



Kalambuan

The official newsletter of the DILG Central Visayas



**DILG-7 'plants'
peace in the
region**

FULL STORY ON PAGE 3

**4T contact
tracers
hired**

FULL STORY ON PAGE 4

**RIATF7-MEID
passes 95
resolutions**

FULL STORY ON PAGE 5

IN THIS ISSUE

6

**DILG-7 shares
best practices in
workplace**

7

**DILG-7 retains
ISO 9001:2015
certification**

9

**Road clearing
resumes**

14

**DILG-7 celebrates
29th Local
Government
Month**

23

**LGUs urged to
promote voluntary
blood, convalescent
plasma donation**

33

**DILG Cebu City
launches 1st
digital
newsletter**

41

NEWSBITS

EDITORIAL BOARD

LEOCADIO T. TROVELA, CESO IV
Regional Director

MARIA LOISELLA E. LUCINO, CESO V
Assistant Regional Director

ATTY. FERDINAND R. ALBAÑO
Chief, Finance and Administrative Division

MARIA THELYA Y. OPORTO
Chief, Local Government Capacity
Development Division

ATTY. IAN KENNETH B. LUCERO
Chief, Local Government Monitoring and
Evaluation Division / OIC DILG Cebu City

JEROME G. GONZALES, MPA
Provincial Director, DILG Bohol

ENP JHOADEN G. LUCERO, MM, CESO V
Provincial Director, DILG Cebu

JOHNJOAN A. MENDE
Provincial Director, DILG Negros Oriental

DENNIS S. QUIÑONES, CESO V
Provincial Director, DILG Siquijor

KENNETH S. KILAT, MPM
City Director, Mandaue City

ENP JONAH V. PINO, MPA
OIC, DILG Lapu-Lapu City

MICHAEL VENCYNTH H. BRAGA
Public Information Officer



DILG-7 'plants' peace in the region

As its commitment to advocate peace, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)-7 planted 18 peace poles – a widely recognized international symbol and monument to peace – in the Central Visayas Region.

Peace poles installed in the towns of the region, just like the rest of the monuments in the world, bear a message of “May Peace Prevail on Earth” on one of its four sides as a constant reminder to visualize and pray for world peace.

DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trowela wanted to take part in a movement that aims to bring inner peace of mind and to foster peace and positive change in the region.

Leading by example, Trowela installed a hand-painted peace pole inside the premises of the regional office in Sudlon, Lahug, Cebu City.

The towns in Region 7 that now have peace poles are Antequera, Calape, Clarin, Inabanga, Maribojoc, Sagbayan, Dumanjug, Sta Fe, Canlaon, Guihulngan, Guihulngan City, Mabinay, Manjuyod, Santa Catalina, Siaton, Valencia and Zamboangita.

These local government units (LGUs) in Central Visayas have committed to promote peace and uplift the human consciousness within their community by installing peace pole.

Peace poles were installed during the widely conducted Dagyan Sa Barangay 2020 as part of the Retooled Community Support Program (RCSP) and Ending Local Communists’ Armed Conflict (ELCAC) efforts of the DILG-7 and the national government.

The Dagyan sa Barangay teams, composed of DILG-7 personnel and other national government agencies, visited different barangays in Bohol, Cebu and Negros Oriental which was part of the RCSP targeted areas.

The team hosted a Talakayan (dialogue) with the communities and brought government services closer to the people through Serbisyo Caravan Para sa Mamamayan to the barangays.

In Bohol, the barangays visited were Canlaas, Quinapon-an, Camias, Caboy, Caluwasan, Villafor, Bahan,

Banahao, Cambituoan, Dagnawah, Lomboy, Maria Rosario, Riverside, San Jose, Sua, Candavid, Katipunan, Langtad and Mantalongon.

In Negros Oriental were Bayog, Budlasan, Lumapao, Binobohan, Hinakpan, Humayhumay, Imelda, Planas, Sandayao, Tacpao, Trinidad, Balogo, Nagsaha, Plagatasanon, Poblacion, Villegas, Bagtic, Luyang, Samac and Panciao.

In Cebu were Bulak, Paculob, Panlaan, Tangil, Tubod Bitoon, Tubod Duguan in Dumanjug; and Bitoon (Kinatarkan Island) in Sta. Fe, Bantayan Island.

The peace pole at the DILG-7 office was installed in time of the Peace Day Celebration on December 8, 2020.

“This is our way of commitment as men and women for others. The way we interact with our peers, especially to our family and co-workers in our region reflects the way we treasure peace,” said Dir. Trowela in his dedication message.

4T contact tracers hired

At least 4,800 contact tracers were hired by the Department of the Interior and Local Government – 7 to be at the frontline in the region’s massive attempt to break the chain of COVID-19 transmission.

They augmented the existing teams of the local government units in Central Visayas and will ensure accurate and timely conduct of contact tracing activities and reporting of COVID-19 surveillance data.

On October 2, DILG-7 organized an online general orientation for the hired contact tracers to equip them with the sufficient knowledge and overview on how contact tracing works.

DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trovela formally welcomed the region’s contact tracers and underscored their critical role in the fight against COVID-19.

“What you will do in the coming months is very important. We all know this is a risky job, but more than the risk is your love for your neighbors, community and country,” he said.

Richard Navarrosa and Harold Doroteo, technical coordinators of the World Health Organization-Philippines, discussed the basic principles and aspects of correct contact tracing that include policies, guidelines, ethical and legal issues, and tracing and management, while DILG-7 regional focal person on contact tracing Atty. Gerlyn Mae Sayson



explained the administrative requirements and terms of reference provided in the Contract of Service.

Police Regional Office-7 Director Albert Ignatius Ferro, Dr. Eugenia Mercedes Cañal of the Department of Health-7, and Cebu City Mayor Edgardo Labella delivered their messages of support to DILG-7 and its contact tracers.

DILG-7 Local Government Monitoring and Evaluation Division Chief and DILG Cebu City Officer-in-Charge Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero, in his closing

message, thanked the contact tracers for joining DILG-7 in the fight against the unseen enemy.

“Let us break the chain of human-to-human transmission through effective and efficient contact tracing efforts. Let us beat this virus together. Be the game-changer,” he said.

Aside from the general orientation, the contact tracers were also oriented by their respective LGUs before their actual deployment from October to December 2020.



RIATF7-MEID passes 95 resolutions

Since its inception, the Regional Inter-Agency Task Force-7 for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (RIATF7-MEID) has passed a total of 95 resolutions and indorsed them to the National IATF either for its favorable and immediate decision or for information.

It also acted on the communications/requests received from local government units (LGUs), national government agencies (NGAs), other organizations, and private sector in the region, and disseminated IATF and other COVID-related issuances to LGUs, NGAs, and RIATF7-MEID members.

IATF Resolution No. 34, series of 2020 provides that the regions shall convene their RIATF with the respective regional offices of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) as chair and Department of Health Centers for Health Development as co-chair, which shall be a separate and distinct body from the Regional Task Force COVID-19.

In Central Visayas, the RIATF7-MEID is chaired by DILG-7 Director Leocadio T. Trovela and co-chaired by Department of Health (DOH)-7 Director Jaime S. Bernadas. The DILG-7 likewise provides the RIATF7-MEID Secretariat services.

The members of RIATF7-MEID, who are regional directors of the different national government agencies in Central Visayas, convene regularly and continuously collaborate to monitor the performance across all sectors and develop the appropriate recommendations.

The body is mandated to process the appeals to impose, lift, or extend community quarantine in provinces, highly urbanized cities and independent component cities.

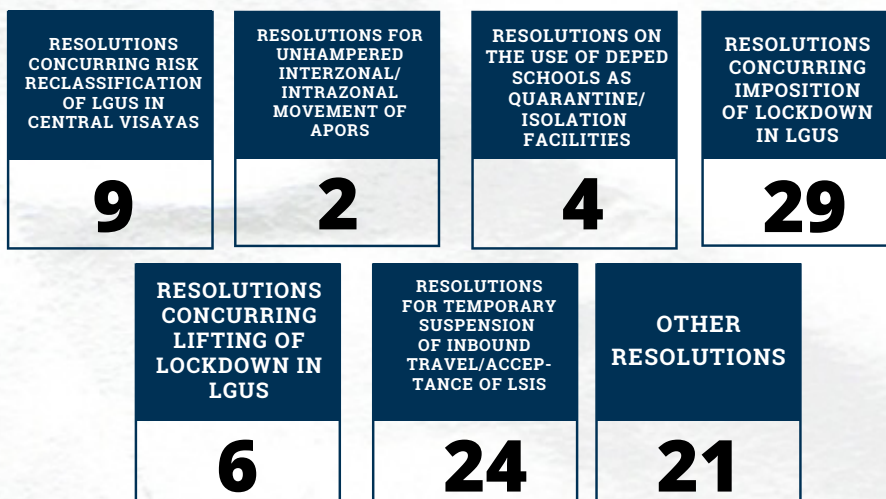


It is also tasked to provide concurrence as appropriate to the appeals/requests of provincial governors to impose, lift or extend the community quarantine in component cities and municipalities, as well as of local chief executives of cities and municipalities in their respective barangays.

The RIATF shall report to the IATF Technical Working Group on matters of appeal for risk classification, with its representatives reporting to their national government agencies.

It likewise decides upon any requests for the imposition, extension, and lifting of moratorium on inbound travel of returning residents of local government units, which shall be enforced by the National Task Force.

Considering that its decision-making is highly critical, the RIATF7-MEID takes into account the doubling rate of cases in the particular area, epidemiological curve and health capacity, parameters for zoning containment strategy, and absorptive capacity assessment of quarantine facilities, among others.





AMID COVID-19 PANDEMIC

DILG-7 shares best practices in workplace

The unprecedented situation brought about by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic prompted the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) -7 to develop innovative practices to ensure the continued delivery of services to the public without compromising the health of its workforce.

The regional office, under the leadership of Director Leocadio Trovela, initiated the observance of hygienic measures to mitigate the spread of the virus and provide a safe working environment for its people.

Since the outbreak of the pandemic early this year and even prior to the implementation of the community quarantine protocols, Trovela has directed the regular checking of temperature of the employees using a thermal scanner.

It has also been the practice of the regional office to provide alcohol for each of its division and unit offices.

At the start of the outbreak, more alcohol and hand sanitizers were made available in the office, including the main entrance and for every floor.

When Cebu City where the regional office is located was placed under the Enhanced Community Quarantine, the DILG-7 has to limit the number of employees reporting for work and adopt alternative work arrangements.

Minimum health standards such as social distancing are also observed in addition to the existing sanitary practices.

Employees who are required to physically report to office are given free face masks, vitamins, and lunch every day.

The skeletal workforce are also provided with vehicular support daily, with the observance of physical distancing.

Both workers and walk-in clients are made to undergo foot bath before entering the office premises to prevent the transmission of virus.

The regional office also installed plastic barriers at the Emergency Operations Center for the protection of the duty officers and walk-in clients.

All DILG-7 employees are also reminded to stay healthy and boost their immune system.

Creating a safe working environment that protects its people and clients is in line with the commitment of DILG-7 to make sure that the continued rendering of service to the public remains unhampered amid this quandary.



DILG-7 retains ISO 9001:2015 certification

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)-7 added another feather to its cap after passing the second surveillance audit to keep the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 9001:2015 certification conferred in 2019.

The second surveillance conducted by Worldwide Quality Assurance (WQA) Philippines showed data on DILG-7's innovation and continued implementation of the global standard for quality management system under the leadership of Regional Director Leocadio T. Trovela.

Certification to ISO 9001:2015 means that an organization or office has been audited by a third-party certification body and has been found compliant with the internationally accepted standards for quality management and processes.

DILG Central Visayas received the conferment in 2019. It has passed the 2020 surveillance anew despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Assistant Regional Director Maria (ARD) Loisella E. Lucino, who heads the Local Governance Resource Center, said ISO certification isn't given on a silver platter as it can be revoked if an organization or office fails to follow the recommendations from last year.

ISO certification is renewed every three years and will undergo surveillance every year during that three-year span.

"We did it despite the changes due to the pandemic. We owe this to the employees of DILG-7," she said.

ARD Lucino explained that the main reason for the ISO certification is to make the life of employees easier with the use of simplified steps within the global standard.

"When we do our program, these processes are institutionalized and internalized by our employees. It simplifies the work," she continued.

ISO 9001 is an internationally recognized provider of a framework for a quality management system. It delivers a framework for monitoring and measuring performance and operations, ensuring efficiency and customer satisfaction.



15 SCOs served on CV barangay execs



A total of 15 show cause orders (SCOs) were issued this year to Punong Barangay (PB) and their Sangguniang Barangay (SB) members in Cebu City (13), Lapu-Lapu City (1), and Negros Oriental (1) directing them to explain why they should not be charged for failure to perform the mandated duties and functions of a local chief executive during a state of national health emergency.

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) - 7 gave these barangay officials 48

hours from receipt of the order to submit their written explanation.

Alleged violations in Cebu City and Negros Oriental were non-observance of quarantine protocols such as mandatory wearing of face masks, social distancing, strict home quarantine, and prohibition on mass gathering, while in the case of Lapu-Lapu City, supposed non-observance of protocol on the burial of persons having COVID-19 or suspected thereof was reported.

DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trovela directed DILG-7 Local Government Monitoring and Evaluation Division Chief and DILG Cebu City Officer-in-Charge Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero and LGMED lawyers to serve the SCOs.

Earlier, DILG Secretary Eduardo Año said that any violation of the quarantine protocols will not be tolerated and those responsible will be made to account.

DILG-7 8888 Unit acts on 432 complaints

A total of 432 complaints were received and acted upon by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) - 7 8888 Unit from August 26 to December 20.

Majority of the complaints received by the region pertain to integrity-related concerns such as complaints against government officials/employees and against government regulations.

DILG-7 made sure that the complaints referred to the agency were acted upon promptly and accordingly.

The agency judiciously acts over complaints referred by the Center and any referring agency for the matter, and endeavors to continue being the Center's good partner in the fight against red tape and corruption.

Road clearing resumes



Efforts of the local government units to clear public roads of any encroachments and illegal obstructions resumed on November 16, the Department of the Interior and Local Government announced.

On October 27, DILG Secretary Eduardo Año issued Memorandum Circular 2020-145, which sets the new guidelines on the implementation of the road clearing directive of President Rodrigo Duterte.

The effort forms part of the COVID-19 response and recovery interventions under Republic Act 11494, or the Bayanihan to Recover as One Act, which provided for the regulation of traffic on all roads, streets and bridges and removal of

encroachments and illegal constructions in public places.

DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trovela stressed that while there was a significantly high LGU compliance rate of more than 90 percent in the region during the last road clearing effort, he hopes that LGUs will sustain the gains and even aim for a higher compliance rate, this time.

He said that there will be full implementation of the road clearing in the region since all provinces and highly urbanized cities are already under Modified General Community Quarantine.

“This road clearing directive is a continuing activity that requires sustained effort and implementation.

It is also our way of ensuring that our roads are safe and free from hazardous encroachment and to effectively implement social distancing measures as we gear towards the new normal,” he explained.

LGUs are given until January 15, 2021 to carry out the provisions in the memorandum.

DILG-7 thru its field offices have worked closely with the LGUs and different stakeholders to get a full compliance to the presidential directive on road clearing.

As of December 15, 2020, 2,223 out of the 3,003 barangays (74.03%) in the region have complied with the directive.



NGAs hold Dagyaw reg'l town hall

Government agencies and private sectors convened on November 5, 2020 in an effort to address concerns affecting employment and livelihood sectors amid the coronavirus disease (Covid-19) pandemic.

This was the highlight of the discussion during this year's Dagyaw Open Government Virtual Town Hall Meetings.

This year's Dagyaw carried a theme "Usapang Lokal: Ugnayang Trabaho" as it focused on helping the Filipino workers recover from the adverse impact of the pandemic to the livelihood of the Filipinos working here and abroad.

The organizers of Dagyaw 2020—the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)-7, Department of Budget and Management (DBM)-7 and the Philippine Information Agency (PIA)-7—invited the Civic Society Organizations (CSOs) to grace the whole-day activity at the Ecotech Center in Lahug, Cebu City.

"We are so proud to have this gathering of partners, massive at that, and the broad participation from the CSOs, NGOs (non-governmental organization) and the private sectors who joined us in the government in the discussion about the effect of Covid-19 and the interventions of the government that all of us had to undertake," DILG-7

Director

Leocadio T. Trovela said in his virtual message to the participants.

Twenty-five CSOs from the sectors of urban poor, labor and vendors were invited at the Ecotech Center, while the guest speakers and other participants from Region 7 attended thru Zoom.

Presidential Communications Operations Office Secretary Martin M. Andanar said in his message of support that this Dagyaw Townhall Meeting for Central Visayas is the continued intent of the government to open communities towards the opportunities that are available for everyone.

Governors Arthur C. Yap of Bohol Province and Roel Degamo of Negros Oriental also shared their message of support to the participants.

"In this time of Covid-19, there's no room for any of us to do our own thing. We must all continue to spend funds and implement programs for the maximum impact. We can't do our own projects without consulting each other and that is exactly what we are doing today," said Yap.

"Our provincial government looks forward to a fruitful collaboration with national government agencies, CSOs, business community, academe, and the community for a more dedicated

and productive way to serve our people. May this townhall meeting serve its purpose well," Degamo said.

The resource speakers for the event were from the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE)-7, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA)-7, Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)-7 and the Cebu Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCCI).

Supervising Labor and Employment Officer Ma. Terese Doria Tanquiamco spoke for DOLE-7, Regional Operations Division Chief Welkie E. Reroma represented TESDA-7, SME Development Division Chief Marivic V. Aguilar talked for DTI-7, and Felix Taguiam for CCCI.

The event capped off with a workshop with CSOs on the Regional Multi-sectoral Agenda as part of the co-creation process for the sixth Open Government Partnership (OGP) National Action Plan.

Last year, Dagyaw pushed for localized dialogues with stakeholders at the grassroots level to provide an avenue for pitching their concerns and feedback directly to the local government officials.

The term "Dagyaw" is a Hiligaynon term for "Bayanihan."



Dagyawan promotes peace, development in Dumanjug

The 2020 Dagyawan sa Barangay: Talakayan at Serbisyo Caravan Para sa Mamamayan brought basic government services and ensured to bridge the development gap to six barangays in Dumanjug town.

With the aim to widen people's access to government, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)-7 and other government agencies assisted six targeted barangays in the municipality of Dumanjug in the formulation of their proposed project plans under the Retooled Community Support Program (RCSP).

Barangays Tubod Dugoan, Tubod Bitoon, Bulak, Panlaan, Tangil and Paculob culminated the week-long activity in Dumanjug with a handover ceremony of their Refocused Barangay Development Plans to the chairman of the Dumanjug Municipal Planning and Development Council, and to the Municipal Peace and Order Council.

"We will make sure that we will allocate funds as far as our budget is concern. Kana rapud ang kutob sa atong makaya. Ang di makaya ato ning e-forward ngadto sa provincial government," Dumanjug Mayor Efren Guntrano "Gungun" Z. Gica told his constituents.

The Dagyawan sa Barangay 2020 featured a series of dialogue, consultation, solution-seeking discussion, workshop, and medical services—including a free flu vaccination to the vulnerable senior citizens and blood donation drive. The installation of the peace pole in front of the Jose S. Macoy Memorial Gym on November 16 was one of the highlights of this year's Dagyawan sa Barangay. The peace pole signified a commitment to advocate peace and positive change. It is an internationally-recognized symbol that brings the message "May Peace Prevail on Earth."

"What we are doing today is an offshoot of the Dagyawan sa Barangay 2020. This is a platform and bottom-up planning that serve as a venue for active engagement between the government and the people. This brings us government closer to the hearts and the mind of the people," said DILG-7 Regional Director Leocadio T. Trovela in his message.

He added that the development council at all levels will play a significant role in the progress of these proposed projects. "The aspirations of the community that have been laid down in the Barangay Development Council should find its way to the budget process of the Regional Development Council and eventually

to the national level," Trovela stressed.

For her part, DILG- Cebu Province Provincial Director Jhoaden G. Lucero said that the whole activity embodied togetherness and unity among the people of Dumajug who are working together to promote development and peace.

Congressman Peter John Calderon, meanwhile, said that he would do all the efforts so that these projects will be realized.

In his message of support, National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)-7 Regional Director Efren B. Carreon said that there's no better substitute in bottom-up planning.

Office of the Presidential Assistant for the Visayas (OPAV) Assistant Secretary Anthony Gerard "Junji" Gonzales, Central Command Commander Lt. Gen. Roberto T. Ancan, and PRO 7 Director Police Brig. Gen. Albert Ignacious D. Ferro also gave their messages of support.

The government officials led the covenant signing as a gesture of their support to Dagyawan sa Barangay and collaboration with the local communities in the province to promote transparency and strengthen grassroots participation.

DILG-7 BK lawyers act on complaints, queries

Bantay Korapsyon (BK) lawyers of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) – 7 were able to act on 11 complaints received from the Central Office this year.

During the height of the strict implementation of the community quarantines in the region, the BK lawyers likewise catered to the queries and requests for investigation/ fact finding inquiries in relation to the irregularities in the Social Amelioration Program and relief operation in the barangay.

BK is a flagship program of the DILG encouraging the involvement and participation of various stakeholders in the fight against corruption down to the grassroots level.



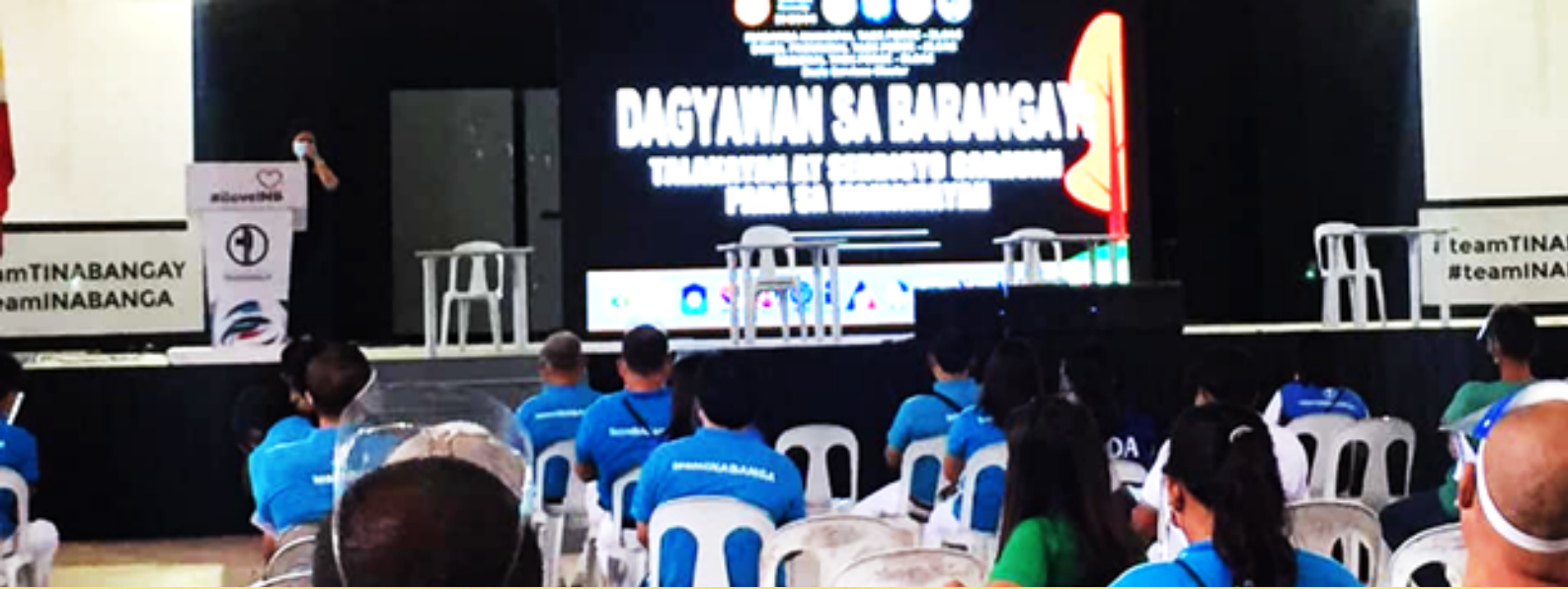
RPOC-7 convenes

Members of the Regional Peace and Order Council - 7 convened on December 3 for the fourth quarterly meeting for 2020 to tackle status and developments on peace and order in Central Visayas.

The meeting was presided by RPOC-7 Chair and Cebu City Mayor Edgardo Labella, who was assisted by Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero, officer-in-charge of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Cebu City.

Concerned agencies delivered situation reports on peace and order, drugs, terrorism and insurgency, and maritime safety administration and security.

DILG-7, led by Director Leocadio Trovela as member and Head Secretariat, provided technical support and assistance during the meeting.



DILG-7, ELCAC task forces roll out Dagyawan sa Barangay in Inabanga, Bohol

The Municipality of Inabanga is the latest town in Bohol to accept the challenge of taking the lead in the effort to maintain peace and rid the province of insurgency.

Last November 23-25, Regional Task Force-ELCAC and its provincial counterpart staged the Dagyawan sa Barangay: Talakayan at Serbisyo Caravan para sa Mamamayan at Inabanga Gym, where different national agencies and target barangays converged to discuss

developmental issues and propose mechanisms to address them. The activity took off with DILG-Bohol provincial director Jerome Gonzales leading the “talakayan session,” a solution-seeking discussion among the members of the expanded Barangay Development Councils of the target barangays.

After the discussion, the BDCs presented their outputs before the representatives of the concerned national agencies and local officials.

As part of the activity, Bohol Governor Arthur Yap administered the oath to the members of the municipal task force-ELCAC led by Municipal Mayor Josephine Socorro Jumamoy.

An unveiling ceremony of DILG-7’s Peace Pole project capped off the first day.

Dagyawan sa Barangay aims to bring the government closer to the people.

DILG-7 pushes for protection of children’s rights

Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) - 7 Director Leocadio Trowela urged stakeholders to continue to protect the children’s rights and ensure their continued access to education, health, nutrition, and well-being despite the ongoing fight against COVID-19.

Trowela delivered the closing remarks during the 2020 National Children’s Month Orientation-Forum on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child on November 21.

This year’s National Children’s Month celebration carries the theme “Sama-samang Itaguyod ang Karapatan ng Bawat Bata sa Panahon ng Pandemya!”

Present during the activity were day care workers, social workers, local government units in Region 7, Department of Social Welfare and Development-7, Ramon Aboitiz Foundation Inc., World Vision Development Inc., and National Anti-Poverty Commission.





DILG-7 celebrates 29th Local Government Month

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)-7 held a series of online activities in October in line with the celebration of the 29th Local Government Month.

On October 9, DILG-7 Director Leocadio T. Trovela officially opened the region's month-long series with his anniversary message.

"We are with the other regions, the whole Department, and the whole nation in celebration of the Local Government Month. This is our way of reminding ourselves of the reason for our being, kung bakit nandito ang DILG. We are here for our local governments, our main client," he said.

Trovela added that celebrating the Local Government Month also demonstrates the invigorating spirit of the Department despite the COVID-19 crisis.

"DILG is very visible. We are felt by the LGUs. We are well regarded for our response to COVID. We will rise beyond the pandemic. Kakayanin natin to," he said.

Highlighting the celebration was the unveiling of the LGC 29th Commemorative Plaque led by Dir. Trovela, Assistant Regional

Director Maria Loisella Lucino, Local Government Capability Development Division Chief Maria Thelya Y. Oporto, Local Government Monitoring and Evaluation Division Chief Atty. Ian Kenneth B. Lucero and Finance and Administrative Division Chief Atty. Ferdinand R. Albaño.

A virtual gallery walk was also launched during the activity. It showcased the major programs, projects and activities of DILG-7 that help shape LGUs to better serve the public.

Also part of the first activity was the online Quiz Bowl Challenge which was participated by some local government units and DILG sub-regional offices and field offices.

The next two series were a Webinar on Katarungang Pambarangay Law for all Punong Barangay, Barangay secretaries and members of the Lupong Tagapamayapa set on October 12 and on October 15.

The topics are Jurisdictional Aspect on KP Law for the first part, and Procedural Aspect on KP Law and Showcasing of 2019 Regional Lupong Tagapamayapa Incentive Awardee from Barangay

Nasipit, Barili, Cebu for the second part.

For the fourth webinar, DILG-7 showcased the best practices on COVID-19 by the Cebu City Government. The webinar also included the topic on contact tracing.

The fifth webinar was a knowledge sharing and learning session with the theme "Refocused Development Communication Towards Engaged Information Officers in Digital Age." It was held on October 28. The resource speakers are media practitioners from different news outlets in Cebu. The activity aims to assist government workers in news writing, social media management, and the basics of infographic design.

Capping off DILG-7's celebration of the Local Government Month was a Webinar on Localization of Executive Order No. 70 and Retooled Community Support Program - End Local Communist and Armed Conflict (RCSP-ELCAC) for the Local Sanggunian Committee Chairpersons on Peace and Order on October 30.

DILG-7 holds knowledge sharing with Information Officers



Information officers from the national government agencies and the local government units (LGUs) collaborated with news media outlets in Cebu in a knowledge-sharing webinar on public information development on October, 28, Wednesday.

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)-7, the organizer of the webinar, invited journalists from three media outlets to share their inputs and insights on news writing, social media management, and infographics design in a Webinar that carried a theme “Refocused Development Communication Towards Engaged Information Officers in the Digital Age.”

It was attended by hundreds of Information Officers from the Regional Office, DILG-7’s sub-regional offices, national government agencies and from the local government units (LGUs) in Cebu, Bohol, Siquijor and Negros Oriental

The webinar, which was conducted as part of the nationwide celebration of the 29th Local Government Month, aimed to help improve the government’s information drive, education and communication programs and maximize the digital platform, especially during these trying times.

“This Webinar is a collaboration of the media, the national government agencies and LGUs in connection to the development of information dissemination,” Regional Director Leocadio Trowela said in his opening remarks.

“DILG-7 is proud to have this webinar today with three giants in print media in Central Visayas— the CDN Digital, The Freeman and SunStar Cebu,” he added.

Nickolas Earl Tubo, multimedia editor, SunStar Publishing Inc.; Morexette Erram, multimedia reporter, CDN Digital; and Joeberth Ocao, online editor, The Freeman shared their valued expertise to the participants.

“One of the important lessons that we’ve learned as we are going through this pandemic is that our works (government and media) are very much connected,” said Ocao, who shared his knowledge on social media management, news writing, among others.

For his part, Tubo underscored the importance of accuracy and facts in writing news stories and press releases especially in this digital age, where people have easy access to information thru the internet.

“News can’t be fabricated, you can’t write information based on assumptions. Tell the story as it is,” he said.

Erram, meanwhile, shared details on how to create effective infographics that can easily be understood by the public.

Former media practitioner and photojournalist Iste Sesante Leopoldo, who now heads the Public Information Office (PIO) of the Municipality of Cordova, said the webinar was very informative and useful, especially to the members of their PIO team who don’t have any journalism experience.

The webinar would not be possible without the support of the Philippine Information Agency (PIA)-7 led by Director Fayette Riñen.

In her message of support, Riñen emphasized the importance of information officers in disseminating information on the government’s development projects and community building.

“To the IOs: you learn, grow and be more productive. Go beyond informing, educate and empower people, make a difference in your community because this is the essence of development communication,” she said.

DILG-7’s Information Officer Michael Braga hoped that this exchange of relevant information will pave the way to another partnership between the information officers and the media practitioners.

“As stewards of truth, let us continue to work and battle against fake news. We urge you to take advantage of the digital platforms to educate and inform the public and help the government in making its presence felt at the grassroots level,” said Braga.

DILG-7 graces inauguration of COVID-19 facilities in Cebu

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)-7 graced the simultaneous blessing and turnover of the COVID-19 Temporary Treatment and Monitoring facilities to the local government units (LGUs) in Cebu on October 23.

Seven new health care facilities for treatment and isolation of the COVID-19 positives were turned over to the cities of Cebu, Mandaue and Lapu-Lapu, Cebu Province and the Mactan Cebu International Airport Authority (MCIAA).

The new facilities in Cebu City are the Cebu City Quarantine Center (CCQC), the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH)-7 Regional Office at the South Road Properties and the Apas Evacuation Center.

The other three facilities are situated at the Mactan- Cebu International Airport, Hoops Dome in Lapu-Lapu City, North Bus Terminal in Mandaue City, and the Correctional Institution for Women at the Cebu Provincial Police Office.

These projects were made possible in collaboration with the concerned national government agencies, the local government units of Cebu, Mandaue, Lapu-Lapu and Cebu Province, and notably the MCIAA.

DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trovela said that the facilities are a manifestation of the readiness of the government to address COVID-19 concerns such as the treatment and isolation centers.

“Region 7 is very fortunate to have the national government agencies and the government officials collaborating to make these facilities possible,” Dir. Trovela said on his message at the Mactan-Cebu International Airport facility in Lapu-Lapu City.

The seven facilities will become the permanent treatment and isolation centers as the country now embrace the “new normal,” said DOH-7 Regional Director Jaime S. Bernadas.

For MCIAA general manager Atty. Steve Y. Diccican, the facility inside the airport will help in getting back the confidence of the people to return to their normal lives.

Over at the CCQC, Cebu City Mayor Edgardo Labella said the City of Cebu was going in the right direction on its efforts to stop the local transmission of COVID-19.

OPAV Assistant Secretary Jonji Gonzales said that the facilities are products of the convergence, collaboration and the strong determination of the government to serve the people amid this pandemic.



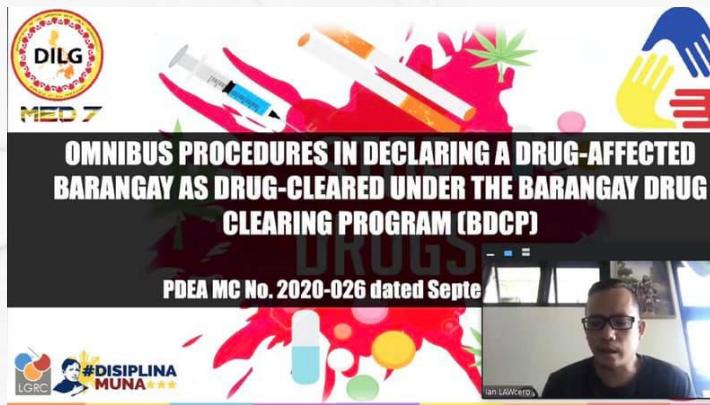
Barangay Assemblies conducted

Pursuant to Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Memorandum Circular No. 2020-137, all barangays were allowed to conduct their Barangay Assembly Day for the Second Semester of CY 2020 on any of the Saturdays or Sundays of October and November in light of the existing IATF guidelines.

The Barangay Assembly Day theme was dubbed as "Barangay Bayanihan sa Panahon ng Epidemya Para sa Kaligtasan ng Mamamayan".

Highlighting the assembly was the reading of the message of Secretary Eduardo Año who called for the promotion of unity and discipline within the barangays to maintain the peace and order in the communities.

Field officers were required to submit a monitoring report on the compliance of the barangays to this Circular. Out of the 3,003 barangays in the region, 2,468 barangays (82.18%) have conducted BA for the second semester of 2020.



Orientation on updated BDCP guidelines held

Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) – 7 gathered all its provincial and city directors and Anti-Drug Abuse Council focal persons and program managers for an orientation on PDEA Memorandum Circular 2020-026 or the Omnibus Procedures in Declaring a Drug-Affected Barangay as Drug-Cleared under the Barangay Drug Clearing Program (BDCP).

In his welcome message, DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trowela hoped for the successful decline of the drug affectation in the country and urged to continue to win the fight against illegal drugs even amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

Meanwhile, Local Government Monitoring and Evaluation Division Chief Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero gave a comprehensive discussion on the salient points of the Memorandum Circular which provides for the updated guidelines in declaring a barangay as drug cleared.

ICAD-7 Advocacy Cluster convenes

Inter-Agency Committee on Anti-Illegal Drugs (ICAD) - 7 Advocacy Cluster Chair and Department of the Interior and Local Government-7 Director Leocadio Trowela presided over the cluster meeting for Calendar Year 2020 on October 29.

Agenda were the Illegal Drug Situationer/Report in Central Visayas, which included the status of drug affectation and barangay drug clearing in the region, and updates on the Community-Based Drug Rehabilitation Program, illegal drug operations/accomplishments for CY 2020, and implementation of drug-free workplace policies and programs in the private sector.

Also discussed were the proposed activity for Drug Prevention Week in November and proposed Cluster Action Plan for 2021.





DILG-7 urges local sanggunians in CV to enact responsive legislations

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)-7 urged local sanggunians in Central Visayas to enact responsive legislations to help achieve peace and development especially in insurgency-affected areas.

Intending to involve the sanggunian to be familiar with issues concerning anti-insurgency, the regional office organized a webinar entitled “Attaining Peace and Development through Responsive Legislations” today, which also capped off the regional celebration of the Local Government Month 2020.

DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trovela said the webinar is designed to promote awareness among local sanggunians on the current initiatives of the national government on peace and development.

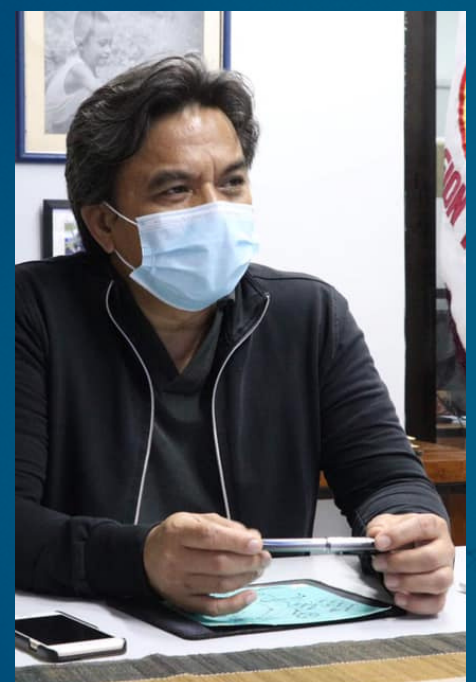
“This is a demonstration and manifestation on the importance of the role of sanggunian. We want you to be fully informed so we can formulate responsive legislation,” he told the attendees.

DILG-7 Local Government Monitoring and Evaluation Division Chief Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero also acknowledged the vital role of sanggunians in sustaining peace and development.

“We cannot realize all these initiatives from the national government down to the local government units without the active participation of the local sanggunian,” he said.

LG00 IV Deanna Alila and LG00 II Ronalyn Epiz discussed on the national initiatives on peace and

order particularly on the Localization of Executive Order 70 and Retooled Community Support Program, while LG00 V Jerson Obo interacted with participants on their enabling policies and solutions.





PCVE-CBRN orientation held

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) – 7 organized an orientation seminar on Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (PCVE) and Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear (CBRN) Awareness on December 2.

Punong Barangay, members of the Sangguniang Barangay, chief tanods, and district supervisors and school principals from the targeted 80 barangays in Cebu Province, Bohol, Negros Oriental, Cebu City, Mandaue City, and Lapu-Lapu City; Provincial and HUC focal persons,

representatives from concerned government agencies, and regional office personnel joined the activity at Ecotech Center and via Zoom.

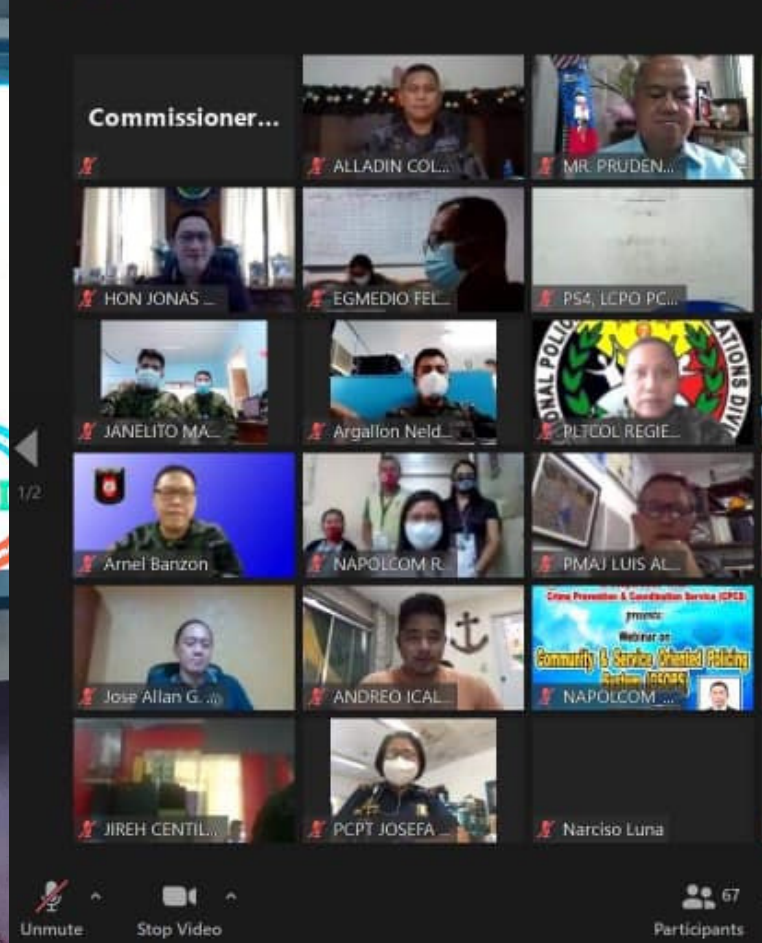
Assistant Chief of Unified Command Staff for Civil Military Operations, U7, COL Gerry Besana PA (MNSA) talked about the Vulnerable Sectors to Radicalization and Violent Extremism while WCPC-Visayas Field Unit Acting Chief PLTCOL Mary Grace Madayag spoke on the Community Anti-Terrorism Awareness.

PCVE-CBRN LGOO V Kym Albrando discussed about Strengthening

Filipino Values and Cultural Sensitivity in the Filipino Setting and Updates on the National Action Plans for PCVE and CBRN while LGOO IV Deanna Alila talked about Strategic Communications and Creation of BPLK and PCVE Teams.

Bureau of Fire Protection-7 Regional Operations Division Chief and Regional Chief of Staff CINSP Noel Nelson Ababon also gave an Introduction to CBRN and Hazardous Materials: Capacitating the Barangays in Maintaining Safer Communities.





DILG-7 joins RICG yearend meeting

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) – 7 joined the Regional Inter-Agency Committee on Anti-Illegal Drugs Coordinating Group yearend meeting at the Police Regional Office-7, Camp Sergio Osmeña,

Cebu City on December 18. Representing DILG-7 were LGMED Assistant Division Chief LGOO VI Corina Balansag and ADAC regional technical assistants Katraena Moralde and Leslie Cabrido.

The Accomplishments of Law Enforcement Cluster and Updates on the Implementation of the Barangay Drug Clearing Program and Balay Silangan Program; Accomplishments of Advocacy Cluster and Updates on CBD Drug Surrenderers; and Memorandum Circular on Yakap Bayan Program and CY 2021 Plan for Reintegration Programs were discussed during the meeting.

The Advocacy Cluster Proposed Action Plan for 2021 was also adopted. RICG-7 likewise gave plaques of appreciation to DILG-7. PDEA-7, DOH-7, DSWD-7, and DOJ-7.

DILG-7 joins CSOP webinar

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) – 7 joined the webinar on Community and Service-Oriented Policing (CSOP) System for the Cebu City Justice Zone organized by the National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM) on November 17.

Also present were the mayors of the cities of Cebu, Mandaue, and Lapu-Lapu; NAPOLCOM Central and Regional Offices; PNP Region 7; and representatives of various PNP offices across Cebu.

DILG-7 focal person/LGOO II Leonell Cawayan explained the process of formulating and drafting of Peace and Order and Public Safety (POPS) Plans that ensure the maintenance of general peace and order and public safety of local communities across the region.



DILG-7 showcases Cebu City's Best Practices vs COVID-19

Trace. Test. Isolate. Treat. These were among the strategies shared by the Cebu City Government in a webinar organized by the Department of the Interior and Local Government-7 (DILG-7) on October 23, Friday afternoon.

Mayor Edgardo Labella, in his speech, said the city came up with its own playbook in combating the dreadful coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

“Mass testing allows us to identify infected persons in our community; isolating them helps us stop the spread of the virus; we then treat them to help them recover; and we track who they’ve interacted with to also test them. And the cycle continues,” he said.

DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trovela commended the city government and all local government units in the region for showing their creativity and innovations in dealing with the health crisis.

“For our region, it is but fitting to showcase the remarkable effort of Cebu City, under the leadership of Hon. Mayor Labella. The city has demonstrated remarkably yung efforts nila sa COVID-19. Now, Cebu and the whole of the Central Visayas are regarded nationwide na naging

successful—at this stage at sana ma-sustain yung efforts natin in this pandemic,” he said.

Trovela said the webinar was part of the regions’ series of online activities conducted via Zoom and Facebook live in celebration of the Local Government Month 2020.

It was attended by officials and representatives from different LGUs in the region, DILG-7 division chiefs, provincial and city directors, DILG field officers, and personnel from the DILG regional office.

Other best practices shared by Cebu City is the allocation of P1 billion for COVID-19 relief and response efforts, purchase of PCR machines, rapid tests kits, and negative-pressure ambulances.

The city also took pride as the first LGU in the country to put up cluster clinics to conduct swab tests, establish quarantine facilities and barangay isolation clinics to isolate those asymptomatic and those with mild to moderate symptoms.

Meanwhile, DILG-7 regional focal person on contact tracing Atty. Gerlyn Mae Sayson presented an overview on how contact tracing works as it is seen effective in mitigating the spread of COVID-19.



LGUs urged to promote voluntary blood, convalescent plasma donation

The Department of the Interior and Local Government-7 enjoined local government units in the region to take part in promoting voluntary blood and convalescent plasma donation amid the coronavirus disease-19 pandemic.

DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trovela acknowledged the vital role of LGUs in the mobilization of community to participate in the program.

“We have solicited the support of 600 DILG Cebu City contact tracers to support the campaign. They will be donating in batches,” he said.

Trovela was invited to deliver his message during the launch of DILG-Department of Health Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2020-02, or the “Guidelines on the Advocacy, Recruitment and Community Mobilization for the Voluntary Blood and Convalescent Plasma Donation Program,” held at the Sports Complex, Barangay Lahug, Cebu City on November 10.

The three-day activity was made possible through the collaboration of DOH-7, DILG-7, Department of Social Welfare and Development-7, Office of the Presidential Assistant for Visayas, Cebu City Government, Cebu Provincial Government, Ramon Aboitiz Foundation Inc., and React Philippines.

It was initiated by DOH – Central Visayas Center for Health Development pursuant to the National Blood Services Act of 1994 or Republic Act 7719.

The activity aims to facilitate the accessibility of sufficient blood supply in the region and the country, especially in this time of pandemic.

Highlighting the event was the commitment signing wherein officials and representatives of the participating NGAs, LGUs, and private sectors vowed to establish linkages and mobilize all sectors to participate in the initiative, among others.

DOH-7 Director Jaime Bernadas, in his speech, encouraged the public to assist the government in promoting the initiative to “regain hope, save lives, and bring smiles.”

Knowing the impact of the event, Trovela committed that the regional office will encourage other LGUs to replicate the same initiative in their areas.



DILG-7 holds dialogue with vendors, youth leaders in USAP 2020



Cebu City vendors and youth sector representatives aired their concerns and insights during a dialogue dubbed as Ugnayan ng Sektor at Pamahalaan (USAP): Capacitating Urban Communities for Peace and Development at the Ecotech, New Dining Hall in Sudlon, Lahug, Cebu City on December 17, Thursday.

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)-7 initiated the activity which aimed to provide a venue for productive, valuable, sincere and visible engagement between the government and its citizens at the local level through direct engagements.

The first part of the whole-day convergence was designated for the vendors, while the afternoon activity was scheduled for the youth leaders.

DILG-7 Director Leocadio T. Trovela spearheaded the discussion with the vendors together with LGMED chief Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero, PROBE chief Raquel Arce, Cebu City Market Administrator Ervin Caballes, and Atty. Nikka Quias, who represented Cebu City Councilor Dave Tumalak.

“Ang sitwayson niyo ay naiintindihan po ng local government unit of Cebu City, pati na rin kami sa DILG-7 ay naiintindihan kayo,” Trovela told the participating vendors.

The City Government of Cebu crafted short-term and long-term solutions that could address the concerns of the vendors who were affected by the road clearing operations, and those who lost their livelihood for months due to the pandemic.

“Si Mayor Edgardo Labella nangita gyud og pamaagi thru its implementing arms,” said Atty. Lucero. “Kini ang atong pag-abot diri usa ni ka symbol nga naay paglaom. Magstorya and dialogue ta para ma address nato ang mga issue.”

Trovela underscored the efforts and importance of the vendors’ role in the progress of the local economy.

“The nation wants the local economy to rise. Talagang sadsad ang local economy, not just in Cebu but nationwide,” he said.

“Sama-sama nating tugonan ang pandemic. Sana mabalik natin ang sigla ng local economy, malaki ang tiwala namin sa sector niyo.”

Meanwhile, Cebu’s youth leaders engaged in a productive discussion with DILG-7, the Department of Agriculture (DA)-7, the National Youth Commission (NYC), the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA)-7, and development partner World Vision.

The NYC discussed the “nine centers” of youth participation, while DA-7 and TESDA-7 talked about the basic services offered by their department.

For its part, the World Vision, a non-profit organization, explained the structure of Community Managed Savings and Credit (CoMSCA), a saving mechanism that allows a group of people, especially those living in rural areas to manage their own saving and credit system.

“We are in a round table consultation to strengthen a collaborative relationship between the government and the youth sector. We have the open forum so we can hear your thoughts on certain issues,” said LGCDD chief Maria Thelya Y. Oporto.

USAP is envisioned to be one of the main government campaigns that will provide avenues for productive, valuable, sincere and inclusive engagements between government and the multi-sectoral to strengthen the inclusivity of governance.



DILG-7 highlights best practices, accomplishments of Lupong Tagapamayapa

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) - 7 highlighted the good practices and accomplishments of the Lupong Tagapamayapa in Central Visayas in settling disputes at the community level.

DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trovela was chosen as a member of the panel while Local Government Monitoring and Evaluation Division Chief and concurrent DILG Cebu City Officer-in-Charge Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero served as the resource person during Episode 8 of the KP webinar series on the Office for Alternative Dispute Resolution (OADR) last November 27.

Lucero presented a step-by-step guide in the mediation process starting from the cause of action until the termination proceedings. He also discussed the forms used in the mediation process especially the samples of amicable settlement and provided possible scenarios during the mediation process.

In his closing remarks, Trovela emphasized the crucial role of the Lupong Tagapamayapa in helping the government relieve the congestion in our court dockets as well as save billions of pesos since most

of the cases have already been resolved as early as in the barangay level.

Each case that the Lupon is able to settle saves the government P9,500 which is the estimated adjudication cost.

“In Region VII alone, close to 80% of the cases referred to the Lupong Tagapamayapa in CY 2019 were settled by the Lupon, thus helping the government save an estimate sum of P307 million,” he said.

To capacitate the Lupon, DILG-7 organized two webinars on the jurisdictional and procedural aspects on KP Law and rules on venue as part of the celebration of the Local Government Month in October.

Trovela then assured the participants of the continued support of DILG-7 to the local government units in the speedy administration of justice. He likewise congratulated OADR for the success of the webinar series and for making DILG-7 part of the activity.

DILG holds webinar on Katarungang Pambarangay Law

Acknowledging their vital contribution in settling disputes amicably, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) – 7 capacitated the members of the Lupong Tagapamayapa to enhance their knowledge and expertise on barangay justice.

At least 1,000 Punong Barangay, Barangay Secretaries, members of Lupong Tagapamayapa, and Sangguniang Members from the different local government units in Central Visayas and other regions joined the whole-day webinar on Katarungang Pambarangay Law today, October 15.

Also present were DILG-7 division chiefs, provincial and city directors, City and Municipal Local Government Operations Officers, and personnel from the DILG regional office.

Today's session was the second webinar focusing on procedural aspect of KP Law and showcasing of best practices on KP administration. It was preceded by the webinar on jurisdictional aspect on KP Law and rules on venue on October 12.

These are part of the online activities via Zoom and Facebook live in celebration of the Local Government Month 2020.

DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trovela said praised the efforts of the Lupon especially in settling disputes in

the community level and avoiding the indiscriminate filing of cases in court.

“Ang ginagawa po ninyo is preserving the tradition of the community, and para ma preserve din ang community harmony,” he said.

“Congrats and thank you to the members of the Lupon, especially the Punong Barangay and members of the Sangguniang Barangay. You are helping us relieve the courts of the crowded dockets,” he quips.

Resource speaker DILG-7 Local Government Monitoring and Evaluation Division and Cebu City Officer-in-Charge Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero challenged the attendees to apply what they have learned from the two webinars.

“You have always been our frontline defense of the government in all battles, may it be against COVID-19 or against lawlessness and criminality, and the speedy administration of justice in your level. Good luck and mabuhay kayong lahat,” he adds.

Meanwhile, 2019 Regional Lupong Tagapamayapa Incentives Awardee Barangay Nasipit of Barili, Cebu shared its best practices on how it earned its title and sustain it, even after joining twice in 2017 and 2018 where it finished as Cebu Provincial Winner and Regional Finalist in both years.





DILG-7 donates supplies to “AGAK” organization

As the country celebrated the National Heroes’ Day, the Department of the Interior and Local Government-7 stepped out of its structure of pure governance tone and turned itself into a helping hand for the vulnerable.

DILG-7 headed by Director Leocadio Trovela turned over some health and school supplies to Parish Priest Fr. Carmelo Diola during the “Tree of Hope, Share a Light, Bring a Smile:KALinga at DEretso SeRbisyo (KALDERO)” program which was attended by some of the church volunteers and DILG-7 personnel.

Beneficiaries under the “Atong Gugma Alang sa Kabatan” (AGAK) organization of the Archdiocesan Shrine of San Roque in Barangay Mambaling, Cebu City received school supplies, sanitation kits, and toiletries from DILG-7 last August 30, 2020.

In his speech, Dir. Trovela, who also sits as chairperson of the Regional Task Force-ELCAC7 Sectoral Unification, Capacity-Building, Mobilization, and Empowerment Cluster, said the program was consistent with the efforts in the implementation of the Department’s Retooled Community Support Program.

“DILG-7 personnel contributed for this program. Tamang-tama na today is National Heroes’ Day. This is our way to

show appreciation to our volunteers,” he added.

The activity was a prelude to the implementation of DILG’s Capacitating Urban Communities for Peace and Development (CUCPD) as a platform for convergence and collaboration in improving institutional capacity of local government units and stakeholders to undertake peace-building programs that are development-oriented and context-sensitive to solve the prevailing and emerging issues of various sectors of the society.

Trovela said the program aims to reach out in solidarity to the most vulnerable sectors of the community that are falling through the cracks in the COVID-19 pandemic’s wake—the low-income, vulnerable children and youth, indigenous communities, and people who are struggling with mental health.

As a response, Fr. Diola thanked DILG-7 personnel who sacrificed resting on a holiday and attended the activity.

“Today is supposedly a holiday and yet you came here. This is so meaningful to us. For me, when we give without a little sacrifice, medyo kulang yan. That is always my indicator. So, thank you for showing up,”

DILG-7 joins ICT/BPM Online Summit

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)-7 joined the first edition of the two-part online summit on Information and Communications Technology (ICT) /Business Process Management (BPM) hosted by the Cebu Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCCI) in celebration of Cebu Business Month on Wednesday, October 21.

DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trovela, who was invited as one of the panelists, discussed the government's Standard Operating Procedure, reforms set by the Republic Act of 1103 or the Ease of Doing Business Law and the interventions initiated by the agency in response to the EODB Law to cut redundant bureaucratic processes and streamline business procedures in the local government unit.

Trovela highlighted the key areas of EODB Law which includes the simplified process of acquiring Building Permits and Certificates for Occupancy, and Business Permits and Licensing System (BPLS), as well as the Rationalization of Fees and Charges and Passive Telecommunications Towers Infrastructures (PTTIs).

The virtual activity highlighted the vital role and initiatives of the government as well as the industry's efforts to recuperate and strengthen the economy devastated by the onset of the pandemic.

He talked about the national government's initiatives to improve the ease of doing business particularly for the ICT-BPM industry in the country such as the reforms introduced under the EODB Law and the results achieved so far.

In relation to the EODB Law, DILG, in partnership with other government agencies, has implemented interventions to promote ease of doing business at the local government level such as Building Permits and Certificates of Occupancy; Business Permit and Licensing System; Rationalization of Fees and Charges; and Passive Telecommunications Towers Infrastructures.

Also discussed were the pertinent provisions under the Bayanihan to Recover as One Act or Republic Act 11494 pertaining to the ICT-BPM industry.

Trovela said he plans to strengthen compliance of LGUs with EODB Law and other ICT-BPM related government initiatives by partnering with other government agencies such as DTI and DICT among others.

"Opening the doors to a digital future of E-Governance where service is faster and better for the Filipino people," he said.

DILG-7 shines in CORE Youth Summit 2020



The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Central Visayas won three medals in the Constitutional Reform (CORE) Youth Summit 2020, which concluded on November 21.

Debaters Vernie Tinapay, Christdell Ragay and Jlayda Carmel Yaun Gabor shone the brightest for Central Visayas as they bested other regions to win first place honors in the National Debate Championships.

Graphic designer Sednnie Quozon from Siquijor Province and aspiring artist Marvin Geniston of Mandaue City bagged second runner-up plums in the Digital Poster competition and Short Film Contest, respectively.

The national competition hosted by the DILG Central Office through the Center for Federalism and Constitutional Reform (CFCR) aimed to educate the youth sector to become one with the advocacy on amending certain provisions in the 1987 Philippine Constitution.

The event was anchored on a theme "Angat Probinsiya, Angat Pamilya," an inclusive mantra that highlights the needs and hopes of every Filipino.

CORE is the new strategy of DILG in pushing constitutional reforms in line with President Rodrigo Duterte's call to address society's ills like corruption and regional income inequality.

4 LGUs in CV bag DGA 2020

Four local government units (LGUs) from Central Visayas were recognized in the annual Digital Governance Awards (DGA) 2020 for their best practices in utilizing Information and Communications Technology (ICT) to efficiently deliver public services to their constituents.

Cebu City and Tagbilaran City bagged second and third place honors in the Best in Business Empowerment Award (City Level), respectively.

Bohol Province earned second place in the Best in LGU Internal Process Award (Provincial Level), while the Municipality of Loon, Bohol landed third place for the Best in Covid-19 Pandemic Response Award (Municipality Level).

The virtual awarding ceremony was held on December 11.

The DGA is a joint project of the National ICT Confederation of the Philippines (NICP), the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG).

It commended LGUs in their integration of ICT into their processes and systems to serve as examples and benchmarks for other LGUs, to improve the business development, social services, and the general ecosystem of LGUs.



DILG-7 joins NCPW

Personnel of LGMED 7 and DILG sub-regional offices attended the kickoff ceremony via Zoom and Facebook livestreaming on September 1 while LGMED 7 and DILG Cebu City, both headed by Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero, joined the virtual culminating activity on September 7.

Dubbed with the theme “Komunidad Pangalagaan nang Pandemya at Krimen ay Maiwasan”, this year’s celebration centered on crime prevention strategies and measures that promote community safety, contribute to sustainable development and enhance the quality of life of all citizens during the pandemic.

ADAC SPECIAL AWARDS LGUs, CSOs, FPs in CV reap accolades

Nine Local Government Units (LGUs), two Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), and personnel of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) in Region 7 received recognition during the 2020 Anti-Drug Abuse Council (ADAC) Special Awards.

The awarding ceremony conducted by the ADAC National Audit Team aims to recognize outstanding CSOs and DILG ADAC Regional Focal Persons and their alternates for their exemplary efforts in complementing the national government's anti-illegal drug programs amidst the pandemic and LGUs for their relentless effort in eradicating the drug menace with drug prevention programs from 2017-2019.

The awarding was streamed live thru the DILG Philippines Facebook page on December 18.

LGUs that have sustained the Drug-Cleared Status of their Drug-Affected Barangays:

1. Municipality of Alburquerque, Bohol;
2. Municipality of Lila, Bohol;
3. Municipality of Alegria, Cebu;
4. City of Bogo, Cebu;
5. Municipality of Poro, Cebu;
6. Municipality of San Francisco, Cebu;
7. Municipality of San Remigio, Cebu; and
8. Municipality of Tudela, Cebu.

LGU that have sustained the status of their Unaffected Barangays:

1. Lapu-Lapu City

Civil Society Organizations:

1. Libertad Multi-Purpose Cooperative; and
2. Bayawan City Chaplaincy and Faith Community Federation

DILG-7 Officers:

1. Atty. Ian Kenneth B. Lucero, JD; and
2. LGOO II Hana Rea O. Tamse-Pagapong

NSM INFOGRAPHIC CONTEST DILG-7 wins 2nd Runner-up

CONGRATULATIONS 2019 PASSERS GOOD FINANCIAL HOUSEKEEPING

REGION 7

BOHOL PROVINCE
ALBUQUERQUE ALICIA ANDA ANTEQUERA BACLAYON BALILIHAN BATUAN BIEN UNIDO BILAR BUENAVISTA CALAPE CANDIQUAY CARMEN CATTIBAN CLARIN CORELLA CORTES DAGOHY DANAO DAUS DIMAD DUEÑO GARCIA-HERNANDEZ GETAFE GUINDULMAN HABANGA JAGNA LILA LOAY LOBOC LOON MABINI MARIBUOC PANGLAD PILAR PRES. CARLOS P. GARCIA SAGAYAN SAN MIGUEL SEVILLA SIERRA BULLONES SIKATUNA TALIBON TRINIDAD TUBIGON UBAY VALENCIA

CEBU PROVINCE
ALCANTARA ALCOY ALOSUNSAN ASTURIAS BADIAN BALAMBAN BANTAYAN BARILI BOLDON BORBON CARMEN CATMON COMPOSTELA CONSOLACION CORDOVA DAAMBANTAYAN DALAGUETE DUMANJUG GINATILAN LILUAN MALASUYOC MEDELLIN MIALBOAL PILAR PINAMUNGANHAN PORO RONDA SAMBON SAN FERNANDO SAN REMIGIO SANTA FE SANTANDER SIBONGA SOGO TABOOGON TABUELAN TUBURAN TUDELA

SIQUIJOR
ENRIQUE VILLANUEVA LARENA MARIA SAN JUAN SIQUIJOR

NEGROS ORIENTAL
JANLAN ATUNSON BACON BASKY BONDY DAUM JIMALAUD LA LIBERTAD MABINAY MANUYOD PAMPLONA SAN JOSE CIATON SIBULAN STA. CATALINA TAYASAN VALENCIA VALLEHERMOSO ZAMBANGUITA

CITIES
BOGO CITY - CARCAR CITY - BAIS CITY - BAYAWAN CITY - CAMLADN CITY - CEBU CITY - CITY OF NAGA - DANAO CITY - TOLIED CITY - DUMAGUETE CITY - GURHULANGAN CITY - LAPU-LAPU CITY - MANDAUE CITY - TABILARAN CITY - TALISAY CITY - TANJAY CITY

REGION 7 ANNOUNCEMENT ROAD CLEARING
DILG MC 2019-121

ALL LOCAL OFFICIALS ARE ENJOINED TO EXERCISE THEIR POWERS ESSENTIAL TO RECLAIM PUBLIC ROADS WHICH ARE BEING USED FOR PRIVATE ENDS AND IN THE PROCESS, RID THEM OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURES AND CONSTRUCTIONS.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT	HIGH COMPLIANCE (91%-100%)	MEDIUM COMPLIANCE (71%-90%)	LOW COMPLIANCE (BELOW 70%)
BOHOL	25%	66.67%	8.33%
CEBU PROVINCE	12%	74%	14%
NEGROS ORIENTAL	8%	92%	
SIQUIJOR	16.67%	83.33%	
CEBU CITY		100%	
LAPU-LAPU CITY		100%	
MANDAUE CITY		100%	

BIDA ang may DISIPLINA

The DILG used a four-tier rating system in evaluating the compliance of the LGUs based on the percentage of primary and secondary roads that they have cleared.

Regular conduct of road clearing operations in all provincial, city, municipal, and barangay roads, and national primary and secondary roads.

LCEs shall be responsible to exact accountability and impose corresponding sanctions, after observation of due process, against non-supportive and/or non-compliant local officials and employees.

PERCENTAGE OF PASSERS

BOHOL PROVINCE	98%	CEBU CITY	100%
CEBU PROVINCE	88%	MANDAUE CITY	100%
SIQUIJOR	86%	LAPU LAPU CITY	100%
NEGROS ORIENTAL	100%		

ISO 9001:2015 | DILG VII | dilgregion7.net

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) – 7 placed second runner-up in the 31st National Statistics Month Infographics Competition that was participated by all member-agencies of the Central Visayas Regional Statistics Committee.

Its entries were the infographics on the 2019 passers of Good Financial Housekeeping and the compliance of the Local Government Units in the Road Clearing program.

DILG-7, partner institutions release 6 issues of Kalayaan E-Newsletter

In this digital and modern times, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)-7 and its partner institutions released six issues of Kalayaan E-Newsletter in 2020 to espouse patriotism and hope amid this pandemic.

Kalayaan E-Newsletter, which was launched in July 2020, is a byproduct of the collaboration of partner institutions DILG-7, Rizal-Blumentritt Academy Pamathalaan, The Freeman, and Disiplina Muna-PMO.

Partner institutions aimed to continue and uphold the very purpose of the Kalayaan press by providing an online platform as a powerful vehicle for the attainment of positive change in the society through accurate reporting and promoting real stories on the ground that would help shape and change public perception on relevant issues and happenings.

Digital copies of the newsletters can be accessed through the social media pages of DILG-7 and Kalayaan E-News.

7 ONLINE FORA HELD

Officials and personnel from the DILG regional office, local government units, and national government agencies attended the seven monthly online fora dubbed as "We Heal As One: Dambana ng Bayan" organized by DILG-7 and its partner institutions in 2020.

Main speakers of the monthly fora included DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trovela, Rizal-Blumentritt Pamathalaan Academy founding member Consolacion Alaras, Rizal - Blumentritt Pamathalaan Academy President Atty. Rafael Morales, and Philippine Ambassador to the Vatican Grace Relucio Princesa.

Other invited speakers were DILG Undersecretary Marjorie Jalosjos, DILG Assistant Secretary for Community Participation and Barangay Affairs Roosque Calacat, and DILG Public Affairs and Communication Service Director Marlo Guanzon.



DILG-7 celebrates Peace Day 2020, unveils Peace Pole

by Richiel S. Chavez

Peace starts with mutual respect in someone's culture, religion, belief, and background.

This was the message conveyed when the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)-7 unveiled the hand-painted Peace Pole in celebration of the 2020 Peace Day at the Regional Office in Sudlon, Lahug on December 8, Tuesday.

"This is our way of commitment as men and women for others. The way we interact with our peers, especially to our family and co-workers in our region reflects the way we treasure peace," said DILG-7 Regional Director Leocadio T. Trovela in his dedication message.

Continued on Page 2



DILG-7 commemorates 124th anniversary of Rizal's martyrdom



The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)-7 was one with the nation in commemorating the 124th anniversary of the martyrdom of Dr. Jose P. Rizal on December 30, Wednesday.

Regional Office held a flag-raising ceremony in Brgy. Sudlon, Cebu City at 7 a.m. simultaneously with the flag-raising and wreath-laying rites at the Rizal National Monument, Rizal Park, Manila Rizal Park, Dapitan City, and Rizal Shrine, Calamba, Laguna.

Every year, on December 30, the whole nation remembered the death anniversary of our national hero, Dr. Jose P. Rizal, his nationalism, life and works, and martyrdom.

The simple commemorative activity served as a constant reminder to public servants and to Filipinos on their duties to fulfill for the country. Born in Calamba, Laguna, on June 19, 1861, Dr. Jose P. Rizal was part of a group of Filipinos who called for peaceful reform of Spain's colonial rule in the Philippines.

While in Europe, he wrote about the discrimination that accompanied Spain's colonial rule of his country.

He returned to the Philippines in 1892, but was exiled to Dapitan by Spanish authorities.

He was convicted of sedition and was eventually executed on December 30, 1896, at age 35.



SUB-REGIONAL OFFICES



DILG Cebu City launches 1st digital newsletter

In these extraordinary times when the world is embattled with the COVID-19 crisis, sharing of timely and relevant information has never been more crucial.

This prompted the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Cebu City to maximize the easy and inexpensive access to social media in effectively disseminating information to the public, thus launching its first ever online quarterly newsletter named PAKASARITAAAN.

“Pakasaritaaan” is an Ilokano word for history, chronicle. It comes from the root word “sarita” which means a tale, story, narration.

DILG Cebu City head Atty. Ian Kenneth B. Lucero, both an Ilokano and Cebuano by heart, decided to come up with the flip digital publication to take advantage of social media

as an innovative vehicle of sharing the Department's programs, projects and accomplishments.

Its maiden issue, which was released on its official Facebook page on October 26, highlighted stories on good local governance and tales of triumph by DILG Cebu City and Cebu City Government in responding to pandemic.

It likewise features stories from the ground showcasing the initiatives of the Cebu City barangays and contains photo pages showing DILG Cebu City in action.

True to its name, PAKASARITAAAN DILG Cebu City Publication serves as a means of preserving a history, a chronicle that can be passed from one generation to the next, to look back and learn from.



Additional molecular lab, quarantine facility eyed in Siquijor

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Siquijor Province and other national government agencies inspected and validated the possible site areas for the additional molecular laboratory and quarantine facility in the Province of Siquijor.

The Provincial Government of Siquijor thru the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (PDRRMO) in coordination with DILG-7, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), and the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) conducted a site inspection and validation on December 9, 2020 in Caipilan, Municipality of Siquijor, Siquijor.

This was in response to the request of the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) to DILG along with the abovementioned agencies to conduct a site validation, as part of the documentary requirements for funding support.

The provision of these structures and enhancement of existing quarantine/isolation facilities will promote the government's efforts to reduce specimen backlogs, facilitate contact tracing and support the local government units (LGUs) in striking the balance between health and economy as the province is slowly opening its business and tourism.

PAMAYAPA INCENTIVES AWARDS (LTIA) CY 2020 AWARDING CEREMONY

DECEMBER 11, 2020
CEBU PROVINCIAL CAPITOL SOCIAL HALL



Outstanding Lupons feted in Provincial LTIA 2020

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Cebu Province handed awards to the outstanding Lupons that demonstrated exemplary performance in settling the disputes at the barangay level.

DILG Cebu Province feted the winners in the Cebu Provincial Lupong Tagapamayapa Incentives Awards (LTIA) Awarding Ceremony CY 2020 at the Social Hall of Cebu Provincial Capitol on December 11, 2020.

Cebu Governor Gwendolyn Garcia graced the awarding ceremony together with the Department's key officials led by Regional Director Leocadio T. Trovela and Provincial Director Jhoaden G. Lucero.

Barangay Nasipit of Municipality of Barili won the 1st-3rd Class Municipality category, Barangay Villahermosa of Tudela topped the 4th-6th Class Municipality category and Barangay Uling, City of Naga ruled the Component City category.

Here's the complete list of winners and finalists for the LTIA CY 2020:

1ST-3RD CLASS MUNICIPALITY CATEGORY

- Brgy. Nasipit, Barili
WINNER
- Brgy. Ibabao, Cordova
FINALIST
- Brgy. Poblacion, Liloan
FINALIST

4TH-6TH CLASS MUNICIPALITY CATEGORY

- Brgy. Villahermosa, Tudela
WINNER
- Brgy. Tagnucan, Borbon
FINALIST
- Brgy. Sta. Cruz, Ronda
FINALIST

COMPONENT CITY CATEGORY

- Brgy. Uling, Naga City
WINNER
- Brgy. Tagnucan, Borbon
FINALIST
- Brgy. Sta. Cruz, Ronda
FINALIST

NegOr tagged as priority province for PH Nat'l ID System

The Province of Negros Oriental is one of the 32 priority provinces identified in the implementation of the Philippine National ID System (PhilSys) registration in pursuant to DILG MC 2020-99.

Initially, On September 17, 2020, Provincial Director Johnjoan A. Mende requested for a meeting with Philippine Statistics Authority and Department of Social Welfare and Development field offices to clarify the roles and responsibilities, status of implementation, and issues and concerns encountered during the implementation.

ELCAC briefing conducted in Bohol

The Philippine Information Agency (PIA) Region 7 in coordination with the 47th Infantry Brigade of the Philippine Army spearheaded a briefing on End Local Communist Armed Conflict (ELCAC) for members of the Association of United Development Information Officers (AUDIO) in Bohol.

The activity, which was held at Camp Rajah Sikatuna in Barangay Katipunan, Carmen aimed to address insurgency problem with the unified move to address youth recruitment, hunger, poverty, insensitivity, social inequity and social injustice.

The activity was pursuant to Executive Order 70 of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte that seeks to institutionalize the whole-of-the-nation approach in attaining inclusive and sustainable peace.



IN THE NEW NORMAL SKs reminded of their functions

Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) - Cebu City Officer-in-Charge Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero reminded the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) in Cebu City to continue discharging their functions amid the restrictions brought about by the COVID-19 crisis.

Lucero was invited to speak during the Integrated Sangguniang Kabataan Organizational Leadership through Actions of Recovery, Development, Agility and Sustainability (ISKOLAR-DAS) seminar workshop with the theme "SK in the Transition Period, Better Normal in

Youth Service" organized by the SK Federation of Cebu City.

He urged the young leaders to ensure their presence is still felt especially in these trying times and come up with initiatives in serving their communities, including maximizing the digital media.

The seminar workshop is conducted in batches in November and December.

DILG Cebu City head supports OADR webinar series



Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) - Cebu City Officer-in-Charge Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero served as the resource person during the Episode 8 of Katarungang Pambarangay webinar series of the Office for Alternative Dispute Resolution (OADR) on November 27.

Lucero presented a step-by-step guide in the mediation process starting from the cause of action until the termination proceedings.

He also discussed the forms used in the mediation process especially the samples of amicable settlement and provided possible scenarios during the mediation process.

In his message of support during the OADR Webinar Series finale on December 18, Lucero thanked OADR for the opportunity to share his knowledge on KP Law to a wider audience, this time on a national scale. He also thanked the participants for their queries and positive comments.

“Rest assured, I am more than willing to provide support in your endeavors. More power to OADR and to more milestones for the advancement of the Philippine ADR system,” Lucero stated.

DILG-Mandaue City sets up text hotline

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)—Mandaue City has set up a text hotline to cater issues and concerns related to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

The emergency text-only hotline system, a Regional initiative powered by Easy and Swift Assistance through Text (eSAT), was put up to better serve the Mandauehanons in the time of global health crisis.

The main purpose of the hotline was to monitor the implementation of the directive and measures against COVID-19 in the city, and to answer queries and concerns from the residents.

The hotline also made follow-ups to make sure that the assistance was delivered to the constituents.

PMCC assures public safety amid COVID-19 scare

The Provincial Management Coordinating Committee (PMCC) convened on August 27, 2020, at the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Bohol Provincial Office in Tagbilaran City to discuss matters affecting peace and security and public safety measures.

PMCC, which is composed of representatives from DILG, Philippine National Police, Bureau of Fire Protection, Bureau of Jail Management and Penology and the National Police Commission, served as a coordinating body for effective linkages and integration of policies and programs at the provincial level.

Each member gave updates on the major activities from their department—highlighting the safety measures against COVID-19.

The meeting also provided an avenue for the members to address some inter-agency concerns.



DILG Lapu-Lapu hires contacts tracers

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Lapu-Lapu conducted an initial interview with the contact tracer applicants on September 22, 2020, at the Hoops Dome in Lapu-Lapu City.

DILG Lapu-Lapu officer-in-charge (OIC) Enp Jonah V. Pino led the screening of more than 300 applicants.

The hired contract tracers worked for three months under Contract of Service (COS) of DILG-7 with a monthly salary of more than P18,000.

The enhanced contact tracing effort was a joint endeavor of different national government agencies such as Department of Health, DILG, Philippine National Police, Armed Forces of the Philippines and Bureau of Fire Protection.



Webinars on KP Law held

Lupon Chairmen, Lupon Tagapamayapa members, Lupon Secretaries, and Sangguniang Barangay members in Cebu City and other parts of the country joined the two webinars on Katarungang Pambarangay (KP) Law organized by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) – 7 to enhance their knowledge on barangay justice.

The webinars were part of the celebration of the Local Government Month 2020 in October.

DILG-7 Local Government Monitoring and Evaluation Division Chief and DILG Cebu City Officer-in-Charge Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero served as the resource speaker for the two webinars on jurisdictional and procedural aspects on KP Law and rules on venue.

He presented the substantial provisions of the law, illustrative cases, and Supreme Court decisions.

Lucero challenged the participants to apply what they have learned from the two webinars.



Outstanding Lupong Tagapamayapa awarded

Eight barangays in Cebu City received recognition for their exemplary performance in settling disputes in the community during the 2020 Lupong Tagapamayapa Incentives Awards (LTIA) ceremony held at Bayfront Hotel on November 27.

Barangay Budlaan bested the 79 other barangays and emerged as the city winner, receiving P50,000 and a plaque of recognition.

It was followed by Barangay Guadalupe as first runner-up and Barangay Kalunasan as second runner-up, which bagged P30,000 and P20,000, respectively and plaques of recognition.

Barangays Buhisan, Busay, Bonbon, Bacayan, and Sirao were declared as finalists and were given P10,000 and plaques each.

Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Cebu City Officer-in-Charge and 2020 LTIA Cebu City Awards Committee Chair Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero said that the dedication of the Lupong Tagapamayapa to facilitate the amicable settlement

of neighbourhood disputes has helped the government unclog the already congested court dockets and save billions of pesos.

For every case the Lupon settles, the government saves P9,500 which is the estimated adjudication cost, he said.

DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trovela highlighted the vital contribution of the Lupon in the maintenance of peace and harmony in the community.

In Region VII alone, close to 80% of the cases referred to the Lupong Tagapamayapa in CY 2019 were settled by the Lupon, thus helping the government save an estimated sum of P307 million.

Atty. John Jigo Dacua, representing Mayor Labella as guest of honor, acknowledged the crucial role of the Lupon in the country's justice system.

In behalf of Liga ng mga Barangay (LnB) Cebu City Chapter President Franklyn Ong, Patricia Calumpang likewise congratulated all the awardees.

CONSOLIDATED KP COMPLIANCE REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN BY LUPONG TAGAPAMAYAPA CEBU CITY

HUC	NATURE OF DISPUTE			SETTLED CASES		ESTIMATED GOV'T SAVINGS
	CRIMINAL	CIVIL	TOTAL	TOTAL	SETTLEMENT RATE	
CEBU CITY 80 BARANGAYS	1,364	1,575	2,939	2,264	77%	21,508,000.00

Lucero thanks Cebu City barangays

Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero, officer-in-charge of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Cebu City, commended the barangay officials and workers for their huge contribution in flattening the curve in Cebu City.

Lucero was invited as a keynote speaker during the yearend assembly for CY 2020 of the Liga ng mga Barangay (LnB) Cebu City Chapter on December 21.

"2020 has been a tough year for all of us but we managed to come this far. There's still so much to be thankful for, including your continued support to the programs, projects, and activities of the DILG. Your support has contributed to the success of the Department throughout this year," he said.



He also gave recognition to the four barangays namely Buot, Paril, Tabunan, and Tagbao for remaining COVID-free since the start of the pandemic.

LnB Cebu City President and Kasambagan Punong Barangay Franklyn Ong gave a Plaque of Appreciation to Lucero for the latter's valuable contribution and unwavering support to the 80 barangays.

NegOR deploys 800 contact tracers

Negros Oriental has deployed 802 contact tracers who were hired under the Contract of Service (COS) by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)-7 to ramp up the country's contact tracing efforts.

All hired contact tracers attended and participated the online general orientation conducted by the DILG-7 on October 2, 2020.

Also, the admin and fiscal section of the Provincial Office held an orientation/workshop to designated team leaders and accounting in-charge in every LGU in preparation of accounting document for salary and other allowance of the contact tracers on October 22, 2020.

This was an initiative of the Province to fast track the processing and release of salary and other allowances of the hired contact tracers.

DILG Siquijor holds CoRe Advocacy Campaign

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)-Siquijor Province recently conducted the Constitutional Reform (CoRe) Advocacy Campaign on December 2, 2020 at the Fumiko Rina Acoop Resort in San Juan, Siquijor.

The campaign aimed to promote awareness and engaging the stakeholders on the current government's condition, as well as to educate and

enlighten them on the reason why there's a need to reform the 1987 Philippine Constitution.

The participants were various stakeholders including the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) and Liga ng mga Barangay Provincial and Municipal Presidents, members of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), youths and DILG Siquijor personnel.



Training on GAD-PBMS conducted in Siquijor

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Siquijor Province thru its Provincial Gender and Development (GAD) focal person conducted training on GAD-Plan and Budget Monitoring System (GAD-PBMS) to the municipal local government operations officers on September 1, 2020, at the DILG Provincial Office.

The hands-on activity aimed to orient the participants on the system and on how to encode the GAD Plan and Budget and GAD Accomplishment Report in the GAD-PBMS.

GAD-PBMS is an automated system that is used to address the common diversity of reviewing, commenting, and endorsing the GAD Plan and Budget as well as the GAD Accomplishment Reports in the local government units.

Disiplina Muna advocacy launched in Bais City

The Disiplina Muna advocacy and the Bida ang Disiplina: Solusyon sa COVID-19 rolled off in Bais City to raise awareness and instill public discipline, especially in this global health crisis.

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Bais City in partnership with the Bais City Philippine National Police (PNP) launched these advocacy campaigns on August 28, 2020, at the Barangay Cabanlutan.

PMsgt. Edzilfroy Laxina led the recitation of the Disiplina Muna pledge and discussed the pillars of Disiplina Muna campaign which include road clearing, disaster preparedness and resilience, anti-smoking, liquor ban, tourist spot cleanup and functionality of the Barangay Anti-Drug Abuse Council (BADAC).

Siquijor creates Provincial Task Force for COVID-19

The Siquijor Provincial Task Force for COVID-19 didn't put their guards down in the battle against the coronavirus disease as it regularly conducted meetings to address pressing issues and concerns related to the pandemic.

The Provincial Task Force COVID-19 held bi-monthly meetings to discuss concerns in relation to the impact of the pandemic on the global safety and the life of all the Siquijodnons.

Siquijor recorded its first two positive cases of COVID-19 in August. The task force convened to address the matter and brainstormed to come up with the best possible solution.

The patients who tested positive for COVID-19 were all asymptomatic.

300K attended virtual seminar on KP Law

The Department of Justice - Office for Alternative Dispute Resolution (DOJ-OADR) conducted an educational webinar entitled, "Katarungang Pambarangay" on the KP Law, including ADR Mechanisms and Techniques thru Zoom and FB Live on August 20, 2020.

This webinar was in coordination with the Department of Justice (DOJ) and Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)-7 to provide more insightful discussions and address commonly asked questions on KP Law for an efficient and speedy administration of the barangay justice system.

An estimated 300,000 graced the webinar. Attendees were Barangay officials, Lupon members and DILG personnel.



DILG Cebu City personnel undergo drug test

Personnel of the Department of the Interior and Local Government Cebu City led by Officer-in-Charge Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero voluntarily submitted themselves to a drug test on November 25.

This was in support of the city government's program on ensuring a drug-free workplace. Lucero said public officials and government employees should act as role models for the public. All of them were found negative for illegal drugs.

Outstanding BADAC

The Provincial Validation Team composed of the representatives from the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Province, Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency Negros Oriental Provincial Office and the Provincial Anti-Drug Abuse Council visited Barangay Cangmating, Sibulan Negros Oriental on September 30, 2020 to conduct the Evaluation/Validation for the search of outstanding Barangay Anti-Drug Abuse Council (BADAC).

The activity was attended by DILG officer Rosalina Villegas, PSSg Joemil A. Malipaonon and members of BADAC headed by Punong Barangay Gil Estrellado.

DILG Siquijor pilots RBME virtual workshop

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Siquijor Province piloted the first virtual training workshop on Synchronous and Asynchronous Learning for the Results-Based

CCPOC convenes; POPS Plan approved

Members of the Cebu City Peace and Order Council (CCPOC) convened twice in CY 2020 with the objective of keeping all members abreast of the prevailing peace and order situation and addressing related issues and concerns amid the pandemic.

During its first regular meeting, CCPOC deliberated and passed resolutions authorizing the release and utilization of confidential funds; appointing the three other members of the People's Law Enforcement Board; convening of the Administrative Board for drug-related public nuisances; establishing the Balay Silangan and Balay Paglaum; giving utmost priority to the request of Cebu City Jail for the procurement of equipment that will help jail personnel detect contrabands; and seeking representation in the Supreme Court for the establishment of drug court in Cebu City Jail.

On its second regular meeting on November 12, it deliberated and approved the draft Peace and Order and Public Safety Plan which embodies the three-year direction of the Council and aims to improve life in the community through measures that fill in the gaps in the peace and order and public safety situation in the city.

Monitoring and Evaluation. The seven-day training workshop was held from July 13 to 17 and July 20 to 21, 2020 at the Provincial Governor's Office in Pulangyuta, Siquijor.

The workshop was conducted via Microsoft Teams and the participants had the option to join either individually online or attend personally at the Provincial Governor's Office.



BHERTs expanded

The Barangay Health and Emergency Response Team (BHERT) in Cebu City has been expanded, primarily in its composition.

The Expanded BHERT is now composed of the Punong Barangay as team leader, Sangguniang Barangay Member particularly the chairperson/member of the Committee on Health or Women and Family as action officer, and other volunteers such as representative/s from the Barangay Organizations and Civil Society Organizations operating in the barangay, sitio leaders, two Barangay Health Workers, and Barangay Public Safety Officers.

Meanwhile, the USAID's ReachHealth Program, in collaboration with the DILG-Cebu City, designed a training program entitled "Strengthening BHERTs During COVID-19 Pandemic" especially for those barangays with the most number of cases.

In partnership with Bidlisiw Foundation and DILG Cebu City, USAID also conducted microplanning workshops to identify and address the gaps and challenges affecting containment strategies.

Fights vs. illegal drugs

Amid the ongoing COVID-19 crisis, the government continues to undertake its efforts in eradicating illegal drugs, especially in barangays.

Since October 2020, the Barangay Drug Clearing Program (BDCP) has been rolled out to 33 barangays in Cebu City wherein barangay officials and members of the Barangay Anti-Drug Abuse Council attended the series of training.

This was spearheaded by the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency, Cebu City Police Office,, Department of the Interior and Local Government, and Cebu City Office for Substance Abuse Prevention (COSAP).

After the rollout, the authorities visited the residences of verified drug personalities of the said barangays and encouraged them to surrender. Continuous monitoring of the status of drug surrenderers/personalities is also ongoing. COSAP likewise moved for the strengthening of the Community-Based Drug Rehabilitation Program, which was launched in 32 barangays as of this writing.

DILG Cebu City joins EOC huddle

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Cebu City participated in the daily morning huddles of the city's Emergency Operations Center every morning from Mondays to Fridays.

During the meeting, authorities assess the COVID-19 situation in the city based on the recent data gathered from the concerned agencies.

Siquijor starts 3-phase innovative strategy

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Siquijor Province thru its Cluster Initiate has institutionalized the implementation of the 3-Phase Strategy.

The strategy focuses on DILG-LGU contractor joint on-site project inspection/monitoring, quarterly project status assessment conference and action planning workshop, and SubayBayan Portal updating.



CCDRRM efforts strengthened

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Cebu City has been regularly present in the Cebu City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (CCDRMC) weekly meetings wherein updates on the status of the city in terms of disaster prevention and management are discussed.

On September 10, the plan and budget of CCDRRM Office (CCDRMO) for CY 2021 were reviewed and harmonized before being presented to CCDRMC.

DILG Cebu City also participated in the strategic planning activity of CCDRRMO on September 25 that aimed to set its direction for the upcoming years and strengthen the partnership between DILG and CCDRRMO.

On October 21, Officer-in-Charge Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero and LGOO III Emmanuel Pedralba also attended the Cebu City Fire Advisory Council meeting to establish protocols and standards during fire incidents.

LCAT VAWC activities held

A series of online activities for the Local Committee on Anti-Trafficking and Violence against Women and Children (LCAT-VAWC) were conducted to enhance the knowledge of barangays.

These activities included consultation on the operationalization functionality of LCAT VAWC/local experience in protecting children and their rights during COVID-19 on November 3; webinar series on anti-trafficking in persons on

November 9 and 11; online national orientation of diversion toolkit for duty bearers at the barangay level on December 2; and culminating activity of the 18-Day Campaign to End VAW on December 14.

Department of the Interior and Local Government Cebu City focal person LGOO VI Socorro Dorina Salas also participated in various inter-agency focus group discussions on LCAT VAWC.

DILG Cebu City facilitates GAD workshop

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Cebu City has reviewed the Plans and Budget (GPB) and Annual Accomplishment Report (GAAR) of the 73 barangays in Cebu City and issued corresponding Certificate of Review and Endorsement (CRE) as one of the required attachments of the barangay's Annual Budget.

GPBs of those barangays that opted to amend/realign their plans were also reviewed.

DILG Cebu City facilitated the GAD planning workshop for CY 2021 for the members of the Sangguniang Barangay and GAD Focal Point System (GFPS) of Barangays Baniwad and Apas on December 3 and 11 respectively, in response to their requests for technical assistance. On December 9, it also conducted an orientation on GAD and other related laws for the members of the re-organized Women's Council and GFPS of the city.



VISION

A strongly determined and highly trusted Department committed to capacitate and nurture local government units, public order and safety institutions to sustain peaceful, progressive, and resilient communities where people live happily.



MISSION

The Department shall promote peace and order, ensure public safety, strengthen capability of local government units through active people participation and a professionalized corps of civil servants.

QUALITY POLICY



We, DILG-7, strongly pursue the thrust of the Department to foster good governance through the provision of technical assistance, performance oversight and rewards and incentives to ensure peaceful, progressive and resilient communities.

Guided by our core values of **Dedication, Integrity, Competence and Excellence**—we commit to continually improve our Quality Management System, compliant to legal requirements and global standards in order to uplift the quality of life in Central Visayas Region.



Department of the Interior and Local Government
Central Visayas

CONTACT US



Sudlon, Lahug, Cebu City, 6000



dilgregion7.net



(032)-253-5481



DILG VII



dilgregion7_cv@yahoo.com