2020 RPW Goes to Quirino

The Philippine Statistics Authority - Regional Statistical Services Office II (PSA-RSSO II) 2020 Regional Planning Workshop (2020 RPW) started with the arrival of 112 beautiful and handsome participants in their best chosen corporate attire from the Central Office (CO), Regional Office (RO) and Provincial Statistical Offices (PSO) on December 18, 2019 at Quirino Watersports Complex, Cabarroguis, Quirino.

To set the tone of the day’s activity, the Quirino State University (QSU) - Diffun Kansiyonista led the doxology and the singing of the National Anthem and Quirino Hymn, after which, the audience were serenaded by them with Christmas songs.

Engr. Cherry Grace D. Agustin, Chief Statistical Specialist (CSS) of the host province, welcomed all participants especially the visitors from CO headed by Assistant National Statistician (ANS) for Finance and Administrative Services (FAS) Mr. Socrates L. Ramores, Officer-in-Charge of Information Technology and Dissemination Service (ITDS), ANS Noel G. Perez, RSSO II and PSA provincial officers and staff. In her message, she said that the RPW is a wonderful time of the year as PSA personnel convene for a common goal, share the best practices, renew friendship but most of all to assess accomplishments and how...
will it improve to provide quality and reliable statistics to stakeholders. She added that PSA must be sensitive to the needs of the public including complete dedication to public service. She was inspired by the principle, “Teamwork makes the dream work” as she is proud and very thankful as host.

In his inspirational message, Board Member Atty. Thomas Baccac who represented the Governor of the province, expressed his gratefulness to PSA for choosing Quirino as venue for this undertaking. He revealed that the Provincial Government of Quirino recognizes PSA as one of the very important institution and the province is dependent to PSA with regards to provision of data for planning purposes.

PSA-RSSO II Regional Director, Marilyn T. Estrada likewise welcomed all participants and expressed her gratefulness to PSA Quirino for hosting the event, to the Provincial Government of Quirino and to PSA Isabela for sharing their resources. She emphasized the role of each employee on the plans to be crafted for accountability and responsibility. Hence, she encouraged everyone to participate. She shared that this year’s RPW focused on the digital practices and went on to mention the different awards received by the region including the host province in the previous year. She was also looking forward to the successful implementation of upcoming big undertaking - the 2020 Census of Population and Housing (CPH), mass registration under PhilSys on mid of this year and the Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS) in the succeeding years.

ANS Ramores shared the presentation on “PSA in 2019” with priorities in 2020 that focused on the 4th Industrial Revolution (4IR) or Industry 4.0. He closed his message by sharing the message of the National Statistician (NS) and Civil Registrar General Usec. Claire Dennis S. Mapa - “I encourage everyone to take extra mile for the PSA with a heart, more importantly, at the PSA we have to treat people honorably”. An open forum followed after the discussions.

To close the activity for the day, PSA officials and staff recited and signed the pledge of commitment for 2020.

The 2019 milestones showcasing the targets and actual accomplishments of the different provincial offices of the region including landmark achievement of the Statistical Operations and Coordination Division (SOCD) and Civil Registration and Administrative Support Division (CRASD) were presented.

The second day of the 2020 RPW commenced with a prayer led by Ms. Lace Christelle L. Ladia. The participants, dressed in Bohemian attire, were serenaded by selected staff of PSA Cagayan and Batanes.

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The afternoon session was devoted to the RD’s hour which was one of the highlights of the planning workshop. The discussion focused on the concerns of the Contract of Service Workers (COSWs) on rehiring, provision of other benefits and the new memorandum issued regarding the recruitment process for permanent positions.

To end the day, employees from SOCD and CRASD entertained the crowd with a joyful and amusing performance that brought smiles and laughter to everyone.

Officials and staff of RSSO II started the third day with a Zumba exercises led by the host Province – PSA Quirino.

After an energizing dance exercises, the General Assembly followed which was led by the Union of Statistical Employees (USE) President Reyma C. Tabalno.

Ms. Tabalno presented to the member and non-member employees of USE the advantages and benefits of being part of the union. She spoke about some of the USE welfare benefits which was encapsulated in the acronym CARER meaning, Curative, Assistance, Relief, Eternal and Retirement. She also highlighted some of the needed requirements in availing the said benefits such as the USE Form 1, office clearance, and service record and endorsement letter of the chapter president.

An open forum followed after the presentation of the USE president. Various issues and concerns regarding members’ welfare and benefits were raised. Afterwhich, a team building was conducted to strengthen ties of employees of the regional office and provincial offices. Officials and employees of PSA-RSSO II were randomly grouped to form seven groups and group 5 bagged the first place in the hula-hoop challenge.

In celebration of the yuletide season, the Contract of Service Workers (COSWs) rendered Christmas carols to the regular employees. A total amount of P33,400.00 was raised from officials and staff for its 29 COSWs.

In her closing remarks, RD Estrada reminded everyone to look into the mistakes of the past as an opportunity to improve and grow as one body, “we must look into next year with full expectations that PSA will achieve its goals for 2020 by working as one family”, RD Estrada said.

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The following were also discussed during the planning workshop.

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This year’s RPW was conducted bannering the theme “Shaping PSA by Embracing New Trends in the 4IR”.
RSSO II Conducted Various Activities in Celebration of the 30th National Statistics Month (NSM)

260 cycling enthusiasts’ joins fun ride for the 30th NSM kick-off event

The 30th celebration of the National Statistics Month (NSM) in Cagayan Valley kicked-off with the 2nd year of Mountain Bike (MTB) fun ride dubbed as #NSMPadyak. This year’s MTB Fun ride bore the tagline “Padyak Tungo sa mas Mahusay na Estadistikang Pang-rehiyon Dos”. It was held around Tuguegarao City, Cagayan on October 06, 2019.

In her message, PSA-RSSO II Regional Director Marilyn T. Estrada, thanked the 260 cycling enthusiasts from all over the region for joining the event. “We would like to thank your continuing support towards the advocacy of the PSA - to increase awareness and promote statistics as a key component in crafting sound policies towards nation building,” RD Estrada said.

She also thanked the sponsors and partners of the event that includes the City Government of Tuguegarao; Tuguegarao City Traffic Management Group (TCTMG), Philippine National Police Cagayan (PNP-Cagayan), various bike shops from Tuguegarao City and the Regional Statistics Committee 2 (RSC2) member-agencies. The second wave of #NSMPadyak was aimed at partnering with cycling enthusiasts to reach wider audience in promoting statistics in the region.

The bikers rode a total of 24.0 kilometres around the vicinity of Tuguegarao.

PSA-RSSO II through its sponsors also gave special awards such as the youngest biker, oldest biker, early bird, biggest bike group; wackiest photo posted in Facebook and “from far away land” or the biker who came from the farthest part of the Region.

Raffle draws and trivia quiz for the bikers were also conducted. Winners were given cash, bicycle gears and equipment which are all sponsored by bike shops from Tuguegarao City and the RSC2 member agencies.

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PSO Isabela kicks-off the celebration with a Motorcade around the City of Ilagan

In October 01, 2019, a motorcade around the City of Ilagan was rolled out in the province of Isabela as a kick-off activity in celebration of the 30th NSM. The activity was in collaboration with the Local Government Unit (LGU) of the City of Ilagan thru its City Management Traffic Group (CTMG) and members of Isabela Knight Rider’s Club (IKRC).

Prior to the motorcade and to jumpstart the celebration, the ceremonial ribbon cutting for PSA Isabela’s Statistical Booth was held which was witnessed by Mr. Ronald T. Lizardo, Statistical Analyst of PSA Regional Office as the guest. A simple program followed. Mrs. Remelinda G. Punzalan, President of Isabela Civil Registrar’s Association (ICRA) delivered the inspirational message.

30th NSM Opened with Symposium cum Exhibition of Technological Innovations

Six exhibitors showcased Cagayan Valley Region’s talents through exhibit of various products, innovations and technologies during the 30th NSM Opening Ceremony on October 08, 2019 at Robinsons Place, Tuguegarao City, Cagayan.

The region’s opening ceremony for the 30th NSM commenced with a thanksgiving mass and followed by the ceremonial ribbon cutting led by RSC2 Chairperson and PSA-RSSO II Regional Director Marilyn T. Estrada.

Rev. Father Carlos Evangelista blessed the products, technologies and innovations from various sectors. Isabela State University (ISU) - Echague Campus brought with them goat and cacao products and Cagayan State University (CSU) – Andrews Campus displayed their peanut sheller and peanut stripper which were developed by their research department, while the Department of Agriculture Regional Field Office 02 (DA-RFO 2) displayed their mushroom products.

Meanwhile, CSU–Carig Campus displayed two electronic tricycles or the E-Trike which was developed with the help of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and the University of the Philippines (UP). On the other hand, students from Humanities and Social Sciences (HUMSS) of the Cagayan National High School (CNHS) showcased their invention which can be used to charge smartphones.

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) - Tuguegarao Branch put up its booth to

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replace and redeem coins and notes considered unfit for circulation while PSA Regional Office displayed various statistical information through publications, special releases, infographics and other advocacy materials for information of the general public regarding the activities of the office including its civil registration services.

Around 60 students from the University of Saint Louis Tuguegarao (USLT), ISU–Cabagan Campus, Quirino State University (QSU) and CNHS actively listened to the topics discussed by the invited speakers.

DOST Assistant Regional Director Teresita A. Tabaog shared some of their agencies best practices and highlighted certain products and services of the DOST such as the Project Diwata and their scholarship program.

In his message, RD Dioniso Ledres highlighted the importance of big data in support to improving information towards intelligent decision.

Meanwhile, City Councilor Atty. Raymund P. Guzman also graced the event in behalf of City Mayor Atty. Jefferson P. Soriano.

RD Marilyn T. Estrada in her message thanked everyone who attended the symposium and highlighted the importance of data in making sound decisions. “As what Vice President Leni Robredo have said during the recently concluded National Convention on Statistics (NCS) - data is the lifeblood of decision-making let’s make use of these smartly to be able to achieve economic growth and nation building”, RD Estrada said.

Engr. Girme M. Bayucan, in his closing message shared that the symposium cum data exhibit was a remarkable success in promoting the use of innovative data in our technologies. “All items that are featured today prove that innovative data is a vital element in coming up for such products or services. One cannot come up with such innovations without carefully studying a collected data and incorporating new and innovative ways to generate a corroborated output”, Bayucan said.

The display of exhibit lasted until 6:00 o’clock in the evening.

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Seminar-Workshop on Statistical Classification Systems to LGUs

In partnership with the City Government of Tuguegarao, PSA-RSSO II conducted a Seminar Workshop on Statistical Classification Systems to the municipal/city local government units (LGUs) in Region 02 as part of the celebration of the 30th NSM.

Ms. Imogen Claire M. Callangan, City Councilor welcomed the participants from the City/Municipal Planning and Development Office and Business Permit and Licensing Office in the different LGUs in the region. She said that the use of statistical classification systems will be of great help in solidifying the city’s economic activity and in ensuring uniformity, consistency and comparability of data between LGUs and the private sectors. She also requested the agency to provide a statistical classification system for tourism as the city of Tuguegarao is strengthening its partnership with business establishments for the promotion of tourism in the city.

Engr. Girme M. Bayucan presented an overview of the various statistical systems in the Philippines. He explained that Statistical Classification is a set of discrete, exhaustive and mutually exclusive observations, which can be assigned to one or more variables to be measured in the collation and/or presentation of data. “These are used to collect and organize information into categories with other similar pieces of information such as industrial classification, occupational groups and geographical classification”, Engr. Bayucan said.

Subsequently, Mr. Emerson M. Aquino, Supervising Statistical Specialist (SSS) from PSA Central Office explained that some of the statistical system provided by PSA can be adapted by the participating LGUs. One of the classification system extensively discussed by Mr. Aquino is the Philippine Standard Industrial Classification (PSIC). He shared that PSIC is a classification of industries prevailing in the country according to their specific economic activities. This will facilitate analysis and comparison of economic activities of the ASEAN Member Countries for policy decision. Along with his presentation on the detailed rules of classifying economic activities, in the 2009 PSIC, Mr. Aquino also shared the preliminary results of the 2018 Updating of List of Establishments in the Region.

An overview of the 2017 Philippine Standard Classification of Education (PSCED), 2012 Philippine Standard Occupational Classification (PSOC) and the Philippine Standard Geographic Code (PSGC) were also presented by Mr. Aquino in tandem with Engr. Bayucan.

The event was held on October 15, 2019 at Villa Blanca Hotel, Tuguegarao City, Cagayan which was attended by 73 participants to include participants from PSA regional and provincial offices staff.

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More than one thousand participants joined the 30th NSM Closing Ceremony to celebrate Data Innovation in Cagayan Valley

PSA-RSSO II in partnership with the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas –Tuguegarao Branch (BSP-Tuguegarao) and the Isabela State University, Echague Campus (ISU-Echague) concluded the month-long celebration of the 30th National Statistics Month (NSM) with grand festivities of academic and arts activities. The culminating activity was conducted at ISU-Echague Amphitheatre, Echague, Isabela last October 30, 2019.

The activity a.k.a. Academe’s week: Promoting Data Innovation through Academic/Arts Competitions, constituted competitions such as on-the-spot infographic making, spoken word poetry and statman model making contest.

In his welcome remarks, ISU President Ricmar C. Aquino greeted some 1,200 participants, mostly students from various universities and colleges including national high schools in the region, members of RSC2, ISU Faculty members and PSA-RSSO II officials and employees. President Aquino highlighted the importance of data innovation through their school’s various researches. He said that Scientific Research and Statistical Analysis is imperative in generating innovative outputs - outputs that could create impact to the lives of the people.

Honorable Alfredo V. Alili, Sanggunian Panlalawigan Member from the 6th District of the province of Isabela delivered a message on behalf of the 6th District Representative Faustino “Inno” A. Dy. He said that legislators need data to make informed decisions that will help their constituents. “Statistics play an invaluable role in guiding our decision-making to ensure that we make the most out of government’s limited resources. If we need funds to hire new teachers, we need to know how many students are enrolled in a particular area so we can determine how many teachers we need to hire to achieve the ideal student-teacher ratio”, Alili said.

He also added that all the decisions nowadays need to be data-driven. “Bawal manghula, bawal ang
“guesstimate”, without data, we cannot plan properly; and as the cliche goes, if you fail to plan, you are planning to fail”, Alili added.

The breakout session for the academic and arts competitions transpired for almost 3 hours after the opening program. In the same event, PSA-RSSO II also initiated the 2nd year of the “Pulso ng Rehiyon Dos” - a regional statistics quiz exhibition game among RSC2 members and government employees. Most of the questions were based on the results of a survey polled to 100 respondents. It aimed to develop among participants a better awareness of and understanding about the knowhow of the said 100 respondents regarding the different facts and trivia in the region. The exhibition game was divided into three rounds: easy, medium and difficult.

Talented singers and dancers of ISU-Echague delighted the audience with their cultural production number before the announcement of winners. To reciprocate this fine gesture, PSA-RSSO II awarded a Certificate of Appreciation to ISU family.

For her closing remarks, PSA Regional Director Marilyn T. Estrada thanked all the sponsors and donors for the whole month celebration of statistics in the region. She encouraged everyone to continue innovating statistical systems because this will eventually be used by data users, especially planners, policymakers and program implementers that will contrive sound policies for the development of our country. “Let’s continue to work hand in hand in promoting awareness of the importance of Statistics in nation building, again Happy National Statistics Month”, Estrada said.

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Meanwhile, a Colloquium on Best Data Gathering and Databasing Practices of Data Sources / Producers in the region was conducted last October 24, 2019 at Casa Angela, Tuguegarao City. The activity was participated by the different regional line agencies in the region and aimed to know what, how and why data are being collected / databased by selected data producer agencies in the region. Ms. Felicidad D. Hebron, CSS of the Industry Statistics Division (ISD) and Mr. Florande S. Polistico, CSS of the Production Accounts Division (PAD) of PSA also graced the occasion with the presentation of the former on the methodology and sample selection of the Quarterly Survey on Philippine Business and Industry (QSPBI) and the Monthly Integrated Survey of Selected Industries (MISSI) as input Gross Regional Domestic Product (GRDP) and the latter on the GRDP estimation process.

### Academic Institutions and SUCs in Isabela Participated in the Poster and Slogan Making Contest

Academic institutions and State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) in the province of Isabela participated in the Poster and Slogan Making Contest conducted by PSA Isabela Provincial Statistical Office last October 29, 2019. The activity was spearheaded by the Chief Statistical Specialist (CSS), Julius M. Emperador who warmly welcomed the board of judges, contestants and official coaches.
PSO Quirino conducted the NSM Month-Long Celebration with Various Activities

PSO Quirino conducted various activities in concluding the month-long celebration of the 30th National Statistics Month (NSM) held at NEAP D Building, Division Office, Cabarroguis, Quirino on October 29, 2019.

The different activities were spearheaded by the Provincial Head, Engr. Cherry Grace D. Agustin

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Poster Making Contest
True to its commitment to continually improve the effectiveness of its Quality Management System (QMS) and as part of the expansion area of PSA QMS in 2018, the PSA Regional Office and PSA Cagayan underwent the first International Organization for Standardization (ISO) QMS on-site surveillance audit with TUV Rheinland Philippines Inc. on November 25-26, 2019. The PSA Regional Office was audited on November 25, 2019 while PSA Cagayan had their audit on November 26, 2019. Ms. Kharen Tan-Concepcion, representative of TUV Rheinland Philippines Inc. reviewed the conformity of the process flows of the agency, to ensure maintenance of its 3-year ISO certificate and an extension of certification if it meets the quality management system requirements.

In the Regional Office, the audit was performed on the basis of random samples, including a one-on-one interview with the agency’s head, Regional Director Marilyn T. Estrada for the overall quality objectives of the regional office. Auditor Concepcion also interviewed Engr. Girme M. Bayucan, Chief of Statistical Operations and Coordinating Division (SOCD) and...
Milagros C. Adduru, Chief of Civil Registration and Administrative Support Division (CRASD). They were asked regarding their respective divisions responsibilities in attaining quality management, specific processes of their respective divisions and functions of responsible focal persons in achieving targets of the agency’s programs, services and activities.

After 8 hours of an extensive audit day, Auditor Concepcion presented the results of her findings on the audit. Auditor Concepcion first noted her positive observations - first, the agency’s various recognition and awards; second, the agency’s awareness and competence with the conducted interviews. She highlighted that interviewed personnel were receptive and well aware of their responsibilities towards quality management system and respective processes.

She also highlighted some Opportunities for Improvement (OFI) - for SOCD, it was suggested to separate the evaluation of (R) risk with (O) opportunity and also to clearly determine the action plans to address them. She also suggested the monitoring of objectives in order to show the achievements of targets. For CRASD, Auditor Concepcion also pointed out the Civil Registration Section’s clarification on Customer Satisfaction targets including evaluating the performance of service provider Gakken Phils. Inc. and Philippine Duplicators Incorporated.

At the end of the surveillance audit, RD Estrada thanked Auditor Concepcion for her patience and dedication in assessing the management and services of PSA-RSSO II. She also thanked her staff for their commitment in their objectives which is to provide world-class quality of services to Filipino people.

Meanwhile, prior to the audit proper in PSA Cagayan, a briefing was held where the history and function of PSA was quickly discussed by CSS Rivera to acquaint the Auditor. Moreover, the Auditor set down her expectations from the auditee.

During the audit, Ms. Concepcion scrutinized in detail the three processes of the Statistical Operation and Coordination Unit namely: Labor Force Survey (LFS), Palay and Corn Production Survey (PCPS) and the Risk Registry. She then followed the Civil Registration and Administration focusing on the CR processes and procurement flow.

The commitment of PSA Cagayan personnel to continually improve the effectiveness of its QMS coupled with teamwork paved way for the extension of its ISO 9001:2015 certification.
On October 16, 2019, the 1st Regional Census Coordinating Board (RCCB) in Cagayan Valley has convened for the 2020 Census of Population (2020 CPH). The convening was aimed to tackle effective measures on the successful conduct of the census in May 2020.

The overview of the 2020 CPH was explained by PSA-RSSO II Regional Director and Executive Officer of RCCB, Ms. Marilyn T. Estrada to refresh the members on the concepts, the legal bases why the census is conducted, the information to be gathered using the Paper and Pencil Interview (PAPI) and the current status of the preparation and timetable of major activities of the census.

Different resolutions passed by the PSA Board in relation to the smooth flow of operations of the month-long census in May 2020 were presented by Engr. Girme M. Bayucan.

NEDA Regional Director Dionisio C. Ledres Jr., sitting as chair of the board ran down on the member-agencies and tossed the approval of the board for inclusion of agencies deemed necessary in the region-wide operation of the 2020 CPH.

The following agencies were identified for inclusion and unanimously accepted by the body:

1. Philippine National Police (PNP);
2. National Telecommunication Commission (NTC);
3. Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP);
4. Department of Information and Communication (DICT);
5. Civil Service Commission (CSC); and
6. Bureau of Local Government and Finance (BLGF)

A thorough discussion on the kind and specific assistance to be provided by the member-agencies was presented for comments/approval. Director Ledres requested the body to fill out the worksheet for their commitment to be submitted not later than October 25, 2019.

The 1st convening also resulted in the approval of two resolutions that involves the composition of the RCCB – Cagayan Valley and a resolution enjoining LGUs in the region for the provision of time slot and / or space in their respective electronic and/or non-electronic billboard for the promotion and information campaign in the conduct of the 2020 CPH in May 2020.

The meeting was attended by eight regional directors of the 20 original member agencies from the 32 identified members by PSA and additional six agencies identified with vital roles in planning and decision-making for the forthcoming nationwide undertaking.
The Provincial Census Coordinating Board (PCCB) convening for the province of Quirino was conducted on October 25, 2019 at Governor’s Conference Room, Capitol Hills, Cabarroguis, Quirino.

The convening was presided by Hon. Dakila Carlo E. Cua, Provincial Governor and PCCB Chairperson.

Engr. Cherry Grace D. Agustin, Chief Statistical Specialist and PCCB Executive Officer discussed the Overview of the 2020 CPH, Resolution No. 05 Creating the Census Coordinating Board and the Composition and Terms of Reference of CCB.

Withal, Ms. Karen T. Fernandez, Supervising Statistical Specialist of PSA Quirino discussed Resolution No. 02, Declaring May as National Census Month and the Kinds of Assistance Requested from Government Agencies.

During the meeting, the body agreed that submission of accomplished form on the assistance to be provided by the Provincial Census Coordination Board (PCCB) – Member agencies will be on October 31, 2019 for consolidation and submission by PSA Quirino.
Similarly, convening of the different Municipal Census Coordinating Board (MCCB) was also held in the different municipalities in Quirino province with the mayors as the MCCB Chairperson.

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| Cabarroguis  | November 27, 2019  
SB Session Hall, Cabarroguis | Hon. Willard V. Abuan |
| Diffun       | November 19, 2019  
Municipal Mayor’s Office, Diffun | Hon. May Garnace-Calaunan |
| Maddela      | November 22, 2019  
Municipal Hall, Maddela | Hon. Florante T. Ruiz |
| Nagtipunan   | November 25, 2019  
Municipal Hall, Nagtipunan | Hon. Nieverose C. Meneses |
| Saguday      | November 21, 2019  
Municipal Hall, Saguday | Hon. Marcelina M. Pagbilao |
Ten Colleges and Universities in Cagayan Valley competed during the 25th PSQ Regional Elimination

PSA-RSSO II headed by Regional Director Marilyn T. Estrada conducted the 25th Philippine Statistics Quiz (PSQ) Regional Elimination last November 12, 2019. The activity was conducted at the Philippine Normal University (PNU), Aurora, Alicia, Isabela, the host university.

A total of seventeen contestants from ten different colleges and universities across region joined the contest.

The Board of Judges were: Mr. Ernesto M. De Peralta of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) Region 2, Ms. Elena A. Madriaga of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) Region 2 and Mr. Christopher M. Soriano of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Region 2.

Ms. Krisha M. Natividad was unanimously declared the 25th PSQ Regional Champion.

She is a student of USLT taking up Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering and a resident of Tuguegarao City.

Ms. Natividad represented the region during the National Competition held last November 29, 2019 at Sequoia Hotel, Quezon City.

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PSA Provincial Offices in the Region Conducted PSQ Provincial Elimination

On October 29, 2019, PSA Cagayan with the assistance of the Provincial Local Government Unit (PLGU) of Cagayan spearheaded the conduct of the Philippine Statistics Quiz (PSQ) Provincial Elimination at Crown Pavilion, Ugac Norte, Tuguegarao City, Cagayan.

Engr. Elena U. Rivera, Chief Statistical Specialist of PSA Cagayan conveyed her warmest gratitude to the 20 competitors from the different participating schools of the province, to wit:

1. Cagayan State University (CSU) Andrews Campus
2. CSU Carig Campus
3. CSU Sanchez Mira
4. CSU Gonzaga Campus
5. CSU Lasam Campus
6. Saint Paul University Philippines (SPUP)
7. University of Saint Louis Tuguegarao (USLT)
8. Medical Colleges of Northern Philippines (MCNP)
9. F. L. Vargas College
10. University of Cagayan Valley (UCV)

Prior to the contest proper, selected students of the Cagayan National High School (CNHS) Special Program for the Arts (SPA) serenaded the participants thru their Ukulele and Sounds.

Ms. Krisha M. Natividad, a BS Electrical Engineering student of USLT emerged as the champion of the said competition. Mr. Ryan L. Ancheta, a BS Civil Engineering student of the same school garnered the first runner up while Mr. Junery Melad, a BS Accountancy student of CSU Andrews Campus and Mr. Kim Andrei B. Ginez, BS Chemical Engineering of CSU Caris Campus professed as the 2nd and 3rd Runner-Up respectively.

A similar activity was also conducted in the province of Isabela, Nueva Vizcaya and Quirino to come up with the best among the current first year college students who will compete in the PSQ Regional Elimination.
constituents of Damurog, Alcalá, Cagayan headed by Barangay Captain Natividad B. Loreto warmly welcomed PSA Cagayan staff in their barangay.

The faces of 40 children exuded with excitement and joy as they receive the gifts containing school supplies and Noche Buena items.

The team was composed of Ms. Marilou L. Contillo, Statistical Specialist II, together Ms. Ma. Visitacion. Tuliao, Administrative Office I, Ms. Catherin S. Pauig, Administrative Aide VI, and Mr. Diopeter Tuliao, Driver (COSW).

Barangay Damurog was among the several barangays submerged during the continuous rain that occurred in the month of November 2019 in the province.

Meanwhile, sixty two Senior Citizens (SCs) and six Persons with Disability (PWDs) in the province of Quirino were recipients of the Medical Mission conducted by PSA Quirino in partnership with the Philippine Army and the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Aglipay. The recipients were provided with free medical consultation, medicines, meals and tokens.

A lecture on healthcare was also conducted to Senior Citizens and PWDs with CPT. Cherry Lynne Imee D. Hopdayan from the 5th Infantry Division, Camp Upi, Gamu, Isabela as resource speaker.

“It is always our pleasure because it is our responsibility to serve our people with the best of our abilities”, Engr. Cherry Grace D. Agustin said.
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