Among the 17 regions nationwide, Region 1 again registered the most number of Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG) awardees for 2017 with a total of Sixty-Eight (68) Local Government Units (LGUs). The 68 LGU awardees represent 53% of the total number of LGUs assessed in Region 1, and a 51% increase from the 45 LGU passers in 2016. Region 1 also registered the most number of passers with 40 and 45 for 2015 and 2016 respectively.


The 68 LGUs successfully met the scaled-up assessment criteria using the "4+1" principle. This means that they passed all 4 Core Areas namely,...
PDU30 leads send-off of 5 Vietnamese fishermen in Sual, Pangasinan, reveals “tapang at malasakit”

On September 2017, seven (7) fishermen boarding the fishing boat PY96173TS were spotted fishing at about 34 nautical miles northwest off Cape of Bolinao, Pangasinan. The Philippine Navy responded in pursuit of these fishermen. Discovered on board were 5 pieces of yellow fin tuna, one (1) sack of dried squid and long line hooks with super lights and gill nets. Also, two (2) cadavers were found and were identified as Vietnamese nationals namely Le Van Liem and Le Van Reo. The other five (5) Vietnamese were arrested.

President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, along with some Cabinet and local officials, led the send-off rites for the five (5) Vietnamese fishermen on November 29, 2017 in Sual Sea Wharf and Causeway Area, Pangasinan. These fishermen were apprehended for violating Republic Act 8550 or the Philippine Fisheries Code of 1998, Section 87 which provides that it shall be unlawful for any foreign person, corporation, or entity to fish or operate any fishing vessel in Philippine waters. However, although these fishermen were found to have committed poaching in the Philippine territory, they were not penalized due to humanitarian factors.

The fishermen namely Phan Lam, Phan Net, Nguyen Uan Trong, Nguyen Than Chi, and Pham were confirmed by the Vietnamese embassy as marginalized or indigent. Aside from that consideration, the President also committed the release of the fishermen with their fishing boat and other fishing paraphernalia in one of his meetings with the Vietnamese officials and honored the longtime and strong ties between Vietnam and the Philippines. Truly, the President has established a balance of friendship and power among its neighboring countries. In return, these countries guaranteed to show sympathy and kindness to our citizens who, by chance, may experience the same as the Vietnamese fishermen.

President Duterte, in his speech, expressed disappointment but displayed optimism as well. He said, "We are one. We are Asians. I'm sorry for the incident. I hope it would never happen again. This incident will not destroy our bond of relationship. On that note, I bid you a safe return."

According to Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Undersecretary Emmanuel Leyco, "It is a humanitarian act on the part of the government to help the Vietnamese fishermen. The fishermen were provided supplies (water, rice, meat, vegetables, etc.) that will be sufficient as they travel back home."

In appreciation of the government's help and support, the Vietnamese Ambassador to the Philippines – Ly Quoc Tuan – also offered words of gratitude. He recognized the Filipino brand of hospitality and compassion (even to those who violated the laws of the land) and shared the happiness of the families to whom the fishermen shall be reunified with. He expressed that such act of clemency and good will shall forever be remembered by the Vietnamese.

The President also talked about the tragedy in Marawi and the government’s campaign against violent extremism, terrorism, corruption and illegal drugs. He admitted that the job of a president is draining not only the mind but the heart and soul as well. He has to consider a lot of things in order to come up with the desired result while minimizing or preventing negative effects.

He emphasized that he was losing a lot of men and he needs to do something about the crisis. PDuterte said he does not mind if the government loses money and property because these are nothing compared to a person's life. He directed the police and the military to be alert and protect themselves, to not surrender the gun until they are dead, and, if all things fail, to at least die with dignity. He also implored the people to remain vigilant and warned the corrupt local officials.

Also present in the said event were Presidential Security Adviser Hermogenes Esperon, Agriculture Undersecretary Eduardo Gongona, Governor Amado I. Espino III, Mayor Roberto Ll. Arcinue, other elective officials, Regional and Provincial Directors of NGAs, CSOs/NGOs/POs, media, etc.

(LGGO II Rhealiza A. Delos Santos)
Mediation, conciliation, arbitration take a lot of wisdom, patience and understanding and I laud our lupon winners for possessing these qualities in actively and diligently working for the speedy administration of justice at the barangay level.”

Those were the words of Usec. Catalino S. Cuy, OIC SILG, of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) as he gave recognition to the outstanding performance of 24 justice committees or lupong tagapamayapa during the Lupong Tagapamayapa Incentive Awards (LTIA) awarding ceremony on December 08, 2017 at the Heritage Hotel, Roxas Boulevard, Manila.

There were 24 recipients of the LTIA and one was from Ilocos Region, Barangay 1 San Lorenzo, Laoag City, Ilocos Norte.

Brgy. 1 San Lorenzo was again declared as the Outstanding Barangay Lupon and received a Hall of Fame Award for bagging the LTIA National Award on the Component Cities Category, for three consecutive years (2015, 2016 and 2017).

Barangay 1 San Lorenzo received a cash award of P300,000 and a trophy.

The award was received by the lupon members chaired by Punong Barangay Darwin Domingo, witnessed by the DILG R1 officials headed by Regional Director James F. Fadrilan.

Created by virtue of Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, the Lupong Tagapamayapa is composed of the punong barangay as chairman and 10 to 20 members who are residing or working in the barangay, are not otherwise expressly disqualified by law, and possessing integrity, impartiality, independence of mind, sense of fairness, and reputation for probity.

The LTIA, established pursuant to Executive Order 394 in 1997, aims to institutionalize a system of granting economic benefits to outstanding lupons, strengthen the Katarungang Pambarangay as an indigenous conflict resolution structure at the grassroots, and generate awareness and support on the KP as a potent vehicle toward social order and human development.

The winners were chosen by an inter-agency Board of Judges organized by the National Awards Committee on the basis of the following criteria: efficiency in operation; effectiveness in securing the objectives of the Katarungang Pambarangay program; and creativity and resourcefulness of the lupon.
December 06, 2017 - The Regional Peace and Order Council 1 (RPOC 1) conducted its 4th Quarter meeting at Baluarte, Brgy. Salindeg, Vigan City.

Hon. Ryan Luis V. Singson, the host of the activity, welcomed the members and guests.

"Peace and order has always been a major concern of the people and that inspite of all the efforts made by all sectors, there are still acts of violence." he said.

"It is the purpose of the Council to meet and further improve its performance...to attain peace and order, communities must be empowered and people must be actively engaged in all undertakings in the localities" he added.

During the meeting, PSUPT Mar Louise T. Bundoc, Deputy Chief of Philippine National Police Regional Office 1 (PRO 1), presented the updates on the peace and order situation of the region.

He said that the success of the Anti-Illegal Drug Campaign and Barangay Drug Clearing Operations in the region is due to the strong partnership and coordination among the PRO, PDEA and the LGUs.

"There was a significant decrease in total index crime, in general." he added.

He also emphasized that there are several factors that contributed to the success of PRO1 in Double Barrel that ensured zero incident of abuse and extortion: PRO1 adopted safeguards on the implementation of Project Tokhang and strict adherence to its guidelines; religious compliance in the conduct of Regional/Provincial Oversight Committee Meetings; and PRO1 Team Random inspections and validations to Police Provincial Offices and Police Stations.

On the other hand, Regional Director James F. Fadrilan, DILG RO1, presented the salient features of Federalism.

He said that under the federal system, the Philippines will give more power, responsibilities, and resources to state governments and local government units, thus empowering ordinary Filipinos to take control of their own development and tailor their programs and direction to their needs.

He also cited other features of federalism: on the structure, division of government into several levels; devolution of power; taxation; benefits; and ensure citizen's participation.

One of the guests during the meeting was Usec. Catalino S. Cuy, DILG Officer-in-Charge.

In his message Usec. Cuy acknowledged and commended the RPOC 1 for the invitation extended to him. He also congratulated Region 1 for having a total of 68 LGU-awardees on the Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG).

In addition, he shared the pronouncement of President Rodrigo R. Duterte that the NPA is a terrorist group wherein it is directed that all the members of the RPOC 1 must support the Philippine National Police (PNP) and Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) in the campaign against terrorism.

The current RPOC 1 Chairperson Gov. Imee R. Marcos of Ilocos Norte also gave her message and cited four (4) issues that must be addressed.

She requested the office of the DILG for the (cont. on page 9)
DILG R1 takes part on prep for ASEAN forum in Laoag

The Department of the Interior and Local Government Region 1 (DILG R1) took part in the preparations for the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Forum on Urban Resilience to Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction Management Strategies in Laoag City, Ilocos Norte on December 4-8, 2017, as head in the Task Group: Community Relations under the Joint Task Group (JTG) for peace and order and as Incident Management Team (IMT) in JTG for Emergency Preparedness Response (ERP).

The DILG R1, headed by Regional Director James F. Fadrilan and Ilocos Norte Provincial Director Reggie R. Colisao, as member of the ERP Task Group and Multi-Agency Coordinating Committee were mobilized to monitor on the established ERP Operations Center and Multi-Agency Coordinating Center from December 1-8, 2017.

As part of the security preparations in Region 1, the Committee was organized into three (3) Joint Task Groups (JTGs) – Security, Peace and Order, and Emergency Preparedness Response.

Series of meetings were held to ensure the peacefulness and orderliness of the activity and safety of the delegates.

The EPR Task Group held an initial meeting on November 20, 2017 at the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) – Region 1 where it was agreed that the Region 1 cadres be part of the Incident Management Team (IMT).

Similarly, Peace and Order Task Group, Task unit of Community Relations conducted a meeting on November 21, 2017 at the DILG Regional Office 1 and discussed and agreed on the roles and responsibilities of each member agency.

Specifically, the DILG was tasked to: 1) support the preparatory, actual, and post activities of the Peace and Order and Site Task Groups; 2) conduct massive information dissemination; 3) harness community involvement thru cleanliness drive, maintenance of peace and order, and other similar activities; 4) coordinate with Local Government Units (LGUs) to plan, execute, and help support the enhancement of the sites in coordination with the Department of Tourism (DOT) Region 1, host agencies, and other concerned organizations; and 5) coordinate with concerned LGUs and private sector groups to plan, execute, and help support the activity.

The forum was one of the scheduled meetings of ASEAN 2017 organized by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources – Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau (DENR-ERDB).

(LGOO V Rhodalyn S. Licudine)

Pandan is Region 1's showcase barangay on SBAD

Barangay Pandan, Bacnotan, La Union conducted its barangay assembly day on October 08, 2017, 4:00 PM at the Barangay Hall, with the theme "Nagkkaisang Barangay Lakas ng Kampanya Kontra sa Iligal na Droga, Krimen, at Katiwalian! Maksiisan! Makilahok! Makialam."

Punong Barangay Sheri D. Dienzo and the Sangguniang Barangay Members spearheaded the conduct of the assembly participated by around 250 barangay assembly members.

Regional Director James F. Fadrilan delivered the message of the Officer-In-Charge of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG). He then encouraged all the barangay assembly members to take part in the battle of the government against illegal drugs, crime and corruption, them being in the forefront in their respective communities.

PB Dienzo delivered the State of Barangay Address (SOBA) which encapsulates the major accomplishment of the barangay for the 1st Semester, financial status, and updates on Calendar Year 2017 barangay programs and projects.

Top issues identified and presented were on the non-compliance of the residents on forced evacuation during disasters, continuous burning of garbage, pet owners still allowing their dogs to roam the streets without leash, and both parents and Sari-sari store owners allowing minors to buy cigarettes or any tobacco products and intoxicating liquor.

Municipal Local Government Operations Officer Maria Gracia D. dela Cruz discussed the compliance of the barangay on national laws and issuances relative to DILG programs, project, activities such as the Barangay Full Disclosure Policy, Barangay Drug Clearing Program, implementation of the Mamamayang Ayaw sa Anomalya, Mamamayang ayaw sa Iligal na Droga (MASA-MASID), among others. The key messages on Federalism was also presented. PCI Reynaldo Soria and Senior Fire Officer I Noly T. Geraban presented the crime prevention tips and fire safety tips, respectively.

PB Dienzo asked the cooperation and compliance of all the residents to all laws and ordinances monitored and implemented by the barangay emphasizing that the barangay officials could not do all alone without the engagement of everyone.

DILG La Union Provincial Director Paulino G. Lalata Jr., Municipal Mayor Francisco Angelito L. Fontanilla, Sangguniang Bayan Member Olga Jane C. Panelo, and technical staff from the DILG regional and provincial offices were present during the activity.

Pandan was the showcase barangay having an organized and functional Barangay Anti-Drug Abuse Council (BADAC), established MASA-MASID Teams, one of the most peaceful barangays in the municipality, and having the barangay among the outstanding barangays in the Seal of Good Local Governance-Barangay, an award system initiated

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2017 was an interesting year for the Project Development and Management Unit (PDMU) of the Department of the Interior and Local Government Regional Office 1 (DILG RO1) in terms of monitoring the locally-funded projects (LFPs) of local government units (LGUs) in the region and capacitating its implementing teams.

For the last quarter of 2017, with the collaborative efforts of the provincial and regional engineers and other PDMU staff led by PDMU Chief LGOO V Engr. Sharwyn M. Sangel, the team was able to meet their objective which is to review, inspect and document the LFPs implemented by the LGUs under the programs SALINTBIG, Bottom Up Budgeting, Assistance to Disadvantaged Municipalities (ADM), Performance Challenge Fund (PCF), Conditional Matching Grant to Provinces (CMGP) and Konkreto at Ayos na LanSAngan ang DAan (KALSADA).

Notwithstanding the hectic schedule, PDMU has managed to conduct seminar-workshops and other activities that will direct and enhance the LGUs in the implementation of their projects in accordance with the procedures set by the department.

Here's a look at a handful of training activities conducted by the PDMU:

"Seminar-Workshop on Detailed Engineering Design for Bridge Projects" held on October 16-20, 2017 at El Cielito Hotel, Baguio City and participated by Municipal Engineers, Provincial Engineers and Focal Persons.

"Hands-on Training on Performance Challenge Fund (PCF) Website Encoding Cum Media Road Show" and "Workshop on the Preparation of Feasibility Study/Detailed Engineering Design of SALINTUBIG and Bridge Projects Cum Year-End Assessment and Monitoring of Locally-Funded Projects" held on November 29, 2017 at El Cielito Hotel, Baguio City and December 4-7, 2017, at Ovemar Resort Hotel, Sta. Catalina, Ilocos Sur, respectively. It was attended by Provincial PCF Focal Persons of DILG Region 1.

"Follow Through Activity on the Formulation of Water Safety Plan (WSP) and Performance Benchmarking and Tariff Setting of Water Utilities Managed by LGUs" on December 13-15, 2017 at El Cielito Hotel, Baguio City attended by MLGOOs, Municipal Engineers, Sanitary Inspectors and Water Utility Personnel.

"Performance Challenge Fund (PCF) Operational Guidelines Roll-out Cum Assessment and Approval of Project Proposal" on December 20, 21, 27 & 28, 2017 in Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur, La Union and Pangasinan Provinces, respectively.

The PDMU and the whole of DILG RO1, look forward to continuing the plans, programs and activities this coming 2018 to heighten the performance of the LGUs in Region 1.

(IO II Alethe A. Cedo)
‘Region 1 tops...from page 1’
Financial Administration, Social Protection, Disaster Preparedness, and Peace and Order; and at least 1 of the Essential Areas either Business Friendliness and Competitiveness, Environment Protection, or Tourism, Culture and the Arts.

The awardees were conferred with a 2017 SGLG marker and a cash incentive, the Performance Challenge Fund (PCF), to finance their local development initiatives.

All the 129 Local Government Units (LGUs) in the region — 4 provinces, 9 cities and 116 municipalities were assessed.

The SGLG 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. (PO III Marife M. Doculan)

‘Pandan is...from page 8’
by the Municipal Government of Bacnotan through the Municipal Local Government Operations Office patterned to the SGLG with criteria taken from the Barangay Governance Performance Management System (BGPMS) that looks into the performance and accomplishment of the barangay along areas of Governance, Administration, Social Services, Economic Development, and Environmental Management.

As mandated by the Local Government Code, the Synchronized Barangay Assembly Day (SBAD) is conducted twice a year, every March and October to hear and discuss the semestral report of the barangay concerning its activities and finances as well as problems affecting the barangay. (PO III Marife M. Doculan)

‘Use. Cuy...from page 4’
issuance of legal parameters in the conduct of localized ceasefire to address the threat of resurgence of the CPP in the area and provide a copy of the enhanced CLIP on NPA surrenderers; for PDEA and PNP to have a better definition on the duties and responsibilities of involved agencies on the resumption of Anti-Ilegal Drugs Operations of the PNP; Called the attention of the Department of Education (DepEd) for the updates and monitoring of Madrasas in the region; and cited the Marawi siege as an example wherein the PNP and AFP should enhance their trainings and activities particularly on urban warfare.

Finally, DILG RO1 as RPOC Secretariat acknowledged the support of the four (4) Provincial Government for the conduct of the RPOC by awarding them a Plaque of Recognition. (LGoo II Bernard Victor S. Ringor with inputs from LGoo V Benedicta Barnachea)

DILG R1 revitalizes city/ municipal PLEBs
The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Region 1 in partnership with the National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM) Region 1 conducted seven (7) batches of Strengthening the People’s Law Enforcement Board (PLEB) on October 17 to November 10, 2017 in the provinces of Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur, La Union, and Pangasinan. One Hundred Percent (100%) or all the 125 Local Government Units (LGUs) in region 1 – 9 cities and 116 municipalities were covered in the activity.

The 2-day activity was aimed in empowering and guiding the PLEB officers in ensuring their functionality and effectiveness in the performance of their roles and functions. They were oriented on the PLEB guiding principles which include the legal basis, composition, and roles and functions. The PLEB officers, as participants, were also engaged in a Role Playing Activity particularly on the rules of procedures and managing the conduct of hearings.

Around 700 PLEB officers from the 125 LGUs in region 1 participated in the 2-day revitalization activity. DILG R1 Legal Officer Atty. Joseph O. Apolonio; and Regional/ Provincial Officers from the National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM) Atty. Edwin Mapili, Atty. Adrian Jay-r Velasco, Atty. Monday Samson, and Atty. Arnold Miña served as resource speakers.

Republic Act 10924 or the General Appropriations Act of FY 2017 provides that the capacity enhancement of the PLEB shall be the responsibility of the DILG and its attached agencies and other stakeholders, based on the design and guidelines issued by the DILG.

Section 43 of Republic Act 6975 provides for the creation of PLEBs in every city/municipality to conduct hearing and adjudication of citizens' complaints or cases filed against erring officers and members of the Philippine National Police (PNP).

Sec. 72 of RA 8551 states that the Sangguniang Panlungsod or Sangguniang Bayan in every city and municipality shall create at least 1 PLEB for every 500 police officers in a city or municipality and for each of the legislative districts in a city. PLEBs shall be composed of any member of the Sangguniang Panglungsod/Bayan chosen by their respective Sanggunians, any Punong Barangay of the city or municipality chosen by the Liga ng mga Barangay, and three (3) other members from the private sector and among the respected members of the community known for their probity and integrity with 3 years term of office. (PO III Marife M. Doculan)
DILG RO1'S QUALITY POLICY

We, the men and women of the DILG Region 1 commit to provide effective technical and administrative services that nurture excellence in local governance as we foster integrity, commitment, teamwork and responsiveness.

We shall endeavor to provide our people equal opportunities for career growth, ensure equitable delineation and assignment of responsibilities and give due recognition and reward for exemplary performance.

We shall seek continual improvement in our Quality Management System to ensure prompt, efficient and high quality service delivery to our clients, and make a significant difference in their lives.

Statement of Allotment, Obligation, and Balances
(as of December 31, 2017)