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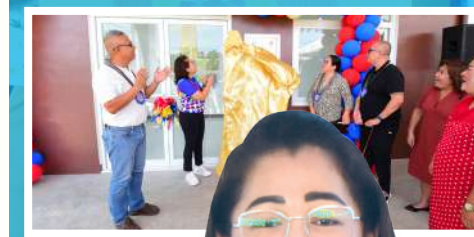
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P10-M Medicine Warehouse seeks to improve healthcare delivery

A significant milestone for Davao de Oro's health care system as the Department of Health XI, led by Regional Director Annabelle P. Yumang, finally turned over the P10-M 1-storey Medicine Warehouse to the province on July 14, 2023.

The ceremony commenced with a ribbon-cutting led by Governor Dorothy Montejo-Gonzaga and Provincial Health Office (PHO) officials who received the pertinent documents and ceremonial key of the said provision.

"This is one big gift from the DOH nga maatiman na ang mga tambal. We anticipate with much excitement nga dili madugay muabot gyud ni ang full functionality niini nga building...Andam kaayu atong provincial government to assist you para makasugakud gyud ni nga building. Indeed with our collaboration, the government works here in Davao de Oro" said the Governor.

This warehouse is situated at the Provincial Capitol Complex in Nabunturan town, aiming to improve the day-to-day

operations of the PHO in terms of response times during emergencies as well as serve as a storage facility for medical commodities.

Meanwhile, PHO Head, Dr. Antonio P. Ybiernas Jr. said that this warehouse will enhance overall healthcare services for the province's citizens, saying "It will undoubtedly bolster our ability to respond swiftly and effectively to the healthcare needs of our community, leaving no room for compromise when it comes to the well-being of our clients."

On December 12, 2022, Governor Gonzaga presided over the inaugural ceremony, marking the commencement of the construction of the facility. (Jaynys Fernandez)



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P1M worth of medical supplies from Aboitiz Power Corporation

Mukabat sa Php1M pesos nga kantidad sa medical supplies ug equipment ang gibubo sa Aboitiz Power Corporation (AP) ngadtu sa panggamhanang probinsyal atul sa gipahigayong turn-over ceremony mismo sa Provincial Capitol kaniadtong Hunyo 21 ning tuiga.

Tumong sa pakig-alayon ang hugot nga pagsuporta sa natad sa panglawas arun gayud adunay saktong mga medical supplies ug equipment ang mga pampublikong hospitals ning probinsya.

Anaa usab sa nga mihatag sa ilahang supporta ang persohe sa AboitizPower, si BM Ruwina Gonzaga, department heads ug uban pang opisyaes.

Mipirma si Governor Dorothy P. Montejo-Gonzaga ,gi-representahan ni Provincial Administrator Fatima Montejo, sa Deed of Donation and Acceptance sa mga maong probisyon ug dungan nga mipirma usab isip mga saksi o witnesses si AP Thermal Group COO Ronaldo Ramos for Visayas and Mindanao ug si Chief of Hospital Dr. Ferdinand Anthony Soberano sa DDOPH-Montevista.

Ang natad sa panglawas maoy nahimong usa sa mga prayoridad ilalom sa administrasyon ni Governor Gonzaga arun mahatagan og saktong serbisyo ang mga katawhan nga nanginahanglan niini. (Jaynus Fernandez)



Paglusad sa SHC sa Maco, Kalambuan sa Pag-uswag sa Serbisyon Panglawas sa DdO

Alang sa padayung lakang nga mas mapalambo pa ang sistema sa panglawas sa probinsya, gipangunahan pag usab ni Senate Committee on Health Chairperson Christopher Lawrence "Bong" Go kauban si Governor Dorothy Montejo-Gonzaga, DOH XI Asst. Regional Director Dr. Gerna Manatad, Mayor Arthur Carlos Voltaire Rimando ug uban pa ang groundbreaking ceremony sa Super Health Center (SHC) nga tukuron sa Ernand Compound, Brgy. Binuangan sa lungsod sa Maco.

Dako gayud ang pagpasalamat sa katawhan tungod mamahimong dili na muadto pa sa lagyong dapit arun lamang maabot ang mga serbisyon panglawas. Ang maong pasilidad gilaumang magdala sa nagkalain-laing serbisyo sama sa birthing, laboratory, diagnostic, x-ray, dental services, ug uban pa.

Dugang pa, ang maong pasilidad usa sa duha ka SHC nga tukuron sa Maco karung tuiga. Apil kini sa walo ka SHC nga pagatukuron sa probinsya diin pipila na usab gi-groundbreaking sa lumalabay na bulan.

Samtang, gipatigayon usab sa Maco Municipal Gym ang paghatag og ayuda ilalom sa Assistance for Individual on Crisis Situation kun programang AICS sa DSWD. (Jaynus Fernandez)





8-Bed Capacity nga Bahay Pangarap, abri na

Sa padayung lakang nga ma protektahan ang mga babaeng biktima sa pagpangabuso, gipahigayon ang soft opening sa temporaryo nga “De Oro Bahay Pangarap Home for Women and Girls” nga nahimutang sa Old Women’s Center, Provincial Capitol Complex, niadtong Hunyo 13 ning tuiga.

Usa kini ka 8-bed capacity nga pasilidad ug abre na para sa pag-okupar niini. Ang pasilidad adunay counseling room, dormitory, stock room, kitchen, ug comfort room arun mahatagan ang mga biktima sa saktong pag amuma sama sa protective custody, counselling, psychosocial services ug mahilayo sila sa unsang klase pa nga mga pagpangabuso.

Sa parehong adlaw, gibisita usab sa mga personahe ang padayung gitukod nga permanente na Bahay Pangarap nga nahimutang sa Purok 1, Brgy. Cabidarian, Nabunturan sa may likod nga bahin sa Cabidarian High School. Ang permanente nga 20-bed capacity nga pasilidad gilauman

nga mahuman ang pagpatukod karung tuiga arun magamit na kini sunod tuig. Ang pagpatukod usab niini kabahin sa mando sa Department of Social Welfare and Development Office (DSWD) ug sa Social Protection and Intervention Program- Residential Care Facilities Project sa Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO).

Dugang pa, gipahigayon usab ang LCAT-VAWC ug PCPC Meetings alang sa dugang diskusyon kalabot sa pagpalambo ingon man matubag ang seryoso nga panginahanglan sa gender based issues sa probinsya.

Sa maong meeting, gihatagan ug pasidungog sa DOJ IACAT XI si Governor Dorothy Montejo-Gonzaga human nahatagan og kalampanan ang padayung pag-implementar sa mga programa nga maghatag pagproteksyon sa kababayan-an ug kabataan. *(Jaynus Fernandez)*



Bulawanong Tunol Serbisyo para sa mga katawhan sa Montevista ug Laak

Padayun ang tinguha ni Governor Dorothy Montejo-Gonzaga nga mapaabot ang mga serbisyo sa gobyerno pinaagi sa pagpahigayon ug Bulawanong Hatud Serbisyo, usa ka programa nga nagdala ug managlahing serbisyo para sa mga katawhan labina tong nahimuyo sa mga hilit nga lugar.

Niadtong Mayo 5, ubay-ubay nga mga residente sa Sitio Mabanda, Barangay San Vicente, Montevista, Davao de Oro, ang nakabenepisyo sa maong programa. Dako ang ilang kalipay ug pagpasalamat nga wala gayud sila pasagdi, sanglit gihatdan sila og mga tabang nga ilang gikinahanglan sama sa serbisyong medikal, legal, agrikultura, feeding program, ug uban pa.

Ang maong kalihokan gitambongan usab ni Mayor Cyrex Basalo, 1001st Brigade Deputy Commander Col Gerry Besana, 25th

IB Commander LTC Michael Aquino, mga personahe sa DDOPPO, ug Kapitan Zolindo Panamogan.

Samtang, nabati usab sa mga katawhan sa Sitio Titoy, Special Buhi, Ampawid, Laak ang tinud-anay nga serbisyo sa gobyerno human napahigayon ang parehong serbisyo caravan niadtong May 12, 2023.

Gipaambit sa mga katawhan lakip na ang mga kabatan-unan ang usa ka mainitong pagpasalamat ug kalipay sa libheng serbisyo nga ilang nadawat.

Mingpakita usab ug dakong suporta ang opisina sa distrito dos sa panguna ni Congressman Ruwel Peter Gonzaga ug minghatag usab ug dugang serbisyo ang LGU Laak. *(Rheafe Hortizano)*





DdO's Child Development Workers recognized for their selfless contributions

A total of 523 Child Development Workers (CDWs) in Davao de Oro were given due recognition for their unselfish efforts in nurturing the children ages 0-4 years old in the province.

With the theme "Child Development Worker: Katuwang ng Pamayanan sa Paghubog ng Batang Maka-Diyos, Makabayan, Makatao at Maka-kalikasan", the Child Development Worker's Day took place at Manaklay Beach Resort in Mabini town on June 30.

SP Board Member/Chairperson for Committee on Education Ruwina Gonzaga, representing 2nd District Representative Ruwel Peter Gonzaga, saluted the CDWs for their significant contributions and the numerous years of service they rendered.

"You've been in the service for quite some time maong saludo gyud mi ninyu. Makalipay gyud sa kasingkasing na perti ninyung daghana na nga nanerbisyo para sa atong mga day care centers. Ayaw mo'g kaluya diha sa pagserbisyo," SPBM Gonzaga said.

She also expressed her deep gratitude to the CDWs, ensuring that their needs are seen by the government which is true to its slogan "Government Works".

She also urged them to continue their heart desires in serving the children, saying *"enjoy and love what you are doing and you will be doing to our children kay kamo nag gunit sa pinaka importanting stage sa mga bata, ang pagdevelop sa ilaha nga mahimong maayung tao ug sumusunod nga leaders"*.

In his message, Executive Assistant II Regino Morpus, representative of Mayor Emerson Luego of Mabini, encouraged the CDWs to always reflect their roles as teachers since *"kamo ang dakong role sa paglift-up sa mga bata, kung taas ang morale nato sa pagtudlo nga nindot nga example sa mga bata, then dira ta maka ingon nga fulfill ta sa atong pagka teachers."*

Moreover, CDW Helen P. Bontrostro of Tagugpo Daycare Center in Pantukan was named Most Outstanding CDWs 2023, while 5 other CDWs from Montevista, Compostela, Maco, Maragusan, and Laak were named Best CDWs 2023 during the Search for Outstanding CDWs 2023. In addition, 65 CDWs received Service Loyalty Awards for lengths of service ranging from 10, 15, 20, 25, and 30 years.

Further, the CDWs also engaged in various activities such as summer fun games, cheers and yells competitions during the one-day event. This also serves as an opportunity for capacity-building as they learn from one another and become strong partners in the sector of child development.

The Provincial Federation of Day Care Workers of the Phil., Inc. - Davao de Oro Chapter, in partnership with the PSWDO, hosted the event which is part of the annual celebration of National Child Development Worker's Week in the country. *(Jaynus Fernandez)*

98 couples exchange vows in DdO's Kasalan ng Bayan 2023

A total of 98 couples said their "I do" and chose to navigate the path of life together during the Kasalan Ng Bayan 2023 at Zubiri Gym, Capitol Complex, June 28. The Provincial Government of Davao de Oro hosted the event with the theme "Road to Forever, The Gworks Way".

Judge Crescenciana DC. Cruz, the Administering Officer, pointed out that the event was a product of the provincial government's love and commitment to its people, which is true to the government slogan "Government works". *"Gusto ko ding ipaalam, alam ko nafe-feel nyo yun kung gaano kayo kamahal ng ating probinsya, kung gaano kayo ka importante sa kanila"*, she added.

Meanwhile, Governor Dorothy Montejo-Gonzaga expressed gratitude for everyone's efforts toward the event's success. She congratulated the newlyweds and hoped for a prosperous and bright future for them.

"Unta kanunay ninyung hinuklugan... basta naa ang gugma apil gyud diha ang bahandi ug kalampusan. So maghigugmaay lang ta sa tanang panahon arun dagko kaayung kadaugan nga maangkon sa atong tagsa-tagsa ka pamilya ug sa tibuok pamilya sa Davao de Oro" Gov. Gonzaga highlighted.

Further, Pastor Sabado Ombelayan administered the prayer/blessing and shared the word of God with the newlyweds, reminding them to take care of their relationship.

After the mass wedding, each couple brought home with them a wedding cake, a grocery package, and a P1,000 cash gift from the provincial government.

As a part of their voluntary dedication, the employees of the provincial government, through its offices or departments, also contributed their efforts by monitoring and assisting the needs of their respective couples during the preparations of the once-in-a-lifetime event. *(Jaynus Fernandez)*



3rd DdO Balikatan Exercises nagmalampuson

Managlahing responders sa matag munisipyo sa probinsya ang ming partisipar sa gipahitabong Davao de Oro League of Disaster Managers (DOLDiM) 3rd Balikatan Exercise kaniadtong August 3-5, 2023, sa Welborn Beach Resort, Magnaga, Pantukan.

Gibutyag ni PDRRMO Head, Joseph Randy M. Loy ang kamahinungdanon sa aktibidad aron masuta ang kapabilidad sa tanang responders sa pagpangandam sa posibleng komplikadong sitwasyon panahon sa kalamidad sama sa magnitude 8.2 nga linog nga adunay tsunami, mangahugno nga estruktura, ug daghang mga kaswalti.

Dugang pa niya na parte kini sa kulminasyon sa National Disaster Resilience Month nga adunay temang “BIDAng Pilipino: Building Stronger Filipino Well-being towards Disaster Resilience”. Pipila sa mga gi-simulate sa mga partisipante mao ang earthquake response drill, collapsed structure rescue, mass casualty incident, boat capsized rescue, ug uban pa.

Ang maong aktibidad gitambongan ni Civil Defense OIC Regional Director, Lenie Duran-Alegre, MNSA, DOLDiM President, Mr. Edwin Rey Carmelotes, MDRRMO Heads sa unsi ka munisipalidad, mga representante sa mga Mayors, ug mga personahe sa Philippine Red Cross DdO Chapter.

Usa sa ginatotokan ubos sa administrasyon ni Governor Dorothy Montejo-Gonzaga ang mapakusgan pa ang disaster reponse sa probinsya pinaagi sa hugot nga pagsuporta sa tanang mga aktibidad nga may kalabotan sa pagpalambo sa kaalam sa mga local responders.

Mahinumdoman nga kaniadtong bulan sa Hulyo opisyal nga gi blessingan ang bag-ong emergency rescue vehicle, diin mapaminusan ang oras sa pagtubag sa kalamidad ug gamit kini para sa kaayuhan sa tanan lakip natong namuyo sa lagyong mga dapit sa probinsya.

Nagapadayun usab ang Information Education and Communication campaign sa PDRRMO aron mas ma edukar pa ang mga katawhan kabalot sa mga angay ug dili angay buhaton panahon sa kalamidad. (Rheafe Hortizano)



DdO's PH Freedom Day highlights call for unity to sustain peace and social change

In celebration of the 125th Independence Day and nationhood of the country, the Provincial Government, together with the security sectors and other partner agencies, called for unity to sustain gains of peace and continued positive social change in the province.

The call to action took place at the Provincial Capitol during the ceremonial activity on June 12, 2023, which also marked the country's commemoration of freedom from Spain as it was declared in former/first President Emilio Aguinaldo's home in Kawit, Cavite, on June 12, 1898.

With this year's theme “Kalayaan. Kinabukasan. Kasaysayan”, the celebration commenced with a reading of the history of Philippine Independence, followed by an entrance of colors, flag hoisting, and singing of the national anthem, signifying the rise of the nation from 333 years of oppression.

In her solidarity message, Joy James “Ka Amihan” Sagino, a friend rescued (FR), thanked the government for their joint efforts to combat insurgency. She urged unity to achieve genuine peace, progress, and development among the communities.

“Today is not only a celebration of our hard-earned independence but also a day of a call to action... our collective responsibility to build a society where Filipinos thrive and succeed. Let us not be fined by the conflicts of our past but let us be driven by the boldness to dream of a better future,” Amihan said.

Amihan also reminded leaders of the government to remain steadfast in their commitment to prioritize the needs of the marginalized, the forgotten, and the voiceless.

Governor Dorothy Montejo-Gonzaga led the entry of the wreath right after the rendition of “Bayan ko” and community singing of “Ako ay Pilipino”. Acting Provincial Fire Marshall Donald Conception represented by Compostela Fire Marshal Patricio Brañanola Jr, Provincial Police Officer Benedicto Faco, and 1001st Brigade Commander Ronnie Babac escorted her during the offering.

“Let's take the challenge to be the voice of the voiceless and our marginalized sectors, aton na kanunay ipahinumdom sa atong mga pubic officials, employees ug lakip na atong mga atong kapulisan ug kasundaluhan, atong dawaton ang hagit ni Ka Amihan” stressed Governor Gonzaga in her message.

Governor Gonzaga reiterated the significance of the whole-of-nation approach as a driver of positive change in the province. She encouraged everyone to work together and make the people feel that the government truly works.

“We should give more meaning to how and what is to be free or to be independent. Manghinaot ko nga magsiga atong mga mata, maminanaw atong mga dalunggan ug bation nato ang mas labaw nga panginahanglan sa atong katawhan” Governor Gonzaga added.

Following the wreath-laying, the Philippine military fired a 21-gun salute in honor of the national flag and the fallen heroes who fought for the country's independence.

Major General Jose Eriel Niembra, 10th Infantry (Agila) Division Commander, underscored in his message that the security sector is committed to its duty of serving and protecting the beloved country.

“Rest assured that the Agila troopers will continue to embody the values of honor, patriotism, and duty... but remember that independence is not solely the responsibility of the military alone, it is a shared responsibility among Filipinos,” said MGen Niembra.

Further, selected PNP officers demonstrated their unit's unity through a fancy drill. A viewing of the static display and kalayaan exhibit was held at the Capitol lobby right after the drill.

Under Republic Act No. 4166 of 1964, every year's twelfth day of June is declared Philippine Independence Day, and all Filipinos are prompted to observe it with appropriate rites. (Jaynus Fernandez)



DdO celebrates the gains of collective resilience and unity – insurgency free province



“*Davao de Oro has emerged as a shining example of resilience and unity. Through the collaborative efforts of our brave citizens, dedicated public servants, committed men and women in uniformed personnel, we have successfully eradicated the menace of insurgency that once plagued our land*”, message of Governor Dorothy Montejo-Gonzaga during the ceremony of 1st anniversary of the insurgency-free province on June 22, 2023, at the Capitol Lobby, Nabunturan.

The one-day celebration kicked off with a motorcade followed by the soft opening of “Kalayaan Village” situated in Barangay Libasan, Nabunturan, the release of livelihood and financial assistance to friends rescued and people’s organizations, and the signing of a manifesto of support on sustaining peace and development in the province.

Aside from commemorating the significant milestone, Gov Gonzaga also underscored the importance of protecting the hard-earned gains by remaining vigilant, engaging in constructive dialogue, and reinforcing the determination to combat all forms of insurgency, including those that originate from within.

Joy James “Ka Amihan” Saguino and Kurt Russel “Ka Ugnay” Sosa, friends rescued who have chosen the path of peace and unity, pay tribute to the sacrifices made along the way and honor the bravery of those who against all odds, and choose to stand up for what is right, even in the face of grave challenges.

Both are a living testament to the transformative power of hope, forgiveness, and the human capacity for change.

The province that was once a hotbed of communist insurgency, hosting 7 of the 18 guerrilla fronts in the Davao region, has 133 barangays identified as conflict-vulnerable areas, now celebrating the fruits of all the government’s unwavering efforts and determination. *(Rheafe Hortizano)*



Gov Gonzaga takes the helm in pioneering Oath-Taking Event of Junior Youth Public Officials

In a momentous event that embodies the spirit of civic engagement and empowerment among young individuals, thirty-seven (37) youths in various municipalities of the province set the stage for a new era of leadership and community involvement as they affirm as Junior Youth Public Officials (JYPOs) during the Oath-Taking Ceremony on August 22.

Governor Dorothy Montejo-Gonzaga administered the oath-taking event at the Provincial Capitol Grounds, Nabunturan, during the Convocation program of the employees and officials.

“*This is also our surest way for you to be inspired to soon be involved in government service, pinaagi sa pag apil sa mga programa ug labaw mas maayu kung kamo gyud mismo maoy mamahimo na mag hupot sa mga posisyon in the near future*”, expressed Governor Gonzaga in her weekly message.

Governor Gonzaga added, “*This activity is really gearing toward their genuine appreciation of the tasks and functions sa tagsa-tagsa ka mga department heads, appointive officials, ug mas labaw na sa atong elective officials*”.

Meanwhile, Sangguniang Kabataan Federation President Charlemagne B. Bautista said in his address that “today marked the third day of their journey as delegates representing various departments and officials within the provincial government”.

These young individuals displayed exceptional performance during the thorough screening and examination, leading to their selection as JYPOs based on the result released by the Sangguniang Kabataan - Davao de Oro FB page on August 17.

“*We would like to encourage our officials and different heads of offices to warmly welcome and guide your equivalent Junior Youth Official as they engage themselves in quality public service and bureaucratic leadership*,” said SKFP Bautista.

Additionally, the JYPOs 9-day emergence in the provincial government started August 20 and wrapped up on August 28.

The election, appointment, and installation of these young officials were part of the International Youth Day and Linggo ng Kabataan 2023 celebration with the theme “Green Skills for Youth: Towards a Sustainable Youth,” as this was also supported by Section 8 of Provincial Ordinance No. 94-2022 that specifies the annual election of young officials on the first day of the Linggo ng Kabataan Celebration.

With the efforts of the Panlalawigang Pederasyon ng Sangguniang Kabataan with the support from the Governor, Department of the Interior and Local Government, PSWDO-Youth Development Division, and SK-Davao de Oro, the undertaking stands as the province’s commitment to nurturing the next generation of leaders which not only highlighted the importance of active youth participation in governance but also exemplified the passing of the torch to a generation poised to shape the future of the province. *(Jaynus Fernandez)*



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SECTOR

DA's multi-million peso agri-machines, infra to raise farmers' productivity & profitability; swine facility to restore hog production in DdO



July 27, 2023, marked a noteworthy advancement for the province's agriculture sector as the Department of Agriculture (DA)-Philippine Center for Postharvest Development and Mechanization (PHilMech) handed over agricultural infrastructures and machinery to the province through its Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (RCEF) Mechanization Program.

Around Php 7.9M worth of facilities, including two (2) mechanical grain dryers with biomass and petroleum-based heating systems and one (1) precision rice seeder, were received by the provincial government led by Governor Dorothy Montejo-Gonzaga at Davao de Oro Farm, Brgy. Pasian, in Monkayo town.

Asst. Director Dr. Ofero A. Capariño, standing in for Dr. Dionisio G. Alvindia, the DA-PHilMech Director, stated that the dryer and precision seeder are an augmentation to the array of agricultural equipment previously provided to the province between 2019 and 2022, totaling Php 189.8M.

"Kung may hihingin kami, ito ay alagaan, pakaingatan, mahalin at siguraduhing ang mga libreng makinarya na inyung natanggap ay aabot sa susunod na henerasyon" Asst. Director Capariño said.

He added that PHilMech is advocating for "youth for mechanization", saying "ini-encourage din po namin ang ating mga anak 18-35 years old, pwede po silang sumali sa programa namin."

Sila ay tuturuan ng mga makabagong makinarya ng pagsasaka including drone application sa pagfertilize, sa pag-spray ng pesticides ... sana madiscover natin sila kasi hindi na mahirap ang pagsasaka gaya na iniisip nila".

In addition, an extra amount of Php 875K was provided by DA-Agricultural Training Institute XI for the Province-Led Agriculture and Fishery Extension System (PAFES) Capability Development Support which aims to strengthen the abilities of LGUs in implementing crucial agricultural and fishery initiatives through the Collaborative Provincial Agriculture and Fisheries Extension Program (CPAFEP).

Meanwhile, DA-International Training Center on Pig Husbandry (ATI-ITCPH) XI also led the groundbreaking and capsule laying ceremony for a Php 10M Swine Multiplier and Technology Demonstration Farm Project, through DA's Integrated National Swine Production Initiatives for Recovery and Expansion (INSPIRE) Program, at the same location.

Establishing this swine farm project or nucleus breeder farm will assist swine farm facilities such as Farmers' Cooperative Associations (FCAs), Private Farms, and other beneficiaries by ensuring the direct supply of high genetic quality breeds of pigs while also restoring swine production and continuous supply of swine and pork products locally.

According to PSA's 2018 swine statistics, the hog production in the province was estimated to be worth over Php 1.98B. Nevertheless, the swine sector faced significant challenges in 2020 due to the outbreak of African Swine Fever (ASF) which impacted 37 barangays in all municipalities, resulting in the loss of 3,557 heads. The considerable inventory of 58,356 heads recorded in December 2022 strongly indicates the urgency of replenishing the hog population in the province.

DA XI, with the help of LGUs and private sectors, continued its efforts to implement biosecurity measures, intensified border control and quarantine measures, active disease surveillance & monitoring, and other measures to control and mitigate the spread of the virus that impede swine production.

In her message, Governor Gonzaga expressed sincere gratitude to DA and gave reassurances of the province's commitment to fulfilling its obligations and handling the abundant resources provided with utmost care and efficiency as also part of her advocacy of good governance.

Further, PLGU-Davao de Oro and DA also forged a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to enhance their collaboration, leading to greater advantages for the province's fisherfolk and farmers. *(Jaynus Fernandez)*

PLGU DdO inks agreement with PCA XI

"There are several crops nga hiyang sa probinsya... kani raman gyud murag pinaka ever resilient nga tanom. So dili pwede puro rata kamaisan, kahumayan dapat dako pud ang pagtagad niining lubi" said Governor Dorothy Montejo-Gonzaga during the MOA signing at Opisina sa Katawhan Function Hall, Provincial Capitol on May 22.

The Provincial Government of Davao de Oro and the Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) XI signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) on the establishment of a 5.0-hectare coconut seed farm and communal nursery inside Davao de Oro Farm, Brgy. Pasian in Monkayo town.

Gov. Gonzaga and Regional Manager III Juvy T. Alayon of PCA XI led the signing of MOA to formalize the bond and further help achieve production-market integration which will later benefit the small coconut farmers in the province.

The said agreement is part of PCA's Seed Farm Development Project (SFDP) which aims to help Local Government Units (LGUs) and State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) in establishing coconut seed farms. Through this, there will be a significant increase in sources of seed nuts and seedlings in the future, thereby sustaining the coconut planting and replanting program of the authority.

Moreover, the agency is establishing a Communal Nursery as a project component of the Coconut Hybridization Program under the Coconut Farmers and Industry Development Plan (CFIDP) which intends to grant qualified coconut farmers and would-be coconut farmers of the hybrid coconut seedlings for planting and replanting in their coconut farms.

As a result, PLGU has offered the 5.0 hectares of land within the DDO farm to be developed as a Seed Farm and Nursery to serve the needs of farmers in the province for high-quality planting materials, as well as the intention and willingness to take on the necessary responsibilities.

Governor Gonzaga extended her deep appreciation to PCA XI as the partnership will bring much development to the coconut industry in the province.

"Daghan salamat para niini, very significant undertaking of both the PCA and the province. We look forward for this partnership and we look forward nga ikapanghambog napud sa among katawhan diri that really our government works thru PCA and PAGRO." Gov. Gonzaga added.

Present also at the event were Provincial Agriculturist Jaime Anter, PCA Davao de Oro & del Norte Provincial Director William Mortalla, PCA Acting Senior Agriculturist Vernon P. Dimol, and staff from PAGRO, among others. *(Jaynus Fernandez)*





P38M Integrated Gold-Copper Mineral Processing Pilot Plant, gibisita

Nagpahigayun og site visit ang Inter-agency Sub-committee on Gold Trading sa Davao Region kauban sila Gov. Dorothy Montejo-Gonzaga ug 2nd District Representative Ruwel Peter Gonzaga sa P38 Million Integrated Gold-Copper Mineral Processing Pilot Plant.

Ang maong pagbisita niadtong Mayo 17, 2023 sa Purok 5, Brgy. Katipunan sa Nabunturan, nagtumong nga makita ug mahatagan og bili ang aktuwal nga pagproseso sa gold ores sa maong Environment Friendly nga Gold Processing Plant.

Dugang pa, ginalantaw usab sa sub-committee nga mahimo kini nga komon nga service facility alang sa gagmay nga mga minero sa Davao Region aron maghatag kontribusyon sa Davao Region Gold Buying Program Roadmap para sa 2022-2026, nga nahisubay usab sa Gold Buying Roadmap sa Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP).



Ngpahigayon usab ang sub-committee og 2nd Quarter Regular Meeting mismo sa PGO Conference room, Provincial Capitol alang sa mga dugang diskusyon arun mas mapalambo pa ang industriya sa mina sa probinsya ug sa tibuok rehiyon.

Mahinumduman nga kaniadtong Agosto 8, 2018, gipahitabo ang operational testing sa maong pasilidad aron gayud masuta ang kapasidad niini ug kon pwede na ba kini magamit sa mga katawhan. Gilaoman usab nga dako kining tabang aron maprotektahan ang kinaiyahan nga kabahin usab sa pagduso sa Green Mining Technology sa probinsiya. (Jaynus Fernandez)



KADIWA ng Pangulo provides affordable food items; boosts farmers' incomes in DdO

The Provincial Government of Davao de Oro, led by Governor Dorothy Montejo-Gonzaga, joins the nation on July 17, 2023 in the simultaneous launching of KADIWA ng Pangulo activity, a marketing strategy of the government which seeks to provide consumers with access to quality and safe food items, while ensuring farm producers have a ready market.

Various farmers' associations of the province have participated and displayed their goods as follows: rice, vegetables, fruits, root crops, fish, and processed goods, including both food and non-food produce. All are available in the one-day showcase at the Capitol Lobby, Executive Building, starting this morning until 5PM.

Gov Gonzaga addressing the farmers, said "we are more than happy to accommodate you all here sa kapitolyo puhon, plastar nalang ang kulang ug ang pinakaimportante ang atong pagsuporta niini nga program sa gobyerno as a way of supporting our local producers and farmers".

She also emphasized the importance of the program, as it helps to increase the incomes of local farmers, fisherfolks, and even micro, small, medium, and enterprises (MSMEs).

DA Regional Director Abel James I. Monteagudo, represented by Ms. Naomi Lamata, APCO Davao de Oro, said that the agency has stepped up its efforts to improve the supply chain efficiency and make food and other essential commodities affordable, especially in the provinces.

She also urged the consumers to patronize the local products adding that "the best thing about buying local food is that you know who grew them, nakatabang ka na sa mga mag-uuma sigurado pa gyud ka nga dili smuggled ang imong produkto nga napalit".

In addition, DOLE also provided financial assistance to the participating sellers under the Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Disadvantaged/Displaced Workers (TUPAD) program.

Provincial Agriculturist Dr. Jaime D. Anter, PVO Head Rolando S. Simene, DOLE Provincial Chief Niel Allan R. Baban, DA AMAD XI Alexander Sibuan, and personnel from DSWD, NFA, and DTI were also present during the activity. (Rheafe Hortizano)





4H DdO reaps golden awards in 70th Farm Youth National Convention

It is another feat for the agriculture sector in the province where the 4H Club DdO Member placed first in two categories and one as the Most Outstanding Coordinator during the 70th Farm Youth National Convention held on August 1-4, 2023, at La Carmela de Boracay, Malay, Aklan.

Every year, various regions in the country gather for the 4-H Annual Youth Camp to enhance their leadership skills, share experiences, and showcase their knowledge of agriculture and new farming technologies.

Also having the highest number of points from the different competitions, the Davao Region emerged as the overall champion.

Mr. Norodel C. Supin, LGU Maco 4-H Coordinator expressed, sincerest gratitude to the full support extended by the provincial and local government unit of Davao de Oro to all the regional and national entries of 4-H Club.

“Dili gyud nato ni makab-ot nga kadaugan kung dili tungod sa suporta, sa panguna sa atong Gobernadora Dorothy Montejo-Gonzaga, Mayor Arthur Carlos Voltaire R. Rimando, PAGRO, ug sa tanang mingsalig sa bulawanong talento sa mga taga Davao de Oro,” Supin added.



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First Place Short Film Contest
Mr. Bubba P. Payot
in Mabini
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Most Reacted Video Entry National Excellence Achievers Award (NEAA) Health Category
Anibongan NHS 4-H Club
represented by Ms. Wenche Arcayna
- 

First Place- HIMIG HANDOG: Song Writing and Singing Competition
Ms. Haryll Jane S. Bartolini
in Maco
- 

Most Outstanding 4-H Club Coordinator
Mr. Norodel C. Supin
of LGU-Maco

Provincial Agriculturist Head, Dr. Jaime D. Anter, emphasized the importance of the club as an avenue for young farmers to hone their skills, enhancing productivity and self-reliance by engaging in farming and agri-based income generating projects of the government.

This significant milestone is a manifestation that the province of Davao de Oro is homegrown of golden people with golden talents that bring pride and name to the national level. *(Rheafe Hortizano)*



DdO's technological development project yields 800kls of bangus and tilapia

After four to six months, more than 800 kilos of Polyculture Bangus and Molobicus Red Tilapia were harvested on June 6, 2023, during the one-time harvest festival of the province's Technological Development Farm located at P-2, Barangay Tibagon, Pantukan, Davao de Oro.

Provincial Agriculturist Dr. Jaime D. Anter said that the farm is a research proposal that intends to discover new technology for the fisherfolk in the province by demonstrating the use of Polyculture on bangus and saline tilapia.

Dr. Anter said that they choose tilapia because of its marketability while its Polyculture improves feed utilization, enhances water quality, and increases total yield and profit.

Governor Dorothy Montejo-Gonzaga lauded the success of the project resulting in P104K pesos worth of proceeds. She looks forward that with the help of the aforesaid project, more livelihood opportunities will be given to the people not only in Pantukan but also to the entire province.

Present during the activity were BFAR XI Regional Director Raul C. Millana, Mayor Leonil “Jhong” Ceniza, Municipal Agriculturist Alfredo A. Sasutana, and Barangay Officials. *(Rheafe Hortizano)*



Kopiat 2.5 KM “Open Water Swim and Explore” splashes success

Davao de Oro came alive on May 7, 2023, as swimmers and enthusiasts from across the Philippines gathered for the “Kopiat 2.5 KM Open Water Swim and Explore.” Against the backdrop of Beach View Resort, Pindasan, Mabini, this event was a vibrant celebration of the ocean, uniting participants from diverse categories and showcasing their talents during Ocean Month 2023.

Nestled along the captivating shores of Pindasan, Beach View Resort provided a venue for the competition. With its pristine beaches and breathtaking views of the Davao Gulf, Pindasan served as a reminder of the breathtaking and inspiring beauty our oceans possess. This location highlighted the significance of protecting and cherishing our marine ecosystems because of the abundant marine life around it.

The competition attracted diverse individuals, including professional swimmers, amateurs, and enthusiastic youth participants. With a total of 158 individuals taking part, the event buzzed with excitement and friendly competition. Participants from all corners of the country converged to showcase their swimming prowess and deepen their connection with the ocean. Successful swimmers were awarded over P100,000 in cash prizes, including medals, certificates, and trophies, further adding to the thrill of the event.

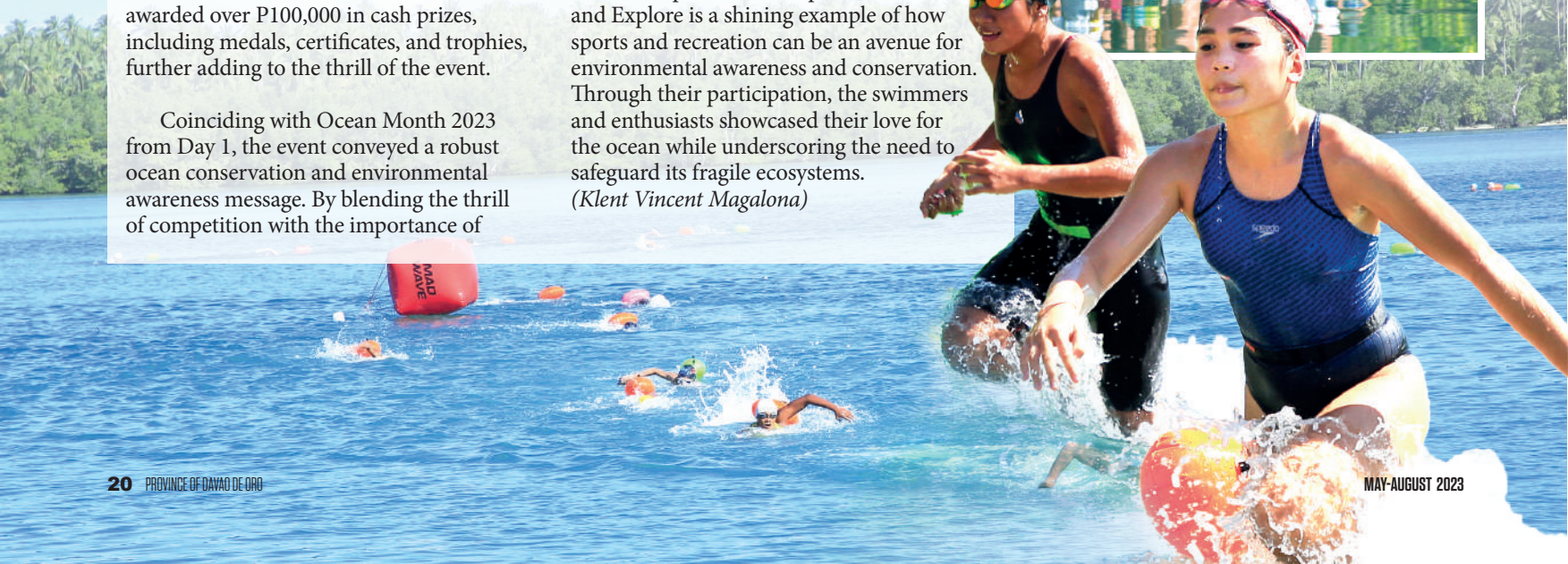
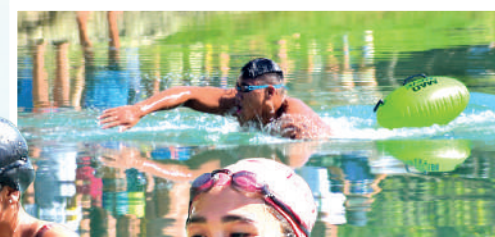
Coinciding with Ocean Month 2023 from Day 1, the event conveyed a robust ocean conservation and environmental awareness message. By blending the thrill of competition with the importance of

preserving our oceans, the event aimed to educate and inspire participants and spectators alike.

The success of the Kopiat 2.5 KM Open Water Swim and Explore would not be possible without the collaborative efforts of various organizations and agencies. The Provincial Government Unit of Davao de Oro and the Local Government Unit of Mabini joined forces, providing invaluable support and resources to ensure a seamless event.

The partnership with Mad Wave Philippines offered expertise and guidance in organizing the swim. At the same time, notable partner agencies, including the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Philippine Coast Guard, Mabini Emergency Response Team (MABERT), Philippine National Police (PNP), Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), Provincial Health Office, Municipal Health Office of Mabini, 28th Infantry Battalion, and others, extended their assistance and cooperation. These entities created an unforgettable event that united swimmers, communities, and organizations in a shared commitment.

The Kopiat 2.5-KM Open Water Swim and Explore is a shining example of how sports and recreation can be an avenue for environmental awareness and conservation. Through their participation, the swimmers and enthusiasts showcased their love for the ocean while underscoring the need to safeguard its fragile ecosystems. *(Klent Vincent Magalona)*



Philippine Experience Program: Davao Leg

Davao de Oro officials led by Gov. Dorothy Montejo-Gonzaga welcomed the delegates to the “Philippine Experience Program: Davao leg” of the Department of Tourism (DOT) on June 29 at the province’s premier destination, Dusit Thani Lubi Plantation Resort in Mabini.

No less than DOT Sec. Maria Esperanza Christina Garcia Frasco and Davao Regional Dir. Tanya Rabat Tan led the powerhouse of dignitaries including the members of the diplomatic corps, tourism association leaders and other stakeholders, who experienced the province’s brand of hospitality as well as a

first-hand experience of the island-resort with a warm welcome by the resort’s CEO Tomas P. Lorenzo.

In her welcome message, the governor expressed her gratitude to the dignitaries saying “your support and commitment are invaluable.” She also underscored the declaration of the province as insurgency-free as it recently celebrated its 1st anniversary last June 22.

“As we have made great strides in peace and development, Davao de Oro has become a thriving zone and a beacon of growth and opportunity in the tourism sector. With breathtaking landscapes, rich cultural

heritage, and warm hospitality, our province is an ideal destination for travelers from around the world,” she said.

She also extended her sincere thanks to the Lorenzo Family “for having considered investing in resorts and related ventures in our province.” *“With your partnership, we can unlock Davao de Oro’s full potential and create a thriving economy for all.”*

The pilot leg is also part of the “LOVE THE PHILIPPINES” promotional tour of DOT, an enhanced tourism campaign slogan under PBBM’s administration. *(FFM)*





Agricultural Boost: DdO farmers benefit from DA's P35-M discount program

A total of 6,928 farmers covering 8,777 hectares of rice fields in Davao de Oro benefitted the P35 million fertilizer discount vouchers (FVD) from the Department of Agriculture (DA) as part of the government's continuing efforts to help boost the agriculture sector in the province.

Qualified beneficiaries for the program are rice farmers registered in the Registry System for Basic Sectors in Agriculture (RSBSA) who planted palay in the 2023 Wet Season and those who received and purchased inbred and hybrid seeds from the DA.

Based on the given data, the agency in collaboration with the Provincial Agriculturist's Office (PAGRO) started the distribution of assistance on August 17 to 30, 2023, to the rice farmers from the municipality of Nabunturan, Montevista, New Bataan, Mawab, Laak, Maco, and Compostela.

The discount vouchers are for one-time use only and are claimed by any accredited fertilizer merchant in the preferred area of the farmer-beneficiaries.

According to DA, aside from ensuring the timely availability of the needed fertilizer for rice production in the targeted areas, the program also aims to help farmers afford the cost of fertilizers in improving their yield and income.

To ensure the quality of the outputs, the department has also determined the type of fertilizer for which the voucher will be used.

In his message, Jerry Aventurado, one of the beneficiaries from Barangay Basak, Nabunturan, stated that the voucher is a great help to their livelihood to buy a sufficient volume of urea fertilizer recommended for their rice area.

"Isip mag-uuma, dako kaayu amoang pasalamat nga nahatagag katubagan sa gobyerno ang amoang panginahanglan labina nga lisod kaayu ang panahon karon diin ang tanan pamaliton nagmahal apil na ang mga abuno, tungod aning assistance o subsidy nga nadawat namo makatabang ni sa pag finance sa amoang uma," he added.

Moreover, another set of distribution schedules is set for the remaining municipalities (Maragusan, Pantukan, and Monkayo) starting in September. (Rheafe Hortizano)



DdO Coconut Summit: Empowers farmers, open opportunities toward a sustainable coconut industry

To empower coconut farmers and strengthen the coconut industry in the province, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), in collaboration with the PLGU-Philippine Coconut Authority, successfully conducted the 2nd Provincial Coconut Summit held at the Nabunturan National Comprehensive High School on August 22, 2023.

DTI Provincial Director, Atty. Lucky Siegfred M. Balleque said the summit is one of the steps of the government that aims to provide a platform for stakeholders in promoting inclusive economic growth and sustainable development toward the resilience of the coconut sector in the province.

This year's celebration highlighted several components such as the plenary session, panel discussion, showcasing of food and non-food products through product exhibit, and profiling and registration of coconut farmers.

Status and updates on the Coconut Farmers and Industry Development Plan (CFIDP) were discussed by the Philippine Coconut Authority during the plenary session. Sunrise Ventures Corporation also provided inputs on business opportunities for Coco Sugar Production.

Governor Dorothy Montejo-Gonzaga graced the event with commitment of support "kaning pagpadayun nato, pagpakusog sa coconut industry is not just for ourselves, kundi para kini sa kinatibok-an sa probinsya ug sa mo sunod pa nga henerasyon, rest assured that the government is here to provide assistance and programs para kaninyong tanan".

Gov Gonzaga also led the induction of officers for the Coconut Industry Resource Circuit for Leadership Empowerment and Development Davao de Oro (CIRCLED DdO).

More than a thousand coconut farmers gathered at the event, and around 100 key stakeholders, experts, and enthusiasts from across the coconut industry shared a day of insightful discussions, knowledge sharing, and collaborative planning. (Rheafe Hortizano)





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Public Park sa DdO Capitol Complex mag-abre na sunod tuig 2024

Formal na nga gipahigayon niadtong Mayo 18 ang groundbreaking ug time capsule laying ceremony sa “Ginintuang Paraiso” Public Park nga tukoron sa Provincial Capitol Complex sa Davao de Oro.

Ang pagpatukod sa 613.84 sq.m nga parke nagkantidad og Php 20 milyones nga gipunduhan sa Local Government Support Fund-Financial Assistance to Local Government Units (LGSF-FA to LGUs) ubos sa FY 2022 General Appropriations Act (GAA).

Naglangkob sa maong parke ang amphitheater events area nga adunay bleachers, ramp walkways, rentable stalls ug planting areas diin ang mga katawhan mamahimong mag-jogging, magpiknik ug uban pa.

Gilauman na mahuman ang pagpatukod niini sulod sa 200 calendar days kun sa Nobyembre 25 ning tuiga arun mahimong accessible na kini sa katawhan sa sunod tuig 2024.

Gawas kang Provincial Administrator Fatima Montejo nga nagrepresentar kay Governor Dorothy Montejo-Gonzaga, nitambong usab si DILG - Davao de Oro Cluster Head Ivy Mae L. Esteban uban sa mga department head sama ni Provincial Engineer Roderick Digamon, Provincial Budget Officer Eva Jean Licayan, Provincial Social Welfare Officer Josephine Frasco ug pipila ka kawani sa panggamhanang probinsyal. (Jaynus Fernandez)



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SOCIAL INFRA ON EDUCATION: Sa tumong sa panggamhanang probinsyal sa Davao de Oro nga mapalambo ang kalidad sa edukasyon pinaagi sa saktong pasilidad, gipangunahan ni Davao de Oro Governor Dorothy Montejo-Gonzaga ang gipahigayong Groundbreaking Ceremony sa 1-storey 3-Classroom Building para sa Parasan Integrated School mismo sa Sapanglubog, Tibagon, Pantukan kagahapong adlaw Agosto 23 ning tuiga.

Dako ang kalipay ang nabati sa mga magtutudlo diin nahatag ang usa ka probisyon nga dugay na nilang ginahandum sanglit magdala kini og dakong kalambuan sa operasyon sa tulungaan ilabina sa paghatag sa maayung pasilidad alang sa ilang mga estudyante. Gitambungan usab ang maong seremonya ni Board Member Ruwina Gonzaga, mga personahe sa Provincial Engineer's Office (PEO), ug sa maong tulungaan.

Niadtong Agosto 22, gi-tunover na ang Multi-purpose Gym sa Paloc National High School sa Maragusan nga gipahigayon atul sa Foundation Day Program sa maong tulungaan.

Gitutukan pag-ayu ni Governor Gonzaga, ilalom sa iyang administrasyon, ang natad sa edukasyon tungod nakita niini ang importansya sa mga kabaatan nga mao ang kaugmaon sa probinsya.





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GOVERNMENT WORKS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT:

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Laying the Groundwork for Progress



CLASSROOM BUILDINGS AND TEACHERS COTTAGES



COVERED COURT



FMR/ OTHER ROAD CONCRETINGS



SITIO ELECTRIFICATIONS



MULTI-PURPOSE GYMNASIUMS



WATER SYSTEMS

HOSPITAL INFRA (WATCHERS WAITING AREA)



MULTI-PURPOSE HALLS

Mangrove Tree Planting culminates Farmers' and Fisherfolks' Month Celebration in DdO



To promote environmental preservation, a mangrove tree planting activity was held along the coastal areas of Brgy. Tibagon in Pantukan town on May 31, 2023.

The event served as the culmination program for the month-long celebration of Farmers' and Fisherfolks' Month in the province.

Organized thru the Provincial Agriculturist Office (PAGRO), in collaboration with various agencies, around 2000 mangrove seedlings were planted, aiming to restore and protect the ecosystems in the coastal areas.

Mangroves play a crucial role in coastal protection, acting as natural barriers against storms, while providing habitats for a diverse range of marine species.

Among other agencies present were BFAR PFO DdO, Provincial Tourism Office, MAGRO Mawab, MAGRO New Bataan, MAGRO Maco, MAGRO Mabini, MAGRO Pantukan, Bantay Dagat Pantukan, BAEW Pantukan, BAEW Mabini, and BLGU Brgy. Tibagon. They expressed their commitment to continue advocating for the conservation of natural resources and promoting a greener future for Davao de Oro. *(Jaynus Fernandez)*



PLGU DdO receives awards on best implementers of DENR's RA 9003

The strengthened implementation of solid waste management program in the Provincial Government has earned four awards from the DENR-XI during the IEC Summit CY 2023 and Environment Month Culmination on June 27-28, 2023 at the Ritz Hotel, Davao City.

The plaque of recognition are as follows:
 First Province to have attained 100% approval of 10-Year Solid Waste Management Plan including its Component Cities and Municipalities
 Province with Highest Number of Functional Sanitary Landfill as of 1st Semester CY 2023

Province with Highest Percentage of Functional EMB -Donated Solid Waste Management Equipment as of 1st Semester CY 2023

Province to have attained 100% approval of 10 Year Solid Waste Management Plan including it's Component Cities and Municipalities

PENRO Department Head Marilyn Perlas thanked DENR-EMB for recognizing the efforts of Davao de Oro in pursuing an RA 9003-compliant province. She also expressed gratitude to Governor Dorothy Montejo-Gonzaga for gracing the event and



for the all-out support of the program. Solid waste management is among the priority concerns of Governor Gonzaga's administration to ensure the protection of public health and the environment.

The aforesaid attainment is a manifestation of joint efforts of the local government units, environmental advocates, stakeholders, and the active participation of the community in the implementation of RA 9003. *(Rheafe Hortizano)*

Ocean month celebration in Davao de Oro steps up!

On May 6, 2023, PLGU-Davao de Oro and MLGU Mabini, alongside stakeholders, joined forces to support marine restoration at the Ocean Month Celebration in Beach View Resort, Brgy. Pindasan. Scubasureros from various groups conducted an ocean clean-up, while hundreds of individuals participated in a coastal clean-up, highlighting the importance of waste management and responsibility. A coral reef planting took place, accompanied by MAPABROA's PHP 16k donation for artificial coral reef frames, fostering coral growth and providing additional habitats for marine animals.



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DILG conducts SGLG Assessment in DdO

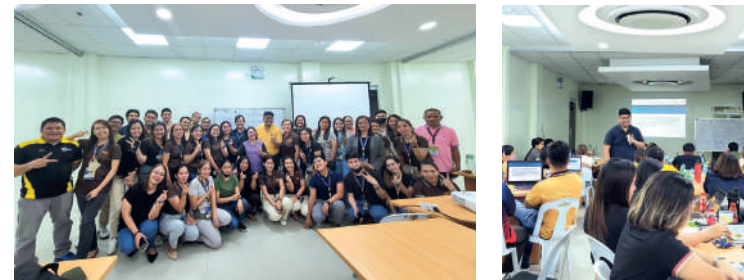
The Department of Interior and Local Government’s (DILG) regional assessment team, led by ARD Abdullah V. Matalam, validated on July 18, 2023 the documents in compliance with the all-in-assessment criteria for Seal of Good Governance (SGLG) award on various 10 areas governance: Good Fiscal or Financial Administration; Disaster Preparedness; Health Compliance and Responsiveness; Social Protection and Sensitivity

Program; Programs for Sustainable Education; Business friendliness and Competitiveness; Safety, Peace and Order; Tourism Heritage Development, Culture, and Arts; Environmental Management, and; Youth Development.

The SGLG is an award, incentive, honor, and recognition-based program of DILG that recognizes the outstanding performance of LGUs in various areas of governance and encourages LGUs to continuously improve public services by upholding the practice of transparency and accountability in the use of public funds.



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People Management Seminar

MAY 24, 2023



Prime HRM Capacitating Seminar

MAY 25-26, 2023



Gender and Development Orientation

MAY 29, 2023



Re-orientation on Medical Devices

JUNE 23, 2023



Training on Google Applications and Webinar Platforms

JUNE 26, 2023



COACHING SEMINAR

JULY 13, 2023



Basic Customer Service Seminar (BCSS)

JULY 20, 2023



Infographics Seminar
JULY 27, 2023



Pre-Licensing Training Course
JUNE 19-JULY 11, 2023



Supervisory Development Course Track 1 (F2F)
AUGUST 7-11, 2023



Basic Life Support
AUGUST 23-25, 2023



Provincial Plan of Action for Children (PPAC)
JULY 18-21, 2023



Improving Journalism in Ddo thru training workshops
JULY 14, 2023



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PBBM's PFP Party gains a key ally as Gov. Dot takes official oath

Governor Dorothy Montejo-Gonzaga strengthened ties with President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., together with 18 other government leaders in the Philippines, as she once again took the oath of office as a member of the Partido Federal ng Pilipinas (PFP), a political party of the President.

No less than President Marcos Jr. administered the oath-taking ceremony at Heroes Hall in Malacañan Palace, Manila, on August 24.

The President pointed out his firm belief in Federalism, saying that the core principle of the PFP involves decentralizing power to local governments, districts, and all entities functioning at the community level, making for a more sound political structure in the country.

He also underscored that by transforming the government, bureaucracy, and even the thinking of ordinary Filipino citizens and politicians, the countrymen can feel that the government genuinely exists to assist its people.

Meanwhile, Governor Gonzaga pledged her support to the President's agenda and the party as this is in line with her advocacy for good governance. This is espoused on her "Government Works" platform of governance, aiming for a more progressive, economic-driven, and better province.

It can be recalled that the governor already took her oath as a member of the PFP on July 24, 2023, right after the President's State of the Nation Address (SONA).

In October 2018, the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) granted official accreditation to the PFP. During the 2022 national elections, President Marcos Jr. assumed the role of the Party's presidential candidate. *(Jaynus Fernandez)*



IDADAIT 2023 focuses on strengthening youth participation and prevention

The International Day Against Illicit Drug Trafficking (IDADAIT) is observed simultaneously every 26th day of June in all member countries of the United Nations, including the Philippines, as a manifestation of its purpose in achieving the goal of a world free of drug abuse.

In her message, Governor Dorothy Montejo-Gonzaga, PADAC Chairman, represented by Executive Assistant Claire Joy Reterba Gonzaga, said that the province's anti-illegal drug campaign also focuses on strengthening youth participation and prevention through education, values formation, and skills training.

“One of the highlights sa atong selebrasyon sa IDADAIT mao ang gipahigayon nato nga soft opening sa Special Drug Education Center or SDEC para sa mga out-of-school youth and street children ug ang inter municipality competition which was also participated by the youth”, Gonzaga added.

The center is a community-based facility housed inside the Senior Citizen Building, Capitol Compound, which will serve as a venue for promoting preventive and developmental services and educating

the youth regarding the ill effects of drug abuse thereby, contributing to their total development as self-reliant and socially responsible members of the society.

PDEA Provincial Director, IA V Clodito V Canada, emphasized the vital role of youth in drug use prevention and encouraged their active participation and cooperation as they are the future leaders of the country.

PD Canada added, *“We all know na youth is the most vulnerable sector, thus, by giving them education and right information masiguro nato ang ilang maayung kaugmaon and they will become our cross multipliers in the community”.*

They also signed a manifesto of support and a memorandum of agreement for the adaptation and implementation of the Yakap Bayan Program, a holistic intervention that offers aftercare services for Recovering Person Who Used Drugs (RPWUDs).

In response, Board Member Charlemagne Bautista, SK Federation President assured that SK officials are firm in their commitment and support to the government's efforts in eradicating illegal drugs.

Moreover, around 100 youth from 11 municipalities have participated in the contemporary dance and spoken poetry competition at the Capitol Lobby, as part of the IDADAIT 2023 celebration with the theme: *“People first, Stop Stigma and Discrimination, Strengthen Prevention”.*

Davao de Oro has been recognized by the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) for performing a high record of functionality rating based on the effectiveness in the implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of anti-illegal drug activities. *(Rheafe Hortizano)*



2769 Brgy. Health Workers and Nutrition Scholars given recognition

“Dako kaayu kog pagpasalamat sa atong probinsya ilabina sa atong Gobernadora nga gigahinan jud tag budget ... bisan tuod kapoy kaayu atong trabaho pero walay sukod ang atong kalipay kay gibudgetan gyud ta” said Elizabeth Tijamo, BHW of Brgy. Panibasan in Maco, during the releasing of honorarium on August 9, 2023.

On August 8-11, 2023, a total of 2769 Barangay Health Workers (BHWs) and Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS) in Davao de Oro received their 1st and 2nd quarter honorarium amounting to Php 6k each.

The release took place at the Children's Park Pavillon, Provincial Capitol Complex in Nabunturan town. This event also served as recognition for their great contribution to improve the health and nutrition sector in each community.

Laak has been granted the honorarium with the largest count of BHWs and BNS (362), followed by Pantukan (320), Monkayo (312), Maco (276), Maragusan (271), Nabunturan (223), Compostela (222), Montevista (196), Mabini (190), Mawab (158), and New Bataan (150).

Further, under Governor Gonzaga's administration, the healthcare sector has been designated as one of the province's top priorities for development. This encompasses crucial support for stakeholders, specifically towards BHWs and BNS, by ensuring they receive the rightful honorarium they deserve. *(Jaynus Fernandez)*





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Gov. Gonzaga joins 5th League of Provinces of the Philippines General Assembly

Gov. Dorothy Montejo-Gonzaga joins the 5th General Assembly of the League of Provinces of the Philippines (LPP) held at Edsa Shangri-La Hotel, Mandaluyong City on August 26, 2023. The LPP brings together more than 80 strong provincial leaders from across the country as it deliberates on current issues, fosters inter-provincial collaboration, and focuses on sustainable development in the region.

Integrated Water Security Planning, Mainstreaming Climate Change in Local Planning and Programming Process, Integrating all provincial jails within the jurisdiction of BJMP, and sharing of best practices of the Province-wide Universal Health Care Program of La Union, among others.

Thus, encompassing a wide range of topics, the assembly served as a platform for the LPP members and key stakeholders to exchange ideas, experiences, and best practices, including Gov. Gonzaga, who actively joined in the discussion.

Today's gathering of the LPP is yet another testament to the power of unity and collaboration, and that "inter-provincial cooperation will drive positive change, enhance resilience, and ensure a brighter future for all Filipinos." (*FFM*)

Headed by its National President, South Cotabato Governor Reynaldo Tamayo Jr., the assembly discusses crucial events and topics aimed at strengthening ties among provinces and enabling them to work together on shared challenges and opportunities.

Among those shared in the panel discussion includes the upcoming Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Election 2023, the Provincial



A beautiful framed portrait of Gov. Dot Gonzaga given by Gov. Edcel Greco "Grex" Lagman of Albay.



GOVERNMENT WORKS

DICT educates government employees in Ddo to stay cyber-safe

To raise awareness and build a safer cyberspace, the Local Government Unit of Mawab and Montevista in partnership with the Department of Information and Communication Technology (DICT) XI, headed by Regional Director Evamay C. Dela Rose, CESE, successfully conducted Cybersecurity and Data Privacy Protection Awareness on June 11-13, 2023.

The capacity training was participated by the LGU employees from different offices and personnel from the national government agencies who expressed all-out support for the activity as it brings vital matters in today's advancement of technology.

Cybersecurity co-Focal of DICT XI, Engr. Ma. Jessa Garsuta, as the guest speaker, educates the participants on the fundamentals of Cyber Hygiene such as protecting personal, sensitive and financial data. She also urged them to become more vigilant and report incidents promptly to allow law enforcement agencies to take swift action.

Moreover, Provincial Focal, Engr. Bejay Bacay conducts an orientation about the

importance of Philippine National Public Key Infrastructure (PNPKI) to secure the government agency's online transactions and communications. The service ensures confidentiality, authenticity, integrity, and non-repudiation of electronic transactions and documents.

DICT Provincial Officer, Engr. Ronilo Santa Cruz expressed gratitude to the aforesaid LGUs for initiating the activity, which aims to equip individuals with the necessary skills and knowledge to combat cyber threats, thus laying the groundwork for a cyber-resilient society.

He also advised the attendees to share what they had learned from the speakers so that everyone would be aware and safe from any criminal activity.

"DICT continues its mandates in providing programs to safeguard everyone against evolving digital risks and promote cybersecurity practices, we also urge other Local Government Units to partner with us in raising the awareness in our localities in order to secure our cyberspace" Santa Cruz added in his message. (*Rheafe Hortizano*)





BJMP pours social services to IP communities in Montevista

A total of 1,485 Indigenous Peoples (IPs) from Barangay Camantangan, New Sibolan, and New Dalaguete, all in Montevista, have benefitted various social services today (June 20, 2023) during the conduct of Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) community outreach program.

BJMP District Jail Warden, JCINSP Jul Akbar L Jamiri, said the program is part of their annual celebration of community relations service month, which focuses on bringing government services closer to the people, especially those residing in vulnerable areas in the province.

He also expressed gratitude to the concerted efforts of the partner national government agencies, provincial and local government units, and private sectors for extending their profound support throughout the program.

Among the services offered are the following: feeding program, school bags and slippers for students, free civil registration of PSA, medical check-ups, legal consultation and document drafting, operation tuli, hair cutting, distribution of seedlings, animal healthcare, one-day free skills training of TESDA, and others.

In response, Municipal Tribal Chieftain, Maniguon Herminio T. Opao said “Kini nga kalihokan usa ka pinasahi nga ang BJMP dili lang ahensya para sa mga ginatawag nga PDL apan naa sad diay silay programa nga madasig sa katawhang tribo ug sa tanang lumulumpyo sa benepisyaryong barangay”.

Chieftain Opao added that the whole IP community is full of heart for reaching out and pouring the much-needed services, informing the public about the bureau’s program, and playing as an agent of change in society.

This year’s 12th CRS bags the theme: “Matatag na Ugnayan ng Pamayanan at Piitan, Daan tungo sa Ligtas at Maunlad na Bayan”.

The activity was attended by Governor Dorothy Montejo-Gonzaga represented by Fr. Nick Consencino, Mayor Cyrex L. Basalo, Atty. Nicole Batingana of NCIP XI, Montevista District Jail Personnel, 25th Infantry “FIREBALL” Battalion, Philippine National Police, and Barangay Officials. (Rheafe Hortizano)



GWorksInEducation:

Nabati na sad sa mga katawhan sa Sitio Sapanglubog, Barangay Tibagon, Pantukan ang tinod-anay nga serbisyo sa gobyerno human giapod-apod niadtong Agosto 29, 2023 ang mga school supplies gikan kay Governor Dorothy Montejo-Gonzaga ug Congressman Ruwel Peter S. Gonzaga ngadto sa mga estudyante sa Parasan Integrated School.

Mismong sila IPMR Board Member Albert Camana ug BM Ruwina Gonzaga ang nagtunol sa maong supplies. Kita sa ilang mga mata ang kalipay sa mga kabataan diin dugang gamit kini sa ilang pag eskwela.

Gipaabot ni Melissa Quirol, usa ka magtutudlo ang pagpasalamat sa probinsya sa tingugang mapalambo ang kalidad sa edukasyon pinaagi sa itokoray nga 1-story 3-classroom building diin gipahigayon ang groundbreaking ceremony niini kaniadtong milabayng semana.

Tungod sa hiniusang paningkamot sa gobyerno, ang kanhing conflict-affected barangay ug Salugpongan nga tulonghaan nahatagan na ug malahutayong kalinaw nga karon natagamtaman sa mga katawhan.



LOOK:

The provincial government led by Gov. Dorothy Montejo-Gonzaga through the Provincial Accountant's Office in partnership with the Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA) DdO Chapter gathers July 28, 2023, department heads led by Governor Dorothy Montejo-Gonzaga and their assistants, program coordinators, municipal accountants, and from Davao de Oro State College.

The conference aims to shed light on the provisions and implementation of COA Circular 2012-003: Updated Guidelines for the Prevention and Disallowance of Irregular, Excessive, Extravagant, and Unconscionable Expenditures.

COA Commissioner Atty. Roland C. Pondoc, who led the delegation, served as the distinguished resource speaker presenting the circular's salient points, emphasizing its significance and implications for public accountability and financial management.

Davao City Supervising Auditor, Alfredo Largo, Davao del Norte Provincial Auditor, Thomas Cocuaco, Davao Oriental Supervising Auditor, Ruel Rubia, and DdO State Auditor, Soraya Vergara also graced the event.



GWorksParaSaKalinaw:

The Philippine Army's 1001st Infantry PAG-ASA Brigade and the Davao de Oro Provincial Police Office, strengthened ties during the *Joint Peace and Security Coordinating Committee meeting* on July 6, 2023 to prevent the resurgence of the communist terrorist group and sustain the province's insurgency free status.

Brigadier General Ronnie B Babac urged the participants to remain committed, maintain vigilance, and continuously engage with local communities to ensure that problems and exploitable issues are addressed immediately. He also stressed the importance of collaboration in the conduct of Peace, Law Enforcement, and Development Support Operations to prevent the resurgence.

In response, PCOL Benedicto F FACO committed their full support and said that fostering a harmonious working relationship of the government security forces will lead towards the attainment of the same objective - to serve and protect the people.

Both parties together with Governor Dorothy Montejo-Gonzaga represented by Congressman Ruwel Peter Gonzaga signed the joint letter directive and commitment wall.

Present during the activity held at the Activity Hall, Capitol Building were Battalion commanders of 25th and 60thIB with their staff officers and company commanders, 11 municipal Chief of Police and staff officers, and Rhea Mae VC Balote of DILG. *(Rheafe Hortizano)*





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GWorksParaSaKatawhan:

Pipila sa atong katawhan ang gilayong gi-abiabi ug gihatagan sa pampublikong serbisyo gikan sa Provincial Governor's Office (PGO) ug Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO). Kini arun mahatag ang gikinahanglang serbisyo ug matubag ang mga hangyu sa mga katawhan ilabina sa natad sa panglawas. Ang natad sa panglawas ang usa sa mga nahimong prayoridad nga sector sa pagpalambo sa probinsya ubos sa pagpangulo ni Davao de Oro Governor Dorothy MontejoGonzaga.



MAY-AUGUST 2023

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LOOK:

Nagmalampuson ang gipahigayong duha ka adlaw nga Gov. Dotdot and Cong. RPG back to back shooting competition nga gipahitabo sa 2nd DDOPMFC Firing Range, Sitio Lapinigan, Mabini, Davao de Oro kaniadtong June 8-9, 2023.

Ang maong kompetisyon gipartisiparan ni Sen. Bato Dela Rosa, PRO Regional Director, PBGEN Alden B Delco, PD PCOL Benedicto F Faco, 10th ID Commander, MGEN Jose Eriel Niembra, 1001st Commander, Brigadier General Felix Ronnie Babac, Mayor Emerson Luego, World Shooter Edcel John Gino, ug uban pang mga kapulisan ug kasundalohan sa probinsya.

Ang maong aktibidad nagtumong nga ipakita ug ipauswag pa ang labing taas nga lebel sa kahanas sa marksmanship pinaagi sa koordinasyon sa lawas, disiplina, ug kadasig isip praktikal nga mga shooter. Tumong usab niini nga mapalambo pa ang panaghiusa ug panaghigalaay.



MAY-AUGUST 2023



Celebrating Diversity: DdO culminates the 45th National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation Week

More than 200 Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) from the province enthusiastically participated in the culminating event of the 45th National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation Week. The event took place at the Activity Hall, Capitol Building, serving as a platform to celebrate achievements and promote inclusivity.

This year's theme, "Persons with Disabilities: AccesSibiliTy and Rights - Towards a Sustainable Future Where No One is Left Behind," resonated throughout the proceedings. The theme underscored the importance of providing equal opportunities and safeguarding the rights of every individual, irrespective of their abilities.

Governor Dorothy Montejo-Gonzaga, represented by Executive Assistant Dennis B. Anduyan, emphasized that the event served as a reminder that true progress is achieved when the rights and potential of every person, regardless of ability, are recognized and supported.

"Let our commitment to inclusivity be more than a week-long event – let it be a guiding principle in our daily lives. Together, we embark on a journey towards a future where no one is left behind, a community of acceptance, understanding, and empowerment" EA Anduyan added.

The activity hall buzzed with energy as participants engaged in various activities and shared experiences, fostering a sense of community and understanding. The event aimed not only to celebrate the accomplishments of PWDs but also to raise awareness about the challenges they face and the need for continued support and inclusivity. *(Rheafe Hortizano)*



DDO 2nd Dist.Rep Gonzaga receives Pagkakaisa Stakeholders award from Phil. Army

For his invaluable support and continuous cooperation with the army's common vision in achieving an insurgency-free province, 2nd District Congressman Ruwel Peter S. Gonzaga received the Pagkakaisa Stakeholders Army Award on August 16, 2023, during the 17th Founding Anniversary of the 10th Infantry AGILA Division in Mawab.

National Security Adviser Sec. Eduardo M. Ano, as Guest of Honor and Speaker, congratulated and personally handed over the award to Congressman Gonzaga.

The Pagkakaisa Award is a limited edition artwork that embodies the aspiration of the Philippine Army to attain enduring peace across the land, represented by a soldier and three children garbed in

traditional Ifugao tribal wear (Luzon), camisa de chino (Visayas), and hijab (Mindanao).

Division Commander, MGen Jose Eriel M. Niembra thanked Congressman Gonzaga for his generous support, particularly in the camp development, providing essential facilities and workstations that helped the troops effectively perform their duties.

Last August 15, another new swimming pool enhancement project was inaugurated. It can accommodate simulation exercises, recreation activities, and vital training for the soldiers, reservists, and the CAFGU Active Auxiliaries.

Earlier on the same celebration, the Division recognized the Provincial Government under the leadership of Governor Dorothy Montejo-Gonzaga for her leadership in the province's continuing peace and security efforts. *(Rheafe Hortizano)*

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LEAGUE OF PROVINCES OF THE PHILIPPINES

Governor Dorothy P. Montejo-Gonzaga joins other strong provincial leaders across the country as they participate in the 5th General Assembly of the League of Provinces of the Philippines (LPP) and in exchanging of ideas, deliberating on current issues, and fostering inter-provincial collaboration, which will ensure a brighter future for all Filipinos. (Full story inside)



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