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PSA RSSO2 2019 RPW (Day 2) Creating Avenues for **T**rusted, **R**efined, **U**nited, **S**trong-minded and **T**ime-bound Human Resource towards Innovative PSA

The second day of the annual 3-day Regional Planning Workshop (2019 RPW) for PSA Region 2 officials and employees started with a Prayer led by Ms. Jesusa V. Noblejas, followed by an ice breaker through a quick dance to lighten up the mood of all participants who were all dressed with their best floral attire.



The series of discussions for the second day of 2019 RPW started with the presentation of PSA Isabela Chief Statistical Specialist (CSS) Mr. Julius M. Emperador on the 2019 work program of the National Censuses Service (NCS). This was followed by the 2019 work program of the Social Sector Statistics Service (SSSS) and Macroeconomic Accounts Service (MAS), both discussed by SOCD Chief Engr. Girme M. Bayucan. As



expected, the participants were very attentive during the discussions since they were able to relate their individual tasks, much more on the bulk of activities they are conducting, which emanates from the different divisions under the three services previously presented.



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The series of presentations was shortly paused with the arrival of Finance and Administrative Service (FAS) OIC-Assistant National Statistician (ANS) Socrates L. Ramores, fondly called as “Sir Soc” by his colleagues in the PSA Central Office. He was formally introduced by Ms. Cristilu A Geromino, Statistical Specialist II of PSA Isabela.

In his message, ANS Soc explained that, as much as he wanted to join the group during the 1st day of RPW, he could not do so because of various equally important meetings and other undertakings that required his involvement. He then moved on to relaying the message of Undersecretary, National Statistician and Civil Registrar General Dr. Lisa Grace S. Bersales which was earlier discussed by PSA RSSO 2 Regional Director Marilyn T. Estrada.

In addition to the explanation of RD Estrada, ANS Soc explained further the previous themes of the anniversary celebrations of the PSA in its five years of existence. He explained that the theme, “*Together as 1*” pertains to the merging of the four major statistical agencies



to form the PSA; “*Pag may 2gether, may forever*” means the second year of the PSA being the sole statistical arm of the Philippine government; “*Synergy*” means the concerted efforts of PSA officials and employees to produce all outputs expected from the agency; “*Level Up*” which involves of raising the bar for the different outputs of the agency; and “*Healthy PSA, Happy PSA*” which pertains to the self-assessment of all PSA officials and employees considering the very busy schedule of the PSA for the past years. This theme was intended for the PSA officials and employees to value individual’s health through working in an environment

designed to uplift the wellness of the people within the organization. He also added that, as much as possible, NS Bersales wants **no** PSA employee to work beyond 5 o’clock in the afternoon or work overtime during weekends and holidays.

Moving on to this year’s National/RPW theme, “*Working Smarter through Innovation*”, ANS Soc explained that innovation means thinking out of the box. He said that when there’s a problem, there’s always an out-of-the-box solution, thus encouraged everyone to think beyond what is presented/offered to them. He ended his message with a trivia which required the participants to think creatively, freely, and off the beaten path.

Continuing the series of discussions, PSA Cagayan CSS Engr. Elena U. Rivera presented the 2019 work program of the Economic Sector Statistics Service (ESSS).



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All presentations during the second day of the 2019 RPW had the same format which include the organizational goal, functional objectives and the respective 2019 programs, activities and projects (PAP's) with indicative budget of each PAP's presented.

The morning session ended with the giving of special awards. The Best in Floral Attire for the women's category was awarded to Ms. Catherin S. Pauig while Mr. Reynaldo P. Gurat, Jr. was awarded the Best in Floral Attire for men's category.



Moving on to the afternoon session of the second day of 2019 RPW, SOCD Chief Bayucan discussed the 2019 PSA Calendar of Activities which showed how hectic the work program of the PSA is, reflecting the busy and overlapping schedules of all PSA officials and employees for the coming year. He then encouraged everyone to work hand-in-hand in order to accomplish every task given to the PSA regional and provincial offices.

The remaining hours in the afternoon session were used mainly on the discussion of the different presentations on the 2020 Indicative Budget and High Impact Activities for 2020, which included:

TOPIC	PRESENTER
1. ONS and PhilSys	RD Marilyn T. Estrada
2. Finance and Administrative Service	Ms. Karen Ann M. Nang
3. Civil Registration Service	SSS Cholly L. Bayon
4. IT and Dissemination Service	CSS Ramil G. Abad
5. Standards Service	SOCD Chief Girme M. Bayucan
6. Social Sector Statistics Service	
7. Macroeconomic Accounts Service	
8. National Censuses Service	CSS Julius M. Emperador
9. Economic Sector Statistics Service	CSS Elena U. Rivera

Following all presentations, an Open Forum followed where ANS Soc served as one of the key resource person.

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