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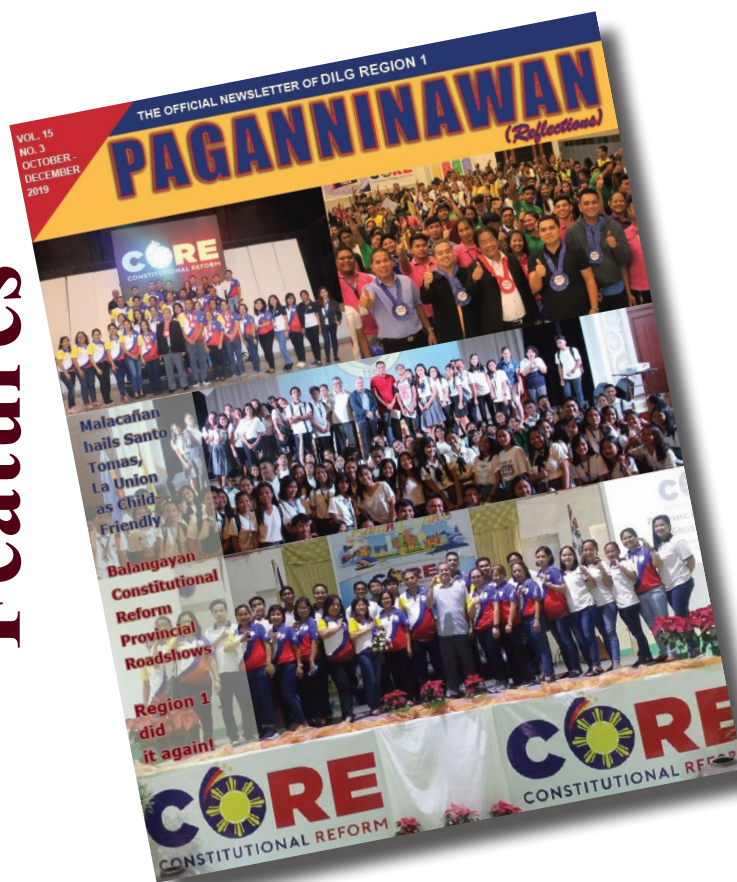
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## Region 1 did it again!



Still leading the pack of Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG) awardees from all over the country is Region 1 for having the most number of 2019 SGLG awardees with a total of Sixty-Five (65) Local Government Units (LGUs). These 65 awardees represent 50% of the total number of LGUs assessed in the region and 17.11% of the Three Hundred Eighty (380) LGU passers nationwide. Region 1 consistently had the most number of SGLG awardees from 2015 to 2019, sustaining its reputation as the region to beat.



The region's 2019 SGLG awardees comprise of the Two (2) Provinces, namely Ilocos Sur and Pangasinan; Six (6) Cities, namely Batac in Ilocos Norte, Vigan and Candon in Ilocos Sur, San Fernando in La Union, Alaminos and San Carlos in Pangasinan; and Fifty-Seven (57) Municipalities, namely Bacarra, Bangui, Banna, Burgos, Currimaos, San Nicolas, and Vintar in Ilocos Norte; Caoayan, Santa, Bantay, Galimuyod, Magsingal, Quirino, San Esteban, San Ildefonso, San Juan, San Vicente, Santa Lucia, Santiago, Sta. Catalina, Sta. Cruz, Sto. Domingo, Suyo, and Tagudin in Ilocos Sur; Agoo, Aringay, Balaoan, Bangar, Burgos, Caba, Naguilian, Pugo, Rosario, San Juan, Santo Tomas, and Tubao in La Union; and Alcala, Bayambang, Aguilar, Anda, Asingan, Balungao, Basista, Bugallon, Calasiao, Infanta, Lingayen, Malasiqui, Mangaldan, Mangatarem, Natividad, Rosales, San Manuel, San Quintin, Sta. Maria, Tayug, and Urbiztondo in Pangasinan. **(cont. on page 12)**



### 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.

## Region 1 bags the most number of ADACs conferred with 2019 National ADAC Performance Award



Thirty-Eight (38) LGUs from Region 01 with Perfect Ideal Functionality were awarded during the Anti-Drug Abuse Council (ADAC) Performance Award on December 16, 2019 at Manila Hotel, Ermita, Manila. The award is given to ADACs who garnered perfect (100) scores based on the 2018 ADAC Performance Audit in recognition to their exemplary efforts in their role of complementing the national government's anti-illegal drug program.

During the awarding ceremony, Sec. Eduardo M. Año, the keynote speaker, congratulated the awardees and commended them saying "Ang kampanya laban sa droga ay laban natin lahat, kayo ay naging mabuting halimbawa na dapat tularan ng iba pang probinsiya, siyudad at munisipyo, naway pagdating ng panahon wala na ang problema sa illegal na droga sa buong bansa."

Of the 154 LGU National Awardees, 38 or 25% are from Region 01, 16 From Reg II and 15 each from Regions III and XI. This is followed by 14 awardees in Region X, 13 awardees in Region IVA.

Moreover, for the 2018 ADAC Performance Audit the following main performance indicators were

### 2019 National ADAC Performance Awardees

<b>Provincial Anti-drug Abuse Council (PADAC)</b>	Province of La Union
<b>City Anti-drug Abuse Council (CADAC)</b>	Candon City, Ilocos Sur Alaminos City, Pangasinan
<b>Municipal Anti-drug Abuse Council (MADAC)</b>	
ILOCOS SUR Burgos, San Esteban, Santa Lucia, Santiago, Sigay, Suyo, Tagudin	
LA UNION Agoo, Aringay, Bacnotan, Bagulin, Balaoan, Burgos, Caba, Naguilian, Sto. Tomas, Sudipen, Tubao	
PANGASINAN Alcala, Anda, Basista, Bayambang, Bugallon, Dasol, Lingayen, Malasiqui, Manaoag, Mangaldan, Mangatarem, Pozorrubio, Rosales, San Fabian, Sta. Maria, Sto. Tomas, Villasis	

measured: 1) organized Local ADAC; 2) Conduct of Quarterly Meetings; 3) Allocation of Funds; 4) Implementation of ADAC Plans and Programs; 5) Support to ADACs in Component LGUs; 6) Innovations. **(LGOO VI Leslie L. Isip and Stat I Vilgladys M. Maglaya)**

## Malacañan hails Santo Tomas, La Union as Child-Friendly



President Rodrigo Duterte awarded Santo Tomas in La Union along with other LGUs in the awarding ceremony for the 2018 Presidential Award for Child-Friendly Municipalities and Cities (PACMFC) at the Malacañan Palace on November 28, 2019.

Santo Tomas, La Union bagged the presidential award for child-friendly fourth to sixth class municipality category besting municipalities of Sapián in Capiz, Silago in Southern Leyte and Datu Saudi Ampatuan in Maguindanao.

Short-listed in the regional and national level, Santo Tomas was validated by members of the National Awards Committee on May 28-31, 2019. Both the DILG Regional Office I and La Union had prepared the LGU in its bid for the presidential award. The 4-day validation activity involved assessment of physical facilities and documentary review in the LGU as well as three selected barangays. Key informant interviews were also conducted.

The LGU's best practices were highlighted during the validation where they had institutionalized child center set-up at the LGU's reception area where their clients' children may play and read books while completing their transactions. Moreover, play and reading area in the evacuation center was set-up, and relief items such as milk, diaper and bathing materials are stockpiled.

Barangays Patac, Ubagán and Casilagan in Santo Tomas, La Union were also validated specifically their Day Care facilities, Health records maintained by barangay health workers, play and reading area, programs for youth and children, LCPC Plans, crafted Comprehensive Emergency Program for Children (CEPC) and developed Comprehensive Local Juvenile Intervention Program (CLJIP).

"The LGU maximized their collaboration practices where the barangays are really cooperative and they initiate in improving their programs," said Santo Tomas MLGOO Iszel O. Guray. **(cont. on page 12)**

# Balangayan Provincial Roadshows 2019

The Department of the Interior and Local Government Region 1 (DILG R1), together with the Center for Federalism and Constitutional Reform – Project Management Office (CFCR-PMO), Philippine Information Agency (PIA), National Government Agencies (NGAs), Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), and other stakeholders conducted a “balangayan” activity, dubbed as Constitutional Reform (CoRe) Provincial Roadshow, to advocate the importance of effecting surgical amendments to the 1987 Constitution.

It was attended by more than 8,000 participants from the local government units (LGUs), business sector, religious groups, academe, and ordinary citizens, among others.

The CFCR-PMO, who served as the resource speakers, was composed of Secretary Gary B. Olivar, Professor Eric Daniel C. De Torres, and Professor Jose Ramon C. Casiple.

The CoRe Roadshow, divided into three components – Media Forum, Townhall Meeting, and Convention Rally and CoRe Talk, was conducted in the four (4) provinces to elicit massive public support. (as shown in Figure 1)

The Media Forum provided the venue for discussion among the CFCR, media, elected officials, and LGU leagues such as the Philippine Councilors League (PCL). Issues and concerns on the difference between Federalism and Constitutional Reform, and their pros and cons were addressed. The media served as a force multiplier in the campaign to strengthen the national discourse on CoRe.

The Townhall Meeting operated as a gathering for various stakeholders where updates and accomplishments on the CoRe advocacy campaign were reported by the CFCR. The four pillar-message house composed of (1) Pagyamanin ang Probinsya, Paluwagin ang Metro Manila; (2) Gobyerno para sa Tao, Hindi para sa Trapo; (3) Bukas na ekonomiya nang lahat ay may pag-asa; and (4) Bagong konstitusyon para sa bagong henerasyon were also explained for the participants to have a better appreciation of its relevance.

The Convention Rally and CoRe Talk catered to the questioning minds of elected officials, CSOs, academe, barangays and the youth. The CFCR emphasized on the message, “Baguhin ang lumang Sistema! Isulong and bagong konstitusyon!” They clarified that the drive to modify the Constitution means adapting to and addressing the ideals and needs of the youth and the future generations. They also stressed that CoRe will eliminate the development restrictions provided for in the present Constitution. This stirred the interest of the participants as manifested in a very dynamic open forum.

What happens today affects the future. The CoRe Provincial Roadshows work as a strong foundation. Expect that the DILG R1’s campaign for people awareness, involvement, and readiness to accept change will only intensify.

**(LGOO IV Rheeliza A. Delos Santos & CFCR-RPO Willy D. De Vera)**

Figure 1: The CoRe Provincial Roadshows were conducted as follows:

	PANGASINAN	LA UNION	ILOCOS SUR	ILOCOS NORTE
<b>Media Forum</b>	October 20, 2019 at Bergamo Hotel, Lingayen, Pangasinan	November 21, 2019 at Balibayan Hall, Naguilian, La Union	November 18, 2019 at Vigan City Convention Center, Ilocos Sur	November 14, 2019 at Palacio de Laoag City, Ilocos Norte
<b>Townhall Meeting</b>	October 22, 2019 at El Jardin, Lingayen, Pangasinan			
<b>Convention Rally and CoRe Talk</b>	October 21, 2019 at Sison Auditorium, Lingayen, Pangasinan	November 21-22, 2019 at Civic Center, Naguilian, La Union	November 18-19, 2019 at Vigan City Convention Center, Ilocos Sur	November 14-15, 2019 at Centennial Convention Center, Laoag City Ilocos, Norte
<b>Advocacy Campaign to SK and LnB</b>	November 20, 2019 at Leisure Coast Resort Dagupan City, Pangasinan			
<b>CSO Coalition</b>		November 22, 2019 at Civic Center, Naguilian, La Union		
<b>Youth Congress</b>			November 26, 2019 at Vigan City Convention Center, Ilocos Sur	

### Media and Townhall Meeting



### CoRe Talk



### Convention Rally



## Championing the NEO Program through culture of Collaboration



After the 2019 midterm elections, it has been a series of transition and learning for the Newly Elected Officials (NEOs). The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) through the Local Government Academy (LGA) facilitates the process via NEO Program. This capacity building initiative for local officials are critical to efficiently deliver both the existing and emerging needs of the public while preparing for reforms in government and dealing with national issues.

Dubbed as "Priming Leaders for Effective Local Governance", the NEOs received their basic orientation on August 27-29, 2019 at Holiday Inn, Baguio City. The training was spearheaded by DILG R1 in partnership with the League of Municipalities of the Philippines (LMP) – La Union Chapter and was participated in by newly elected LCEs and Vice-Mayors. At the end of the activity, the local officials were able to formulate their Development Partnership Commitment Agenda which binds them to faithfully implement their Executive and Legislative Agenda.

Moreover, another activity was steered on December 2019 to enhance local legislation. The Regional and Provincial Management together with the local legislation resource pool came up with a standard training plan and set of strategies to carry out a development intervention entitled, "Enhancing Governance through Effective and Responsive Legislation". Further, DILG R1 conducted a Stakeholders Dialogue with the LMP on October 17-18, 2019 at Chalet Hotel, Baguio City. The initiative's goal is to strengthen the Local Development Council (LDC) functionality, from the city/municipal level down to the barangays, and bridge it with Local Economic Development (LED). Reinforcing such will contribute in the LGUs' endeavor towards raising the bar of good local governance. Likewise, a participatory, efficient and effective LDC will serve as a mechanism for local economic expansion.

During the dialogue, a presentation of the training modules developed by the Department together with representatives of concerned National Government Agencies, Local Resource Institutions, and Civil Society Organizations was effected. Also, the strategies of implementation, schedule of activities, and session guides were communicated to firm up institutional arrangements with partners.

What made these initiatives truly successful was that they materialized despite limited funds. Key to R1's accomplishments is the culture of collaboration among stakeholders. Along with DILG R1's ingenuity, its partnership with the Leagues especially the LMP Provincial Chapters enabled DILG R1 to deliver what was then unviable. The Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Council (MSAC) members of the Local Governance Regional Resource Center (LGRRC) 1 were also tapped as knowledge sharers in all the undertakings.

**(LGOO IV Rheeliza A. Delos Santos)**





## Seal of Child-Friendly Local Governance conferred to Region 1



A total of 124 or 99.20 percent of the 125 local government units (LGUs) in Region 1 passed the Child-Friendly Local Governance Audit (CFLGA) for 2017.

The Child-Friendly Local Governance Audit is a mandatory audit system implemented since 2014 where LGUs are assessed in the delivery of social services and programs for child and youth welfare and uses indicators revolving on the four core rights of children - survival, development, protection and participation.

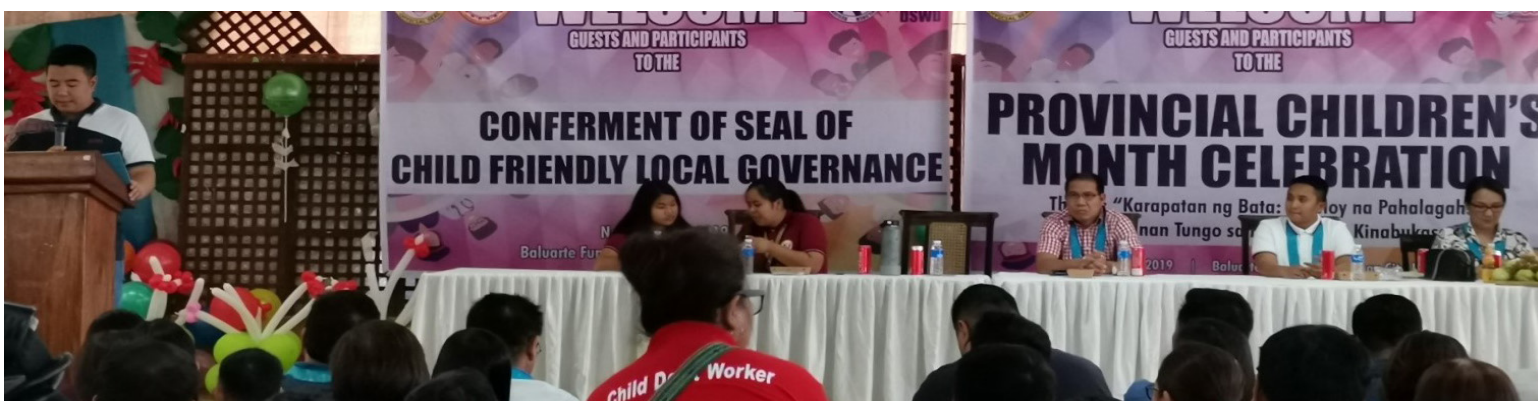
Inter-Agency Monitoring Task Force (ITMF) at all levels, specifically, City/Municipal-ITMF, Provincial-ITMF, and Regional - IMTF are organized to conduct the audit and these are chaired by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG). Provincial-ITMF review the submitted forms from the C/MLGUs and subsequently submit the Data Capture Forms (DCF) to the Regional - IMTF. The RIMTF and RSCWC endorsed the audit results of the 2018 CFLGA to the Council of the Welfare of Children (CWC).

"The provincial and regional IMTFs have noted areas of improvement and we may integrate it in the Technical Assistance Plan which serves as a basis for the Local Government Units and Non-Government Agencies. Strengths worth-emulating will be highlighted to strengthen child rights and further sustainability," emphasized Dir. James F. Fadrilan, DILG R1 Regional Director.

The Council for the Welfare of Children employs the CFLGA result in the conferment of the Seal of Child-Friendly Local Governance (SCFLG) Award and the Presidential Awards for Child-Friendly Cities and Municipalities (PACFMC). The audit result also has a weight in the assessment of the Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG) among LGUs.

The conferment activities of the 2018 Seal of Child-Friendly Local Governance (SCFLG) Award were held among Region 1 provinces: Ilocos Sur on November 22, 2019 with 34 awardees; La Union on December 10, 2019 with 20 awardees; and Pangasinan on December 17, 2019 with 48 awardees. Ilocos Norte will conduct their conferment activity on February 3, 2019.

**(LGOO II Hedrich V. Calderon)**



Hon. Governor Ryan V. Singson delivering his State of the Province Children's Address during the Provincial Children's Month Celebration with the Theme: "Karapatan ng Bata; Patuloy na Pahalagahan at Gampanan Tungo sa Magandang Kinabukasan" held at Baluarte Function Hall in November 22, 2019.

## DILG Region 1 Maintains its ISO 9001:2015 Certification

The Department of the Interior and Local Government Region I, maintains its ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System (QMS) Certification as recommended by Certification International Philippines, Inc., after passing its first surveillance audit conducted on December 16-18, 2019.

The surveillance audit assessed the maintenance and effectiveness of the management system against specified requirements for continued certification under the following DILG R1 QMS Scope:

“Local Governance through the provision of technical and administrative services, oversight function, and rewards and incentives to Local Government Units (LGUs)”.

Informal interviews and gathering of documented evidences were employed as audit approaches to verify the compliance to the requirements of the international standards.

On day 1, December 16, 2019, external audit Team Leader Renato Madrid evaluated the provincial office of Ilocos Sur while team member Emelita Alegre assessed the provincial office of Pangasinan under the leadership of Provincial Directors Randy dela Rosa and Virgilio Sison respectively. Both auditors assessed the regional office on day 2, December 18, 2019. This was participated by the directorate and staff headed by Regional Director James F. Fadrilan, CESO III and QMR OIC-ARD Agnes A. De Leon. All division and assistant division chiefs together with the section and unit heads were also present during the audit.

During the closing meeting, an atmosphere of success filled the conference room after the head of the audit team announced – “Congratulations, DILG Region 1 is recommended for continued ISO 9001:2015 Certification”.

The DILG Region 1 shall continue to improve its Quality Management System and comply to the applicable requirements to ensure prompt, efficient and quality service delivery to its clients.

## Welcome Onboard!

In the pursuit of being “Matino, Mahusay, Maasahan”, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Region 1 welcomed the following seventeen (17) newly-hired and newly-promoted employees from out of more than 500 applicants for the various vacant positions:

Name	Position
Karen Joy D. Espat	Administrative Officer IV
Alethea A. Cedo	Planning Officer III
Michael John F. Borja	LGOO II
Ann France G. Burgonio	LGOO II
Hedrich V. Calderon	LGOO II
Mildred M. De Guzman	LGOO II
Jeslen B. Tesoro,	LGOO II
Karen Joy C. Yaranon	LGOO II
Mark L. Lastimoza	ADAS II
Jaybee B. Apigo	ADAS II
Manuel O. Mejia	ADAS II
Jayson L. Ordinario	ADAS II
Jason T. Untalasco	ADAS II
Florado C. Apusen	ADA VI
Manuel O. Mejia	ADA VI
Ruslie Marinol C. Ugay	ADA VI
Paul Ellison S. Dumalsin	ADA IV
Micah Janina P. Agliam	ADA IV

With the aim to instill its service branding in the performance duties and responsibilities of its employees and to further strengthen the Program to Institutionalize Meritocracy

and Excellence in Human Resource Management (PRIME-HRM), the DILG Regional Office through the Finance and Administration Division – Personnel Section launched its Onboarding Program on December 9, 2019. OIC-Assistant Regional Director Agnes A. De Leon graced the activity and gave her welcome remarks to the new personnel.

The program design includes mainstreaming the staff in the different technical and administrative divisions at DILG Regional Office 1 for six (6) months to familiarize themselves with the different programs, projects and activities being implemented by the agency prior to deployment to their respective areas of assignment. The program also serves as a medium for the management and the staff to get to know each other.

The newbies were required to accomplish a weekly journal to monitor their progress and assess their readiness in government service.

Also present during the orientation were FAD Chief Alicia A. Bang-oa, LGCDD Assistant Division Chief Lily Ann Z. Victorio, LGMED Division Chief Ms. Rhodora G. Soriano, Supply Section Chief Alexander A. Aberin, Budget Officer Mercedes C. Llanes, Personnel Section Chief Mildred M. Malapit, LGOO II Bernard C. Ringor, and, Administrative Officer I (AO I) Jamie Ann B. Gomez.

The DILG Region 1, being compliant to PRIME-HRM Level 2 ensures service excellence through strengthening the competency of its human resources as contributory to the attainment of its shared vision, mission and mandate.

## Former Rebels receive government assistance through E-CLIP in La Union



Financial and livelihood assistance from the government were received by former rebels during a formal ceremony on December 26 and September 30, 2019 in San Fernando, La Union.

According to DILG La Union Provincial Director Paulino G. Lalata Jr., financial assistance were granted to ten Former Rebels (FRs), two on December 26 and eight on September 30, whom had surfaced through the Enhanced – Comprehensive Local Integration Program (E-CLIP), a program of the government providing complete package of assistance for them to become productive members of society and reintegrate them to the community.

“Immediate assistance of P15,000 each are granted to former rebels after they have processed their status and be officially enrolled to E-CLIP. Firearms remuneration and livelihood assistance are also granted to former rebels,” highlighted by PD Lalata.

One of the former rebels whom had received financial assistance from the DILG had also received firearms remuneration amounting to P80,000. These rebels whom had surfaced and surrendered were validated by the Joint

AFP Intelligence Committee. The Provincial E-CLIP committee then received the endorsement and facilitate hand over of financial assistance.

“Through the Provincial E-CLIP committee, the needs of the beneficiaries will be also be determined through a case study and will be endorsed to relevant government agencies. For example, should they need skills training, they may avail it from Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) or Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD),” added by PD Lalata.

The Reintegration Efforts through E-CLIP were centralized by the National Government through Administrative Order No. 10, series of 2018, and Task Force Balik-Loob was created and composed of representatives from different government agencies, and chaired by Department of National Defense (DND). The task force, as a central coordinating body, supervise reintegration efforts and converge government assistance.

The assistance given to the former rebels help them understand that the government has not abandoned them and will always provide them with the necessary support wherever they are in the country. These efforts of the National Government help the country attain lasting peace under the rule of law, a basic foundation for economic development and national prosperity. **(LGOO II Hedrich V. Calderon)**

## Region I.. (from page 3)



Among these Region I passers, the Province of Pangasinan, City of Vigan, and Municipalities of Caoayan, Santa, Alcala, and Bayambang are Hall of Famers for consistently bagging the prestigious SGLG awards for three consecutive years.

Despite the stricter assessment criteria, the 65 LGU awardees successfully hurdled the "All-in" assessment system in which they passed the Seven (7) governance areas namely Financial Administration; Disaster Preparedness; Social Protection; Peace and Order; Business-Friendliness and Competitiveness; Environmental Protection; and Tourism, Culture and the Arts.

The awardees were conferred last November 4, 2019 at the Manila Hotel, Fiesta Pavillion, Manila with a 2019 SGLG marker, eligibility to the Performance Challenge Fund (PCF) in the amount of PhP 4.5 Million for a province, PhP 3.5 Million for a city, and PhP 2.3 Million for

a municipality to finance their priority local development initiatives, and priority access to other programs and capacity development assistance from the DILG.

All the One Hundred Twenty-Nine (129) LGUs in the region — Four (4) Provinces, Nine (9) Cities and One Hundred Sixteen (116) Municipalities were assessed for the SGLG.

The prestigious SGLG award conferred by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) symbolizes integrity and good performance through continuing governance reform and sustained local development. It is a progressive assessment system adopted by the DILG to give distinction to remarkable local government performance across the core and essential areas.

2019 also marked a defining moment for good governance due to the enactment of the Republic Act No. 11292 or the SGLG Act which expands the Seven (7) Assessment Areas to Ten (10), broadens partnerships with the establishment of Council of Good Local Governance, rebrands PCF to SGLG Incentive Fund, and offers more responsive capacity building interventions. **(LGOO II Jeslen B. Tesoro)**

## Malacañan... (from page 5)

"The Mayor and the LGU is supportive and considers suggestions and recommendations from its stakeholders while the Local Council for the Protection of Children (LCPC) in the municipality and barangays are really pro-active," added MLGOO Guray.

As part of their sustainability efforts, Santo Tomas conducts functionality assessment every first quarter of the year to include children and youth programs, and LCPC. These allows the municipality to highlight strengths and work on opportunities for improvement

"We will continue to serve our people without being repaid. It is a tough job but it brings joy in our hearts to see our constituents happy and contented with our service," expressed by Santo Tomas Mayor Severino Carbonell. **(LGOO VI Iszel O. Guray and LGOO II Hedrich V. Calderon)**