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PSA RSSO II Conducts Press Conference on the April 2025 Employment back-to-back with June 2025 Inflation

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Top: Participants of the PressCon; Bottom, from left: (1) Engr. Girmé Bayucan (OIC), during his presentation on June 2025 Inflation; and (2) Mr. Ernesto M. de Peralta, Jr. (OIC-SOCD), during his presentation on April 2025 Employment.

07 July 2025 - TUGUEGARAO CITY, CAGAYAN. The Philippine Statistics Authority, Regional Statistical Services Office II (PSA RSSO II) conducted the Press Conference on the April 2025 Employment back-to-back with June 2025 Inflation on 07 July 2025 at PSA RSSO II Conference Hall, Regional Government Center (RGC), Carig Sur, Tuguegarao City, Cagayan.

The press conference was attended by representatives from the Regional Line Agencies (RLAs), including the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas -



Tuguegarao Branch (BSP-Tug), Department of Economy, Planning, and Development Regional Office 02 (DEPDev RO2), Department of Labor and Employment Regional Office 02 (DOLE RO2), and Department of Trade and Industry Regional Office 02 (DTI RO2). Also present during the activity are Radyo Pilipinas DWPE Tuguegarao, XFM Tuguegarao, and PIA Cagayan Valley.

Mr. Ernesto M. de Peralta, Jr., Officer-in-Charge (OIC) of SOCD, presented the employment situation of Cagayan Valley for April 2025, focusing on the labor force participation rate, employment rate, underemployment rate, and unemployment rate.

On the other hand, Engr. Girmé M. Bayucan, Officer-in-Charge (OIC) of PSA RSSO II, presented the inflation report of Cagayan Valley Region for June 2025 that includes the headline inflation rate across commodities and commodity groups.

During the open forum, Ms. Gina Dayag of DEPDev RO2 said that underemployment remains prevalent in the agricultural sector and that DOLE is implementing measures to reduce it. Ms. Kathleen Evangelista of DOLE RO2 highlighted the conduct of job fairs as part of efforts to strengthen the region's labor force.

Meanwhile, Ms. Holy May Esguerra of DTI RO2 reported that prices of basic goods and prime commodities have slightly increased, mainly due to higher costs of raw materials and transportation, although overall price levels remain stable.

The press conference was broadcast on the agency's official Facebook page, PSA Cagayan Valley – Region 2.

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