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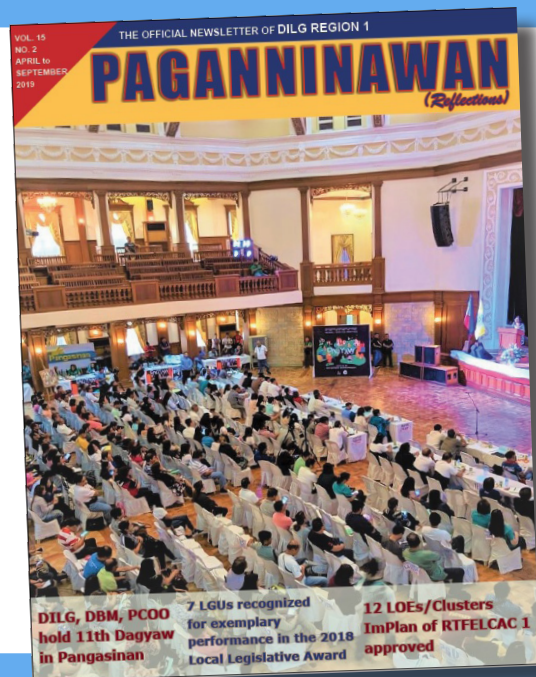
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DILG, DBM, PCOO holds 11th Dagyaw in Pangasinan



Pangasinan hosts 11th Dagyaw: Open Government and Participatory Governance Regional Townhall Meeting 2019 on August 22, 2019 at the Sison Auditorium, Lingayen, Pangasinan.

In its earnest effort to promote participatory governance, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Budget and Management (DBM), with full support from the Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO), conducted the 11th Dagyaw: Open Government and Participatory Governance Regional Townhall Meeting 2019 on August 22, 2019 at the Sison Auditorium, Lingayen, Province of Pangasinan.

The Dagyaw 2019 served as a venue to promote and disseminate information on the open government and participatory governance initiatives of the Duterte administration, and provided a platform for the people to directly interface with senior officials. "Dagyaw is a Hiligaynon term for "Bayanihan" which exemplifies concept of "togetherness".

Dagyaw is focused on the discussion of the Train Law, Trade & Industry and Build, Build, Build Program. Each topic were explained by the senior officials from Regional Directors and representatives from various National Government Agencies (NGAs) namely: Department of Transportation (DOTr) OIC for Planning Service Enrico Ferrer, Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Reg. Dir. Grace Falgui-Baluyan, DILG Reg. Dir. James Fadrihan, Department of Finance Director III Euvimil Nina Asuncion, and DBM Reg. 1 OIC-Dir. Estrella Mandap.

The 11th Dagyaw was attended by approximately 800 participants including Local Chief Executives (LCEs) from different Local Government Units (LGUs), Non-Government Organizations (NGOs), academe, business groups, local media, and other stakeholders in Region 1. *(cont. on page 11)*

DILG R1 conducts SGLGB roll-out nationwide



The Information System and Technology Management Service (ISTMS) in coordination with the National Barangay Operations Office (NBOO), the Planning Service of Central Office and the Local Government Monitoring and Evaluation Division (LGMED) of the DILG Regional Office I conducted the Seal of Good Local Governance for Barangay (SGLGB) Application System and Policy Compliance Monitoring System (PCMS) rollout on September 10-13, 2019 at One Vittoria Hotel, Bantay, Ilocos Sur with the following highlights:

The resource speakers include LGOO II Rodan Chris Morales of NBOO, Project Evaluation Officer II Arvin John Denaya of Planning Service, Senior Web Developer Joseph Mariñas, Senior Data Analyst Cristelyn Calisin and Web Developer Denver Novencido all from ISTMS. They were joined by the DILG Region I staff composed of LGMED Chief Rhodora G. Soriano, LGOO V Hope E. Ordoño and LGOO IV Karen C. Casulla of LGMED, ITO I Prayandleo E. Cahiga, LGOO II Giezl R. Polca and Network Administrator Marldenn Lou L. Nocos of the Office of the Regional Director (ORD).

Participants to the activity were City/Municipal Local Government Operations Officer of all local government units (LGUs) of region I. It was aimed to capacitate the participants with the needed knowledge and skills in using the following online application systems 1) Seal of Good Local Governance for Barangay Application System 2) Report Compliance Monitoring System. It also aimed to capacitate the participants on ICT Literacy specifically on Microsoft Office, Internet Browsing and Basic Troubleshooting.

Provincial Director Virgilio P. Sison opened the activity, delivering his welcome remarks. In his message, he emphasized that online application systems that were developed in the central office will make the work of the C/MLGOOs easier by sending reports in real time. The SGLGB Application System will also be a great tool so that accurate information will be generated from various indicators of the program. He thanked the management for choosing Ilocos Sur as the venue for the conduct of the activity and the participants who came all over from the different provinces despite the inclement weather.

LGOO II Rodan Chris Morales of NBOO started the training proper, with the presentation of the Guidelines of Seal of Good Local Governance for Barangay (SGLGB), he answers some queries from the participants. Next part of the training proper is the presentation of the Overview of the Seal of Local Governance Application System, by Senior Web Developer Joseph Mariñas of the ISTMS, with the following sub topics 1) Barangay Information System 2) Features of the System 3) Description of the Seal of Good Local Governance for Barangay (SGLGB) 4) Roles and responsibilities. The actual demonstration in accessing and usage of the system followed. Participants had an actual hands-on activity to experience the actual usage of the system. *(cont. on page 9)*

DILG and LnB Piddig, conduct Seminar-Workshop on Enhanced Katarungang Pambarangay

Piddig, Ilocos Norte - A Seminar-Workshop on Enhanced Katarungang Pambarangay: Creating a Gender-Responsive, Child-Friendly and Indigenous People (IP) Relevant KP was conducted last June 13-14, 2019 at the Function Hall of Pamulinawen Hotel in San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte.

The activity was jointly funded by the Liga ng mga Barangay-Piddig Chapter and the Municipal Government of Piddig, with MLGOO Ana Belle A Ibanez as the facilitator.

The participants were the 23 Punong Barangays of the Municipality, together with their Barangay Secretaries and three appointed members of the Lupong Tagapamayapa.

Mayor Georgina S. Guillen emphasized the importance of re-echoing their learnings to the other members of lupon during their regular meetings to maintain peace in the municipality.

Cluster Leader Mila P. Madriaga likewise delivered her message and encouraged the participants to participate in the Lupong Tagapamayapa Incentives Award wherein Barangay 1, San Lorenzo in Laoag City has been a consistent National Awardee and received the Hall of Fame Awards.

The Resource Speakers invited were LGOO VI John Anthony R. Bareng who discussed the Legal, Philosophical and Organizational Aspect of Katarungang Pambarangay; LGOO VI Mora Minda R. Barlaw on the Procedural Aspect of KP; LGOO VI Charisse O. Garma on Gender-Responsive, Child-friendly and IP Relevant Katarungang Pambarangay.

LGOO VI Loivia Mae N. de Guzman also served as the resource speaker on the cases and disputes subject for amicable settlement

and KP Forms, She also presented DILG Memorandum Circular on Lupong Tagapamayapa Incentives Award (LTIA). She then facilitated a mock personal confrontation where participants were chosen to act as mediator, complainant and secretary.

Katarungang Pambarangay is mandated by the Local Government Code of 1991 as the primary venue in settling disputes between two conflicting parties. **(LGOO VI Ana Belle A. Ibañez)**



THE DILG ROI QUALITY POLICY

DILG Region 1 shall provide effective technical and administrative services, exercise oversight function and reward excellent and exemplary performance in local governance.

We shall guarantee equal opportunities for career growth, equitable delineation of responsibilities and give due recognition as we foster integrity, commitment, teamwork, and responsiveness.

We shall continue to improve our Quality Management System and comply to applicable requirements to ensure prompt, efficient and quality service delivery to our clients.

Caba lights tourism road with their Performance Challenge Fund



The Municipality of Caba in La Union completed and installed street lights system along the Diego Silang Avenue – Caba Beach road funded by their Performance Challenge Fund (PCF) 2018 as their incentive for passing the Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG) CY 2018.

More than 1,600 residents benefitted from this project where peace and order along the access road is ensured especially during nighttime. Moreover, the project advances the LGU's tourism along the beach serving nearly 5,000 annual visitors - local and foreign.

The street lights system covers Barangay Las-ud, Santiago and San Carlos in Caba, La Union where they had committed to counterpart electrical costs and maintenance together with the municipal government. 43 street light posts were installed and the project was completed on May 15, 2019.

"The Municipal Development Council had discussed the need to provide well-lit Caba beach road to boost our tourism industry and further economic activities thus it was included in our plans," said Caba Mayor Philip Caesar Crispino.

"We were fortunate to have been able to qualify and obtain the much-coveted Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG) in CY 2018. As an incentive, we have received the Performance Challenge Fund (PCF) and subsidize our project this early 2019," highlighted Mayor Crispino.

"Most of the residents and tourists expressed their delight and satisfaction because they feel more secure as they walk along the avenue at night," said Caba MPDC Rosemarie G. Lalata.

There are eight other local government units to include the Provincial Government of La Union implementing projects subsidized by the Performance Challenge Fund (PCF) 2018. Various infrastructure projects such as local access roads, evacuation center, slope protection as well as purchase of rescue vehicles and ambulances are being implemented.

(CDO I Hedrich V. Calderon)

DILG R1 ready to go PRIME



To support the government's call to elevate the level of excellence for good governance and efficient public service, the Department of the Interior and Local Government Region 1 (DILG R1) conducted the DILG Region I Systems and Policy Review Relative to the Core Areas of Program to Institutionalize Meritocracy and Excellence in Human Resource Management (PRIME-HRM) on July 3-5, 2019 at Chalet Baguio Hotel, Baguio City, Benguet.

The objective of the activity is to: discuss the status of PRIME-HRM of DILG R1; review and revisit outputs that would serve as evidence requirements for the first core area, namely, Recruitment, Selection, and Placement (RSP); and come up with outputs in relation to the systems and policies under the other three (3) core areas of PRIME-HRM: Performance Management (PM), Learning and Development (L&D), and Rewards and Recognition (R&R).

In her message, OIC-ARD Agnes A. De Leon emphasized the importance of PRIME-HRM and how it would help the Department in attaining its goals and objectives, and the impact of said program to the implementation of various program, project, and activities.

"Despite the busy schedule and other overlapping activities of the office these coming months, it is important that the hard works of the Department will bear fruit and that it can achieve its target to be PRIMEd and to be compliant on all the requirements for Maturity Level 2. I hope that the region can achieve its target before the year ends," she said. (cont on page 11)

DILG Ilocos Sur pays tribute to a Retiring Colleague

The DILG Ilocos Sur through the initiative of Provincial Director Ver Sison, threw a fitting send-off ceremony to the honoree, Admin. Assistant II Rizalina Peña. The event was conducted to recognize the dedication, commitment, and hard work provided by Mrs. Pena during her 30 years and 2 months stay in the Department.

Each Sub-Cluster of DILG IS rendered a surprise intermission number and some of her closest colleagues and friends provided moving testimonies that made Mrs. Peña burst to tears. The honoree, took the opportunity in her response to thank each and every one she worked with and also gave her heartfelt apologies to whatever shortcomings she has done.

One of the highlights of the event is the awarding of the Certificate of Recognition for her 30 years of service in the Department. The Certificate was awarded by Cluster Leader -- LGOO VII Aleli F. Tunac, Program Manager – LGOO VI Cesarieta Pestaño, Planning Officer – LGOO V Cynthia Pe Benito, and a representative from the Regional Office.

Family, close friends, former DILG Assistant Regional Director Victoria Ramos, and DILG Ilocos Sur personnel graced the event. The send-off ceremony was held on 07 June 2019 at MelSol's Inn and Resort, Bantay, Ilocos Sur. **(LGOO II Liza May A. Colisao)**



12 LOEs/ Clusters ImPlan of RTF ELCAC 1 approved



The Regional Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (RTF ELCAC) composed of the joint Regional Development Council (RDC) and Regional Peace and Order Council (RPOC) convened on August 2, 2019 at One Vittoria Hotel, Bantay, Ilocos Sur to tackle issues and concerns on peace and development in the region. It was no less than Honorable Secretary Hermogenes C. Esperon Jr., National Security Adviser and Cabinet Officer for Regional Development and Security (CORDS) for Region 1 who presided over the meeting.

The highlight of the meeting was the presentation of the implementation plans of the 12 clusters/ lines of efforts of the RTF ELCAC namely: 1) Local Government Empowerment; 2) International Engagement; 3) Legal Cooperation; 4) Strategic Communication; 5) Basic Services; 6) Poverty Reduction, Livelihood and Employment; 7) Peace, Law Enforcement and Development Support; 8) Infrastructure, Resource Management and Employment; 9) Situational Awareness and Knowledge Management; 10) Localized Peace Engagement; 11) Enhanced Comprehensive Local Integration Program (E-CLIP) and Amnesty Program; and 12) Sectoral Unification, Capacity-Building and Empowerment. The implementation plans were approved by virtue of Joint RDC-RPOC Resolution No. 1 series of 2019.

Other agenda discussed were: 1) regional socio-economic development updates in the Ilocos Region, and issues and concerns; 2) regional peace & security updates in the Ilocos Region, and issues and concerns; 3) updates on Executive Order 70 (Institutionalizing the Whole-of-Nation Approach in Attaining Inclusive and Sustainable Peace, Creating a National Task Force to ELCAC, and Directing the Adoption of a National Peace Framework); 4) RTF ELCAC milestones, convergence efforts, and agency consolidated budgets; 5) Budget allocation for Region 1 programs and projects; and 6) regional action plan for CY 2019.

As a way forward, Secretary Esperon enjoined the Provincial Governors, Mayors and Regional Heads of Region 1 to support this whole-of-nation movement. Although insurgency is not a major problem in the region, he encouraged them to prioritize the identified Communist Terrorist Group (CTG)-threatened barangays.

"Through good governance, we can address the lingering problems that we have especially in the impoverished areas as we walk through this whole of nation approach," Secretary Esperon stressed.

Executive Order 70 is issued on December 4, 2018 by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte. It aims to institutionalize the whole-of-nation approach to address the root causes of insurgencies, internal disturbances and tensions, and other armed conflicts and threats by prioritizing and harmonizing the delivery of basis services and social development packages by the government, facilitating societal inclusivity, and ensuring active participation of all sectors of the society in the pursuit of the country's peace agenda.

As provided in EO 70 and NTF ELCAC Joint Memorandum Circular No. 1 series of 2019 (Guidelines on the Operationalization of EO 70), the RTF ELCAC composed of the members of the joint RDC and RPOC shall be created in every region as the institutional mechanism of the NTF to cascade at the regional and local level the implementation of the whole-of-nation approach. **(LGOO V Marife M. Doculan)**

Ilocos Sur gears up for 2019 CFLGA

Vigan City – the Provincial Government of Ilocos Sur headed by Governor Ryan Luis Singson and the DILG Ilocos Sur Provincial Office (DILG ISPO) led by PD Virgilio P. Sison conducted the Provincial Orientation on the Revised Child-Friendly Local Governance Audit (CFLGA). The activity was held at the Baluarte, Vigan City on 29 August 2019 and was attended by the C/MSWDOs, C/MPDCs, and the C/MLGOOs of the 34 LGUs of the Province.



CFLGA is an annual mandatory audit system that assesses the performance of the Local Government Units (LGUs) in the delivery of social services and

programs for child and youth welfare. The audit was first launched in 2014 and it is the basis in the conferment of the Seal of Child-Friendly Local Governance (SCFLG) which was also added as one of the indicators of the Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG). Fortunately, the 34 LGUs of the Province are consistent passers of the audit.

During the Orientation, the revised indicators were presented and discussed by the DILG RO1 Focal Person on CFLGA, LGOO V Hope Ordoño. In the revised CFLGA, LGUs will be assessed using the indicators categorized under the four (4) core rights of children (survival, development, protection, and participation) and governance which was presented by the Region 01 Council for the Welfare of Children (CWC) representative Mark Alison Folloso. The result of the audit will serve as the basis for LGUs and National Government Agencies (NGAs) to identify strengths and opportunities worth emulating and strengthen child rights governance in the country. Also present during the activity is Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer Ferdinand Concepcion, the DILG ISPO Cluster Leader, LGOO VII Aleli Tunac and Program Manager LGOO VI Cesarieta Pestaño. **(LGOO II Liza May A. Colisao)**

DILG R1.. (from page 4) On the next day, Senior Data Analyst Cristelyn Calisin of the ISTMS conducted the ICT Literacy Training as a refresher for the C/MLGOOs that is intended to make their jobs easier by learning and reviewing the following modules: 1) Windows Operating System 2) Basic troubleshooting on Windows OS 3) Internet Browsing 4) Microsoft Excel 5) Microsoft Word 6) Microsoft Powerpoint. They are attentive in the discussion because they have an opportunity to review their ICT skills and also learned new ones.

On the next day, the training continued with the presentation of the Guidelines of Reports Compliance Monitoring System by Project Evaluation Officer II Arvin John Denaya of the Planning Service, followed by the presentation of the Reports Compliance Monitoring System (RCMS) by Web Developer Mr. Denver Novencido with the following sub-topics 1) Description of the Reports Compliance Monitoring System 2) Features of the System 3) Roles and Responsibilities. The actual demonstration in accessing and usage of the system followed. Participants had an actual hands-on activity to experience the actual usage of the system.

Also in the last day, RD James F. Fadrihan, delivered his closing remarks thanking all participants that attended despite of many urgent deliverables of the C/MLGOOs and regional / provincial staff, he also made some important announcement and reminders in some of the urgent activities that must be complied. Awarding of Certificates of Appreciation to the Resource speakers followed and photo ops. **(LGOO VI Hope E. Ordoño)**

SPMS workshop conducted for FAD Personnel



In its aim to enhance the performance of its personnel, the Finance and Administrative Division (FAD) of the Department of the Interior Local Government Region 1 conducted the Finance and Administrative Division Re-Orientation on Strategic Performance Management System (SPMS) on July 08, 2019 at the Puerto de San Juan, San Juan, La Union.

The said activity was initiated by the division to serve as a venue to review the performance of each personnel in the division and also to raise awareness on how to conduct proper development planning for their continuous career growth.

In her message, FAD Chief Alicia C. Bang-oo emphasized the need for SPMS and to realize the importance of it in the day-to-day activities of each personnel in the division.

"There is an urgent need to learn and master the SPMS because it is one of the most effective tool that can help us in improving our service delivery." She said.

She then proceeded in giving a brief background on the relationship of PRIME-HR to SPMS.

On the other hand, Officer-in-Charge Assistant Regional Director Agnes A. De Leon, also gave her message for the participants.

"Ang masipag na pagtatrabaho sa SPMS ay magreresulta sa pagkaintindi nito. At kapag alam na itong gawin ay pwede na natin itong pagtulungan. Magiging mas-epektibo tayo at mas mabilis sa pagdeliver ng ating mga trabaho." She said.

"Dumarami ang trabaho ng FAD, hindi lamang ang mga nasa field, kaya kailangan nating manatiling inspired and serious sa bawat trabaho natin, kaya maraming salamat sa pagseryoso sa paggawa ng SPMS." She added.

The topics were presented by Administrative Officer V Mildred M. Malapit, Personnel Section Chief and was attended by all personnel of the said division. **(LGOO II Bernard Victor S. Ringor)**

DILG Ilocos Norte joins ASIN-ILAW



On May 8, 2019, DILG-Ilocos Norte joined the ASIN-ILAW, non partisan movement for clean election and governance thru the initiative of Ilocos Norte Police Provincial Office. The participants were gathered collectively in front of the INPPO Grandstand.

Representatives from Commission on Election (COMELEC), Air Forces of the Philippines (AFP), the Civil Society Organization (CSO) and advocates from different LGUs participated in the conduct of the said activity.

As partners in mutual concern, the participants would like to reiterate to the public on the importance of our dignity in choosing our next leaders at the same time, to renounce intimidation, violence and terrorism this coming 2019 Midterm Elections.

Furthermore, thru this advocacy, all local officials are hereby reminded that as a public officer, it is our duty to uphold free, orderly, honest, peaceful and credible elections. Hence, compliance with existing election laws shall take precedence over personal interests. **(CDO I Maria Joy C. Somera)**

Anti-Drug Abuse Council Functionality System launched in Ilocos Sur

Provincial Library, Vigan City, Ilocos Sur – The Provincial Government of Ilocos Sur (PGIS) and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Ilocos Sur Provincial Office headed respectively by Governor Ryan Luis V. Singson and Director Virgilio P. Sison, CESE, joined hands for the conduct of Anti-Drug Abuse Council Functionality Monitoring System (ADAC-FMS) Hands on Workshop on August 2, 2019.

Pursuant to DILG DDB Joint Memorandum Circular 2018 – 01 dated May 21, 2018, which paved the way in the institutionalization of Anti-Drug Abuse Council Audit to Local Government Units, PGIS funded the launching of Anti-Drug Abuse Council Functionality Monitoring System (ADAC FMS) which resulted for ADAC Focal Persons or

Encoders of 35 local government units (LGUs) of Ilocos Sur to be trained and equipped in managing and operating the aforementioned system. Further, ADAC FMS is an online system where LGUs can submit their accomplishment reports. National Agencies concerned can also monitor and measure performances of local ADACs. Said system can generate the results of audit which can serve as basis of LGUs to improve and scale up their ADA Councils' performances. Relatively, PGIS is the first Provincial Government in the entire Region I to support and fund the ADAC FMS Workshop. Moreover, DILG initiated and facilitated the successful conduct of ADAC FMS Workshop and provided technical experts to train all ADAC Focal Persons or Encoders who attended said activity. **(LGOO II Andrew M. Umalos)**

from page 7.. DILG R1 ready...On the other hand, FAD Chief Alicia C. Bang-oa gave a foresight on what must be done and what is required from the office.

"There are two (2) ways to "PRIME" the region: it is either to comply with the requirements of either the 4 core areas, to be entitled to a BRONZE AWARD, or any of the core areas which will only merit a certification of that particular compliance. The target is to be PRIMEd on all the core areas for the department to receive bronze award, since being compliant to only one of the core area will only give a certification for the region," she said.

"I am grateful for the management for their utmost support that served as one of the inspirations to focus on PRIME-HRM as observed in the successful conduct of the RSP Review of Systems and Policies last June 18-19, 2019," she added.

The activity was facilitated by AO V Mildred M. Malapit, Personnel Section Chief. In her opening statement she said that the accreditation is not only for the regional office but for the whole department. "For a Department or Agency to get the bronze award, the Central Office including its Regional Offices must be accredited or reach Maturity Level 2. DILG Region 1's target is to be PRIMED before November 2, 2019," she emphasized.

The activity was attended by Regional Director James F. Fadrihan, OIC-ARD Agnes A. De Leon, the four (4) Provincial Directors, the three (3) Division Chiefs, and other participants representing various committees from the regional and provincial offices, that are significantly concerned with PRIME-HRM. **(LGOO II Bernard Victor S. Ringor)**

from page 3.. DILG, DBM, PCOO..DILG Assistance Secretary Francis Cruz, the key note speaker for the said event, emphasized the importance of people's participation in governance.

"People's participation is not just for citizens to know what the government is doing, it is also about the government consulting and listening to the citizens; on what the government may do to address their needs," he said.

Meanwhile, Pangasinan Provincial Governor Amado I. Espino III acknowledged the efforts of the national governments for reaching out to the LGUs. He asked for a continuous collaborative effort with the NGAs to sustain good governance in the province. "Let us establish good communication with the national government that would further help us provide quality public service to our constituents" he said.

(LGOO II Czarina Gracia S. Carriaga)



Stat III Vilgladys Maglaya discussing and facilitating the ADAC FMS Online Workshop. Ms. Maglaya presented indicators and documents to be uploaded.

7 LGUs recognized for exemplary performance in the 2018 Local Legislative Award

Ilocos Norte -The Department of the Interior and Local Government - Ilocos Norte Provincial Office, together with the Philippine Councilors League (PCL) - Ilocos Norte Chapter caused the awarding of the Provincial Winners to the 2018 Local Legislative Award (LLA) in consonance with the 121st Philippine Independence Day Celebration of the Province of Ilocos Norte.

Vice Governor Angelo Marcos Barba, and Governor-elect Matthew Marcos Manotoc, together with DILG Cluster Leader Mila P. Madriaga and PCL President Domingo Ambrocio, Jr., personally handed the plaques, certificates, medals and cash prizes to the winning Sanggunian. Also, a certificate of appreciation was given to the Sanggunian Secretary for their invaluable support to their respective Sanggunian.

The City of Batac emerged as the Outstanding Sanggunian under the Component City Category. For the 1st to 3rd Class Municipality Category, Municipality of San Nicolas ranked first, Municipality of Nueva Era placed second and Municipality of Vintar landed third. For the 4th to 6th Class Municipality Category, the Municipality of Pagudpud bagged first and the Municipality of Marcos and Municipality of Dumalneg landed second and third, respectively.

Local Legislative Award accords recognition to a Sanggunian Bayan or Panlungsod that demonstrated exemplary performance for the period, July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2018.

(LGOO II Michelle Ann R. Ratuita)



Sinait, Ilocos Sur conducts Community-Based Drug Rehabilitation Program 2nd Batch Graduation

"I am very happy that as I graduate from my post as the Municipal Mayor, one hundred thirty eight (138) person who use drugs (PWUD) will also graduate with me." These were the words coming from Municipal Mayor Glenn B. Guzman of Sinait, Ilocos Sur when he gave his message during the CDBRP graduation on June 6, 2019 held at Sinait Auditorium.

These PWUDs have undergone the CDBRP sessions last November 30, 2018 to December 1, 2018 and have successfully satisfied all the necessary requirements needed for them to complete the program.

Said activity was graced by Hon. Mayor Glenn B. Guzman, Hon. Vice Mayor Clifford Ines, SBM Wilhelmina Ibañez, PLTCOL Ernesto P. Navarro, Jr., DPO, Agent Anabel Cabarles from PDEA Ilocos Sur, Provincial Director Virgilio P. Sison of DILG, Rev. Dr. Ptr. Rodel P. Dayoan and MLGOO Oliva R. Guzman.

The activity was highlighted by the heartwarming testimonial of one of the graduates who narrated how drugs changed his life and how he was able to overcome his ordeal through the support of his family, friends and the community. **(LGOO II Giezl R. Polca)**