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DILG-7 Assistant Director Maria Loisella E. Lucino talks to the personnel of LGU-Dumanjug during the opening day of the Dagyawan sa Barangay in Dumanjug, Cebu Province on November 9, 2020./photo by Richiel S. Chavez

## Dagyawan sa Barangay brings gov't services to Dumanjug town

by Richiel S. Chavez

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)-7 has brought government services closer to the grassroots level with the hope to strengthen the community participation towards an inclusive program in the 2020 Dagyawan sa Barangay Talakayan ng Mamamayan Serbisyo Caravan.

DILG-7, through the conduct of Retooled Community Support Program (RCSP), visited six barangays in Dumanjug, southern Cebu on November 9, Monday, and conducted a solution-seeking discussion and workshop on how to improve the delivery of basic services at the community level—especially to the far-flung areas.

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

by Jean Marvette A. Demecillo

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.

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The facilitators from DILG-7 went to barangays Tangil, Panlaan, Tubod Bitoon, Tubud Dugoan, Paculob and Bulac to meet with the Barangay Development Councils (BDCs), residents and vulnerable sectors with the aim to improve governance by promoting convergence in the delivery of the basic social services.

“The caravan is bringing the government to the people. Let’s take this as an opportunity to voice out our concerns so that it will be addressed by our national government,”

DILG-7 Assistant Regional Director Maria Loisella Lucino told the participants.

After the discussion, each BDC will have to submit a list of Proposed Programs and Projects identifying which among the plans will be prioritized on Thursday.

Aside from the “Talakayan,” DILG-7 in cooperation with the local government unit opened a one-stop-shop-- Serbisyo Local Caravan-- in Barangay Tangil.

One of the services offered was a free flu vaccination to the senior citizens.

In his message of support, Dumanjug Mayor Efren “Gungun” Gica said he was thankful to the Dagyawan sa Barangay for bringing the government services closer to his constituents.

Dagyawan, a Hiligaynon term to mean “bayanihan or “togetherness,” is geared to provide the needed government services to the community, open-access available platform for democratic participation and harness nationalism and patriotism in bringing positive change to the community.

Bulak Punong Barangay Reinaldo Albios is hopeful that the problem of potable water and the need for barangay ambulance will be addressed.

“Pasalamat ko kang DILG Secretary Eduardo Año kay gihatagan mi og oportunidad nga ma dungog ang among mga concerns dinhi sa Brgy. Bulak,” said Albios.

The Dagyawan sa Barangay aims to address socio-economic issues and concerns of the communities.



Punong Barangays from Bulak, Paculob, Panlaan, Tangil, Tubod-Bitoon, and Tubod-Dugoan light the “Torch of Hope to signify their unwavering commitment to attain lasting peace during the Dagyawan sa Barangay in Dumanjug, Cebu Province on October 16, 2020./photo by Richiel S. Chavez

# LGUS URGED TO PROMOTE VOLUNTARY BLOOD, CONVALESCENT PLASMA DONATION



RD Trowela delivers speech during the launch of Voluntary Blood and Convalescent Plasma Donation Program,” held at the Sports Complex, Barangay Lahug, Cebu City on November 10.

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**DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trowela 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.

Trowela 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, Trowela committed that the regional office will encourage other LGUs to replicate the same initiative in their areas.

# DILG-7 to adopt "Peace Pole" Project

by Jean Marvette A. Demecillo

The Department of the Interior and Local Government-7 revealed to adopt the internationally-recognized Peace Pole Project which aims to "plant" peace in various communities in the region.

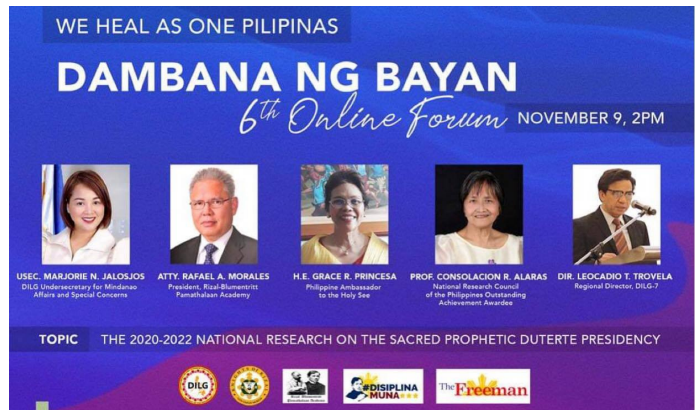
This was divulged by DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trovela during the sixth "Heal As One For Pilipinas: Dambana ng Bayan" online forum on November 9, 2020.

The pole, which features the words "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in one of its sides, will have a unique hand painted artwork that will remind the people who will see it to always act in the spirit of peace.

Other key speakers of the online forum were DILG Undersecretary Marjorie Jalosjos; H.E. Grace Relucio Princesa, Philippine Ambassador to the Vatican; Rizal – Blumentritt Pamathalaan Academy President Atty. Rafael A. Morales; and Prof. Consolacion R. Alaras, founding member of Rizal – Blumentritt Pamathalaan Academy.

The three-hour forum was attended by employees and officials of the DILG-7 and its Sub-Regional and Field Offices.

Partner institutions initiated the forum to cascade the relevant values of Dr. Jose Rizal, the DILG Disiplina Muna's official icon, and foster participatory governance amid public health issues that the country is facing nowadays.



by Richiel S. Chavez

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, Saturday.

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 B. 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 awarding ceremony was held last Saturday.

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

The event is 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 R. Duterte's call to address society's ills like corruption and regional income inequality.



## DILG-7 highlights best practices, accomplishments of Lupong Tagapamayapa

by Grace Melanie I. Lacamiento

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 in 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 the Episode 8 of the KP webinar series on 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 closing remarks, Trovela emphasized the crucial role of the Lupong Tagapamayapa 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./



# Dagyawan sa Barangay rolled out in Bohol

by Michael Vencynth H. Braga



**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.



# Road clearing resumes

by Grace Melanie I. Lacamiento

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

Last October 27, 2020, 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.

As indicated in the memorandum, 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, on his part, 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.

As stated in the memorandum, LGUs are given until January 15, 2021 to carry out the provisions in the memorandum. DILG 7 thru its field offices will work closely with the LGUs and different stakeholders to get a full compliance to the presidential directive on road clearing.

## DAGYAW TOWN HALL: Livelihood opportunities eyed for vulnerable sectors

by Richiel S. Chavez



**Government agencies and private sectors convened on Thursday 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 which took place last November 5, 2020.

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 Regional 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 was capped off by 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."

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