market road from Barangay San Jose to Barangay Duyan via Sitio Lubo in Catmon, Cebu on September 17.

The P5-million road project, which benefits 4,461 residents, was funded by the DILG's Local Government Support Fund - Financial Assistance to Local Government Units (LGSF-FALGU).

Lucero assured the Municipality of Catmon of the Department's continued support to its future initiatives and projects especially in delivering priority services.

Catmon Mayor Avis Monleon extended gratitude to the DILG for the financial support and expressed hopes for more projects in the future.

Vice-Mayor Armel Poro and San Jose Punong Barangay Karem Joromo meanwhile highlighted the significant contributions of the road project to the community.

Also present were Tig-a Cluster Head Roxine Coyoca, Catmon MLGOO Rothwel Pulido, municipal and barangay officials, and other personnel.



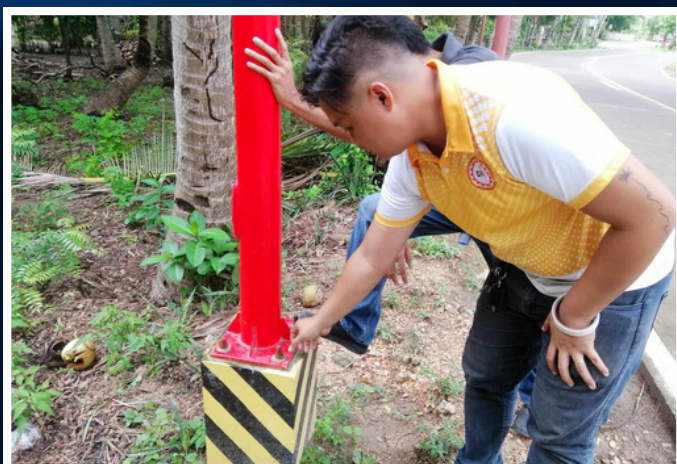
P7M infra projects in Santa Fe, Cebu inaugurated

DILG-7 Regional Director Leocadio Trovela graced the inauguration of two infrastructure projects worth P7 million in the Municipality Santa Fe, Cebu on April 22.

The projects were the P4-million farm-to-market road in Barangay Kinatarcan funded under the 2022 Support to the Barangay Development Program (SBDP) and the P3-million construction of a multi-purpose building in Barangay Hagdan charged under the 2022 Financial Assistance to Local Government Units (FALGU).

Mayor Ithamar Espinosa expressed hopes that the national government will fund more projects for the Municipality.

Also present were PDMU Chief Rommel Correa, Engr. Archie Garson of DILG-7 PDMU, Santa Fe OIC-MLGOO Niño Vincent Fiel, Bantayan OIC-MLGOO Michael Jickerie Alvarez, Madridejos OIC-MLGOO John Michael Legaspi, and LGOO II Engr. Louies Martin Gabutin of DILG Sugbo.



Lucero graces inauguration of 10 Argao projects

DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero joined Cebu Governor Gwendolyn Garcia; Congressman Edsel Galleos; Cebu Provincial Board Members Dr. Stanley Caminero, Raymond Calderon, Tata Corominas-Toribio, Kerrie Keane Shimura, and Cesar Baricuatro; Argao Mayor Allan Sesaldo, and other officials in inaugurating the 10 infrastructure projects in Argao, Cebu on May 6 to May 7.

The projects that were inaugurated were the following:

- P290,910.59 reinforced concrete lamppost pedestal with the installation of solar lights in Barangay Sumaguan
- P8-million road concreting of road connecting Barangay Mompeller to Barangay Balaas
- P41.3-million Phase I of the Mompeller-Balaas Vegetable Highway Road
- P2.8-million two-storey multi-purpose building (barangay hall) in Barangay Linut-od
- P35.3-million Phase II of Catang–Lapay road section in Barangay Catang
- P24.1-million Phase II of Canbanua–Jomgao–Panadtaran road section
- P3.6-million multi-purpose covered court in Barangay Tabayag
- P4-million 1-barrel reinforced concrete box culvert in Barangay Langtad
- P290,910.59 reinforced concrete lamppost pedestals with solar-powered lights in Barangay Langtad
- almost P1-million community stage in Barangay Poblacion

Also present were Argao Vice-Mayor Orvi Ortega; Cebu Police Provincial Office (CPPO) Provincial Director Percival Zorilla; CPPO Deputy Provincial Director for Operations PLTCOL Randy Caballes; Sangguniang Bayan members; and barangay officials.



SBDP-funded projects in Toledo City validated

The DILG Sugbo Project Development Monitoring Unit (PDMU), through LGOO II Louies Martin Gabutin and LGOO II Devon Paredes, conducted an onsite validation of the projects in Barangays Bato and Poog, Toledo City, Cebu on July 26.

The projects funded under the Support to the Barangay Development Program (SBDP) include the construction of farm-to-market road in Barangay Bato and the rehabilitation of the water supply system in Barangay Poog, each worth P6.6 million and are set to begin in August 2024.



Farm-to-market road in Moalboal completed



The DILG Sugbo Project Development Monitoring Unit inspected on February 27 the completed farm-to-market road in Barangay Saavedra, Moalboal, Cebu.

Engineer Louies Martin Gabutin was accompanied by Moalboal MLGOO Lyn Aguelo and municipal engineer Katrina Lisondra.

The P6.6-million road concreting project, funded under the Support to the Barangay Development Program (SBDP) in 2023, provides an easier and accessible route to over 300 residents.





SICAP-BADAC training held

Officials and concerned personnel of 93 barangays from the Municipalities of Argao, Moalboal, Ginatilan, Badian, Dumanjug, and Barili, participated in the Strengthening Institutional Capacities of Barangay Anti-Drug Abuse Councils (SICAP-BADAC) on November 12 to November 14.

DILG Sugbo OIC-Provincial Director Dr. Jesus Robel Sastrillo, Jr., Argao Mayor Allan Sesaldo, Vice Mayor Atty. Orvi Ortega, Moalboal Mayor Inocentes Cabaron, and Dumanjug Mayor graced the separate activities hosted by the municipalities of Argao, Moalboal, and Dumanjug.

DILG Sugbo BADAC focal person LGOO V Michael Jickerie Alvarez, PDEA Cebu Provincial Barangay Drug Clearing Officer IA I Romy Alcantara, and CPPO Police Community Affairs and Development Unit PCPL Jose Gaspher Bolocon served as resource persons during the activities attended by punong barangay, kagawad on peace and order, BADAC focal persons and barangay secretaries of the said LGUs.

Also present were DILG Sugbo Tribu Cluster Head Engr. Wyndell Valle, Argao MLGOO Lewelyn Arquillano, Moalboal MLGOO Lyn Aguelo, Ginatilan MLGOO Emmanuel Pedralba, Dumanjug MLGOO Glenda Gabuya, Barili MLGOO Dann Marr Andrino, Badian OIC-MLGOO Iris Arias, and technical staff.

Prior the training, DILG Sugbo hosted a strategic meeting focused on the implementation of the SICAP-BADAC.

Sastrillo graces National Farm-to-Market Road Network Plan workshop



DILG Sugbo OIC-Provincial Director Dr. Jesus Robel Sastrillo, Jr. represented DILG Regional Director Leocadio Trovela during the opening of the three-day seminar-workshop on the localization of the National Farm-to-Market Road Network Plan 2024-2028 at Golden Prince Hotel and Suites in Cebu City on October 16.

Sastrillo emphasized that the workshop aligns with the DILG-DPWH-DTI-DOT-DA Joint Administrative Order No. 1, Series of 2023, which underscores a commitment to collaborative action in promoting local development.

He also acknowledged the partner agencies and the provincial, municipal, and city planning officers, agriculturalists, engineers, and project development personnel from the local government units in the Province of Cebu that attended the activity.

Sastrillo encouraged participants to engage actively in the workshop, which was likewise attended by engineers of DILG Sugbo Project Development and Management Unit.

DILG Sugbo conducts CUCPD and RCSP feedbacking



The DILG Sugbo, led by OIC-Provincial Director Dr. Jesus Robel T. Sastrillo, Jr., conducted feedbacking session on Capacitating Urban Communities for Peace and Development (CUCPD) and Retooled Community Support Program (RCSP) at Cebu Parklane International Hotel on October 21, 2024.

DILG Sugbo program coordinators LGOO V Michael Jickerie Alvarez, LGOO III Alan Jay Yap, LGOO II Junnel Sarda served as speakers for CUCPD and RCSP discussion and feedbacking.

Present in the meeting were DILG Sugbo cluster heads, field officers, and technical staff.



CUCPD training in Balamban held

The DILG Sugbo organized a two-day training on Capacitating Urban Communities for Peace and Development (CUCPD) in Balamban, Cebu from July 18 to 19.

LGOO II Edwin Monceda served as knowledge sharer during the activity attended by 43 representatives from various sectors including urban poor, youth, transport, women, and labor.

The training was facilitated by provincial program coordinator LGOO II Alan Jay Yap, alternate focal LGOO II Junnel Sarda, and Balamban MLGOO Evalyn Quiros.

CUCPD pre-orientation held

The DILG Sugbo conducted a pre-orientation on the Capacitating Urban Communities for Peace and Development (CUCPD) for the municipalities of Minglanilla and Balamban on May 16.

Present were Minglanilla MLGOO Irene Anonar, Balamban MLGOO Rojhelou Patac, their respective Municipal Budget Officers and Municipal Planning and Development Coordinators, CUCPD provincial program coordinator LGOO II Alan Jay Yap, and alternate program coordinator LGOO II Junnel Sarda.



CUCPD training conducted in Minglanilla

In support of empowering LGUs to address governance challenges, the DILG Sugbo organized a two-day training on Capacitating Urban Communities for Peace and Development (CUCPD) in Minglanilla, Cebu from June 27 to 28.

LGCCD Assistant Division Chief LGOO VI Jerson Obo and regional focal person LGOO II Edwin Monceda served as knowledge sharers to the 36 participants representing various sectors such as urban poor, youth, transport, women, and labor.

The activity was facilitated by provincial program coordinator LGOO II Alan Jay Yap and alternate program coordinator LGOO II Junnel Sarda who were accompanied by Minglanilla MLGOO Irene Anonar.

CUCPD aims to assist local government units and stakeholders in identifying sector-specific issues and implementing tailored peace-building and development programs.



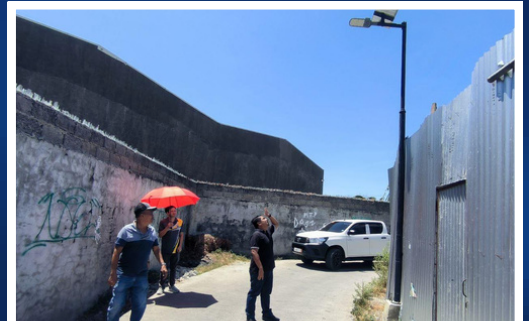
LGSF orientation conducted

The DILG-7, through the DILG Sugbo Project and Development Management Unit (PDMU), conducted an orientation on Local Government Support Fund (LGSF) on May 17.

The activity, which was attended by mayors, municipal engineers, and DILG field officers, tackled the importance of prompt online submission of reports, status and deliverables in the implementation of LGSF in Cebu Province, and updating and encoding of data in the SubayBAYAN portal.



P33M infra projects in Talisay City inspected



The DILG Sugbo, through LG00 II Louies Martin Gabutin and Engr. Billy Ray Papa of the Project Development and Management Unit (PDMU), inspected the seven infrastructure projects worth P33 million in Talisay City, Cebu on April 19.

These projects were the solar light installation and road concreting, both in Barangays Tangke and San Roque; construction of school building in Barangay Lawaan III; Level 3 water expansion in Barangay Maghaway; and road concreting and Level 1 water system in Barangay Pooc, all funded under the Support to Barangay Development Program (SBDP) in 2023.





P20M new market in Sogod inspected

The DILG Sugbo, through Engr. Il Carlos Cena of the Project Development and Management Unit (PDMU) and Sogod MLGOO Shiela Denden, inspected on April 16 the newly completed market project worth P20 million in Sogod, Cebu funded under the Financial Assistance to Local Government Units (FALGU) in 2022.

Also present during the inspection were Sogod Mayor Lissa Streegan, and representatives from the Cebu Provincial Government, and the private contractor.

P10M Alcoy market project inspected

Engineer Carlos Cena of the DILG Sugbo Project Development and Management Unit (PDMU) inspected the P10-million market project in Barangay Pugalo and Barangay Nug-as, both in Alcoy, Cebu on April 17.

The project, which was now 100% completed, was funded under the Financial Assistance to Local Government Unit (FALGU) 2022.



DILG Sugbo inspects P12M projects in Minglanilla

Engineer Louies Martin Gabutin of the DILG Sugbo Project Development and Management Unit (PDMU) and Minglanilla MLGOO Irene Anonar inspected on April 17 the two road concreting projects worth P12 million in Minglanilla, Cebu.

The completed projects were the concreting of farm-to-market roads in Barangay Cuanos and Barangay Manduang amounting to P6 million each funded under the 2023 Support to the Barangay Development Program (SBDP).



Medellin farm-to-market road inspected



Engineer Carlos Cena of the DILG Sugbo Project Development and Management Unit (PDMU), accompanied by Bugsay Cluster Head Lanie Lopez, Medellin OIC-MLGOO Janieva Dandan, and the municipal engineer inspected the P5-million farm-to-market road in Barangay Lamintak Norte, Medellin on May 7.

The completed project was funded under the 2023 Financial Assistance to Local Government Units (FALGU).

P21M infra in Oslob inspected

Engineer Billy Ray Papa of the DILG Sugbo and Oslob MLGOO Dean Mingueto conducted an inspection of Local Government Support Fund (LGSF) projects for 2021 and 2022 in Oslob, Cebu on June 20.

These projects include the second phase of a multi-purpose hall in Barangay Nueva Caceres, a multi-purpose hall in Barangay Canangcaan, and road concreting in Barangay Alo.



P6.6M Carmen road project inspected

LG00 II Engr. Louies Martin Gabutin and Engr. Carlos Cena of the DILG Sugbo Project Development and Management Unit (PDMU) and Carmen MLGOO Ammie Generale inspected on April 24 the farm-to-market road project worth P6.6 million in Carmen, Cebu.

The completed road project in Barangay Cantipay was funded under the 2023 Support to the Barangay Development Program (SBDP) and is expected to provide accessible route to over a thousand individuals.



DILG Sugbo inspects Danao City building

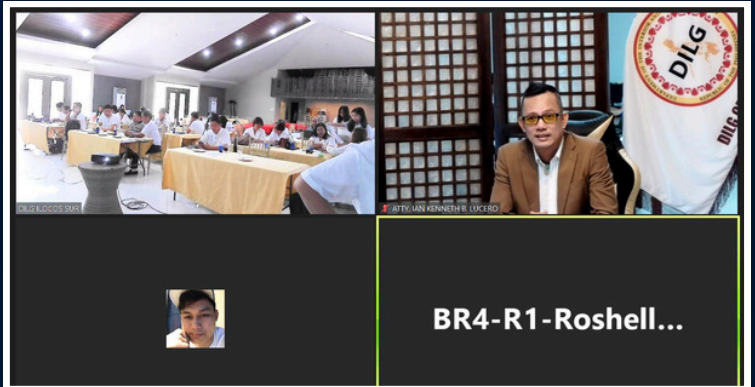
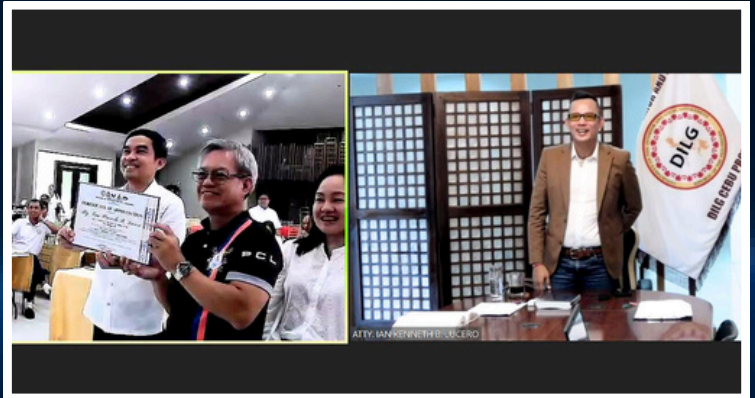
LG00 II Louies Martin Gabutin and Engr. Carlos Cena of DILG Sugbo Project Development and Management Unit (PDMU), accompanied by LG00 II Anthony Nieves of DILG Danao City and the city engineer, inspected the P10-million multi-purpose building in Barangay Masaba, Danao City on April 23.

The completed project was funded under the 2023 Financial Assistance to Local Government Units (FALGU) program.



DILG Ilocos Sur invites Lucero

DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero served as knowledge sharer on the Revised Katarungang Pambarangay Law during the Barangay Newly Elected Officials (BNEO) coaches' training organized by the DILG Ilocos Sur Province via Zoom on June 24.



Lucero shares KP expertise

DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero capacitated over 400 barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan officials in Cebu Province on Katarungang Pambarangay (KP) Law during a seminar-workshop organized by the Philippine League of Secretaries to the Sanggunian (PLEASES) Inc. on April 17 at Golden Peak Hotel and Suites in Cebu City.



Sastrillo graces KP Seminar

DILG Sugbo OIC-Provincial Director Dr. Jesus Robel Sastrillo, Jr served as the guest of honor during the Katarungang Pambarangay refresher seminar held in the Municipality of Barili on November 14.

Sastrillo urged the punong barangay and Sangguniang Barangay members of the municipality to actively participate in the discussions, stressing the importance of the topics in effectively fulfilling their duties and responsibilities.

The seminar was facilitated by Barili MLGOO Dann Marr Andrino and Pinamungajan MLGOO Atty. Jeffrey Lopez.



Lucero explains KP Law to Badian officials

DILG-7 Assistant Regional Director and concurrent Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero served as knowledge sharer on the jurisdictional and procedural aspects on the Revised Katarungang Pambarangay (KP) Law during a seminar attended by 225 punong barangay, Sangguniang Barangay members, Lupong Tagapamayapa members, and barangay secretaries from 29 barangays in Badian, Cebu on October 1.

Meanwhile, LGOO VI Lyn Aguelo, Moalboal MLGOO, oriented the participants on the KP forms.

Liga ng mga Barangay Badian Chapter President Dennis Divinagracia also graced the activity which was facilitated by Badian OIC-MLGOO Iris Arias.



DILG Sugbo discusses KP Law to Iligan City officials



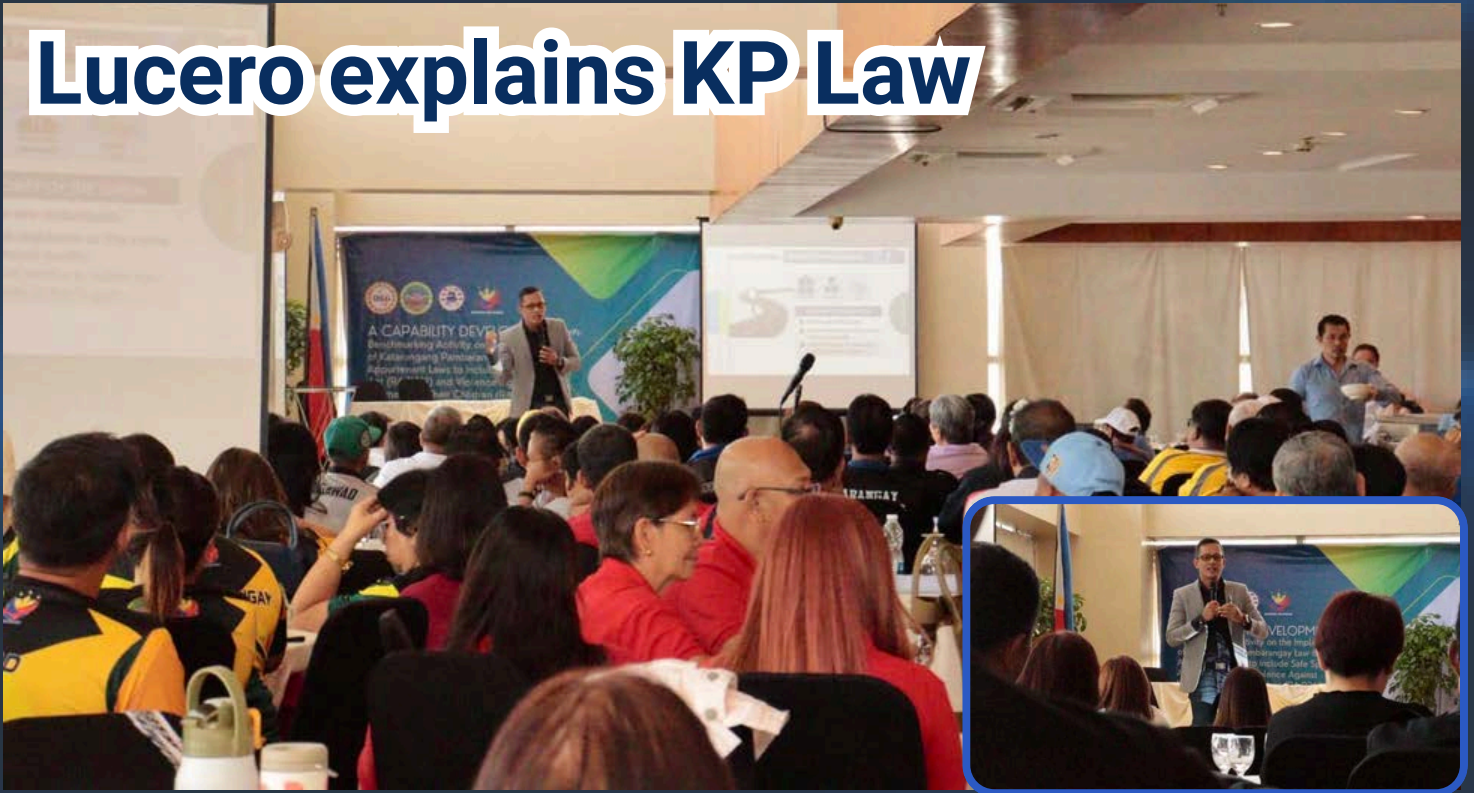
DILG-7 Assistant Regional Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero served as knowledge sharer on the jurisdictional and procedural aspects of the Revised Katarungang Pambarangay Law during a seminar facilitated by DILG Iligan City and attended by the punong barangay, Sangguniang Barangay members, Lupong Tagapamayapa members, and barangay secretaries from 44 barangays of Iligan City on September 10 in Cagayan de Oro City.

Procedural aspect of KP Law explained

DILG-7 Assistant Regional Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero discussed the procedural aspect of the Revised Katarungang Pambarangay (KP) Law to 90 punong barangay, sangguniang barangay members, and barangay secretaries of Argao, Cebu during the refresher seminar organized by the Liga ng mga Barangay Argao Chapter in coordination with DILG Argao Field Office at Alta Cebu Village Garden Resort on July 9.



Lucero explains KP Law



Speaking before 200 punong barangay, barangay secretaries, and Lupong Tagapamayapa members of Las Piñas City, DILG-7 Assistant Regional Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero discussed the procedural aspect of the Revised Katarungang Pambarangay Law with relevant Supreme Court rulings during the activity organized by the Liga ng mga Barangay Las Piñas City Chapter in coordination with DILG Las Piñas City at Crown Regency Hotel Cebu on August 10.

DILG Sugbo discusses KP Law to Medellin officials

DILG-7 Assistant Regional Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero and Bantayan MLGOO Jupiter Dawa served as knowledge sharers on the jurisdictional and procedural aspects, respectively, of the Revised Katarungang Pambarangay Law during a seminar attended by 75 punong barangay, Sangguniang Barangay members, Lupong Tagapamayapa members, and barangay secretaries from 19 barangays in Medellin, Cebu on September 3.

Liga ng Barangay Medellin Chapter President Edwin Salimbangon graced the activity which was facilitated by Medellin OIC-MLGOO Janieva Dandan.



Lucero explains KP Law, road clearing

DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero served as knowledge sharer during the Liga ng mga Barangay (LnB) Cebu Provincial Chapter Presidents meeting on May 16.

Lucero discussed updates on Katarungang Pambarangay Law with Supreme Court rulings and DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2024-053 governing the nationwide implementation of the Barangay Road Clearing Operations, validation, and assessment.

LnB Cebu Province Chapter President Celestino Martinez III expressed gratitude to Lucero for gracing the activity.



Lucero shares KP expertise

DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero capacitated 103 police investigators, women's desk officers, and Lupong Tagapamayapa members from the different barangays in Toledo City on the Revised Katarungang Pambarangay (KP) Law on May 31.

Toledo City Mayor Marjorie Perales, Cebu Police Provincial Office (CPPO) Director PCOL Percival Zorrilla, and Joint Task Group Cebu Commander COL Erwin Rommel Lamzon graced the activity which was conducted by CPPO in partnership with the city government and the Sugbo Provincial Management and Coordinating Committee, chaired by Lucero.



DILG-8 taps Lucero

DILG-8 Regional Director Arnel Agabe requested DILG-7 OIC-Assistant Regional Director and DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero to serve as knowledge sharer during the online coaching and mentoring session with prospective Local Government Operations Officer (LGOO) II apprentices in Region 8 on May 22 and 23.

Lucero discussed the Local Government Code of 1991, Revised Katarungang Pambarangay Law and three-term limit rule and shared tips in preparation of the 57th Batch Apprenticeship Comprehensive Examination.



Lucero discusses KP Law

DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero explained the jurisdictional aspect and rules on venue under the Revised Katarungang Pambarangay (KP) Law to the punong barangay, barangay secretaries, and Lupong Tagapamayapa members of the Municipality of San Remigio, Cebu on April 23.

Mayor Atty. Alfonso Pestolante and Vice-Mayor Mariano Martinez graced the activity, which was organized by the Liga ng mga Barangay San Remigio Chapter in coordination with DILG San Remigio Field Office.





Lucero witnesses BFP signing

DILG-7 Assistant Regional Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero witnessed the signing of the usufruct agreement for the proposed modern fire station building of the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) Region 7 on September 2 in Moalboal, Cebu.

Present during the ceremony were Moalboal Mayor Inocentes Cabaron, Vice Mayor Paz Rozgoni, BFP-7 Assistant Regional Director FSSUPT Rogelio Bongabong Jr., BFP-7 Cebu Provincial Director FSUPT Manases Bautista, and Municipal Fire Marshal FINSP Lorenzo Bocanegra.

DILG Sugbo joins training on PSCP formulation

Technical personnel of the DILG Sugbo headed by DILG-7 Assistant Regional Director and concurrent DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero underwent training on the formulation of Public Service Continuity Plan (PSCP) starting on September 30.

In his welcome message, Lucero urged the participants from the Regional and Sub-Regional Offices to actively participate in the discussion and workshops during the weeklong activity.

Present from the DILG Sugbo were Program Manager Richard Ouano and DRRM focal person LGOO V Jonaluke Tubal II.

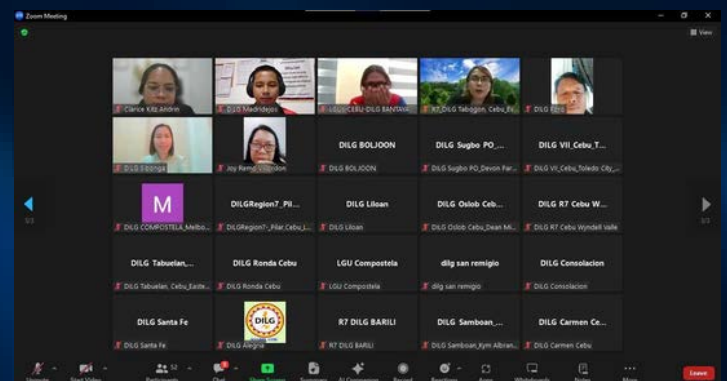
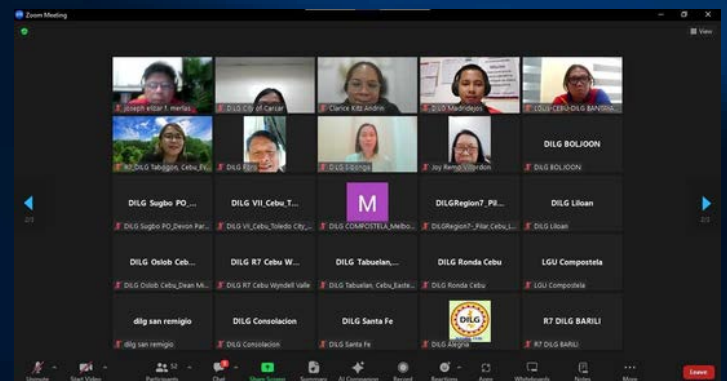


Barangay road clearing implementation, validation tackled



DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero gathered the cluster heads, field officers, and cluster facilitators in Cebu Province for an online meeting on May 8 to address concerns on the implementation and upcoming validation of the barangay road clearing operations.

He likewise encouraged the cluster heads to strategize for the conduct of cross-posting validation of their respective City/Municipal Composite Validation and Assessment Task Teams.





RESILIENT COMMUNITIES REINFORCED

DILG Sugbo, RAFI co-design DRRM project



The DILG Sugbo led by Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero partnered with the Humanitarian Disaster Preparedness and Response of Ramon Aboitiz Foundation Inc. (RAFI) in developing a project that will help enhance the functionality of the Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Councils in Cebu Province and provide more impact in addressing disaster vulnerabilities in their communities.

They were joined by the Department of Social Welfare and Development-7, Department of Science and Technology-7, University of San Jose-Recoletos, and University of San Carlos during the co-design program session on January 10 to 11 in Balamban, Cebu.

The collaboration endeavors to come up with rubrics for Project BRAVE (Building Resilience and Adaptation of Vulnerable Ecosystem) which will be used to measure disaster resilience and progress of LGUs as well as identify gaps and opportunities for improvement to be used as input in crafting and/or improving their disaster risk reduction and management plans.

Lucero was likewise accompanied by Aloguinsan MLGOO Dennis Itom, Oslob MLGOO Deanna Mingueto, Moalboal MLGOO Lyn Aguelo, Liloan MLGOO James Andrew Andaya, Sibonga MLGOO Susan Tolentino, DRRM provincial focal person LGOO III Junaluke Tubal II, and LGOO II Jean Marvette Diaz.

After the two-day session, a series of meetings will be conducted to finalize the rubrics.



Trovela, Lucero attend Capitol meeting

DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trovela and DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero graced the meeting with Cebu Governor Gwen Garcia, provincial board members, city and municipal mayors, and concerned line agencies on May 23 to launch another initiative of the Cebu Provincial Government dubbed “Sugbo Baboyan sa Limpyo ug Hapsay nga Tugkaran” and to discuss the distribution of P3 million assistance to the component LGUs in light of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan’s declaration of a state of calamity in the Province due to the devastating effects of the El Niño phenomenon.

To recall, the DILG was part of the team which crafted the guidelines and will likewise serve as validator/assessor for the Sugbo Baboyan program which seeks to improve the income of participating households through the production of organically-grown hogs in a clean and green environment.

During the meeting, Trovela and Lucero also extended guidance on the judicious utilization of the 30% Quick Response Fund.





DILG lauds Gov Gwen

The Department of the Interior and Local Government gave a token of recognition signed by Secretary Atty. Benjamin Abalos Jr to Cebu Governor Gwendolyn Garcia for setting a high standard in local governance through her exemplary flagship programs and initiatives.

DILG Assistant Secretary for Local Government Atty. Jesi Howard Lanete, Assistant Secretary for International Relations Lilian De Leon, and DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trovela handed the token to Garcia during the Recovery Initiative towards Sustained Local Economy (RISE) for Local Government Units in Central Visayas program at the Capitol Social Hall on August 12.

Trovela explained that the token of recognition is fitting for Garcia who leads the Province of Cebu to greater heights and progress.

"Like a slipper, she walks the talk, she leads by example. She breathes life to the tatak serbisyong Garcia nga "buhat ang pasultihon, dili sulti ang pabuhaton"," he said.

Also present from the DILG were Bureau of Local Government Development Director Anna Liza Bonagua, DILG-7 Assistant Regional Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero, all city and provincial directors of the DILG-7 sub-regional offices, and regional and provincial technical personnel.



Cebu Province shares best practices

The Sangguniang Panlalawigan (SP) of Cebu presented the programs and initiatives of the Provincial Government under the administration of Governor Gwen Garcia during the Recovery Initiative towards Sustained Local Economy (RISE) for Local Government Units in Central Visayas on August 12 at the Capitol Social Hall.

SP Member Andrei Duterte, chairman of the Committee on Tourism, introduced the Province's tourism efforts, while Board Member Glenn Anthony Soco, who chairs the Committee on Trade and Commerce, outlined Cebu's initiatives on economic enterprise. SP Member Victoria Toribio, who chairs the Committee on Agriculture, presented the Province's food security programs, while SP Member Raymond Calderon, chairman of the Committee on Basic Education, and Capitol consultant Eddie Ybañez highlighted the educational support programs and digitalization efforts of Cebu, respectively.

An audio-visual presentation was likewise played before local officials and functionaries in the region showcasing Cebu's flagship programs such as Sugboanong Busog, Luwas, ug Himsog (SUGBUso), Sugbo Negosyo, Enhanced Countryside Development, Caravan of Services, Sugbo Kahanas, Bugasan sa Kababayan-an sa Barangay, Suroy-Suroy Sugbo, Pasigarbo sa Sugbo, One Cebu Expo, Tourist Rest Areas, quick response (QR)-coded and digitalized concept in assisting the marginalized sector, and adoption of digital payments.

In response to the pressing need for economic recovery and revitalization in the aftermath of the pandemic, the RISE program of DILG aims to empower LGUs with the necessary tools, strategies and partnerships to stimulate economic recovery and foster long-term sustainability.

In her message, Cebu Governor Gwendolyn Garcia encouraged fellow local leaders in Central Visayas to assert their local autonomy in prioritizing the welfare of their constituents.

"Let's make the most that we can kay ang uban walay ana nga authority... Ultimately, mapaangat nato ang kinabuhi sa mga naningkamot. And always, let us protect local autonomy," she said.



Cebu Province shares best practices



"I believe that the best way we can repay our constituents is to insist on what is due to the local government under the Republic Act 7160 [Local Government Code of 1991]. You can never go wrong if you stand up for your constituents, even if it poses a threat against you. Eventually, you will be proven right," she added.

For his part, Bohol Governor Erico Aristotle Aumentado highlighted the value of knowledge-sharing between provinces, adding that Cebu has demonstrated excellent practices that could be beneficial if likewise implemented in Bohol.

He also expressed gratitude to DILG for facilitating initiatives such as RISE that promote collaboration and exchange of ideas among provincial leaders.

Siquijor Vice-Governor Mei Ling Brown reechoed the significance of collaboration and learning and likewise lauded Garcia for her leadership and vision, particularly the innovative projects under her administration such as the solar power plant, bulk water supply, and wastewater treatment facility programs.



DILG supports Sugbo Baboyan program

DILG-7 Assistant Regional Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero and DILG Sugbo OIC-Provincial Director Dr. Jesus Robel Sastrillo, Jr. express support to “Sugbo Baboyan sa Limpyo ug Hapsay nga Tugkaran Program” of the Province of Cebu during the coordination meeting at Capitol Social Hall on November 6.

In a video message, Lucero said DILG Sugbo was part of the team which crafted the guidelines and will likewise serve as validator/assessor of the program.

"Rest assured, kami sa DILG 7, kami sa DILG Sugbo, magpadayun gayud sa pagsuporta sa mga tinguha sa Cebu Provincial Government ubos sa liderato ni Governor Garcia. Sama kining Sugbo Baboyan, alang sa kaayuhan, alang sa kalamboan sa tanang Sugboanon," said Lucero.

Sastrillo, whose message was delivered by Tig-a Cluster Head Roxine Coyoca, expressed the full commitment of the DILG Sugbo through the provincial office and field officers, to provide assistance in implementing the program.

Also present during the meeting were DILG Sugbo field officers, and Cluster Heads Lelanie Lopez, Liza Fernandez and Engr. Wyndell Valle.



Cebu LGUs hold KALINISAN anew

City and Municipal Local Government Operations Officers of DILG Sugbo mobilized their respective barangays in Cebu Province to conduct another cleanup drive on January 27, Saturday, in line with the Kalinga at Inisyatiba para sa Malinis na Bayan (KALINISAN) program of the Department.

Through the KALINISAN program, LGUs are encouraged to conduct regular cleanup drives to maintain and provide a healthy and safe environment while enabling community participation anchored on the bayanihan spirit.

This new convergence initiative of DILG is part of the Bagong Pilipinas campaign of President Ferdinand Marcos, Jr which calls for fundamental transformations in all sectors of the society and government.



DILG Sugbo, Consolacion collect 6 tons of garbage during KALINISAN cleanup

Field officers and provincial staff of DILG Sugbo headed by Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero joined the officials of the Municipality of Consolacion led by Mayor Teresa Alegado and over 100 residents of Barangay Cansaga led by Punong Barangay Peter Cabillada in collecting six tons of garbage during the cleanup drive in line with the Kalinga at Inisyatiba para sa Malinis na Bayan (KALINISAN) program of the Department on March 2.

Lucero urged all newly elected and appointed barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan officials, residents, and civil society organizations to cooperate in conducting regular clean-up drives in their communities.

"Nanghinaut kami nga magpadayon ang atong pagkahiusa ug pagtinabangay sa paglimpyo sa atong palibot sa mga sunod nga semana to ensure and maintain a safe and healthy environment alang sa tanan, alang sa Bagong Pilipinas," he added.

The KALINISAN program, which is in line with the Bagong Pilipinas campaign of President Ferdinand Bongbong Marcos Jr, is a convergence initiative that aims to provide and maintain a healthy and safe environment through community participation anchored on the tradition of "bayanihan".





KALINISAN in Ibabao, Cordova yields 5.2-ton garbage

Around 5.2 tons of garbage were collected during the simultaneous clean-up drive dubbed as Kalinga at Inisyatiba para sa Malinis na Bayan (KALINISAN) program in Barangay Ibabao, Cordova, Cebu on May 25.

DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero, Cluster Head Roxine Coyoca, Tig-a Cluster members, and provincial office personnel joined Cordova Mayor Cesar Suan, Vice-Mayor Boyet Tago, Barangay Ibabao Punong Barangay Arthur Degamo, municipal, barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan officials, personnel of Cordova Police Station and Bureau of Fire Protection - Cordova, barangay and municipal employees, residents, purok leaders, and other stakeholders.

Lucero said the KALINISAN program is a shared responsibility between the government and the community to ensure a healthy and safe environment.

Other activities also conducted were road clearing, distribution of meals for children, oral health services, purok/sitio visit, Halina't Magtanim ng Prutas at Gulay (HAPAG) community garden visit, and zumba.





Talisay City collects 1.3 tons of garbage during KALINISAN

At least 1.3 tons of garbage were collected by 200 residents, officials, and volunteers from DILG Sugbo Provincial Office, Dasig Cluster headed by CLGOO Liza Fernandez, Talisay City Government represented by Sangguniang Panlungsod member Hon. Alito Bacaltos and Atty. Rudelyn Navarro, Barangay Mohon led by Punong Barangay Dario Villaver, Talisay City Police Station, Bureau of Fire Protection, Bureau of Jail Management and Penology, and private partners during the clean-up drive in line with the Kalinga at Inisyatiba para sa Malinis na Bayan (KALINISAN) program of the Department on April 6.

The KALINISAN program, which is aligned with the Bagong Pilipinas campaign of President Ferdinand Bongbong Marcos Jr, is a convergence initiative that aims to provide and maintain a healthy and safe environment through community participation anchored on "bayanihan".



KALINISAN cleanup in Tayud, Liloan yields 1.3-ton garbage

At least 1.3 tons of garbage were collected during the simultaneous cleanup drive dubbed as Kalinga at Inisyatiba para sa Malinis na Bayan (KALINISAN) program in Barangay Tayud, Liloan, Cebu on January 6.

Technical and provincial staff of DILG Sugbo headed by Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero joined barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan officials, barangay and municipal personnel, Liloan Police Station, Bureau of Fire Protection - Liloan, Knights of Rizal Segunda Katigbak Chapter, Philippine Coast Guard Auxiliary 219th Squadron, Kabataan Kontra Droga at Terorismo (KKDAT), residents, and other stakeholders in collecting the garbage.

Lucero said the KALINISAN program encourages community participation based on the "*bayanihan*" tradition, adding that it aims to bring together government efforts to maintain a healthy and safe environment by empowering local government units.





Lucero tackles SC rulings on envi issues

DILG-7 OIC-Assistant Regional Director and DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero discussed the must-know Supreme Court rulings on environmental issues during the Regional Environmental Planning Conference on May 25 organized by the students taking up Master in Management in Environmental Planning at the Philippine Christian University.

Lucero tapped as EnP Board Exam review lecturer

DILG-7 OIC-Assistant Regional Director and DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero served as one of the speakers at the Planning Institute and Leadership Academy Environmental Planner (EnP) Review Mastery Program.

Speaking before the July 2024 EnP Board Exam takers on June 9 and 16, Lucero explained the salient provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991 pertaining to environmental planning.

He likewise wished the exam takers luck on their endeavor as licensed environmental planners.





DILG-7 lawyers discuss procedural rules on envi cases

DILG-7 OIC-Assistant Regional Director and DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero, Attorney III Grace Melanie Lacamiento of the DILG-7 Regional Legal Unit, and DMO IV Atty. Joseph Dale Batoctoy of the DILG-7 Local Government Monitoring and Evaluation Division served as knowledge sharers on the Rules of Procedure for Environmental Cases during an online class of the Master in Management in Environmental Planning at the Philippine Christian University on April 7.

They explained the salient provisions of Administrative Matter No. 09-6-8-SC and Supreme Court decisions particularly on civil and criminal procedure, Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation (SLAPP), special civil actions such as writ of kalikasan and writ of continuing mandamus, and evidence.





INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES ENABLED



DILG confers SCFLG to 30 Cebu LGUs

DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trovela, who was invited as a guest speaker during the first general assembly of the League of Municipalities of the Philippines - Cebu on March 22, handed the Seal of Child-Friendly Local Governance (SCFLG) markers to the 30 cities and municipalities in the Province.

Trovela was assisted by OIC-Assistant Regional Director and DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero.

The cities of Bogo and Talisay and the municipalities of Balamban, San Fernando, San Remigio, and Sogod were declared as SCFLG recipients for CYs 2019, 2021, and 2022.

The LGUs that received the SCFLG for CYs 2021 and 2022 were the cities of Carcar and Danao and the municipalities of Asturias, Bantayan, Liloan, Madridejos, Minglanilla, Pilar, Pinamungajan, and Samboan, while the Municipality of Compostela bagged the Seal for CYs 2019 and 2022.

Passers of the CFLG audit in CY 2022 were the cities of Naga and Toledo and the municipalities of Alegria, Barili, Borbon, Carmen, Catmon, Consolacion, Daanbantayan, Medellin, Poro, and Tuburan, while the Municipality of San Francisco received the SCFLG for CY 2021.



AMUMA sa Barangay champions visited



DILG Sugbo OIC-Provincial Director Dr. Jesus Robel Sastrillo Jr. visited the beneficiaries of the AMUMA sa Barangay program in the Municipalities of Aloguinsan and Dumanjug on October 29 and 30.

Sastrillo was joined by Tribu Cluster Head Wyndell Valle, AMUMA Provincial focal person LGOO IV Cresencio Antolin Aseniero, Aloguinsan MLGOO Dennis Itom, Dumanjug MLGOO Glenda Gabuya, and LGOO II Louies Martin Gabutin.

AMUMA sa Barangay program, a flagship initiative of DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trovela, aims to capacitate LGUs in inculcating in their constituents, particularly the vulnerable sectors such as women, the importance of savings and good financial management.







Kidney test equipment installed in Balamban

DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trovela represented DILG Secretary Atty. Benjamin Abalos Jr during the installation of the urine-albumin-creatinine ratio (UACR) machine and the launch of the expansion of hemodialysis center in Balamban, Cebu on June 18.

Present were Governor Gwen Garcia, Congressman Pablo John Garcia III, DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero, Sangguniang Panlalawigan members, and other local officials.

The UACR machine, which is an integral tool in chronic kidney disease screening and prevention, was donated to Cebu Province through the Addressing Complications Today through Network of Warriors (ACT NOW) program of DILG in partnership with AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and Diabetes Philippines, Inc. which aims to screen a total of one million Filipino adults for symptoms of chronic kidney diseases to reduce the risk of renal ailments and the heavy social and economic cost of their treatment.



AMUMA sa DILG Sugbo established



Inspired by the AMUMA sa Barangay flagship program of DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trovela, Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero initiated the establishment of AMUMA sa DILG Sugbo participated by the provincial office staff and field officers in Cebu Province.

Lucero intended to inculcate in his team the culture of saving and financial security which is the primary objective of the AMUMA program of the Regional Office.

"It begins also in the workplace. It starts with us," he said.

The members of the AMUMA sa DILG Sugbo, which are collectively called as "*Sugboanon*", discussed the computation of shares in the savings collected, recording and monitoring mechanisms, and other concerns during their first meeting on February 26.



8 Cebu LGUs coached on BFC indicators



Local functionaries of eight local government units (LGUs) in Cebu Province formulated an action plan based on the results of the FY 2024 Seal of Good Local Governance provincial audit particularly focusing on Business Friendliness and Competitiveness (BFC) indicators during the coaching sessions with the DILG-7 on October 22-24, 2024 in Cebu City.

These LGUs were the municipalities of Badian, Dalaguete, Dumanjug, Lilo-an, Minglanilla, Sibonga, San Fernando, and San Francisco.

The activity was spearheaded by the DILG-7 as part of its 3D4SGLG program to help the local government units in the implementation of Ease of Doing Business Law. The sessions provided guidance on policies related to business permitting, licensing systems, building permits, and certificates of occupancy, while also gathering insights from the LGUs on challenges they face. These insights will help DILG Region 7 lobby for potential national policy interventions.

Dumanjug MLGOO Glenda Gabuya, Lilo-an MLGOO James Andrew Andaya, San Francisco MLGOO Gregory Sosmeña, Minglanilla MLGOO Irene Anonar and Cebu Provincial EODB focal person LGOO II Clarice Kitz Andrin likewise attended and provided technical assistance during the sessions.





Lucero graces Negosyo sa Barangay Training

DILG-7 Assistant Regional Director and DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero represented DILG Secretary Atty. Benjamin Abalos Jr during the opening ceremonies of the 10th Negosyo Sa Barangay Entrepreneurship Development Training on September 29 at Mezzo Hotel, Cebu City.

In his speech which was delivered by Lucero, Abalos stressed the importance of empowering barangays and the youth through entrepreneurship to drive inclusive economic growth.

The training, which was spearheaded by the Department of Trade and Industry, through the Philippine Trade Training Center-Global MSME Academy, the Philippine Center for Entrepreneurship-Go Negosyo, and the Development Center for Future Leaders, aims to engage more barangay officials to foster an entrepreneurial culture at the grassroots level.





Senior citizen facility in Moalboal inaugurated

DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero graced the inauguration of the Senior Citizen Community Care Center in Moalboal, Cebu on May 24 along with Governor Gwen Garcia, National Commission of Senior Citizens, and other officials.





DILG Sugbo honors women

In celebration of the International Women's Day on March 8, the DILG Sugbo headed by Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero initiated a trivia game show for women dubbed as "*Tingog sa Babayeng Sugboanon*" during the Caravan of Services in Cebu's 5th District.

Ten lucky day care workers from the Municipality of Liloan received three kilos of rice each as prizes from the Sugbo Provincial Management and Coordinating Committee chaired by Lucero.





Lucero graces NAP-EVAW workshop

DILG-7 Assistant Regional Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero represented Regional Director Leocadio Trovela in delivering the Department's message of support during the Visayas Validation Workshop on the Development of the National Action Plan to End Violence Against Women (NAP-EVAW) at Bai Hotel Cebu on August 14.

Lucero stressed on the importance of 4 C's – Collaboration, Coordination, Cooperation, and Commitment – to put an end to all forms of violence against women.

"Rest assured, we at DILG as co-chairperson of the Inter-Agency Council on Violence Against Women and their Children (IACVAWC) are one with you as we strive to build a community where women and their children are safe and secured, where their rights are respected and valued, free from fear of violence, abuse, or exploitation," he said.



Lucero lauds Carmen's GADtimpala

DILG-7 Assistant Regional Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero commended the Municipality of Carmen under the leadership of Mayor Carlo Villamor for initiating GADTimpala Awards and Recognition which recognizes the initiatives and contributions of barangays, municipal offices, academe, and other stakeholders in advancing gender equality and women empowerment.

"This momentous occasion is not only a celebration of the accomplishments of the Municipal Government of Carmen but also a testament to the Municipality's dedication to championing the rights of every person, regardless of gender," Lucero said in his keynote message during the awarding ceremony on September 5.

He emphasized that gender equality is a shared social responsibility, encouraging the municipality to continue fostering an environment that is open yet safe and gender-sensitive for everyone.

Also present were Carmen MLGOO Ammie Marie Generale and officials and personnel of the municipal government.





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Cebu LGUs bag BANSIWAG awards

Local government units (LGUs) from the Province of Cebu received various awards during the BANSIWAG Awards for LGUs organized by the Department of the Interior and Local Government - Region 7 (DILG-7) on November 25.

At least 27 LGUs from Cebu Province were recognized for attaining the 2024 Ideal Functionality Level for their Local Council for the Protection of Children (LCPC).

As for the 2023 Seal of Good Local Governance for Barangay (SGLGB) category, 57 barangays in Cebu Province bagged the seal, comprising 74% of the 77 total SGLGB passers in Region 7.

Meanwhile, three barangays in Cebu Province received accolades in the 2024 Lupong Tagapamayapa Incentives Awards (LTIA) category.

DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trovela, Assistant Regional Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero, and DILG Sugbo OIC-Provincial Director Jesus Robel Sastrillo, Jr. handed the awards to the local chief executives and other officials of the LGUs.

Initiated by Trovela, the Bansiwig Awards, coined from the Cebuano term meaning “to stick out prominently,” celebrates LGUs that excel in delivering impactful and responsive governance.



Cebu LGUs awarded for excellence in peace and order and public safety

Local chief executives and DILG field officers in Cebu Province were recognized during the BANSIWAG Awards for local government units for excellence in peace and order and public safety at a ceremony on December 17.

DILG-7 Regional Director Leocadio Trovela, Assistant Regional Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero, and DILG Sugbo OIC-Provincial Director Dr. Jesus Robel Sastrillo Jr. presented awards to officials from 51 Cebu LGUs, including the province, for achieving high-performance ratings in the Peace and Order Performance Audit.

Also, 42 Cebu LGUs, including the province, were also recognized for attaining high-functional ratings in the Anti-Drug Abuse Council Performance Audit and Awards.

Initiated by Trovela, the Bansiwig Awards, coined from the Cebuano term meaning “to stick out prominently,” celebrates LGUs that excel in delivering impactful and responsive governance.

Governor Gwendolyn Garcia, who served as the keynote speaker, expressed her gratitude for the recognition.

“Ang mga nagbansiwig sa ilang nakab-ot sa peace and order, tagaan gayud og igong pagtagad ug pahinungod,” she said.





DILG Sugbo holds year-end activity

DILG Sugbo OIC-Provincial Director Dr. Jesus Robel Sastrillo, Jr gathered the all personnel of DILG Sugbo for the year-end evaluation of the implementation of programs, projects and activities of the Department on December 19.

In the afternoon, LGOO IV Cresencio Antolin Aseniero discussed the AMUMA sa Barangay Rollout, while LGOO V Jonaluke Tubal, Jr. and LGOO V Michael Jickerie Alvarez presented the status and submission of the e-BDP and revisiting of the Barangay Drug Clearing Program/SICAP-BADAC, respectively.

During the fellowship night, Sastrillo commended all field officers, cluster heads, and provincial personnel for their hard work and contributions to DILG Sugbo's achievements in 2024, expressing optimism for even greater successes in the years ahead.

The clusters and provincial office competed in a "Your Face Sounds Familiar" challenge wherein the Provincial Office wowed the crowd as the winner.

As for the team-building games, Cluster Dasig emerged as the overall champion, followed by Cluster Tribu in second place, Cluster Tig-a in third, and Cluster Bugsay in fourth.

The "Stunners of the Night" titles were awarded to Barili MLGOO Dann Marr Andrino and Medellin OIC-MLGOO Janieva Dandan, showcasing their elegance and charm in a denim-inspired attire.

Seven field officers bagged the Diamante sa Katakos (Diamond of Competence) for attaining a 96%-100% compliance rate.



Cebu field officers bag BANSIWAG Awards

Seven field officers earned Perlas sa Kalantip (Pearl of Brilliance) distinction for a compliance rate of 91%-95%.

Nine field officers were awarded Bulawan sa Kaabtik (Gold of Cleverness) for achieving 86%-90% compliance.

Twenty-three field officers received the Bronse sa Kakugi (Bronze of Perseverance) award for attaining an 80%-85% compliance rate, while four field officers bagged the Tanso sa Katumanan.

Meanwhile, the Cluster Heads and the provincial technical and administrative personnel of the DILG Cebu Provincial Office received the Perlas sa Kalantip Award.



2nd *Pasidungog* #TatakIKBL Sumbanan Awards held

Forty-one field officers of DILG Sugbo bagged the *Perlas sa Kalantip* (Pearl of Brilliance) award during the 2nd *Pasidungog*: #TatakIKBL SUMBANAN Awards at Cebu Parklane International Hotel on February 8.

Inspired by the Bansiwag Awards initiated by DILG-7 Regional Director Leocadio Trovela, the *Perlas sa Kalantip* is the second highest award given to those who attained 91% to 95% rating in the implementation of the Department's programs, projects, and activities and compliance with report and administrative requirements in 2023.

On the other hand, nine field officers, technical and administrative personnel of DILG Sugbo Provincial Office received *Diamante sa Katakos* medals.

Trovela, who was the guest of honor and speaker, lauded the DILG Sugbo team not only for marking another milestone of holding a recognition ceremony, but also for a bountiful 2023 and bringing pride to the Central Visayas and the Department.

In his speech, Lucero expressed gratitude to field officers, cluster heads, program managers, program coordinators, and administrative staff of provincial office for helping realize DILG Sugbo's vision of #Aboundin2023 as it was evident in all the achievements especially the national and regional awards bagged by the office and the LGUs in the province last year.

"From Abound in 2023 last year, we shall now officially transition to 2024 with a reignited vision – Stay Challenged, Stay On Course! May you all maintain that habit or culture of excellence as we sustain further our performance in the coming years," he added.

Capping the ceremony was the community singing of "We are the World" which was led by Bureau of Fire Protection band.





DILG Sugbo lauds partner agencies, offices anew

The DILG Sugbo recognized its partner agencies and organizations in Cebu during the 3rd Pasidungog on December 19.

Initiated in 2022, the annual Pasidungog aims to give recognition to national and local government agencies and offices as well as private organizations that significantly contributed to the successful implementation of DILG Sugbo's programs and initiatives each year.

"We in the Department are acutely aware that governance, peace and order, public safety, and community development are not the work of a single agency. They are the fruits of collaboration, partnership, and shared vision," said DILG Sugbo OIC-Provincial Director Dr. Jesus Robel Sastrillo, Jr.

DILG-7 Regional Director Leocadio Trovela, who was represented by Assistant Regional Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero as the guest of honor, expressed gratitude to all partner agencies, emphasizing that without their contributions, DILG Sugbo would not have achieved its milestones.



DILG Sugbo lauds partner agencies, offices anew

Torch of appreciation were conferred to Cebu Governor's Office led by Governor Gwendolyn Garcia, Office of the Vice-Governor, Municipality of Borbon, Cebu Provincial Agriculture Office, Provincial Planning and Development Office, Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office, Provincial Health Office, Provincial Information Office, Sugbo News, Liga ng mga Barangay Cebu Chapter, Sangguniang Kabataan Federation Cebu Province Chapter, Philippine Councilors League Cebu Chapter, League of Municipalities of the Philippines Cebu Chapter, Lady Local Legislators League Cebu Chapter, Office of the Ombudsman-Visayas, Cebu Provincial Prosecutor's Office, Municipal Trial Court, Young Lawyers Association of Cebu, Department of Education, Cultural and Historical Affairs Office of Cebu City, Ramon Aboitiz Foundation, Inc., Bureau of Jail Management and Penology Cebu Province, Cebu Police Provincial Office, National Police Commission Cebu Province, Bureau of Fire Protection Cebu Province, Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency Cebu, Naval Forces Central of the Philippine Navy, Task Group Cebu of the Philippine Army, Philippine Coast Guard Cebu Station, 219th Auxiliary Squadron of the Philippine Coast Guard Auxiliary, Knights of Rizal, Cebu Elite Marksman Eagles Club, National Auxiliary Chaplaincy Philippines, Inc., Values Formation and Spiritual Transformation Council Philippines International Inc., Portrait Artists Society of the Philippines Inc., and Diwa sa Buhing Hulagway.





DILG Sugbo joins Field Officers' NatCon 2024



Cluster heads and field officers of the DILG Sugbo led by DILG-7 Assistant Regional Director and concurrent Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero attended the DILG Field Officers' National Convention 2024 for the Visayas and Mindanao Clusters hosted by the DILG Region 7 headed by Regional Director Leocadio Trovela on September 24 at Waterfront Cebu City Hotel.

DILG Secretary Atty. Benjamin Abalos Jr. graced the gathering wherein he emphasized the important role of the City and Municipal Local Government Operations Officers in promoting efficient local governance.

Meanwhile, ARD Lucero served as moderator during the second part of the program which focused on the Department's contributions toward a "Bagong Pilipinas".





DILG Sugbo joins Field Officers' NatCon 2024

Also present were Undersecretary for Local Government Marlo Iringan, Undersecretary for Public Safety Serafin Barretto Jr, Assistant Secretary for Administration, Finance and Comptrollership Ester Aldana, Assistant Secretary for Plans and Programs Francisco Cruz, Assistant Secretary for Human Resource Development Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, Assistant Secretary for International Relations Lilian De Leon, Assistant Secretary for Community Participation Elizabeth De Leon, Assistant Secretary for Local Government Atty. Jesi Howard Lanete, Planning Service Director Vivian Suansing, Bureau of Local Government Development Director Anna Liza Bonagua, Bureau of Local Government Supervision Director Debbie Torres, Office of Project Development Services Director Alfonso Maralli Jr, National Barangay Operations Office OIC-Director Atty. Izza Mari Laurio, and DILG regional directors in Visayas and Mindanao.





DILG Sugbo FOs gather for 3rd '*Panagtigom*'

The DILG Sugbo under the leadership of Assistant Regional Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero conducted on October 3 the 3rd "*Panagtigom*", a quarterly retreat and gathering of all field officers of the Province wherein they can take a break from their usual workload and deliverables.

The activity started with a Holy Mass followed by the celebration of birthday celebrators for August, September, and October wherein they shared over food brought by the different clusters and the Provincial Office team.

Lucero reminded the City and Municipal Local Government Operations Officers in Cebu to conduct pre-assessment for the Seal of Good Local Governance and all functionality audits of the Department.

He likewise provided updates on the Bansiwag Awards, Outstanding Lady Local Legislator, and activities for the Local Government Month, among others.





2nd *Panagtigom* held

DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trovela graced the 2nd “*Panagtigom*” attended by field officers and technical and administrative personnel of DILG Sugbo under the leadership of Assistant Regional Director and concurrent Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero at the Provincial Office on July 5.

Initiated by Lucero, “*Panagtigom*” is a quarterly retreat and gathering for all field officers of the Province every first Friday of the quarter wherein they can take a break from their usual workload and deliverables, thus enhancing the team’s well-being and work efficiency.

The activity started with a Holy Mass followed by the celebration of birthday celebrators for the months of May, June, and July and the oath-taking ceremony of newly appointed and hired LGOOs.





DILG Sugbo holds 1st *Panagtigom*

The DILG Sugbo under the leadership of Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero initiated the “*Panagtigom*”, a quarterly retreat and gathering for all field officers of the Province every first Friday of the quarter wherein they can take a break from their usual workload and deliverables.

Acknowledging the human capital as the most crucial asset of the organization, Lucero introduced on April 5 such initiative which showcases various activities with the ultimate objective of enhancing the team’s well-being and work efficiency by providing them an avenue to relax and recuperate, ease burnout and stress, boost their morale and camaraderie, and foster a healthy working environment.

They also get to share food brought by the different clusters and the Provincial Office team and likewise celebrate with the birthday celebrators for the month.





Trovela turns over 20 laptops to DILG Sugbo

DILG-7 Regional Director Leocadio Trovela distributed 20 new laptops to field officers and provincial personnel of DILG Sugbo on October 25.

DILG Sugbo OIC-Provincial Director Dr. Jesus Robel Sastrillo Jr., expressed his gratitude to Trovela for the brand new laptops, which will enhance the productivity of the personnel.



DILG joins Capitol's weekly flag-raising

DILG-7 Assistant Regional Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero, DILG Sugbo OIC-Provincial Director Dr. Jesus Robel Sastrillo, Jr. and DILG Sugbo personnel regularly attended the weekly flag-raising ceremonies led by Governor Gwen Garcia at the Capitol grounds every Monday.



Lucero convenes cluster heads

DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero called for a meeting with the cluster heads to discuss the upcoming activities, audits and assessments, administrative policies, deliverables, and other matters concerning their respective clusters.

Present were Tig-a Cluster Head Roxine Coyoca, Bugsay Cluster Head Lanie Lopez, Dasig OIC-Cluster Head Liza Fernandez, Tribu OIC-Cluster Head Lyn Aguelo, LGOO VI Rothwel Pulido, LGOO V Iris Arias, and LGOO II Tereza Ruby Leprozo.



Lucero meets with technical officers

Starting the workweek right, DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero gathered his technical team every Monday to discuss preparations for upcoming activities as well as the status and updates of the Department's programs, projects, and activities implemented in the Province.





Sastrillo convenes DILG Sugbo team

DILG Sugbo OIC-Provincial Director Dr. Jesus Robel Sastrillo Jr. gathered the technical and provincial personnel for the weekly meetings during the fourth quarter of 2024 to discuss preparations for major events, including the Lupong Tagapamayapa Incentives Awards provincial awarding, Pasidungog recognition ceremony for partner agencies and organizations, and Outstanding Lady Local Legislator Awards.

Other topics discussed were the monitoring of the implementation of DILG programs, projects, and activities, DILG-7 regional awarding, annual yearend assessment of DILG Sugbo, and the Caravan of Services for the fourth quarter.



DILG Sugbo hosts DILG-7 ExeCom meeting



DILG Sugbo headed by Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero welcomed the top management officials and personnel of DILG-7 headed by Regional Director Leocadio Trovela during the first quarter Executive Committee (ExeCom) Meeting in Moalboal on January 30.

Trovela expressed gratitude to Lucero and DILG Sugbo team for graciously hosting the first ExeCom meeting this year.

Also present were Tribu Cluster Head Wyndell Valle along with Moalboal MLGOO Lyn Aguelo, Badian MLGOO Melissa Cartuciano-Hood, Ronda MLGOO Jose Meneleo Aquino, Toledo CLGOO Abraham Rey Donaldo, Alcantara MLGOO Joseph Elizar Merlas, Barili MLGOO Judelyn Salinas, Ginatilan OIC-MLGOO Emmanuel Pedralba, and Samboan MLGOO Kym Albrando.





Lucero joins DILG-7 ExeCom Meeting

DILG-7 Assistant Regional Director and concurrent DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero joined the DILG-7 Executive Committee (ExeCom) attended by top management officials and personnel of the regional office headed by Regional Director Leocadio Trovela on August 28 in Negros Oriental.

Lucero presented DILG Sugbo's best practices in the successful implementation of the region's flagship programs, namely: 3D4SGLG and Amuma sa Barangay.





Lucero joins Cluster Dasig meeting

DILG-7 Assistant Regional Director and concurrent DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero, along with 2nd District Representative Edsel Galeos and Samboan Mayor Emerito Calderon Jr, graced the cluster meeting of Cluster Dasig in Samboan, Cebu on July 19.

The meeting was called by Cluster Head Liza Fernandez and attended by the field officers of the cities of Carcar and Naga and the municipalities of Samboan, Minglanilla, Argao, Alcoy, Sibonga, Dalaguete, Boljoon, Santander, San Fernando, and Oslob.

Lucero responded to the concerns and legal questions of the cluster which also discussed updates on the Seal of Good Local Governance, BANSIWAG Awards, and Strategic Performance Management System (SPMS).





Lucero joins Cluster Tribu meeting

DILG-7 Assistant Regional Director and concurrent DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero graced the cluster meeting of Cluster Tribu on September 18 in Malabuyoc, Cebu.

The meeting was called by Cluster Head Wyndell Valle and attended by the field officers of Alcantara, Alegria, Aloguinsan, Badian, Barili, Dumanjug, Ginatilan, Malabuyoc, Moalboal, Pinamungajan, Ronda, and Toledo City.

Also present were Malabuyoc Mayor Erlinda Piedad and Vice-Mayor Anna Devorah Allosada.

Lucero responded to the concerns of the field officers and discussed updates on the 2024 Field Officers National Convention, Seal of Good Local Governance, Child-Friendly Local Governance Audit, Anti-Drug Abuse Council, Peace and Order Council, and administrative matters.



Tudela mayor visits Lucero

Tudela Mayor Greman Solante visited DILG-7 Assistant Regional Director and concurrent DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero in his office on August 30 to discuss updates about the Seal of Good Local Governance, submit the municipality's El Niño intervention plans, and inquire on legal matters.



Lucero visits Badian

DILG-7 Assistant Regional Director and concurrent DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero met Badian Mayor Carmencita Lumain during his supervisory visit to Badian OIC-MLGOO Iris Arias on September 18.





Poro LGU execs visit Lucero

Poro Municipal Mayor Edgar Rama and his wife, Vice Mayor Dina Rama visited DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero at the Provincial Office on January 15 to tackle concerns on Seal of Good Local Governance assessment and other programs, projects, and activities of the Department.

SKF Cebu president visits Lucero

Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Federation Cebu President Loren Singco sought guidance from DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero on January 22 on SK concerns.



Lucero attends Capitol meeting

DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero joined the meeting called by Governor Gwen Garcia on January 19 wherein she reiterated her opposition to the six-hour closure of N. Bacalso Avenue, a main artery in Cebu's traffic flow, during the solemn procession for the Fiesta Señor on January 20.

Also present during the meeting were Cebu City Vice-Mayor Atty. Raymond Alvin, Cebu City Councilor Atty. Rey Gealon who also heads the city's Traffic Management Committee, Cebu City Transportation Office legal officer Atty. Kent Francesco Jongoy, Capitol legal consultant Atty. Rory Jon Sepulveda, Provincial Legal Officer Atty. Donato Villa, and other concerned agencies including the Land Transportation Office.





Medellin brgy officials seek legal guidance from Lucero

DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero responded to the legal queries of Punong Barangay Manuel Cudiera Jr. and other barangay officials of Barangay Poblacion, Medellin, Cebu on January 8.



San Fernando brgy officials consult Lucero

Officials of Barangay South Poblacion, San Fernando, Cebu visited DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero in his office on March 26 to seek legal guidance.



DILG Sugbo joins BANSIWAG challenge

Personnel of DILG Sugbo Provincial Office headed by OIC-Provincial Director Dr. Jesus Robel Sastrillo, Jr participated in the BANSIWAG challenge organized by DILG-7 Regional Office on December 15-16, 2024.

The event featured various activities, including a cheer dance competition, basketball, an amazing race, and chess.

DILG Sugbo's representative, Monica Ann Braga, crowned as the Stunner of the Day and the team secured third place in the amazing race.



2 DILG Sugbo personnel take oath

DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trovela administered the oath of two newly-promoted Local Government Operations Officers (LGOOs) of DILG Sugbo on October 23.

DILG Sugbo OIC-Provincial Director Dr. Jesus Robel Sastrillo Jr., witnessed the oath taking ceremony of LGOO VI Emmanuel Pedralba, and LGOO IV Cresencio Antolin Aseniero.



8 DILG Sugbo personnel take oath

DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trovela administered the oath of eight newly promoted and hired Local Government Operations Officers (LGOO) of DILG Sugbo on July 5.

Assistant Regional Director and concurrent DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero and Provincial Office personnel witnessed the oath taking ceremony of LGOO V Junaluke Tubal II, LGOO V Michael Jickerie Alvarez, LGOO V Janieva Dandan, LGOO V Niño Vincent Fiel, LGOO III Alan Jay Yap, LGOO III Randel Cedie Samonte, LGOO II Louies Martin Gabutin, and LGOO II Devon Paredes.



Lucero explains administrative investigation

DILG Sugbo Provincial Director and Local Governance Resource Center (LGRC) Sugbo Manager Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero served as knowledge sharer during the Continuing Legal Education Program of the Philippine Councilors League Northern Samar on March 5 at Century Park Hotel, Malate, Manila.

Lucero discussed the basic concepts, legal basis, and Supreme Court rulings on the process of administrative investigation involving erring local elected officials.



LGRC Sugbo goes to Vigan City

DILG Sugbo Provincial Director and Local Governance Resource Center (LGRC) Sugbo Manager Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero served as a knowledge sharer on barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan budgeting during a capacity development activity in Vigan City on March 13 which was participated by barangays in different provinces.



LGRC Sugbo goes to Bohol

DILG Sugbo Provincial Director and Local Governance Resource Center (LGRC) Sugbo Manager Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero was invited by the Philippine Councilors League Surigao Del Sur Chapter to discuss the pertinent laws, Supreme Court rulings, and DILG opinions on local legislation on February 28 in Panglao, Bohol.



Surigao City taps Lucero

DILG Sugbo Provincial Director and Local Governance Resource Center (LGRC) Sugbo Manager Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero served as a knowledge sharer on Katarungang Pambarangay Law during the three cluster orientations for Barangay Newly Elected Officials of Surigao City on March 9 in Cebu City.



DILG Sugbo joins R7 orientation on BANSIWAG, admin matters

Technical personnel of DILG Sugbo headed by DILG-7 Assistant Regional Director and concurrent DILG Sugbo Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero attended the online orientation of the DILG Regional Office on July 11 regarding the DILG Regional Office's online orientation regarding the updates on the Strategic Performance Management System (SPMS), guidelines on the BANSIWAG Awards, International Organization for Standardization (ISO) matters, and Office Performance Commitment and Review (OPCR) commitments for July to December 2024.



DILG Sugbo, Cebu LGUs watch SONA 2024

Personnel of DILG Sugbo and local government units in Cebu Province watched the live stream of the State of the Nation Address (SONA) 2024 of President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr on July 22.



OTHER HIGHLIGHTS



DILG honored for contributions in Sugbo Vlog Challenge

The Cebu Provincial Government and Sangguniang Kabataan Federation Cebu Chapter recognized the contributions of DILG-7 and DILG Sugbo during the first-ever “Sugbo Vlog Challenge” awarding ceremony on December 16.

Governor Gwen Garcia presented plaques of appreciation to DILG-7 Regional Director Leocadio Trovela, Assistant Regional Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero, and DILG Sugbo OIC-Provincial Director Dr. Jesus Robel Sastrillo, Jr.

To recall, DILG attended the coordination meetings, shared inputs in the formulation of the guidelines and served as one of the judges of the challenge, which aims to promote youth engagement and participation in good governance.

The top 10 outstanding Sugboanong Kabatan-onan were Toledo City, Carcar City, San Francisco, City of Naga, Pinamungajan, Borbon, Oslob, Consolacion, Ginatilan, and San Fernando. They all received P1 million worth of infrastructure projects, P100,000 in cash prizes and plaques of recognition.

San Francisco also won the People’s Choice Award and bagged another P1 million worth of infrastructure projects, while Carmen received P250,000 for the Best Video award.

Entries were evaluated based on sustainability focus (30%), creativity and originality (30%), youth participation (25%), and engagement (15%), with final results determined by the votes of 20 Cebuano vloggers (50%) and DILG Cebu Province (50%).



LMP Cebu invites Lucero, Sastrillo

DILG-7 Assistant Regional Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero and DILG Sugbo OIC-Provincial Director Dr. Jesus Robel Sastrillo Jr., graced the general assembly organized by the League of Municipalities of the Philippines-Cebu Chapter on November 15 in Tuburan, Cebu.

They commended the CY 2024 Seal of Good Local Governance passers in Cebu Province, namely: cities of Bogu and Danao and the Municipalities of Alegria, Asturias, Carmen, Consolacion, Cordova, Daanbantayan, Medellin, Pinamungajan, San Remigio, Santa Fe, Sogod, and Tuburan.

Sastrillo discussed the updates and status of locally-funded projects in various local government units in the Province of Cebu, guidelines on the application for Authority to Purchase Motor Vehicle, among others.





Cebu PDC lauds Lucero

The Cebu Provincial Development Council (PDC), chaired by Governor Gwendolyn Garcia, adopted a resolution commending DILG-7 Assistant Regional Director and former DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero for his "support, dedication, and generosity" during the Provincial Government's Caravan of Services.

Describing Lucero as "the best PD of the Province of Cebu", PDC member Dumanjug Mayor Efren Gica moved for the adoption of the said resolution which was unanimously adopted during the joint meeting of the PDC, Provincial Peace and Order Council (PPOC), Provincial Anti-Drug Abuse Council (PADAC), and Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (PDRPMC) on October 15.

Lucero, who served as the provincial director of DILG Sugbo from May 2022 to October 2024, initiated and expanded the services extended by the DILG Sugbo and the Sugbo Provincial Management and Coordinating Committee (PMCC) during the Caravan of Services held quarterly in seven congressional districts and three islands in Cebu.

Among these services were the "Libreng Tsinelas alang sa Sugboanon," "Libreng SugBUGAS", Katarungang Pambarangay Law training dubbed as "KP on Wheels," "Libreng Serbisyo Legal," "Libreng Tupi," and basic fire safety training.

The PDC likewise commended outgoing Joint Task Group Cebu Commander COL Erwin Rommel Lamzon, Cebu Police Provincial Office Provincial Director COL Percival Zorrilla, and Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency Cebu Head Milva Mojado, who were likewise members of the Sugbo PMCC, for their dedication to maintaining peace and order, active participation in the Caravan of Services, and continued efforts in the barangay drug-clearing program.

Meanwhile, DILG Sugbo OIC-Provincial Director Dr. Jesus Robel Sastrillo, Jr, who was welcomed during the joint meeting, pledged his full support to the initiatives and programs of the Cebu Provincial Government, adding that he will sustain the collaboration and impact established under Lucero's leadership.





Trovela graces “Handog ng Pangulo”

DILG-7 Regional Director Leocadio Trovela emphasized the importance of collaboration and service during the "Handog ng Pangulo: Serbisyong Sapat Para sa Lahat" activity at the Cebu Capitol Social Hall on September 13.

He expressed gratitude to all participating national government agencies (NGAs) and praised the Province of Cebu under the leadership of Cebu Governor Gwen Garcia and Vice-Governor Hilario Davide III, stressing the crucial role of the Provincial Government in the event's success.

Trovela highlighted the importance of coordination between national and local government units (LGUs) in bringing government services to the community.

He added that the event, which included the government assistance distribution, symbolized the Province's support to the President's vision of a "Bagong Pilipinas."

Present were Tourism Secretary Christina Garcia-Frasco, Presidential Assistant for the Visayas Undersecretary Terence Calatrava, Presidential Management Staff Assistant Secretary Atty. Jarred Gullas, members of the Cebu Provincial Board, city and municipal mayors and vice-mayors, regional directors of NGAs, officials and representatives of LGUs, and beneficiaries of the government assistance.

On September 11, DILG-7 Assistant Regional Director and concurrent DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero attended the coordination meeting called by Davide to discuss preparations for the activity.



DILG joins 1st Lady's 'Lab for All' caravan

DILG Undersecretary for Project Development Management Atty. Odilon Pasaraba and DILG-7 Assistant Regional Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero joined the Laboratoryo, Konsulta, at Gamot para sa Lahat (Lab for All) Caravan, a brainchild of First Lady Marie Louise "Liza" Araneta-Marcos, at the Adventist Academy Cebu, Barangay Bulacao, Talisay City, Cebu on August 29.

Araneta-Marcos extended her gratitude for the continued support of various government agencies to this initiative aimed at providing the communities with free healthcare services such as laboratory testing, medical check-ups, and medicines.

Cebu Governor Gwen Garcia, Vice-Governor Hilario Davide III, 1st District Representative Rhea Gullas, Talisay City Mayor Gerald Anthony Gullas, Vice-Mayor Richard Francis Aznar, other congressmen and Provincial Board Members, city and municipal mayors of Cebu, and other local and national officials graced the activity.

Also present were field officers of the DILG Sugbo Cluster Dasig led by OIC-Cluster Head and Talisay City CLGOO Liza Fernandez.






DILG graces Cebu, Bohol SP joint session

The DILG-7 joined the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of both provinces of Cebu and Bohol in a historic joint session on November 18 to formalize a sisterhood agreement aimed at strengthening ties between the two provinces.

Representing DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trovela were Assistant Regional Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero, DILG Sugbo OIC-Provincial Director Dr. Jesus Robel Sastrillo Jr., Bohol Provincial Director Jerome Gonzales, and LGMED-7 Chief Celerino Magto Jr.

The sisterhood agreement focuses on enhancing cooperation in economic growth, tourism, and cultural preservation, paving the way for stronger inter-provincial initiatives that benefit both provinces.





Lucero graces Cebu's 455th year opening salvo

DILG-7 Assistant Regional Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero joined the opening ceremony of the month-long celebration of the Cebu Province's 455th founding anniversary graced by First Lady Marie Louies Araneta Marcos and Governor Gwendolyn Garcia at the Capitol grounds on August 5.

Highlights of the opening salvo were the planting of a narra tree, opening of the Tabo sa Kapitolyo, and the signing of manifesto of support to the Bagong Pilipinas campaign under the administration of President Ferdinand Marcos Jr.

The ceremony was attended by congressmen; governors from Regions 6, 7, and 8; Cebu Vice Governor Hilario Davide III; Sangguniang Panlalawigan members; Cebu City Acting Mayor Raymond Alvin Garcia; Lapu-Lapu City Mayor Junard Chan; Mandaue City Mayor Jonas Cortes; mayors from component cities and municipalities; officials from national government agencies; and business sectors.





Lucero attends Gov Garcia's SOPA

DILG-7 Assistant Regional Director and concurrent DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero joined other government leaders and officials in witnessing the State of the Province Address (SOPA) of Cebu Governor Gwendolyn Garcia on August 20 at the Capitol Social Hall.

"The state of the Province is strong. In fact, it is super strong," said Garcia as she highlighted various projects of the Provincial Government that have improved the lives of many Cebuanos.

Among the achievements she cited in her SOPA was the 2023 Seal of Good Financial Housekeeping awarded by the DILG to the Province of Cebu in January this year.

Garcia also extended gratitude to DILG for its support during the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

She likewise thanked the regional and provincial directors of various national government agencies, as well as law enforcement agencies, for their support to the Province's initiatives and programs.



Trovela attends Pasigarbo sa Sugbo 2024

DILG-7 Regional Director Leocadio Trovela graced the Pasigarbo Sa Sugbo 2024 together with Cebu Governor Gwendolyn Garcia and other national and local officials at the Cebu City Sports Center on August 25.

Pasigarbo sa Sugbo is part of the month-long celebration of the Cebu Province's 455th founding anniversary.

Trovela was assisted by Tig-a Cluster Head Roxine Coyoca and personnel of DILG Sugbo.





Sastrillo visits mayors, FOs

DILG Sugbo OIC-Provincial Director Dr. Jesus Robel Sastrillo, Jr accompanied by Tribu Cluster Head Wyndell Valle, visited Moalboal Mayor Inocentes Cabaron, Ginatilan Mayor Roy Vincent Singco, Badian Mayor Carmencita Lumain, Ronda Mayor Terence Mariano Blanco, Dumanjug Mayor Efren Guntrano Gica, and Barili Mayor Pablo John Garcia IV in their respective municipalities on November 13-14, 2024.

Sastrillo likewise conducted supervisory field visit to Moalboal MLGOO Lyn Aguelo, Ginatilan MLGOO Emmanuel Pedralba, Malabuyoc MLGOO Elvie Gaudan, Alegria MLGOO Jose Rey Pacres, Badian MLGOO Iris Arias, Ronda MLGOO Jose Meneleo Aquino, Barili MLGOO Dann Marr Andrino, Dumanjug MLGOO Glenda Gabuya, Alcantara MLGOO Judelyn Salinas, Pinamungajan MLGOO Atty. Jeffrey Lopez, and Aloguinsan MLGOO Dennis Itom.





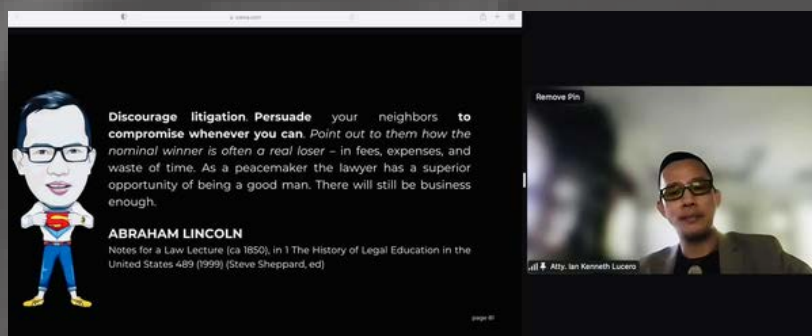
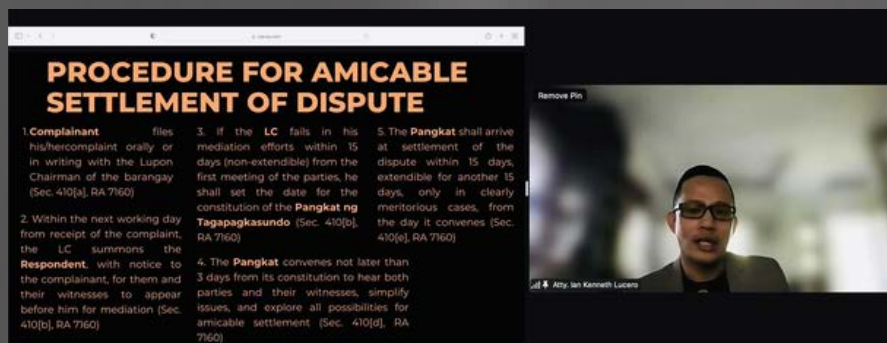
Trovela, Lucero attend Capitol meeting

DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trovela and Assistant Regional Director and concurrent DILG Sugbo Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero attended the dialogue on July 5 between Governor Gwen Garcia, some Cebu mayors, students of the University of Cebu School of Law, and others officials to discuss the procedure and implementation of reclamation projects in the Province.



USPF taps Lucero as MCLE lecturer anew

DILG-7 Assistant Regional Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero, an alumnus of the University of Southern Philippines Foundation (USPF) School of Law, discussed the Revised Katarungang Pambarangay Law (3 compliance units) in the 2024 Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) attended by around 85 lawyers on July 6.



Lucero serves as MCLE lecturer



Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero, DILG-7 OIC-Assistant Regional Director and DILG Sugbo Provincial Director, was invited by the Integrated Bar of the Philippines Ilocos Norte and the University of Southern Philippines Foundation (USPF) to serve as one of their lecturers during the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) on May 21 and 22.

Lucero, who finished law school at USPF, tackled the jurisdictional aspect and rules on venue of the Katarungang Pambarangay Law as well as the Supreme Court rulings on legal issues affecting local governance.



PCGA awards DILG Sugbo

The DILG Sugbo headed by Assistant Regional Director and concurrent Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero received a Plaque of Recognition from the 219th Philippine Coast Guard Auxiliary (PCGA) Squadron for supporting the projects and undertakings during the Squadron's third year of operations.

Lucero, who is the 219th PCGA Squadron Deputy Director for Administration, likewise received a Good Conduct ribbon for engaging in different volunteerism works that support the mandates of PCGA and was hailed as the Best in Dress Blue Uniform (Male) during the Squadron's 3rd anniversary celebration at Cebu Parklane International Hotel on July 26 which was also participated by other DILG PCGA auxiliaries.



USJR students visit DILG Sugbo

A group of students from the University of San Jose-Recoletos (USJ-R) visited the DILG Sugbo for an informative session on November 19.

DILG Sugbo OIC-Provincial Director Dr. Jesus Robel Sastrillo Jr. answered queries of the students on the Department's nature; history; organizational structure, communication mechanisms, tools, and practices; best practices and initiatives; and the ways forward.

Sastrillo was assisted by technical personnel LGOO II Atty. Tereza Ruby Leprozo and Jean Marvette Diaz.



DILG Sugbo thanks CNU interns

The DILG Sugbo headed by Provincial Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero gave certificates of appreciation to the interns from Cebu Normal University on April 5 for their contributions to the Provincial Office during their internship.





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