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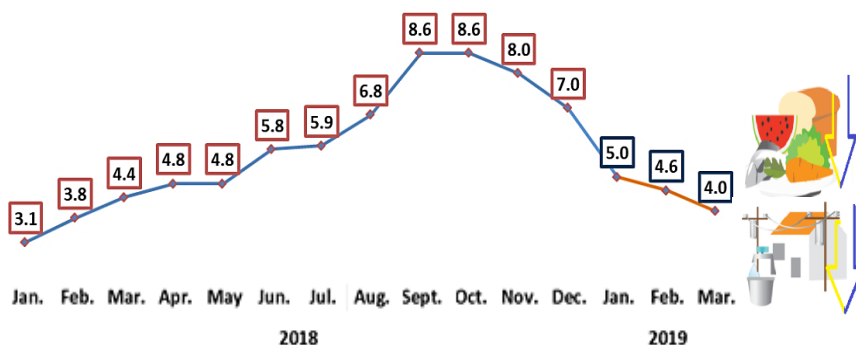
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SNAPSHOT OF THE REGION'S ECONOMY 1ST QUARTER CY 2019

prices went down and Inflation moved at a slower pace

Inflation moved at a slower pace at an average of **4.5%** compared to the last quarter as prices of all major commodity groups went down during the first quarter of 2019 except for Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House, Restaurant and Miscellaneous Goods and Services, and Communication.



Employment Status improved

EMPLOYMENT
went up

94.8%

93.3%



UNEMPLOYMENT

5.2%

went down

22.4%

UNDER-
EMPLOYMENT

15.2%

More jobs were created as investments went up and new businesses were set up in the region.

Investments increased

Ilocos Region recorded a total of **PHP 2,643.78 M** worth of investments during the first quarter of CY 2019.



The top 3 investments:

Construction (P 192.0 M)

Food Processing (P 40.3 M)

and **Agri-based** (P 17.8M)

Agriculture & Fishery Production decreased



Lower agriculture & fishery production in the region was recorded during the period at **1,167,762 MT.**

The region's decreased production was due to seasonally lower production.



Export Receipts decreased

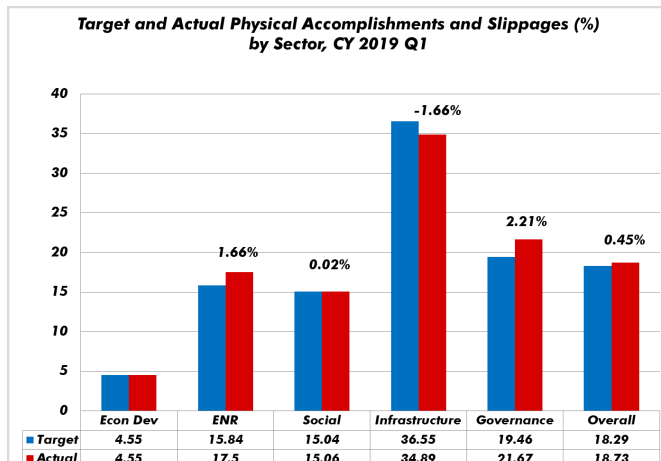
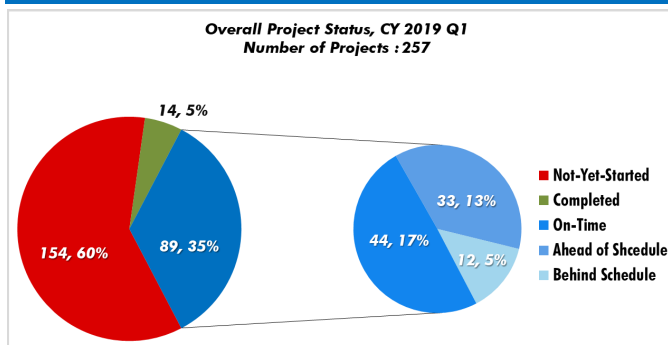


TOBACCO is the Region's major export commodity with **98%** share and a total of **USD 13.1 M** worth of export receipts but exports dropped due to lower market demand.

by: Policy Formulation & Planning Division

CY 2019 FIRST QUARTER RPMES PROJECT MONITORING REPORT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

HIGHLIGHTS OF OVERALL ACCOMPLISHMENT



A total of 257 projects was enrolled in the RPMES Monitoring Plan by 31 implementing agencies - 18 RLAs, 2 GOCCs, 6 SUCs, 2 hospitals and 3 LGUs. All the projects enrolled support the attainment of the various sectors' goals contained in the Regional Development Plan for CY 2017 – 2022.

At the end of the 1st quarter, 14 projects or 5 percent of the total number of projects have been completed and 154 or 60% percent are yet to be implemented in the succeeding quarters. The other projects or around 35 percent were in

various stages of completion. Forty-four (44) projects were within schedule, 33 were ahead of schedule and 12 were behind schedule.

Overall, the region's project physical accomplishment was 18.73 percent surpassing the 1st quarter target of 18.29 percent by 0.45 percentage points.

Across sectors, the Infrastructure Sector showed the highest physical accomplishment of 34.89 percent with the Economic Development Sector reporting the lowest at 4.55 percent.

Out of the programmed amount of P 1.052 billion, releases totaled P584.32 million for a funding support of 55.51 percent. Expenditures,

on the other hand, totaled P535.54 million, accounting for an expenditure rate of 91.65 percent. While the Economic Development and Gov-

ernance sectors posted 100 percent expenditure rates, the Environment Sector had the lowest at 60.38 percent.

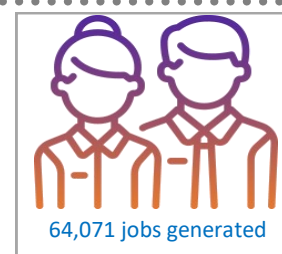


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Table No. 1. Financial Accomplishment by Sector, CY2019 Q1

Sector	Allocation for Q1	Releases as of the quarter	Funding Support (%)	Total Expenditure	Expenditure Rate (%)
Econ Dev	27,169,228.00	27,169,228.00	100.00	27,169,228.00	100.00
Environment	5,878,410.00	5,878,410.00	100.00	3,549,395.00	60.38
Social	368,138.09	368,052.58	99.98	367,565.13	99.87
Infrastructure	1,018,609,629.77	550,252,922.00	54.02	503,799,246.00	91.56
Governance	644,950.00	654,485.00	101.48	654,485.00	100.00
Overall	1,052,670,355.86	584,323,097.58	55.51	535,539,919.13	91.65

A total of 64,071 persons were employed during the period. The Infrastructure sector contributed the biggest share with more than 99 percent of the total.

by: Project Monitoring & Evaluation Division

RDC-1 CHAIRPERSON DELIVERS SORA



‘WE must first believe, WE CAN’ – Medina

Ilocos Regional Development Council (RDC 1) Chairperson and Vigan Mayor Juan Carlo S. Medina delivered the State of the Region Address (SORA) at Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, La Union last June 26. This is Medina’s third year as chairperson of the RDC 1 and Ilocos is in its midway of achieving the goals set in the Regional Development Plan 2017-2022. Mayor Medina said that he remains optimistic that the region’s vision will be achieved.

“In order to succeed, we must first believe we can,” was his keynote message to all government instrumentalities, private sector representatives and the

civil society who were present during his delivery of the SORA.

He emphasized that the region’s vision of becoming the agribusiness and tourism hub in Northern Philippines by 2022 is within reach, as evidenced in the region’s performance in all sectors. “If all RDC members and the region’s stakeholders will work together and continue believing that they can make a big difference,” he added.

He said that the economy of Ilocos remained robust and growing with 6.5 percent growth in 2018 surpassing the plan target. The growth was mainly driven by the services sector with seven percent growth that even

surpassed that of the national level.

He also mentioned the significant improvement in the poverty situation in the region where poverty incidence among families declined to about nine percent during the first semester of 2018. With this, Ilocos became the second most improved region nationwide in terms of poverty situation. He commended everyone for their efforts in addressing the causes of poverty and inequality.

However, Medina noted that although employment showed positive numbers, unemployment rate remains to be a challenge.

“There is a need to increase investments in the region to create more jobs for the people and advocate the adoption and implementation of the decent job framework to provide diverse choices especially to the young,” he added.

Overall, Medina provided the significant performances of the various sectors which are key to regional development, the prospects and way forward in achieving the dreams and aspirations of the people in Ilocos.

Full script of the SORA can be downloaded thru the RDC Facebook, RDC Ilocos Region.

by: John F. Gagucas

RDC-1 INKS A TOTAL OF 12 REZ

The Regional Development Council-1 inked a total of twelve resolutions - seven for approval, two for adoption and three for endorsement during its 2nd Regular Full Council meeting at the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), La Union Chapter on 26 June 2019.

Among the resolutions approved include the following: 1) The Regional Development Report, CY 2018; 2) Creation of Halal Sub-Com of the Economic Development SeCom; 3) Region 1 Traffic Management Strategy; 4) Revisions on RDC-1 Manual; 5) Guidelines on the Private Sector Repre-

sentative Selection Process; 6) Results of the Search for Best NGO-LGU Partnership; and 7) Creation of the Sub-committee on Industry and Academic Partnership under the Regional Social Development Committee.

The RDC-1 also adopted the utilization of the Ambisyon Natin 2040 logo in the advocacy materials of partner entities and the Gender Fair Media Guidebook. The creation and accreditation of Regional Ethics Committee, the BioTek-M Technology for early dengue detection, and

the Compliance to RA 10639 otherwise known as the Free Mobile Disaster Alerts Act were among the endorsements made by the Council.

On the other hand, the participants were informed on the updates on the region's efforts to address local communist armed conflict pursuant to Executive Order 70 which emphasized the strong link between peace and development. Likewise, the participants were informed about the 2020 Competitive Grants Call for Proposals by the National Commission on Culture and the Arts.

A special resolution of thanks was given to the BSP thru its new Regional Director Ruth C. Gonzaga for hosting the meeting. The hosting of RDC-1 meeting is open to all its members and they are given the opportunity to showcase their best practices and given better opportunity to raise concerns to the Council.

Participants in the meeting include members of the RDC (both voting and non-voting), private sector representatives, LGUs, academe and other guests who shared relevant information.

by: John F. Gagucas



RDC-1 Chairperson Juan Carlo S. Medina (right) presides over the meeting. With him are RDC-1 Secretary Donald James Gawwe, RD Ruth C. Gonzaga of BSP and ARD Agnes de Leon of DILG. Not in the frame are other officials of the RDC-1 who were also present during the meeting.



Members of the Council articulate their concerns during the meeting. Ret. Judge Joven Costales, PSR for Senior Citizens cites his concerns.

RDC-1 HAILS SAN NICOLAS, ILOCOS NORTE AND SWISIA, INC.

In the recently concluded Regional Development Council-1 Search and Awards program at the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, La Union last 26 June 2019, the municipality of San Nicolas in Ilocos Norte emerged victorious for garnering the top spot for the Search for Best NGO-LGU Partnership award. San Nicolas together with its Non-Government Organization (NGO) Partner, Bingao Small Water Impounding System Irrigators Association, Inc. (SWISIA, Inc.) were hailed champion for their project "SWIP to SWEEP Poverty".

The project aimed to transform the rain-fed

farmlands into fully irrigated areas through indigenous methods to increase the area for agricultural activities and the income of farmers thru the addition of more agricultural produce. Likewise, the project is intended to improve the ecosystem in the area and to address the issue on climate change.

The partnership between the municipal government and SWISIA, Inc. has led to the communal management of Bingao Small Water Impounding Project and irrigation canals that benefited farmers and even residents. The total serviceable area of the irriga-

tion facility is 90 hectares during wet season and 45 hectares during the second cropping. Aside from rice production, fish production has also become one of the activities of the farmers. Fingerlings are now distributed by the farmers in the area and the produce has become an alternative source of income and food supply.

More importantly, improvement in the lives of families became evident because of the project as the farmers were able to send their children to schools and raise their families very well according to project implementers.

RDC-1 also named the municipality of Naguilian in La Union and its NGO partner Health Education Environment Discipleship Foundation, Inc. for their project, "Naguilian Watershed Forest Reserve-Reforestation Management and Community Development (NWFR-RMCD)," as runner-up for the Search.

The Search for the Best NGO-LGU Partnership aims to recognize the LGUs' efforts in promoting a strong and sustained partnership and cooperation with NGOs in Region 1.

by: John F. Gagucas



RDC-1 Officials headed by Chairperson Juan Carlo S. Medina awarded San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte and its NGO partner as the Champion for the RDC-1 Search for Best NGO-LGU partnership



RDC-1 Officials headed by Chairperson Juan Carlo S. Medina awarded Naguilian, La Union and its NGO partner as the First Runner Up for the RDC-1 -Search for Best NGO-LGU partnership.

CAOAYAN, ILOCOS SUR TAKES PRIDE OF ITS DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

The Municipal Government of Caoayan, Ilocos Sur took pride of its development initiatives during the Luzon Regional Development Committee (RDCom) Technical Working Committee (TWC) meeting on April 4, 2019 at Caoayan Municipal Hall. The development initiatives of Caoayan capitalized on tourism and enriched culture of the locality. Caoayan is gifted with a natural attraction that has rich cultural heritage—the Mestizo River which was part of the Galeon Trade way back in the Spanish Era. Being a fourth class municipality did not hinder Caoayan to strive for excellence and had been a Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG) awardee for four consecutive years. Other than Caoayan's One Town-One

Product feature, the fabric called *abel*, it also takes pride of its One Barangay-One Product features such as seashells and *bina-goong na hipon*.

Hon. Germelina Singson Goulart, former Mayor of Caoayan, and Vice-Mayor Pedro B. Belarmino welcomed the RDCom TWC members on behalf of Mayor Pablo S. Ancheta. They hoped that with the visit of Luzon RDCom in Caoayan, the development concerns of the municipality will be given attention.

NEDA USec. Adoracion M. Navarro thanked the Municipal Government of Caoayan, Ilocos Sur for hosting the Luzon RDCom TWC meeting. She said that she is happy to note that the municipality focuses also on culture since this is among the areas of special concern of the current administration. Moreover, she said that the NEDA Regional officials will look into policies and interventions that will address the issues raised by the municipality up to the extent of their

capacities to help, while those that are beyond their mandates will be referred to the relevant agencies.

A visit to the proposed boardwalk along the Mestizo River was held after the meeting. Mr. Renato Tenorio, the Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator, cited declining water quality and heavy siltation as among the environmental concerns that their municipality would like to address.

by: Zenaida L. Garcillan



NEDA USec Adoracion M. Navarro, with the members of the Luzon Regional Development Committee (RDCom) Technical Working Committee (TWC), awards the Certificate of Appreciation to Vice-Mayor Pedro B. Belarmino of the Municipal Government of Caoayan, Ilocos Sur for Hosting the Luzon RDCom TWC meeting on April 4, 2019.

LUZON RDCOM TWC TACKLES REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT WHILE REACHING OUT TO A LOW-INCOME CLASS LGU

Shunning the conveniences of the city center, the Luzon Regional Development Committee (RDCom) Technical Working Committee (TWC) held its meeting on April 4, 2019 at the Municipal Hall of Caoayan, a fourth-class municipality in Ilocos Sur. It was a side event of the 6th Luzon Inter-Regional Development Council Secretariat Productivity Olympics

(LIRSPPO) which was held in Vigan City, Ilocos Sur. The Luzon RDCom is one of the Area Committees of the NEDA Board-RDCom, an inter-agency committee which aims to discuss policy issues/concerns that address disparities in regional development.

Among others, the meeting tackled the previous Luzon RDCom deliverables such as: the review of

ER 1-94 benefits or benefits to communities hosting energy projects; the developmental interventions of the Joint Regional Development Council - Regional Peace and Order Council (RDC-RPOC); and Luzon Inter-Connectivity Proposed Projects.

The meeting was attended by the Secretariats of RDCs in Luzon headed by the Regional Directors

and Asst. Regional Directors of the NEDA Regional Offices, the NEDA Regional Development Office Undersecretary Adoracion Navarro, and Dir. Aladin Ancheta of the Office of the Secretary of Socio-economic Planning. It was presided over by ARD Gina T. Gacusan of NEDA Regional Office (NRO) 4A, secretariat of the Luzon RDCom.

by: Zenaida L. Garcillan

REGION 1 ECONOMY REMAINS STRONG AND ROBUST AT 6.5% GROWTH IN 2018

The economy of Region 1 remained strong and robust as it accelerated by 6.5 percent in 2018, higher than its 5.8 percent growth in 2017 based on the Gross Regional Domestic Product (GRDP) estimates released by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA). In the statement of Director Nestor G. Rillon of NEDA-RO1, read by CEDS Racquel T. Atawe during the News Conference of PSA on April 25, 2019, he said that the economic growth of Region 1 was even higher than the 6.2 percent growth at the national level on the same year. This allows the region to achieve its target growth of 6.2 to 7.5 percent set in the Regional Development Plan (RDP).

PSA estimates showed that the Service sector continued to be the growth driver of the region's economy. In 2018, it accounted for 52.0 percent of the total economic outputs of Region 1 as it expanded by 6.8 percent from 6.7 percent in 2017. Director Rillon said that the growth was due to the continued government's efforts towards human capital development to fight poverty and reduce inequality. Likewise, he said that the continued increase in tourist arrivals contributed in the increased income of families in the region as it provided more opportunities for employment and entrepreneurial activities.

The Industry Sector which accounted for 30.2 percent of the total outputs of the region in 2018 grew at a faster pace with 11.9 percent from 6.4 percent in 2017. Director Rillon said that this was attributed to the government's infrastructure programs on connectivity, such as construction of roads and bridges, and increased energy sales and power consumption in the region. He further stated that the Industry Sector is also expected to continue its robust performance with the surge in construction activities such as the completion of the TPLEX up to Rosario, La Union and its extension up to San Juan, La Union. He emphasized the need to promote Region 1 as an investment area to address the logistical concerns of the sector and attract foreign investments especially in manufacturing. Hence, the RDC-1 created the Investment Promotion Group (IPG) in 2018 to promote the region as among the top investment destinations in the country.

Meanwhile, the share of Agriculture, Hunting, Forestry and Fishing (AHFF) in the region's

economic outputs continued to decrease at 17.8 percent, as it contracted from a growth of 2.4 percent in 2017 to negative 2.3 percent in 2018. Dir. Rillon said that the contraction in the agriculture sector was due to lower agri-fishery production as the region was hit by several typhoons and weather disturbances in 2018. This contributed to high consumer prices of affected commodities. He said that the prices of all commodities started to normalize in the last few months of 2018. He also forecasted that inflation rates of agricultural commodities will revert to their targeted range in 2019 to 2020 due to the anti-inflationary measures of the government. With RA 11203, "An Act Liberalizing the Importation, Exportation, and Trading of Rice, Lifting for the Purpose the Quantitative Import Restriction on Rice, and for other Purpose," also known as the Rice Liberalization Law, he said that the farmers will be given technical support through the Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund. Further, he said that the implementation of the El Niño Action Plan of the Department of Agriculture will increase the resiliency of farmers and

fisher-folks.

Dir. Rillon remained optimistic that the region will sustain its economic growth and continue to realize the targets laid out in the RDP. "May all of us continue to work in reaching our vision of becoming the agribusiness, and tourism hub in Northern Philippines with equitable economic opportunities for its globally competitive, happy, resilient and culturally diverse peoples by 2022. May all of us have a Matatag, Maginhawa at Panatag na Buhay!" Director Rillon concluded.



Chief Economic Development Specialist, Ms. Racquel T. Atawe, delivers NEDA-RO1's statement on the economic performance of Region 1 in 2018, on behalf of NEDA Regional Director, Nestor G. Rillon, during the news conference conducted by the Philippine Statistics Authority-RSSO 1 on April 25, 2019.

by: Zenaida L. Garcillan

RLUC TRAINS LOCAL PLANNERS ON LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

To address the capacity gaps of planning officers of local government units (LGUs), national agencies (NGAs) and state universities and colleges (SUCs) on development planning, the Regional Land Use Committee of Region 1 (RLUC-1) conducted trainings on Land Use and Development Planning in three batches from May 2 – 24, 2019. The first batch was held in San Fernando, La Union, the second was in Lingayen, Pangasinan while the third leg was held in Vigan City, Ilocos Sur. A total of 113 individuals across the region joined the series of trainings.

The training aimed to provide the planning officers and technical staff of the LGUs, NGAs and SUCs, with essential skills and knowledge in physical and socioeconomic planning for the review, preparation, and updating of various physical and socioeconomic plans in the region. It is a response to the result of the training needs assessment

(TNA) conducted among LGUs in the region by the Local Planners' Link of NEDA RO1. The TNA showed that physical planning and socio-economic planning, including sectoral planning, are among the top five priority training needs of the LGU planners.

While the learning method is mostly lecture covering, the History, Concepts, and Theories of Planning, Planning Development Processes, Preparation of Comprehensive Development and Land Use Plans, Environmental Laws, among others, sharing

of practices on planning was done since all the batches had mixed participants. Pre and post tests were administered every after a major discussion as part of the training evaluation.

The SUC groups requested for another training exclusive for them to allow more detailed discussion on some of their unique situations. On the part of the local planners and NGAs, they clamored for the conduct of more intensive trainings on GIS, comprehensive development planning, project develop-

ment and monitoring and evaluation.

Leading the list of resource persons (RPs) are Licensed Environmental Planners (EnP), former HLURB North Luzon Director Teresita Galacgac, ARD Donald James Gawe (NEDA 1), Ms. Nicolette May Amon (DILG RO1) and Chief Economic Development Specialist Raquel Atawe (NEDA 1). Other RPs and learning facilitators include the sectoral and development planning experts of NEDA RO1.

by: Alvi Diana P. Poliquit



Forty-nine trainees from batch 3 of the training at Vigan Conservation Complex, Vigan City, Ilocos Sur

RDC-1 APPROVES THE REGION 1 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

The Regional Development Council –1 (RDC-1) approved the Region 1 Traffic Management Strategy (TMS) during the CY 2019 2nd Quarter RDC-1 Full Council Meeting held on June 26, 2019 at the BSP Convention Hall, San Fernando City, La Union.

The RDC-1 recognized the important role of traffic management to the development of the region and initiated the formulation of the Region 1 Traffic Management Strategy (TMS) through RDC-1 Resolution No. 49, s. 2018. The RDC-1, likewise, created a Technical Working Group (TWG) to spearhead the formulation of the Region 1 TMS. It is aligned and consistent with the Philippine and Regional Develop-

ment Plan (P/RDP) 2017-2022 which espouse the institution of better traffic management as a strategy to facilitate and accelerate development. Its primary aim is to provide an overall framework of strategies that will guide the traffic management and planning to sustain both connectivity within and to other regions, and mobility of goods and people in the region in the future. The TMS shall, likewise, serve as basis and guide of transport and traffic management plans at the provincial, city, municipal and barangay level. Thus, the TMS will facilitate, support and contribute to the attainment of the region's development vision.

Based on the assessment of the current and anticipated traffic situation,

and gaps and challenges in traffic management, the Region 1 TMS provides comprehensive strategies and interventions to address the identified issues and challenges. The strategies consist of short, medium and long term solutions along infrastructure development, traffic engineering, efficient law enforcement, improvement of public transport facilities and optimizing land use, among others.

The Region 1 TMS was formulated through a consultative process. It is based on the data, information and inputs gathered from various stakeholders in the region such as the transport and women groups as well as the RDC-1 committees on Development Administration (DevAd),

Public Order, Peace and Security (POPS), Governance, and Infrastructure.

Moving forward, the Land Transportation Office (LTO), the TWG Chair, shall spearhead the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the strategies. It will facilitate the preparation of an Action Plan that will specify the roll-out strategies to include the activities to be undertaken and the timelines of the activities, and an organizational structure with detailed roles and responsibilities of each TWG member. An advocacy and an information campaign plan will also be prepared which will include the conduct of a TMS Summit among RLAs, LGUs, CSOs, transport and women groups to ensure awareness, public support and local adoption.

by: Rey B. Ferreria

THIRTY FOUR STATISTICS OFFICERS COMPLETE BASIC STATISTICS TRAINING

Thirty four employees from different agencies completed the Basic Statistics Training: Descriptive Statistics conducted by the Regional Statistics Committee (RSC), in coordination with the Philippine Statistics Association, Inc. (PSAI), on May 21-24, 2019 at the NEDA Regional Office I, City of San Fernando (La Union). The training is part of Region I's Statistical Capacity Training Program for 2019, which was formulated based on the results of the Training Need Survey (TNS) conducted in 2018 by RSC. The TNS indicates that most of government statistics officers are not graduates of statistics degree.

The training aimed to provide the participants with basic knowledge on statistical concepts, collecting and organizing data, and describing a given set of data. Employees who identified Basic Statistics as the priority training need during the TNS were the participants of the training. The participants were involved in data

collection, analysis and presentation in their own agencies. It is expected that the knowledge they have acquired from the training will be applied in their respective work, as well as future studies that require data collection, presentation and analysis.

Topics discussed during the 4-day activity are: the Philippine Statistics System, Introduction to Official Statistics, Data Collection, Data Organi-

zation, Data Presentation, Summary Measures, Other Summary Statistics, and Introduction to Data Analysis. PSAI Region I Chapter officers and members served as resource speakers and facilitators during the training. Workshops followed after every topic. Actual data from the participants' agencies were used during the workshop, specifically on data presentation and data analysis. Participants were also asked to present their out-

puts to gauge their learning.

Dir. Nestor G. Rillon of NEDA, RSC Chair, graced the closing program. In his message, he emphasized the need and significance of statistics in the operation of offices, and as tool towards development. He also encouraged everyone to attend the succeeding trainings as part of the participants' capability/capacity advancement specifically in the field of statistics.

by: Yehlen I. Yangat



Dir. Nestor G. Rillon of NEDA, RSC Chair (seated 3rd from right), with the 34 statistics officers from different agencies in Region 1 who completed the Basic Statistics Training, along with the PSAI officers and members who facilitated the training.

RDC-1 CREATES A NEW COMMITTEE TO ESTABLISH STRONGER PARTNERSHIPS OF THE ACADEME AND THE INDUSTRIES

The Regional Development Council-1 (RDC-1) creates the Sub-Committee on Industry and Academe Partnership (SCIAP) under the Regional Development Social Committee-1 (RSDC-1) that will orchestrate the establishment of stronger partnerships of the academe and the industries in the region.

The Education and Manpower Development (EMD) Sub-Committee and the RSDC-1 endorsed the creation of the SCIAP as it is expected to strengthen the industry and academe partnership in the region and will hope to ad-

dress the tri-focalization issues in the education sector. The region having the most number of higher educational institutions and producing the biggest student graduates in Northern Luzon would greatly benefit from the academe and industry partnership.

The SCIAP, as a new committee of the RDC-1, shall propose policies and mechanisms on strengthening industry and academe partnerships, organize continuing dialogue between the industry and the academe, facilitate partnership building

between the industry and academe, and monitor the implementation of established partnerships, among its other functions.

The initial members of the SCIAP shall be composed 14 Regional Line Agencies (RLAs), 2 Government Owned and Controlled Corporations (GOCCs), 6 State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) 3 Private Higher Educational Institutions (PHEIs), 2 academic associations, the Region 1 association of Private Technical Vocational Education Institutions, and 5 industry organizations or associations. The Don Mariano Marcos Memorial

State University (DMMMSU) was elected as the Chairperson of the committee while the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) was elected as the Co-chairperson for the government.

Once institutionalized, the SCIAP shall, likewise, spearhead the implementation and monitoring of the strategies and interventions laid out in the Philippine and Regional Development Plan (P/RDP) focused on expanding collaboration between government, academe and industries aimed towards the realization of the vision for Ilocos Region.

by: Vida Karna D. Bacani

RLUC WELCOMES 27 NEW LICENSED ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNERS

The Regional Land Use Committee of Region 1 (RLUC-1) takes pride in welcoming 27 new professional Environmental Planners who took the RLUC Training on Land Use and Development Planning a month prior to the exams. On the second week of June 2019, the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) announced the results of the recent Environmental Planner Licensure Examination administered by the Board of Environmental Planning. 40.80 percent or 2,029 out of 4,973 individuals passed the said board examination and among the successful examinees are 324 promising professionals from the Northern Luzon.

The RLUC-1 conducted a series of trainings on Land Use and Development Planning in May 2019 that aimed to provide the planning officers and technical staff of the Local Government Units (LGUs) and Regional Line Agencies (RLAs) with essential skills and knowledge in physical and socioeconomic plan-

ning for the review, preparation, and updating of various physical and socioeconomic plans in the region. In the same series of training, aspiring professional environmental planners who were to take the board examination were equipped with sufficient knowledge on theories, concepts, history, and legal aspects of environmental or urban planning in the Philippines. The result has been favorable and fulfilling for both the examinees and the resource speakers. RLUC-1 congratulates the new EnPs:

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Environmental planners, also referred to as Urban

Planners, play important roles in nation-building and development. They are responsible for developing short-and long-term plans for land use in urban and rural areas while balancing considerations such as social, economic, and environmental issues. Under R.A. 10587 or the "Environmental Planning Act of 2013", the practice of Environmental Planning includes providing professional services in the form of technical consultation, rendering of technical advice, plan preparation, capacity building, and monitoring and evaluation of implementation.

The RLUC-1 encourages these new licensed Environmental Planners to put their title into action and be in partnership with the LGUs and RLAs toward regional development. With the increasing EnPs in the region, more harmonized, well-managed and regulated use and development of resources will be achieved for sustainable regional development.

by: Alvi Diana P. Poliquit

Congratulations

DBM RO I SCORES HIGHER ON CY 2019 DOE ENERGY AUDIT

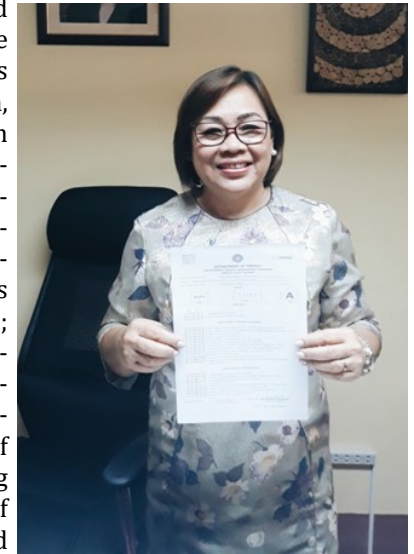
From 94.8 percent score on July 25, 2017 to 96.0 percent on April 24, 2019, the Department of Budget and Management Regional Office I (DBM RO I) maintained its “five-star” rating for energy management and conservation program during the Energy Spot Audit re-conducted by two (2) technical staff from the Department of Energy (DOE) Central Office.

The Office scored high on the three factors: (1) Office Policy; (2) Best Practices for Electricity Conservation; and (3) Best Practices for Fuel Conservation.

For the Office Policy, the Office obtained a perfect score of five for having an Energy Conservation Officer and recent office issuances on energy conservation.

For the Best Practices for Electricity Conservation, the Office got another perfect score for using energy-efficient lighting; maintaining the standard room temperature at not lower than 25 degrees Celsius; turning off appliances and office equipment when not in use; and preparing a monthly electricity consumption report.

The Office also attained perfect scores for all the criteria on Best Practices for Fuel Conservation, namely: implementation of a fuel conservation program; performing preventive maintenance schedule of official service vehicles; not idling of engines while waiting or parked; inventory list and assignment of government service vehicles to a particular official; preparation of monthly fuel monitoring report; and keeping of records of daily entry and dispatch of service vehicles from the motorpool, and records of trip tickets for each service vehicle.



DBM Regional Director Nenita A. Failon, with all smiles and pride, holding the Energy Audit Report.

RRCY WINS BEST IMPLEMENTER OF GULAYAN SA CENTER

Regional Rehabilitation Center for Youth (RRCY) bested the other four Centers of DSWD Field Office (FO) 1 during the Search for Best Implementer of Gulayan sa Center initiated by the Supplementary Feeding Program Management Office. The activity aimed to promote vegetable production among DSWD FO 1 Centers’ staff and residents, provide a fostering environment for sustainable gardens, and improve food systems of the Centers.

RRCY residents, with the assistance of the staff, were optimized in tilling and maintaining the gardens that also serves as their recreational activity. Grouped into six, these resi-

dents were given the decision to prepare their gardens and plant various vegetables such as but not limited to tomato, okra, bottle and bitter gourds, kangkong, and sweet potato around the Center. The yields are bought by the Center based on the current market price and served during meals. Residents used the income in purchasing their personal necessities and the remaining amount is put in their savings which they can acquire once they are reintegrated with their families.

“Dahil sa Gulayan sa Center, bumaba ang in-

sidente ng mga paglabag dito sa RRCY kasi naging abala ang mga residente sa pagtatanim at pagpapaganda sa kanilang mga gulayan. Sa proyekto ring ito, nagkaroon ng karagdagang kaalaman ang mga bata (Through the Gulayan sa Center, the violations in RRCY declined because the residents became busy in planting and improving their gardens. This project also provided additional skills to the residents),” shared RRCY Center Head Leah Mylen L. Lucero. RRCY received PhP10,000.00 cash prize to be used for sustainable gardening that would

both benefit the Center and the residents.

The Best Implementer of Gulayan sa Center was judged based on utilization of garden space, variety of plants grown, sufficiency and resourcefulness of garden tools, appearance of the garden, and sources of water supply.

by: Darwin T. Chan



A resident waters his bottle gourd plant to ensure good produce.

DENR-EMB REGION I AND NAGUILIAN RIVER SYSTEM – WQMA HOLD SEMINAR ON ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS FOR MSMEs

The Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) – Region I of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the Naguilian River System Water Quality Management Area (NRS-WQMA) Governing Board organized a seminar on environmental laws for micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) on May 17, 2019 at Oasis Hotel, City of San Fernando, La Union.

EMB Region I Director Maria Dorica Naz-Hipe (left) said the seminar aimed to educate the entrepreneurs within the Naguilian River System about the environmental laws they need to comply with to attain both economic and environmental

sustainability.

Engr. Ryanne Narvaez, Engineer IV, gave the participants an overview of Presidential Decree 1586: “Establishing an Environmental Impact Statement System Including Other Environmental Management Related Measures.” Mr. Jayson Paolo Resultay discussed Republic Act 9003 or the “Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000,” and Mr. Nestor Bambalan, Environmental Management Specialist II, presented Republic Act 6969 or the “Toxic Substances and Hazardous and Nuclear Wastes Control Act of 1990.” Engr. Remedios Jimenez, Ambient Monitoring and Technical Services Section Chief, dis-

cussed Republic Act 8749 or the “Philippine Clean Air Act of 1999” and Republic Act 9275 or the “Philippine Clean Water Act of 2004.”

The NRS-WQMA was designated in 2016 to protect the Naguilian River System. It is chaired by the Regional Director of the DENR-EMB and consists of the municipalities of Burgos, Naguilian, Bauang, Bagulin and the City of San Fernando in the Province of La Union,

the Region I Offices of Department of Education, Department of Health, Department of Public Works and Highways, Department of Trade and Industry, Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, Department of Science and Technology, National Economic and Development Authority, including the Federation of Senior Citizens Association of the Philippines – Naguilian Chapter, Lorma Community Development Foundation, Inc., Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University – North La Union Campus, Naguilian Water District, and Metro San Fernando Water District.



2019 LIMGAS HOPEFULS ARE ENVIRONMENT ADVOCATES

The Limgas na Pangasinan 2019 candidates are not just beauty goddesses, but are also eco-warriors. Part of the Limgas search preliminary activities, the 15

hopefuls are immersed to various environment-friendly programs of the provincial government led by Governor Amado I. Espino, III prior to the pageant and coronation night

of April 30 at the Capitol Plaza. Environmental programs they have experienced so far include the coastal clean-up (left photo) which is conducted on a weekly

basis, and the seeding of fingerlings (right photo) in communal bodies of water of the province.

**By: Provincial Information Office
Provincial Government of Pangasinan**



TASK FORCE SAGIP KARAGATAN VS ILLEGAL FISHING

To further maintain and conserve marine resources of the municipal waters of the City, the Coastal Law Enforcement Team of the City of San Fernando, La Union through the Task Force Sagip Karagatan (TSFK) spearheaded by the City Agriculture Office conducted sea-borne patrol operation and foot patrol operation from the Lingsat Marine Protected Area to the coast waters of Brgy. San Vicente last May 15, 2019.

The Coastal Law Enforcement Team is composed of the Philippine Coast Guard La Union, Philippine National

Police (PNP), City Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO), PNP-Maritime, Deputy Fish Wardens, City Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Management Council (CFARMC) and Marine Protected Area

(MPA) Patrollers. They are tasked to intensify further monitoring of unlawful fishing practices and take necessary actions in apprehending fishermen who violate any rules and regulations of RA10654 – an act to prevent,

deter and eliminate illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing. Moreover, part of the operation is to assess the current status of the Mananaoan Reef located at the Brgy. Lingsat coastal water.

Task Force Sagip Karagatan is just one of the various programs of the City Government which aims to safeguard the City's coastline to ensure that there are enough food supply and seafood security for the citizens especially the fisher folks. The operation is also meant to sustain the City's fight against illegal and unlawful fishing practices.

By: Shairalene B. Guerrero



500 VOLUNTEERS JOIN TONDALIGAN CLEAN-UP DRIVE

DAGUPAN CITY – Some 500 volunteers from different walks of life joined a cleanup drive along the coast of Tondaligan Blue Beach in Bonuan Gueset on April 26.

The volunteers were composed of city employees and department heads led by City Administrator Atty. Farah Decano, Department of Education (DepEd) Dagupan officials and teachers, members of PNP Dagupan, barangay officials, private stakeholders, and many others.

The drive was a joint undertaking between the city government and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) as part of the celebration of Earth Day and Earth Month this April.

Maria Dorica Hipe, Regional Director of the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) – DENR, disclosed that the initiative aims to raise awareness on proper solid waste management and the importance of keeping coastal areas and beaches

clean.

"We chose to conduct the activity here in Tondaligan because the local government was very cooperative when it comes to environmental initiatives," added Hipe.

She said that the activity was also one way of replicating major government initiatives such as the recent rehabilitation of Boracay and the Manila Bay.

Meanwhile, City Pollution Control Officer Reynaldo Esguerra said that the drive also serves an important reminder for beach goers and business owners alike of their responsibilities to protect Tondaligan from pollution.

He added that aside from the activity, the city's own cleanup initiative is still being held regularly in eve-

ry barangay.

"The 'Solar Ko, Linisan Ko' program is still in full-effect as barangays conduct cleanup activities every month. We are also working with private household and property owners and reminding them to maintain the cleanliness of their properties," said Esguerra.

The city-wide cleanup initiative was launched in March last year as part of the city government's environmental campaign, and in time for the arrival of ten color-coded trucks tasked to ensure proper waste segregation in the city.

This was in addition to the organization of groups such as Barangay Ecological Management Team, Basura Patrol and City Restoration Upkeep Enhancement (CRUE) Task Force which are tasked to oversee the proper waste management in the city.

by: Verdelle De Vera/CIO



CY 2019 1st QUARTER RESOLUTIONS

Title of Resolutions
1. Endorsing the Proposal of Poro Point Management Corporation to Establish a Multi-Purpose Passenger Terminal with Floating Pier (Phase I) within Poro Point, and Prepare a Business Case for the Tri-City Ferry System Amounting to Php 40 Million Pesos
2. Requesting the Secretary of Agriculture, Emmanuel F. Piñol, to Waive the Certificate of Inspection and Verification from the Philippine Coconut Authority as a Requirement for the Issuance of a Land Use Reclassification Certificate for the Proposed Suyo Economic Zone
3. Enjoining the Regional Line Agencies (RLAs), Local Government Units (LGUs), Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to Support the Implementation of Poverty Reduction Convergence Programs, Projects and Activities (PPAs) for the Municipality of Lidlidda, Ilocos Sur
4. Requesting the DILG to Enjoin All LGUs to Expand the Function of their Local Housing Boards (LHBs) to Cover Comprehensive Housing and Urban Development Concerns
5. Requesting the Land Management Bureau (LMB) and Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) to Expedite the Request of Local Government Units (LGUs) for the Issuance of Proclamation/Reservation and Special Patent for Housing and Resettlement Purposes in Region I
6. Enjoining All Regional Line Agencies (RLAs), Local Government Units (LGUs), Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and Academe to Implement Programs, Projects and Activities for Prevention and Control of Measles in Region I
7. Enjoining the Regional Line Agencies (RLAs), Local Government Units (LGUs), State Colleges and Universities (SUCs), the Academe and All Concerned Entities to Utilize the Pingyang Pinoy as Basis in Serving Meals and Snacks during Meetings, Conferences, Trainings and Other Related Activities
8. Enjoining the Regional Line Agencies (RLAs), Local Government Units (LGUs), Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to Support the Implementation of the DSWD 3 rd Round of Household Assessment of the National Household Targeting System for Poverty Reduction (NHTS-PR) Project also known as Listahanan
9. Adopting the Provisionary Guidelines for the Midterm Updating of the Regional Development Plan (RDP) 2017-2022 of Ilocos Region
10. Adopting the Music and Lyrics of the Regional Hymn as the Official Hymn of Region I
11. Encouraging the Local Government Units to Create a Plantilla Position for Local Economic and Investment Promotion Officer (LEIPO)
12. Enjoining the Local Chief Executives in Region I to Create an Environment and Natural Resources Office and the Position of Environment and Natural Resources Officer in their Respective Units
13. Requesting the Office of Civil Defense-Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council to Conduct a Study on the Effects of the Movement of Manila Trench to Region I
14. Endorsing Twenty-Nine (29) Proposed Projects under the Department of Tourism and Department of Public Works and Highways Convergence Program on Enhancing Tourism Access in Region I to the Department of Public Works and Highways and Department of Tourism for Funding in CY 2020
15. Endorsing Twelve (12) Proposed Projects under the Department of Trade and Industry and Department of Public Works and Highways Convergence Program on Road Connectivity for Industry and Trade Development for the Department of Public Works and Highways and Department of Trade and Industry for Funding in CY 2020
16. Endorsing the Proposed Projects under the Department of National Defense and Department of Public Works and Highways Convergence Program
17. Endorsing the Proposed National Garlic R&D and Training Center for Funding under the NICHE Centers in the Regions for R&D (NICER) Program of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST)

Title of Resolutions
18. Enjoining Concerned Government Agencies and Local Government Units (LGUs) to Support the Conduct of the Research of NEDA Regional Office I Entitled "Assessment of Regional and Local Development Outcomes and Health and Health-Related Indicators for DRR Cycle in Region I"
19. Adopting the Region I Sustainable Development Goals Indicators (SDGIs) and Enjoining All Private and Government Instrumentalities to Provide Necessary Data Support for its Compilation and Dissemination Through the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)
20. Supporting the Full Autonomy of the Cordillera Region
21. Recommending to President Rodrigo Roa Duterte the Issuance of a Policy Instruction to the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) and/or the Social Security System (SSS) to Allow Insurance Coverage for Contractor's Equipment and Facilities Subjected to Terrorist Acts while being Used in the Implementation of Government Programs or Projects
22. Endorsing to the Honorable Emmanuel F. Piñol, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture the FY 2020 Budget Proposal of the Department of Agriculture, Regional Field Office 1 for Inclusion in the FY 2020 Agency Budget Proposal
23. Endorsing to the Hon. Commodore Eduardo B. Gongona, Undersecretary for Fisheries and Concurrent Director of the BFAR the FY 2020 Budget Proposal of BFAR Regional Office I in the FY 2020 Agency Budget Proposal
24. Endorsing to the Hon. Robert Seares, M.D. Administrator of the National Tobacco Administration (NTA) the FY 2020 Budget Proposal of the NTA, Region 1 Branch for Inclusion in the FY 2020 Agency Budget Proposal
25. Endorsing to the Honorable Ramon M. Lopez, Secretary of the Department of Trade and Industry the FY 2020 Budget Proposal of the DTI, Regional Office I for Inclusion in the FY 2020 Agency Budget Proposal
26. Endorsing to the Honorable Bemadette Romulo-Puyat, Secretary of the Department of Tourism the FY 2020 Budget Proposal of the DOT, Regional Office I for Inclusion in the FY 2020 Agency Budget Proposal
27. Endorsing to the Honorable Fortunato T. De La Peña, Secretary of the Department of Science and Technology the FY 2020 Budget Proposal of the DOST, Regional Office I for Inclusion in the FY 2020 Agency Budget Proposal
28. Endorsing to the Honorable Silvestre H. Bello, III, Secretary of the Department of Labor and Employment the FY 2020 Budget Proposal of the DOLE Regional Office I for Inclusion in the FY 2020 Agency Budget Proposal
29. Endorsing to the Honorable Roy Cimatu, Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources the FY 2020 Budget Proposal of the DENR Regional Office I for Inclusion in the FY 2020 Agency Budget Proposal
30. Endorsing to the Honorable Wilfredo G. Moncano, Acting Director of the Mines and Geosciences Bureau the FY 2020 Budget Proposal of the MGB Regional Office I for Inclusion in the FY 2020 Agency Budget Proposal
31. Endorsing to the Honorable Metodio U. Turbela, Director of the Environment and Management Bureau the FY 2020 Budget Proposal of the EMB Regional Office I for Inclusion in the FY 2020 Agency Budget Proposal
32. Endorsing to the Honorable Eduardo M. Año, Secretary of the Department of the Interior and Local Government the FY 2020 Budget Proposal of the DILG Regional Office I for Inclusion in the FY 2020 Agency Budget Proposal
33. Endorsing to the Honorable Leonard R. Bañago, Chief of the Bureau of Fire Protection the FY 2020 Budget Proposal of the BFP Regional Office I for Inclusion in the FY 2020 Agency Budget Proposal
34. Endorsing to the Honorable Mark A. Villar of the Department of Public Works and Highways the FY 2020 Budget Proposal of the DPWH Regional Office I for Inclusion in the FY 2020 Agency Budget Proposal
35. Endorsing to the Honorable Ricardo R. Visaya, Administrator of the National Irrigation Administration the FY 2020 Budget Proposal of the NIA Regional Office I for Inclusion in the FY 2020 Agency Budget Proposal

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36. Endorsing to the Honorable Jay Daniel R. Santiago, General Manager of the Philippine Ports Authority the FY 2020 Budget Proposal of the PPA Port Management Office Northern Luzon 1 for Inclusion in the FY 2020 Agency Budget Proposal
37. Endorsing to the Honorable Jim C. Sydiongco, Director General of the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines the FY 2020 Budget Proposal of the CAAP Area 1 for Inclusion in the FY 2020 Agency Budget Proposal
38. Endorsing to the Honorable Francisco T. Duque III, Secretary of the Department of Health the FY 2020 Budget Proposal of the DOH Center for Health and Development 1 for Inclusion in the FY 2020 Agency Budget Proposal
39. Endorsing to the Honorable Rolando Joseito Delizo Bautista, Secretary of the Department of Social Welfare and Development the FY 2020 Budget Proposal of the DSWD Field Office 1 for Inclusion in the FY 2020 Agency Budget Proposal
40. Endorsing to the Honorable Isidro S. Lapeña, Director General of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority the FY 2020 Budget Proposal of the TESDA Regional Office 1 for Inclusion in the FY 2020 Agency Budget Proposal
41. Endorsing to the Honorable Leonor Magtolis Briones, Secretary of the Department of Education the FY 2020 Budget Proposal of the DepEd Regional Office 1 for Inclusion in the FY 2020 Agency Budget Proposal
42. Endorsing to the Honorable Leonor T. Oralde-Quintayo, Chairperson of the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples the FY 2020 Budget Proposal of NCIP Regional Office 1 for Inclusion in the FY 2020 Agency Budget Proposal
43. Endorsing to the Honorable J. Prospero E. De Vera III, Chairperson of the Commission on Higher Education the FY 2020 Budget Proposal of CHED Regional Office 1 for Inclusion in the FY 2020 Agency Budget Proposal
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49. Endorsing to the Honorable J. Prospero E. De Vera III, Chairperson of the Commission on Higher Education the FY 2020 Budget Proposal of the University of Northern Philippines for Inclusion in the FY 2020 Agency Budget Proposal
50. Resolution Commending the Province of Pangasinan for its Conferment as Gender and Development (GAD) Local Learning Hub (LLH) by the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW)
51. Resolution of Thanks and Appreciation to the Philippine National Police (PNP) Regional Office I as the Venue Sponsor of the 1 st Regular RDC Full Council Meeting for CY 2019