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NFA BICOL AWARDS GINTONG PARANGAL TO LGU PILAR AND LGU BARCELONA



RM Osmundo R. Guinto Jr. and BM Julie B. Llenaresas awards the Gintong Parangal to Mayor Cynthia Sy C. Reyes of LGU Pilar (left); Mayor Cynthia Falcotelo-Fortes of LGU Barcelona receives the Gintong Parangal from RM Guinto and BM Llenaresas (right)

The National Food Authority Bicol Region headed by Regional Manager Osmundo R. Guinto, Jr. awarded plaque of appreciation dubbed as "Gintong Parangal" to Local Government Units who participated in the agency's PALLGU program.

The Gintong Parangal Plaque of appreciation is a way of expressing gratitude to Local Government Units (LGUs) for their support of NFA's program and dedication to extending assistance to the local farmers.

In Sorsogon Branch, RM Guinto together with BM Julie B. Llenaresas personally awarded on June 20, 2023 the Gintong Parangal to LGU Barcelona under the leadership of Hon. Mayor Cynthia Falcotelo-Fortes, who added P1.00/kg subsidy to the palay buying price in Barcelona.

LGU Pilar under the leadership of Hon. Mayor Cynthia Sy C. Reyes also received the same award on May 9, 2023 for their... (page 2)

NFA BICOL REGION WELCOMES ITS NEW ARM!



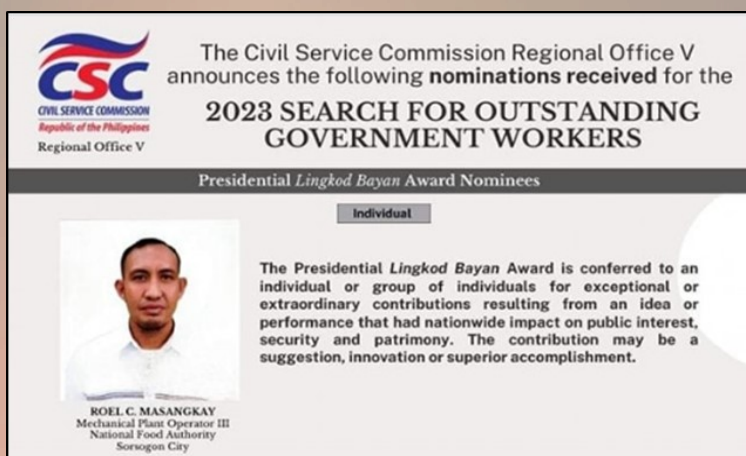
ARM Gerard V. Lim (center) accepts the symbolic key of responsibility from RM Osmundo R. Guinto Jr. (second from left). Meanwhile Branch Managers witness the said ceremony.

Assistant Regional Manager Gerard V. Lim was welcomed by the NFA Bicol Region personnel as he formally accepts the symbolic key of responsibility and accountability in a turnover ceremony held on May 23, 2023 at NFA Social Hall, Legazpi City.

Regional Manager Osmundo R. Guinto, Jr graced the said event along the employees from Bicol Regional Office, Branch Managers, Assistant Branch Managers and personnel from Albay, Camarines Sur and Sorsogon. Employees from NFA National Capital Region were also present to witness the aforesaid event.

ARM Lim who hailed from Lucena City, Quezon started working in the Agency as Clerk III at NFA Quezon Provincial Office in 2009, (Please turn to page 3..)

MPO III ROEL C. MASANGKAY: NOMINEE FOR 2023 SEARCH FOR OUTSTANDING



In his dedication to public service and efficiency as an employee, Mechanical Plant Operator III Roel C. Masangkay was nominated by the agency for the Civil Service Commission 2023 Search for Outstanding Government Workers.

MPO Masangkay was awarded as the NFA 2021 Best Employee. His invention of Improved Rice Hull Carbonizer is one of his contributions to the branch which is until now being used to recycle rice hull into carbonized rice hull. He introduced the CRH as organic soil fertilizer and conditioner to his colleagues and clients of the branch.

As an employee, MPO III Masangkay has been commended by his bosses for being resourceful when it comes to the repair and maintenance of office equipment. His technical skill and initiative help the office generate savings.

His exemplary effort as an employee has made an impact on NFA operations which resulted in improved efficiency, productivity, and savings for the agency. With these, the agency believed that MPO III Masangkay's efforts and hard work should be recognized and be an inspiration to other government employees.

His nomination to CSC 2023 Search for Outstanding Government Workers is indeed well deserved and brings pride to NFA Sorsogon Branch Office.

(CHARLYN D. ESTARES)

...a Senior Enforcement Investigation Officer in 2013 of the same office and the Supervising Enforcement and Investigation Officer of NFA Region IV. Known for his dedication for work, he was promoted as the Provincial Manager of Agusan Provincial Office in 2017. Thereafter, because of his potential, ARM Lim became the Assistant Regional Manager of NFA Region XII in 2021 NFA Region VII in the same year and at present, the Assistant Regional Manager of the NFA Bicol Region.

In his acceptance speech, ARM Gerard expressed his gratitude to the employees for the warm welcome shown to him. Again our earnest welcome to NFA Bicol Region, ARM Gerard! **(JAHARAH SHYRRA R. PAVILANDO)**

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◆ *(from page 1)...* their support to the farmers of Pilar by adding a P3.00/kg subsidy to the palay buying price.

◆ NFA Sorsogon Branch thanked the two municipalities for helping the local farmers maximize their income during harvest season. **(CHARLYN D. ESTARES)**

NFA ALBAY BRANCH OFFICE STRENGTHENS AGRICULTURAL PARTNERSHIPS THROUGH PALLGU



On May 29, 2023, a significant event heralded a new era of collaboration, resource sharing, and unwavering commitment to agricultural development.

It was the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement for the Palay Marketing Assistance Program for Legislators and Local Government Units (PALLGU) between the Provincial Government of Albay and the National Food Authority-Albay Branch Office.

Regional Manager Osmundo R. Guinto, Jr. of NFA Bicol Region, Governor Atty. Edcel Greco A.B. Lagman of the Provincial Government of Albay, Acting Branch Manager Domingo N. Pura, Board Member and Committee Chairman on Agriculture Gerardo Palmiano, and Provincial Agriculturist Cheryll O. Rebeta graced the MOA signing.

The PALLGU programs represents a significant step forward in supporting the agricultural sector and uplifting the lives of local farmers. Under this initiatives, the Provincial Government of Albay has committed to adding a premium of Php3.00 per kilogram to the NFA Palay Buying Price. This financial boos serves multiple purposes.

It provides farmers with the opportunity to gain additional income, thereby improving their economic stability. Simultaneously, it contributes to building up a government buffer stock of rice, ready for distribution during times of calamities or emergencies, reinforcing rice sufficiency for the region.

The signing of the MOA is a clear testament to the dedication of both the provincial Government of Albay and the National Food Authority-Albay Branch to promote the welfare of their communities. It exemplifies their recognition of the pivotal role that agriculture plays in the region's development and the importance of nurturing and supporting local farmers.

This collaboration sets a valuable example for other regions looking to fortify their support to local farmers in their journey towards prosperity. . . ► Page 5

KADIWA NG PANGULO PARA SA MANGGAGAWA: A LIFELINE FOR ALBAY STAKEHOLDERS



In support of the hardworking residents of Legazpi City, the National Food Authority (NFA) Albay Branch Office has joined forces with the 2nd Kadiwa ng Pangulo for the Bicol Region.

The initiative was officially launched on April 26, 2023 at the canopy area of Ayala Malls, Legazpi City. It commits to provide affordable and accessible NFA rice to the local community at a price of Php25.00 per kilogram.

The Kadiwa ng Pangulo para sa Manggagawa ran until May 1, 2023.

It was comprised of three programs that aimed to uplift the livelihood and well-being of the residents. The Department of agriculture led the Kadiwa ng Pangulo Program, while the Department of Labor and Employment spearheaded the Livelihood Fair. Meanwhile, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) held its Diskwentro Caravan, featuring an array of agricultural products and handicrafts from local farmers and artisans.

The opening of Kadiwa was graced by DOLE

Regional Director Ma. Zenaida Angara-Campita, NFA Bicol Regional Manager Osmundo R. Guinto, Jr., and Governor Atty. Edcel Greco B. Lagman of the Province of Albay. DTI was represented by Assistant Regional Manager Joseph Rañola and Albay OIC-Provincial Director Noel B. Bunao. Also present were DA AMAD Chief Adelina Losa and LGU-Legazpi PESO Manager Diosdado R. Rañeses.

The Kadiwa is a collaborative effort to ensure that quality rice, a staple of Filipino households, is affordable and accessible to all.

By bringing together government agencies, local farmers, and artisans, the Kadiwa not only provides the community access to essential commodities but also fosters economic growth and self-reliance among the residents.

The Kadiwa is an example of what we can be achieved when communities come together and are driven by a shared vision of prosperity and well-being. *(CHRISTINA D. ALCANTARA)*

PROCUREMENT

INTENSIFIED PALAY PROCUREMENT IN SORSOGON



April 28, 2023: BM Llenaresas during the conduct of Ugnayan with Liga ng mga Barangay in Pilar, Sorsogon.



April 28, 2023: BM Llenaresas and Statistician Llaneta paid a courtesy meeting with LGU Pilar Mayor Carolyn Sy-Reyes to discuss the PALLGU program of NFA.



Statistician Willie D. Llaneta during the System Management Conference (SMC) held on May 17, 2023, at Bulan, Sorsogon.



April 14, 2023: Francis Guevara coordinated with MAOs, Barangay Officials and Farmers relative to the opening of buying/pickup station in Juban and Irosin.

Acting Branch Manager Julie B. Llenaresas of NFA Sorsogon Branch has instructed her staff to give their best effort to intensify palay procurement operations in the provinces of Sorsogon and Masbate. The branch aims to maximize the volume of palay to procure to be able to maintain the branch buffer stocks.

As part of the preparation for the summer cropping season, the branch conducted an ocular inspection of the areas with rice field. Hangings of campaign tarpaulins of the agency's palay procurement program were also conducted. Highlights of the preparation were the conduct of Ugnayan meetings with local farmers and the close coordination with Municipal Agriculturist Officers (MAOs) and local executives from different municipalities to seek support for the palay procurement program, especially the PALLGU advocacy of NFA.

During the conduct of Uganayan meetings, topics discussed were the procedures or steps in delivering palay, mode of payments, and deployment of the branch truck to accommodate farmers from remote areas.

Farmer attendees were also enlightened of the quality standards and pricing based on the ENW table. They were also encouraged to help the agency seek support from LGUs to participate in PALLGU. **(CHARLYN D. ESTARRES)**

NFA Albay Branch Office Strengthens Agricultural Partnerships . . . (From Page 3)

Following the signing of MoA, a Plaque of Appreciation (Gintong Parangal) was bestowed upon Governor Lagman.

The award recognized the Governor's steadfast commitment to the welfare of Albay's farmers and his unwavering support to initiatives that boost the agricultural sectors.

Acting Economist IV Menna C. Endaya, Acting SGO Aireen A. Poyatos, GOA II Aira Kate R. Belardo, and IO Designate Jasmin Jay M. Benavides witnessed the MOA signing. **(CHRISTINA D. ALCANTARA)**

SUMMER PALAY PROCUREMENT ACTIVITIES

NFA Sorsogon Branch Office continuously procures palay deliveries from different buying and pick-up stations in Masbate and Sorsogon during the summer cropping season. Despite the competition between traders in buying palay, procurement teams shows eagerness to accommodate farmers' palay deliveries and help them receive the exact and correct compensation for their hard work.

To the municipalities of Barcelona and Pilar, the branch was able to procure more volume of palay considering the support of the local government to the PALLGU program and the additional subsidy to the existing palay buying price of NFA.

The branch expresses gratitude to the local farmers and to the LGUs for continuously trusting and supporting NFA programs. **(CHARLYN D. ESTARES)**

DEPLOYMENT OF PROCUREMENT TEAMS TO PALAY BUYING STATIONS

One of the strategies of the branch to accommodate palay deliveries of farmers from different municipalities is the establishment of buying stations. During last summer's cropping season, four (4) buying stations were set up in Irosin RPC, GUFADCO warehouse in Gubat, Macabari Barcelona, and in Mayon Castilla.

Procurement teams ensured that during the procurement activity, farmers received the best service and maintained a good relationship with them. **(CHARLYN D. ESTARES)**



May 18, 2023: PTL Patricia G. Magnaye with Mr. Jose Gayanes of LGU Pilar

PROCUREMENT

NFA CAMARINES SUR BRANCH ADOPTS VARIOUS STRATEGIES TO PROCURE PALAY



In its efforts to procure palay from farmers, the branch adopted various strategies to boost palay deliveries. Foremost, Branch Manager Jeffrey G Baluyot and Assistant Branch Manager Edgar G Gadbilao visited municipal mayors, particularly those in palay-producing areas, to encourage them to support the PALLGU Program of the NFA. They attended various Sangguniang Bayan sessions to fully explain the rationale of the program and how it will be beneficial to the farmers, to the LGUs and to the NFA as well. The branch made regular coordination with the Department of Agriculture through the Municipal Agricultural Officers to seek their support and commitment to the program. Under the said PALLGU program, the LGU shall provide a premium amount on top of NFA's palay buying price to make it proximate or at par with the prevailing market prices. Provision of the premium amount will mean better income for the farmers. This way, they will be encouraged to deliver their harvest or at least a portion of it to NFA contributing to the latter's effort in securing sufficient buffer stock for the nation.

The efforts of the management were not put to waste as the Provincial Government of Camarines Norte entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with the National Food Authority and allocated funds totaling PhP 3,300,000.00 for the pilot implementation of the PALLGU Program in the province. Since its inception in April until the end of the semester, Camarines Norte has procured a total of 8,897 bags of palay out of its target of 10,500 bags for the 2nd

quarter of 2023, or an accomplishment of 84.73%. Initial recipients of the program were irrigators association pre-selected by the Provincial Agriculturist's Office. The branch cannot discount the fact that palay deliveries were due to the PALLGU program of the agency.

Another strategy employed by the branch was the free utilization of its solar drying pavements by farmers who will sell their palay to NFA after drying. This was also a big help to farmers who do not have sufficient spaces to dry their palay.

Yet another beneficial approach was the deployment of mobile procurement teams who assisted farmers in hauling their palay to our warehouse. Special Disbursing Officers also joined the team to pay palay procurement outright. Farmers no longer had to wait to have their palay deliveries paid.

NFA personnel also made regular ocular visits in most municipalities of the province to scout for possible palay that may be procured by the branch. Information dissemination was also intensified. Palay procurement signages were made visible in most municipalities and palay procurement programs and efforts were regularly shared in the branch's social media account and during media interviews.

Bu the all-encompassing strategy every time is how we deal and treat our farmers. If we value our farmers and make them feel their importance, we can be most sure that they will always be there to support us in our programs and undertakings. **(CAREN S. ARRIOLA)**



PROCUREMENT

NFA ALBAY SUSTAINS PALAY PROCUREMENT EFFORTS



National Food Authority (NFA) Albay Branch Office has been diligently fulfilling its mission to have rice sufficiency through efficient procurement and distribution of rice and grains.

The branch procured a total of 7,312 bags of palay from local farmers across various barangays of the province.

This effort underscored the branch's commitment to its mandate and its unwavering support for local farmers.

Recognizing the importance of supporting these farmers, NFA Albay Branch has actively engaged with them to procure their palay harvests.

Farmers from different barangays of Albay have been instrumental in contributing to NFA Albay Branch's procurement efforts.

The individuals delivered their produce to NFA Albay Branch's strategically located warehouses in Legazpi, Ligao, Libon, and Tabaco. This distribution network ensures accessibility for farmers across the province, making it convenient for them to sell their palay to NFA. **(Christina D. Alcantara)**

COMMITTING RICE SUFFICIENCY AT TIMES OF CALAMITIES



In a concerted effort to bolster rice sufficiency and ensure swift responses during calamities and emergencies, a pivotal committee hearing took place on May 29 at the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Tabaco.

Acting Assistant Branch Manager Jennilyn B. Celestial, Acting warehouse supervisor Vevencio J. Balaoro, and Acting quality assurance office Aiza Marie N. Balin attended the gathering which served as an essential step towards the pursuit of disaster-resilient food systems.

Hon. Dionisio P. Ragodon, Jr. Chair of the Committee on Agriculture and Fisheries, presided over the meeting which was also graced by Hon. Renir Burce and Hon. Carol Zia-So.

Discussed during the meeting was the Memorandum of Agreement on Rice Sales to the Local Government Units during times of calamities and emergencies.

Acting ABM celestial shed light of the Palay marketing Assistance Program for Legislators and Local Government Units (PALLGU). NFA's initiatives, in collaboration with PALLGU, represent a proactive approach in strengthening rice sufficiency – a fundamental pillar to disaster preparedness of the region. **(Christina D. Alcantara)**

NFA ALBAY BRANCH UPHOLDS ACCOUNTABILITY THROUGH SEMI-ANNUAL INVENTORY



A commitment to accuracy, transparency, and accountability, the inventory committee of NFA Albay branch, along with NFA regional office representatives, and Commission on Audit (COA), embarked from May 17 to 19, 2023 on meticulous record-keeping in multiple NFA warehouses. These include Legazpi Gid, Tabaco Gid, Abacorp Gid, NFA-owned Ligao Gid, BSI Libon, and Catanduanes Gid.

This endeavor took the form of the semi-annual physical inventory of the local rice and palay with corresponding net kilos, by-products, empty sacks (MTS), and even used and unused accountable forms. It identified any discrepancy or irregularity, helping to prevent potential losses or mismanagement. Also, it provides an opportunity to update records and ensure that the inventory contributes to the overall efficiency and effectiveness of the NFA Albay branch operations. **(Christina D. Alcantara)**



ONE-TIME RICE ASSISTANCE

NFA SORSOGON FACILITATES ISSUANCE OF ONE-TIME GRANT OF RICE ASSISTANCE TO GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES



In accordance with Administrative Order No. 2 dated December 16, 2022, authorizing the grant of one-time rice assistance for each government employee, the National Food Authority was tasked to facilitate and distribute the issuance of twenty-five (25) kilogram of rice for each beneficiary.

In the Sorsogon Branch, Acting Assistant Branch Manager Arvin B. Lazaro was overall in charge of OTRA-distribution. He ensures that the agency-beneficiary submits the complete sets of requirements as prescribed in the guidelines and plans the withdrawal of stocks on a per-schedule basis.

The withdrawal of rice stocks was made in the GID 2 warehouse in NFA Sorsogon Branch Office facilitated by Warehouse Supervisor Kevin C. Guevara and in the GID warehouse in Masbate under the accountability of Warehouse Supervisor Christian J. Caparas.

From May 5, 2023, to June 31, 2023, the branch distributed OTRA allocations to 727 agencies.
(CHARLYN D. ESTARES)

ONE-TIME RICE ASSISTANCE

NFA CAMARINES SUR BRANCH ISSUES ONE-TIME RICE ASSISTANCE TO QUALIFIED GOVERNMENT WORKERS



On December 16, 2022, Administrative Order No. 2 was issued authorizing the grant of a one-time rice assistance to all qualified government employees for the Fiscal Year 2022 at a uniform quantity of twenty-five (25) kilograms. On April 12, 2023, funds amounting to One Billion One Hundred Eighty-Two Million Nine Hundred Five Thousand Pesos (PhP 1,182,905,000.00) was credited by the DBM to NFA's account to cover the cash requirement for the said rice assistance nationwide. NFA Camarines Sur Branch allocated a total of 29,898 bags (at 50 kgs) for its targeted beneficiaries of 59,796 government workers who were in service as of November 30, 2022 as certified by their heads of offices.

The branch started the issuance of the rice assistance on April 26, 2023 with the employees from the Department of Public Works and Highways – 1st Engineering District as its first recipient. From then until the end of the 1st Semester, the branch has served a total of 75 government institutions with 41,169 beneficiaries or a total issuance of 20,584.50 bags hitting an accomplishment of 68.85%. Of this volume, 79% or 32,601 beneficiaries were from the Department of Education.

The branch issued WD1 variety to the beneficiaries. As a matter of protocol, samples were drawn and shown to them prior to withdrawal. They were also encouraged to witness the weighing as well as the loading of the stocks to their vehicles. Moreover, representatives were advised to coordinate with the branch should they have concerns with the quality of the rice which were issued to them. The office assured them that should they receive stocks of inferior quality, the same shall be replaced immediately.

Frequent coordination was also made with agency representatives to hasten withdrawal of their rice allocation. They were reminded to submit complete and proper documents to avoid unnecessary delays in the release of stocks.

The branch expects to release the remaining 31.15% rice allocation by the third quarter of the year. **(CAREN S. ARRIOLA)**

ONE-TIME RICE ASSISTANCE

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES BENEFIT FROM ONE-TIME RICE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN ALBAY



In a heartwarming display of unity and support, over 60 government agencies like Department of Education (DEPED), Bureau of Fire (BFP), Philippine National Police (PNP), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Department of Science and Technology (DOST), Department of Agriculture (DA), various universities, and others in Albay have successfully availed themselves of a one-time grant of rice assistance (OTRA) withdrawn from NFA Albay branch warehouse located in Legazpi, Tabaco, and Libon.

The Philippine Veterans Office was the first government agency to complete the requirements for the issuance of one-time rice assistance. Their allotted rice was issued at the Legazpi Gid Warehouse under the supervision of Warehouse Supervisor Criselda C. Dela Torre.

One of the most remarkable aspects of this program is the exceptionally high rate of participation, with 98.90% of the agencies successfully withdrawing their allotted rice.

A total of 21,702.50 bags of rice were distributed for this purpose.

The rice assistance program is a testament to the spirit of cooperation and support that permeates the Albay region.

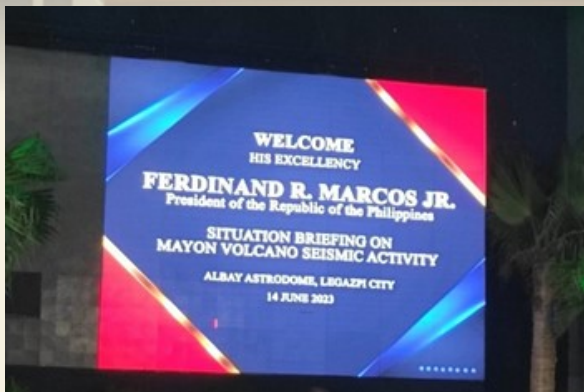
Worth noting was the smooth rice withdrawal process from the warehouse of NFA Albay Branch. The one-time grant rice assistance to government agencies in Albay serves as a testament to the commitment of Albay's government to stand by its public servants during challenging times. **(Christina D. Alcantara)**

MORE ACTIVITIES AROUND THE REGION!

By: AIRA KATE R. BELARDO



On May 19, 2023 Regional Manager Osmundo R. Guinto, Jr. together with Branch Manager Domingo N. Pura, Assistant Branch Manager Jennilyn B. Celestial, Supervising Grains Officer Aireen Poyatos and Acting Warehouse Supervisor Andrew Zandrex Austero II had a courtesy visit with Catanduanes Provincial Administrator Lemuel P. Surtida to discuss updates regarding Palay Marketing Assistance Program for Legislators and Local Government Units (PALLGU), Stock Inventory of the province and Palay Procurement Program of the Agency. RM Osmundo R. Guinto, Jr. apprised the latter of the continuous issuance of One Time Rice Assistance (OTRA) to government employees. He assured the latter that the agency has sufficient rice inventory for buffer stock and distribution during emergencies and calamities.



His Excellency, President Ferdinand “Bong Bong” Marcos, Jr. visited Albay on June 14, 2023, to oversee the Mayon Volcano Operation. He called for a situation briefing on the seismic activity of Mt. Mayon held at Albay Astrodome, Legazpi City which was attended by Cabinet Secretaries, Heads of Government Agencies, and Local Officials.

During the conference the following were discussed: Updates on Mayon Volcanic Activity, Actions taken by RDRRMC and NDRRM Response Cluster, Impact of Mayon Volcano’s Unrest, and Current Initiatives of Albay Provincial Government. The meeting also tackled the disaster preparedness response of different National Government Agencies on how to provide assistance and support to all affected areas.

The National Food Authority, being one of the agencies under the Disaster Preparedness Program of the Government and is mandated to distribute our buffer stock during emergencies and calamities, was present during the activity represented by NFA Albay Assistant Branch Manager Jennilyn B. Celestial and Regional Economist Menna C. Endaya.



Assistant Regional Manager Gerard V. Lim together with Regional Economist Menna Endaya and GOA II Aira Kate R. Belardo attended the ongoing Zoom meeting with the RDRRMC regarding the establishment of Regional Task Forces to address specific but complex hazards peculiar to the respective area of responsibility. For Bicol, we have two active volcanoes, tropical cyclones, earthquakes as well as armed conflicts.

MEDIA INTERVIEWS



GOA II Aira Kate R. Belardo was interviewed on June 27, 2023 by Mr. Carmelo B. Balla of Ako Bicol Online TV. She gave updates on the stock inventory of the Region, palay procurement and emphasized that NFA is conducting monitoring activity for the price increase of commercial rice but due to the enactment of R.A. 11203, the Agency has no longer direct control over the matter.

GOA II Belardo relayed that with the current situation of the Mayon Volcano, NFA is distributing rice through DSWD for their stockpiling and relief operations for the evacuees.



GOA II Aira Kate R. Belardo on June 26, 2023 informed the public that the mandate of the Agency under RA 11203 or An Act Liberalizing the Importation, Exportation and Trading of Rice, Lifting for the Purpose the Quantitative Import Restriction on Rice, and For Other Purposes is buffer stocking and distribution of stocks during emergencies and calamities only. The regulatory function has been removed and the National Food Authority has no control over the price increase of the commercial rice.

Information Officer III Jaharah Shyrra R. Pavilando in a phone patched interview with Mr. Joshua James Bino of DZGB News Legazpi on April 12, 2023, assures the public that there is sufficient NFA rice in case Local Government Units withdraws stocks for their relief operations due to Tropical Depression Amang.

Likewise, details of the grains inventory as well as the ongoing intensive palay procurement in the region were shared by IO III Pavilando in the aforesaid interview.



“In the social age, knowledge is only powerful if you share it to others.”

LET'S HAVE FUN, AS ONE: NFA SSG TEAM BUILDING ACTIVITY

By: CHARLYN D. ESTARES



NFA Sorsogon employees are united during the team building activity held on June 28-29, 2023 at Subic Matnog, spearheaded by Acting Branch Manager Julie B. Llenaresas.

The activities conducted were Fun games, a Boat ride to Juag Lagoon Fish Sanctuary, a Boat ride to the Ocean Breeze Beach House, a Boat ride in Calintaan Cave, and Discussion/Re-orientation on the Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for NFA officials and employees, discussed by BM Llenaresas.

The team building activity aimed to strengthen employees' camaraderie and build a high-performance team. As mentioned by BM Llenaresas in her opening message during the fun games, it is important to have a team-building activity every year for it serves as the chance for everyone to have fun at the same time learn about each other and grow mutual respect.

“Talent wins games, but TEAMWORK wins CHAMPIONSHIPS!”

ON-THE-JOB TRAINEES COMPLETED 80-HOURS WORK IMMERSION AT NFA SORSOGON BRANCH

On-the-Job Trainees from Sto. Niño Integrated School (SNIS) received their certification of completion on May 19, 2023, as they completed the 80-hour work immersion at the NFA Sorsogon Branch Office. The activity was spearheaded by Acting Branch Manager Julie B. Llenaresas and the Grade 12 adviser, Ms. Kathleen Boños.

Ms. Boños thanked the branch for the opportunity given to the students to experience actual work jobs in preparation for their future employment. She hoped that the branch would

continue to participate as a partner institution of SNIS in providing work-life experiences to the OJT students to formally acquaint themselves with a real-life workplace environment.



At the end of the program, BM Llenaresas also expressed appreciation to SNIS for choosing and trusting NFA as one of their partner institutions. She also thanked and congratulated the students for completing their work immersion. **(CHARLYN D. ESTARES)**

