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PSA RSSO2 2019 RPW (Day 1) Creating Avenues for **T**rusted, **R**efined, **U**nited, **S**trong-minded and **T**ime-bound Human Resource towards Innovative PSA

The annual 3-day Regional Planning Workshop (2019 RPW) for PSA officials and employees of the region commenced its 1st day today at the Sapphire Hall of Zen Hotel here in Santiago City. With 2019 RPW theme “Working Smarter through Innovation”, Officials and Employees of PSA RSSO2, dressed in their best business attire ever, gathered together to assess its 2018 accomplishments and lay down its plans for 2019.



The exciting atmosphere of the opening program was lifted by the participation of the Santiago City Government Employees Association who led the invocation and singing of the national anthem and the Santiago City Hymn. The City Mayor, represented by her secretary Ma. Socorro Hermosura, warmly welcomed PSA RSSO2



family in their humble city and revealed the commitment of the city government to the endeavour of the PSA in terms of civil registration and the provision of reliable, relevant, and timely administrative data needed by the PSA. She further highlighted the accomplishments of the City Government through the leadership of Hon. Mayor Joseph S. Tan and invited the group to visit and feel the Christmas ambiance in their giant lantern display at the city terminal.



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The 3-day event formally opened with the message of PSA RSSO 2 Regional Director Marilyn T. Estrada who greeted and extended her gratitude to the guests and officials of the PSA, especially the division heads of the provinces and the regional office. With great emphasis and high praise for the effort of this year's host of the 2019 RPW headed by CSS Julius M. Emperador, she thanked PSA Isabela for the well-fashioned and innovative

venue of the event. She went on to emphasize that the 2019 RPW is a venue for the discussion of accomplishments, weaknesses and shortfalls for the year 2018, and opportunity to craft plans and innovations for the years 2019-2020. Aside from the regular office functions, she also added that the activity is also a festive occasion where PSA officials and employees showcase their talents during the Fellowship Night. Towards the end of her message, she encouraged everyone to actively participate in every discussion as all decisions will greatly affect the whole of PSA RSSO 2 in its succeeding years.

In her presentation of the objectives and expectations for the 2019 RPW, RD Estrada shared the message of Undersecretary, National Statistician and CRG Dr. Lisa Grace S. Bersales which revolved around the previous but interconnected themes of the PSA undertakings. RD Estrada further elaborated the need for innovative actions and processes within the PSA that were anchored on the vision and the quality policy of the office, among others.

The 2018 accomplishment of every PSA provincial offices including that of the SOCD and CRASD of the regional office were presented through AVPs, with each province showcasing its innovative way of displaying respective milestones.

The morning session wined up with the lively presentation of CSS Engr. Cherry Grace D. Agustin of PSA Quirino piercing over how innovations in the PSA are expected, as presented during the recent 2019 National Planning Workshop.

As earlier declared by the master of ceremonies for the day, SS II Joel P. Basco and SS II Adela G. Follante, the event is full of surprises. In conclusion of the morning session, the first set of special awards, which include Best Male and Female Business Attires and Best AVP for 2018 Milestone, were all awarded to the regional office. Mr. Antonio P. Carag from the ORD was declared the Best Male in Business Attire while Ms. Vina Temanel from the CRASD was adjudged the Best Female in Business Attire. The SOCD was also awarded the Best AVP for its accomplishments and milestones.

The afternoon session started with the presentation of the 2019 Work Program for the Office of the National Statistician (ONS) which was cascaded in detail by RD Estrada. The indicative budget, functional objectives and the organizational goal that each program, activity or project it addresses under the division or unit of the ONS, were also presented by RD



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Estrada. She also patiently read through the 2019 work program of the newly created service of the PSA by virtue of RA 11055 or the Philippine Identification System Act of 2018.

CRASD Chief Milagros T. Adduru also took the podium for her presentation of the 2019 work program of the Finance and Administrative Service (FAS) of the PSA as presented during the 2019 NPW. The presentation format of each division under the FAS is also the same with the presentation of the ONS comprising of the goal, functional objectives and indicative budget for the 2019 programs, activities and projects under the service. SSS Cholly L. Bayon of PSA Nueva Vizcaya took her turn in cascading the 2019 work program of the Civil Registration Service (CRS) as presented during the 2019 NPW while CSS Ramil G. Abad of PSA Batanes laudably presented the 2019 work program of the Information Technology and Dissemination Service (ITDS) including that of the Standard Service (SS).



The officials and employees of the different PSA provinces and the two divisions of the region showcased their dancing prowess as they were challenged to dance their versions of the songs “Girl in the Mirror” and the undying “Kiss Me”. This was done as ice breakers in between discussions to ensure that all participants were attentive and actively participating in all topics being discussed.



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