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Eligible DdO Youths sign contract as newly minted DDOSP scholars

As the province's commitment to providing access to quality education for its youth, the Provincial Government successfully conducted the Davao de Oro Scholarship Program (DDOSP) Orientation and Contract Signing for the year 2023.

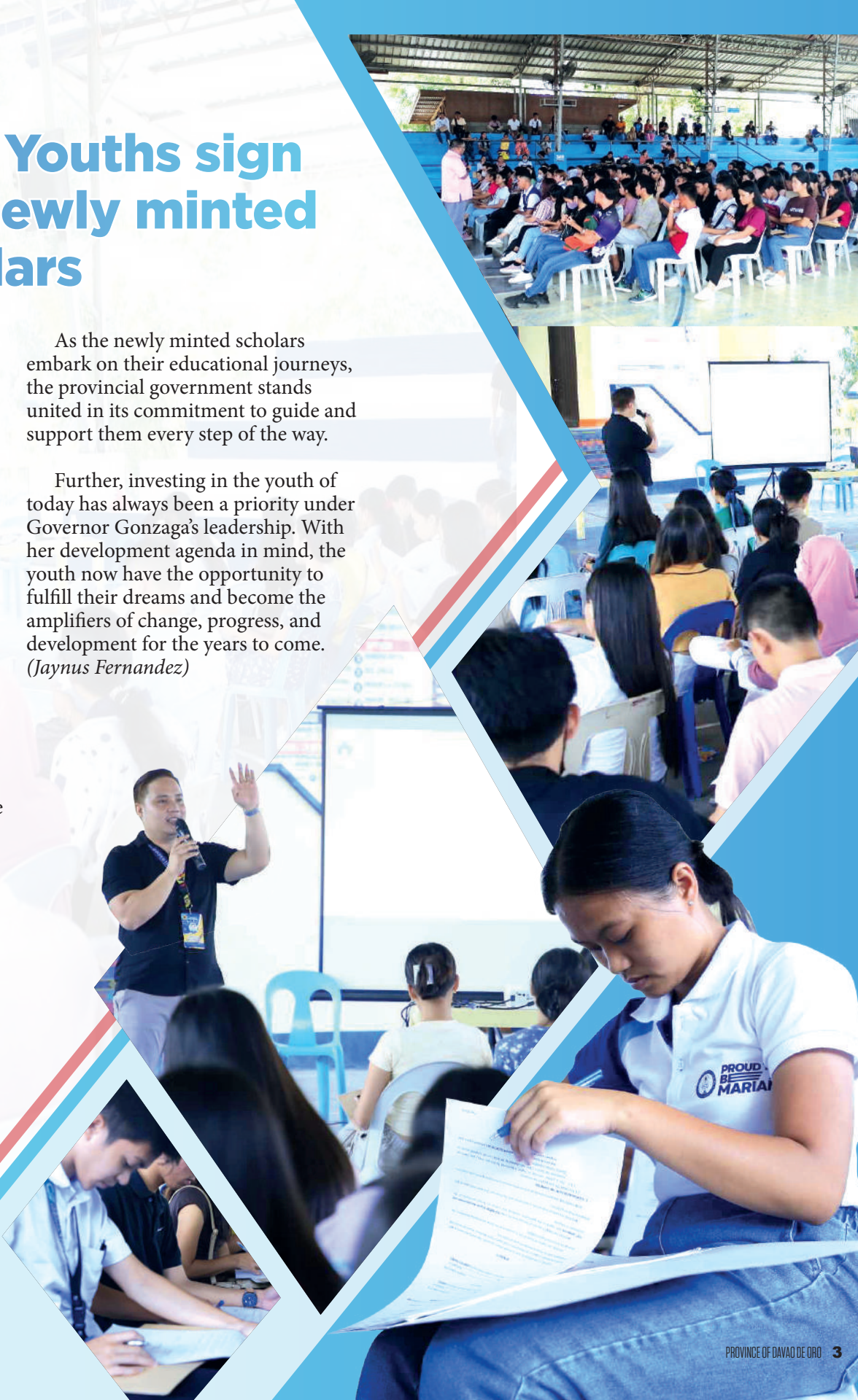
As the newly minted scholars embark on their educational journeys, the provincial government stands united in its commitment to guide and support them every step of the way.

Spearheaded by the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office-Youth Development Division (PSWDO-YDD), this event spanned across seven (7) different locations in the province.

Further, investing in the youth of today has always been a priority under Governor Gonzaga's leadership. With her development agenda in mind, the youth now have the opportunity to fulfill their dreams and become the amplifiers of change, progress, and development for the years to come. (Jaynus Fernandez)

On September 14, 2023, the eligible recipients of the scholarship program from the municipalities of Maco, Mabini, and Pantukan towns attended the orientation and signed the contract.

The series of events held from September 12-15, 2023, provided all eligible scholars and their parents with the vital information into the program's benefits, requirements, and expectations, emphasizing the provincial government's dedication to promoting general welfare, especially in the education sector.





Key Collaboration: PLGU DDO and DepEd Forge Commitment to Empower Marginalized Youth. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Signing between the Provincial Government of Davao de Oro through PSWDO and the DepEd Davao de Oro provided an avenue for forging each other's commitments as they continuously strive to support the vulnerable and marginalized youth - the out-of-school youth (OSYS) -development in the province. On September 6, the provincial government distributed Php 2000 in financial assistance to a substantial number among the 950 youth/ALS learner-beneficiaries hailing from different towns within the province. The assistance for the remaining beneficiaries was distributed in accordance with their assigned time schedules.



Schools in Districts 1 & 2 receive provisions of paint supplies. In the realm of development, Gov. Dorothy P. Montejo-Gonzaga underscores the paramount importance of education in Davao de Oro province. Consequently, the provincial government successfully distributed the provision of Paint Supplies for schools particularly in Districts 2 and 1 on December 21-22, 2023. The teachers and school personnel expressed gratitude after experiencing the love and support from the government, especially concerning the future of the youth.//



Roberto R. Romulo (RRR) Fellowship Program: Governor's Deep Dive

Engaging directly with the community, Gov. Dorothy P. Montejo-Gonzaga paid a visit to undernourished children in Brgy. Magcagong, Maragusan, underscoring her proactive involvement in addressing local needs.

The visit, known as the Roberto R. Romulo (RRR) Fellowship Program: had the goal of observing the actual situation and tackling health issues that hindered the progress and well-being of children in the grassroots.

Accompanying the Governor were Provincial Health Officer Dr. Antonio P. Ybiernas Jr., Asst. Provincial Health Officer Dr. Mary Cyrel Pasaol, Maragusan Mayor Angelito Cabalaquinto, PHO, UP personnel, and others.

It can be recalled that on September 26, 2023, the RRR Fellowship program was launched and attended by strong leaders, including Governor Gonzaga. This program was established in honor of the late chair Roberto R. Romulo of the Zuellig Family Foundation (ZFF) with the collaborative efforts of the College of Public Health University of the Philippines, the ZFF Institute for Health Leadership, and UP-NCPAG.

The program aimed to capacitate Provincial Governors in championing Universal Health Care (UHC) in their respective LGUs, as they are responsible for instituting policy reforms on health, thereby addressing health challenges in the communities they serve.

The Governor's Deep Dive represented one of the initiatives undertaken by the provincial government to evaluate the necessary measures for achieving UHC within the province.

Further, "G-works para sa Wastong Nutrisyon" was launched on November 28, 2023 where twenty-seven (27) children aged 6-59 months old from the municipality of Pantukan will undergo 120 days of rehabilitation to increase their nutritional status, thus the rehabilitation will end March of 2024.

As part of the program of the Provincial Nutrition Council, every office of the provincial government, with the help of DepEd, DOLE, DTI, DOST, NFA, NCIP, DILG, PDOHO, PNP, and NICO, provided support to malnourished children. (Jaynus Fernandez)





Dagyaw sa Kalinaw 2023 Town Hall: Advocating Open Government partnership for a Secure, Peaceful, and Progressive Community. With the theme ‘Panaghisgutanay sa Luwas, Malinawon, ug Progresibong Katilingban,’ Dagyaw served as a platform that fosters dialogue between government agencies and civic organizations, forging connections for a more transparent and progressive community.//



OFW Family Day recognizes the sacrifices of modern Filipino heroes, the OFWs. More than 400 participants including OFWs and their families converged at the Provincial Capitol Lobby on Wednesday (December 20, 2023) for the OFW Family Day. Facilitated by the Provincial Administrator’s Office - Public Employment Service Division (PESD) of the provincial government, the event aimed to recognize the sacrifices of our modern Filipino heroes, the Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs), and to strengthen relationships between OFWs and their families.//



Ddo’s Pista ng Pamilyang Pilipino Emphasizes the Family’s vital Role in Cultivating a Peaceful and Progressive Society.

To recognize the significance of family in society, the Provincial Government of Davao de Oro, through the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO), spearheaded the Pista ng Pamilyang Pilipino 2023 as it celebrates the National Family Week 2023. In her statement, Governor Dorothy P. Montejo-Gonzaga, represented by Board Member Ruwina S. Gonzaga, emphasized the crucial role of a family as it mirrors the essence of a peaceful and well-developed society. *“Importante kaayo ang pamilya kay mao kana ang tubod sa kung unsa ang kumunidad nga anaa kita. Kung naa may pagsuway [sa pamilya]... Always hatagan natog tsansa ang atong mga membro sa pamilya kay diha nag tubod ang kalinaw ug kahiusahan sa usa ka kumunidad [ug] sa usa ka probinsya.”* expressed BM Gonzaga.



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Honoring Local Champions: Barangay Functionaries, Baganis, and IP Leaders Receive Well-Deserved Honoraria.

December 2023 is no ordinary month as Barangay Functionaries namely Barangay Agricultural Extension Workers (BAEW), Brgy. Health Workers (BHW), Brgy. Nutrition Scholars (BNS), Day Care Workers (DCW), Social Welfare and Development Auxiliary (SWADA), Members of Lupong Tagapamayapa, Kasangga ng Kapayapaan sa Probinsya (KKP), Brgy. Officials of Special Brgys. in Mabini and Laak, and Brgy. Tanod, as well as Baganis in Laak and Indigenous People (IP) Leaders across the province, received their honoraria, providing the necessary reward for their efforts in sustaining peace and order in their respective communities.

Gov Gonzaga delivers 2023 State of Children's Address, emphasizing upkeep of safe and child-friendly DdO

As the 31st National Children's Month (NCM) culminated, Governor Dorothy P. Montejo-Gonzaga reported the current situation of the children in terms of the successful implementations of the programs, projects, and initiatives for children this year during her State of Children's Address (SOCA) 2023.

The address took place at the Provincial Capitol Lobby on November 28, 2023, emphasizing support for children of all sectors, thereby sustaining a safe and child-friendly province.

"More than a year now as your Governor, anchored on the government's thrust, the implementation of our child-friendly and youth-centered programs and activities has been realized even with limitations on the budget and resources," Governor Gonzaga said.

She highlighted in her report the collective efforts of the provincial government, national government agencies, and others that addressed the four core rights of children: the right to survival; development; protection; and participation, stressing the various aspects of children's well-being, including access to quality healthcare, education, age-appropriate nutrition, a safe place to live, shelter from all types of violence, and the intensification of the provincial ordinances that protected their rights.

"I believe that the rights of the child must be realized and fulfilled in order to achieve their full potential and development. More so, our children are the future human capital of the province, thus we should invest in them," Governor Gonzaga added.



Meanwhile, some in-school & out-of-school children, IP/Muslim children, Children with disabilities, Children at Risk, Victim-survivor children, and other disadvantaged young people joined the governor as they presented their Congress Statement created during the 2023 Children Congress, providing solutions and recommendations to the identified issues and concerns they experienced in the home, school, and community.

From providing rightfully deserved services and having their voices heard, the governor underscored the importance

of their existence in shaping communities. Through all of these efforts, Davao de Oro was recognized by DILG XI in May 2023 as IDEAL of the 2022 PCPC Functionality Assessment, garnering the highest score (90.74%) level of functionality among the 6 provinces and 1 HUCC in the entire region.

In addition, she unveiled the following initiatives for next year: (a) strengthen advocacy for facility-based delivery and exclusive breastfeeding of infants; (b) improve the delivery of health, and nutrition services; (c) address and further lower the prevalence of malnutrition among children 0-59 mos old; (d) establishment of the Child Protection Unit in the Hospital; (e) increase the number of scholarship beneficiaries or educational grantees; (f) improvement of the residential care facilities (Bahay Pag-asa & Bahay Pangarap); and (g) intensify information dissemination on the different laws/ordinances on children.

She ended her report by saying that *"if we will be united and pool all together our commitments, efforts, resources we can do so much for our children. They are our future, our next generation – our venture, our investment will never be in vain if we are one in this journey to make this province a safe and child-friendly community."*

Further, the event drew a diverse audience, including BM Ruwina Gonzaga, BM Marie Jude Fuentes-Lopez, BM Vivencia Secuya, PG & Assistant PG Heads, the members of the Provincial Council for the Protection of Children (PCPC), Municipal CPC, stakeholders, parents, duty bearers, media partners, and public servants, showing their full commitment as they recited the Panatang Makabata led by Acting Provincial Administrator Lewis Jake Caiman.

It can be recalled that on November 6, Governor Gonzaga officially opened the month-long celebration of the 31st NCM 2023, participated in by hundreds of children in the province, while on November 24, children ages 3-4 years old enjoyed the "kompetisyong pambata" brought by the 2023 Bulilit Fun Day. (Jaynus Fernandez)



Gov. Gonzaga Salutes Heroes, Gracing DdOPPO's 122nd Police Service Anniversary

In a stirring and poignant tribute to the bravery and commitment of law enforcement, Governor Dorothy Montejo-Gonzaga took center stage at the 122nd Police Service Anniversary celebration of Davao de Oro Provincial Police Office (DdOPPO) held on October 9, 2023, at the Activity Hall, Capitol Building.

Speaking at the event, Gov Gonzaga commended their relentless dedication to public service, acknowledging their sacrifices and pivotal role in ensuring public safety, and offered the snappiest salute to the men and women of DdOPPO headed by PCOL Benedicto F Faco.

"We would like to relay our utmost appreciation for your honesty and keeping the peace in Davao de Oro og labaw nami sa taga-tagsa ka mga opisina ug sector sa gobyerno, dili gyud ni mahimong magmalampuson ang tanan ug wala pud ang kapulisan, that's how significant your role is to us", Gov remarked.

With the theme: "Nagkakaisang Pulisya at Pamayanan tungo sa Mapayapa at Maunland na Bansa," Gov also underscored the paramount importance of fostering collaboration and everyone's cooperation in achieving shared goals – more progressive, safer, and resilient communities.

She also added, *"The role of our police force is undeniably complex, they are not just enforcers of the law; they are community builders, crisis managers, and often, the first responders in times of need."*

Among the celebration's highlights is the presentation of plaques to outstanding PNP units and personnel in recognition of their exceptional performance in carrying out their duties. Local Chief Executives, stakeholders, and individuals are also acknowledged for their continued support that significantly raises the standards of police service.

In addition, DDOPPO received the Best Provincial Mobile Force Company award in the region and showcased various types of PNP uniforms and mobility assets presented on a static display at Gaisano Grand Mall of Nabunturan.

Gov Gonzaga concluded his remarks by challenging the police force: *'let's make this electoral process better than the rest we've had, simply by making it one of the most peaceful elections — a goal achievable through your support.'* (Rheafe Hortizano)





DSWD grants P13.5M in sustainable aid to POs in DdO, enabling them to start livelihood projects

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) awarded P13.5 million worth of livelihood assistance to 45 people's organizations (POs) in Davao de Oro through the Sustainable Livelihood Program (SLP) on October 3, 2023.

Kerwin S. Gabasa, Provincial Coordinator of SLP, emphasized that the program's primary focus is to address the root causes of communist armed conflict. Its goal is to improve the socio-economic conditions of those involved by providing access to and acquiring necessary assets for them to engage in and maintain a sustainable livelihood.

Each association received seed capital funds worth P300,000 to start their chosen livelihood projects including General Merchandise, Agrivet Supply, Chicken Production, Hog Raising, Rice Retailing, Water Refilling, Minimart, and others.

Gabasa also expressed gratitude for the convergence effort - to the provincial government headed by Governor Dorothy Montejo-Gonzaga, security sectors, and partner agencies for their support in identifying the qualified beneficiaries and monitoring the program's progress.

Governor Gonzaga encouraged the beneficiaries to utilize government assistance efficiently and strive to develop it for the betterment of the association's members.



"Atong paningkamotan nga ipaabot nila nga mitubo ang atong kwarta kay usa kini sa atong responsibilidad ug kanunay magpabilin ang tulo ka K, mao ang 'Kakugi, Kaalam, ug Kahibalo' aron ang atong asosasyon mo lambo pa pag-ayu," statement of Jonathan V. Alcalá, Osmeña Farmers Association President.

To date, 88 EO70 SLP associations from 2020 to 2023 have received livelihood assistance from the agency. The OPAPRU-NFA also provided one sack of rice to 34 people rescued from DDOPPO and the 1001st Brigade.

COL Gerry M Besana, LTC Michael T Aquino, PCPT Analou F Hormigas, PSWDO Head Josephine Frasco, and DSWD XI personnel attended the ceremony at the Capitol Lobby. *(Rheafe Hortizano)*

Katawhan sa GIDA nakabenepisyo pinaagi sa 'Bulawanong Tunol Serbisyo'

Ang kalay-on sa lugar dili babag mahatod lamang ang tinud-anay nga serbisyo sa gobyerno ngadto sa mga Geographically Isolated and Disadvantaged Areas kun (GIDA) sa probinsya sama nalang sa Barangay Panangan ug Gubatan sa Maco, human personal kining giadtoan ni Governor Dorothy Montejo Gonzaga kauban si Congressman Ruwel Peter Gonzaga ug uban pa nga opisyal naadtong Septyembre 13, 2023.

Kapin kinyentos ka mga indibidwal ang naka benepisyo sa librenng tulo, ibot-ngipon, tambal, medical check-up, food packs, ug uban pa. Ming hatag usab og konsultasyon ang opisina sa Provincial Agriculturist's Office, Provincial Veterinarian ug Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office sa mga angay pang serbisyo nga gikinahanglan sa komunidad sa natad sa agrikultura.

Sa mensahe ni Governor Dorothy Montejo-Gonzaga, nagpasalamat siya *"nga bisag sa kahimubo sa panawagan nga mangari mo, nitubag mo aron mo-avail sa serbisyo sa gobyerno. Mao ni ang pamaagi aron mapakita namo sa inyoha nga pinangga jud ta sa gobyerno"*.

Ag'i'g tubag, mipadangat usab si Barangay Kagawad Jimmy B. Bayani sa iyang dakong kalipay tungod kay *"Bisan sa gilay-on sa among lugar, gipaduol ug gihatod jud ninyo ang mga nag-unang serbisyo nga gikinahanglan sa mga katawhan"*.

Ang maong programa kabahin usab sa selebrasyon sa adlaw nga natawhan ni Presidente Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. diin mipaabot ug mainitong pagtimbaya ang mga katawhan ug pagpasalamat sa programang Lingap at Alangang Bayanihan kun LAB.

Mitambong usab si 1001st Brigadier General, Felix Ronnie B Babac, Mayor Arthur Carlos Voltaire Rimando, Board Member Ruwina Gonzaga, Albert Camana, mga kapulisan ug opisyal sa barangay.

Sa laing bahin, nakadawat usab ug food packs ang mga katawhan sa Barangay Lebanon, Montevista ug Barangay Andili sa Mawab.



Ang Serbisyo Caravan ug Kamustahan sa Barangay usa sa mga programa ubos sa administrasyon ni Governor Gonzaga aron mahinabi ang mga katawhan aron mahatagag katubagan ang mga mulo ug masustinar ang malahutayong kalinaw sa probinsya. *(Rheafe Hortizano)*





Friends rescued in DdO start anew through deradicalization program at Kalayaan Center

To eliminate the distorted tenets of communism and radical ideologies, the Provincial Government of Davao de Oro, in collaboration with the security sectors and concerned national government agencies, conducted a 45-day de-radicalization, healing, reconciliation, and life skills training program to friends rescued in the province.

With the assistance of seasoned counselors and designated focal persons, these individuals have engaged actively in a comprehensive program, offering psychological aid, counseling, vocational training, and education. The main objective is to equip them with the necessary tools for successful reintegration into society as law-abiding and productive citizens.

The entire program unfolds at the Kalayaan Center situated in Barangay Libasan, Nabunturan.

Governor Dorothy Montejo-Gonzaga emphasized that *“this initiative is part of the government’s broader efforts, serving as the initial stride in assisting former insurgents to become catalysts for positive change and not only offering them a chance for a better future but also contributing to the overall peace and development of the province.”*

The FRs expressed their sincere appreciation for the support they received and for being accepted as they laid down their arms and embraced the path of peace and reconciliation. This has brought them one step closer to a successful reintegration into society.

According to the PSWDO, once they completed the program, compiling of the documentary requirements will follow to avail the DILG’s Enhanced Comprehensive Local Integration Program (E-CLIP) and other benefits from the national and provincial government.

The program demonstrates the government’s commitment to addressing the root causes of conflict. Joint efforts between LGUs, security forces, and active citizen participation are key to maintaining the province’s “insurgency-free” status. *(Rheafe Hortizano)*



Shaking things up: Davao de Oro takes proactive measures, actively participates in 3rd and 4th quarter earthquake drills. Following the sounding of the alarm, the PLGU through the PDRRMO, joined the conduct of the 3rd (September 7) and 4th (November 9) quarter of Nationwide Simultaneous Earthquake Drill (NSED). Capitol employees executed the “duck, cover, and hold” procedures while officers and personnel from different agencies were invited as observers to rate and evaluate the overall response to a sudden onset of hazard.

25th IB Unveils Book Chronicling Davao de Oro’s Freedom From the Grip of Communism. The 25th Infantry (Fireball) Battalion launched its first-ever book entitled “Unraveling the Fogs of War: The Triumphant Journey of the 25th Infantry ‘Fireball’ Battalion and Stakeholders in Liberating Communities from the Terror of Communism”. Gov. Dorothy P. Montejo-Gonzaga conveyed her appreciation for the dedication of the men and women of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP). She emphasized that the province attained a status free from insurgency due to the strong collaboration and support of both public and private stakeholders towards the soldiers, particularly the 10th Infantry Division and 25th IB.





Davao de Oro's Sustainable Tourism Efforts: Nurturing Green Investments for a Greener Future

Blessed with stunning natural landscapes, diverse ecosystems, and rich cultural heritage, Davao de Oro on September 25, 2023, through the PAO-Tourism Division, celebrated World Tourism Month, focusing on green investments that align with the global movement towards sustainable tourism for economic growth and development.

Supervising Tourism Operations Officer Christine T. Dompur said the annual celebration is a call to action to raise awareness among residents regarding the importance of environmental conservation and to actively participate in protecting the province's natural beauty.

She further stated that the event seeks to enhance cooperative efforts among tourism participants and stakeholders through the Provincial Council Tourism Competition, acknowledging the outstanding contributions of tourism officers who have significantly influenced the promotion of the tourism sector.

Among the highlighted activities are the launching of Nabunturan Agri-Eco Tourism Circuit (*The Grape Valley, Native Chicken Farm, NAFAMCO Dairy Farm, Malanog-Lanog Cave, Toyozo Mountain Resort, and Damada View Deck*), Fashion Exhibit at the Grand Mall Nabunturan, and DdO's Fashion Week, which contribute to the overall growth and development of the local fashion scene, boosting the economy and fostering creativity and innovation.

They also conducted community-based ecotourism management skills training and a series of tree-planting activities.

Meanwhile, on the same day, Maco's threefold approach to tourism resilience advocacy won the Search for DdO Tourism Ambassador, characterized by three key themes that underscored their commitment to resilience in the face of adversity.

Further, Dompur presented the Provincial Tourism Development and Management Plan that provides a unified direction for the province's vision of becoming the leading agri-investment and eco-agri tourism destination in Mindanao by 2040. (*Rheafe Hortizano*)



HRM Experts Convene: Highlights from the 2023 Regional Conference of Human Resource management practitioners Council. In a significant gathering, around 600 human resource practitioners from the Davao region congregated at the scenic Dagat ni Baste and Beach Resort from October 11 to 13, 2023. The purpose of their assembly was to actively partake in the 7th Council of Human Resource Practitioners Regional Conference, an event graciously hosted by the province. The theme for this year's conference, "Revitalizing Human Resource Practitioners through Mental Health and Career Development," encompassed various technical sessions with speakers who are experts in championing the Mental Health and Career Development of HR Practitioners.



Values Formation Seminar: Creating A Culture of Compassion in the Workplace
September 19, 2023
Sanitary Function Hall, Nabunturan



Records Management Seminar
November 15-16, 2023
Puerto Indino Resort, Nabunturan



Radio Broadcasting for Development Communication
November 17, 2023
Sanitary Function Hall, Nabunturan



Seminar on Effective Writing
November 23, 2023
Puerto Indino Resort, Nabunturan



Competency Development and Enhancement Seminar
December 5-6, 2023
Puerto Indino Resort & Activity Hall, Nabunturan



Government Procurement Reform Act (R.A.9184) and its Revised IRR Seminar
December 12, 2023
Puerto Indino Resort, Nabunturan



Opening of CS Month



CIVIL SERVICE MONTH 2023

"Transforming Public Service in the Next Decade: Honing Agile and Future-Ready Servant-Heroes"

Awards Rites



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Employees SportsFest



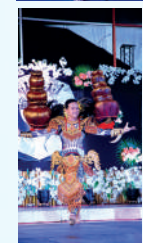
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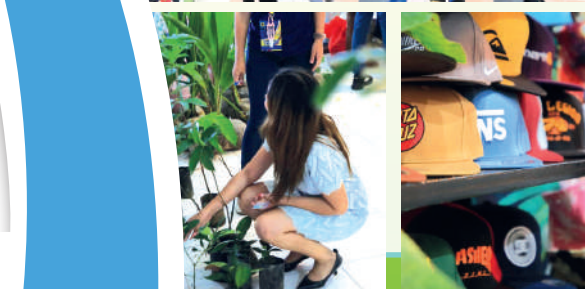
SPORT EVENTS



Ginoo & Binibining Sportsfest 2023



Capitol Flea Market Day & Civil Servants Fair



Kadiwa sa Pangulo



PLGU Davao de Oro sustains progress; ISO certification maintained



Under the leadership of Gov. Dorothy P. Montejo-Gonzaga, the Provincial Government of Davao de Oro achieved a commendable feat by upholding its ISO 9001-2015 certification. The continuous dedication of both officials and employees to enhance systems and processes is credited for this significant milestone, reinforcing the province's commitment to maintaining high standards in governance.

On October 2, International Organization for Standardization (ISO) auditors, namely Christine Anne Formalejo and Len Marc Tagud from TÜV SÜD PSB Philippines Inc., conducted the 2nd Surveillance Audit for the various offices of the provincial government.

After the rigorous evaluation, these offices passed the audit, meeting all the standard requirements, which, in turn, supports the recommendation for certificate maintenance. This achievement underscored the collective endeavors of these offices in delivering high-quality services for the people.

Quality Management Representative and PHRMDO Head Lara Zhaphire Kristy Bermejo thanked Governor Gonzaga and Vice Governor Tyron Uy for the support given and commended the people behind the feat, saying *"We made it again! To all the men and women behind this journey, thank you for your hard work and dedication to live up to our commitment - to be part of our PLGU's continual improvement"*.

On August 11, 2022, the institution also maintained its ISO certification after passing the 1st Surveillance Audit. The continued certification brought several advantages, including contented clients, effective management, and satisfied employees.

Furthermore, these successes were a product of Governor Gonzaga's leadership, as she consistently prioritized and envisioned good governance in the province through efficient service delivery and the responsible management of public resources, with a strong emphasis on accountability, transparency, and proficiency. *(Jaynus Fernandez)*



DdO Takes Center Stage: Hosts RDC's Full Council Meeting for 3rd Quarter 2023

In a notable event, Davao de Oro took on the prestigious role of hosting the Regional Development Council (RDC) XI's 2023 3rd Quarter Full Council Meeting on September 15, 2023.

In one of the finest tourist destinations in the province, the Dusit Thani Lubi Plantation Resort in Mabini town brought together esteemed key stakeholders, government officials, and community leaders in the Davao region to discuss and deliberate on crucial regional development issues.

Attendees actively engaged in productive dialogues, sharing insights and strategies to the various agendas tackled such as the following: (a) Davao Region Creative Industries Roadmap; (b) Economic Thrusts/Investment Interests of Foreign Missions in Davao Region; (c) Briefing on the Department of Migrant Workers (DMW) Regional Office XI's Mandate and Key Programs, Activities, and Projects; (d) FY 2025 Annual Investment Program (AIP) for Davao Region; (e) Activities for the 2023 RDC Week (4th Week of September); and (f) other Sectoral/Special Committee Matters.

Governor Gonzaga, in her message, highlighted the significance of collaboration, stating, *"If all those in the position in the government will all work together and support each other, especially for our region, [then] each and all LGUs can achieve so much progress. The development will just be automatic if we all support each other. We're trying our best to make our people [feel] that there is a government who cares for them ... We will make them feel that our government works!"*.

The event concluded with renewed determination to address challenges, create opportunities, and develop more initiatives, emphasizing the importance of collaborative efforts in promoting growth and prosperity in the region.

Among the distinguished participants are RDC XI Acting Chairperson PSR Arturo M. Milan, NEDA XI Regional Dir. Maria Lourdes D. Lim, RDC XI Secretary ARD Gilberto A. Altura, Presidential Assistant for Eastern Mindanao Sec. Leo Tereso A. Magno, National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) Commissioner Arvin Manuel R. Villalon, Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) Mindanao Assistant Secretary Renato Pedro O. Villa, Department of Migrant Workers (DMW) XI Acting Regional Director Angela A. Librado-Trinidad, Davao Oriental Governor Nino Sotero L. Uy, Jr, Davao del Norte Governor Edwin Jubahib and others. *(Jaynus Fernandez)*





Provincial Congress 2023: empowering **W**omen, PWDs, Elderly, **LGBTQIA+** sectors



Provincial Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) Congress 2023 (December 13, 2023) Provincial Capitol Lobby, Nabunturan 292 participants



Provincial Women Congress 2023 (December 1, 2023) Provincial Capitol Lobby, Nabunturan 800 participants



1st Provincial LGBTQIA+ Congress 2023 (December 12, 2023) Provincial Capitol Lobby, Nabunturan 500 participants



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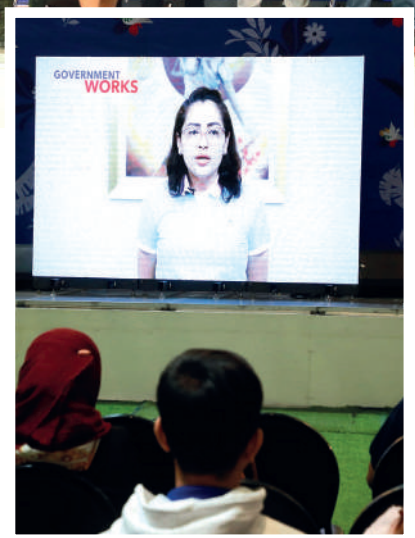


Provincial Elderly Congress 2023 (November 29, 2023) NNCHS Gymnasium, Nabunturan 560 participants





“Tid Talks”: Driving Peacebuilding Initiatives Forward. Part of the National Peace Consciousness Month Celebration, the “Tid Talks event, titled “Anak sa NPA, Taga-suporta sa NPA, Nahikmata na sa Kamatuoran,” featured guest speakers including Christian ‘Alias Khan’ Pastor, a Friend Rescued and Eugene Cabalida, Chairman of the Sangab Energetic Farmers Association (SEFA). “Tid Talks, also known as Kapatid Talks, served as the local counterpart of TED Talks within the province. It is one of the platforms of the local and national government agencies and security sectors to unveil the deceptive tactics employed by the communist movement while educating the vulnerable youth about various peace initiatives undertaken by both local and national governments.



PLGU Davao de Oro’s Symposium Charts the Course for a Drug-Free Workplace and Disaster-Resilient Community. In a proactive move towards building a safer and more resilient community, the Provincial Government of Davao de Oro organized a comprehensive symposium for capitol employees on December 15, 2023, addressing the critical issues of maintaining a drug-free workplace and enhancing disaster resilience community. In addition, capitol employees also undergo mandatory drug testing to maintain a workplace where safety, integrity, and the employees’ overall health are paramount.



Upholding the Cause: DdO Defense Press Group Continues to Champion Sustainable Peace and Order in the Province. Demonstrating unwavering dedication, the Davao de Oro Group continues its commitment to advancing peace and order initiatives throughout the province and plays a crucial role in disseminating information related to public safety. Through various media partners and channels, the group ensures that residents are well-informed about relevant issues, emergency procedures, and ongoing efforts to maintain peace within the province.



DILG launches BIDA Program to battle illegal drugs in DdO; Stakeholders ink commitments. Members of the PADAC, Capitol Employees, and Officials converged at the Provincial Capitol Grounds on November 13, 2023, to show support for the program, aiming to eradicate the menace of illegal drugs. “The BIDA Program is not new, but this is the umbrella program of all anti-drug initiatives. This calls for the active participation of every agency...this refers to our joint efforts to combat drugs”, DILG PD Noel C. Duarte pointed out.





IPs gipasidunggan sa panggamhanang probinsyal atol sa 2023 NCIP Month. Gihatagan og pasidungog ang mga kaigsoonang IPs atol sa selebrasyon sa 2023 National Indigenous Peoples Month ug ika 26th Indigenous People's Rights Act kun IPRA Law. Kini pinaagi sa paghatag ug dakong bili ug pakigduyog kung unsa ang ilang kultura, mga practices ug pag-ila sa ilang kamahinungdanon ug katahum dili lang panahon sa NICP Month kundi kada adlaw.



600 mag-uuma ug mangingisda, ming partisipar sa DA Information Caravan.

Dala ang temang “Masaganang Agrikultura, Maunlad na Ekonomiya Tungo sa Bagong Pilipinas,” nagmalampusong gilusad sa Department of Agriculture (DA) ang DA Information Caravan 2023 diin anaa sa 600 ka mangunguma ug mangingisda gikan sa probinsya ang aktibong mingpartisipar ug nakabenepisyo sa mga agricultural services sa maong ahensya. Saysay ni Governor Dorothy P. Montejo-Gonzaga, “Programa sa atong pangulo ang pagpakita nga nahigugma, gipangga, importante sa iyaha ang sektor sa mag-uuma. Sama usab sa atong kapitolyo, ato gyung puy-an ang atong slogan nga government works. Hopefully with this activity, you will feel that indeed there is a government who cares for you”.



Driving Prosperity: Provincial Cooperative Business forum Shines Spotlight on Local Economies. About 300 cooperatives actively participated in the Provincial Cooperative Business Forum on October 18, 2023, held at Nabunturan Comprehensive National High School. The forum provided a strategic platform for cooperatives to delve into discussions on climate-resilient practices and strategies to support food security.



Seeding Growth: PCA XI Turns Over 13k Coconut Seed Nuts to Davao de Oro Province. 13,000 hybrid coconut seed nuts from the Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) XI were officially turned-over to the provincial government on December 4, 2023. This event was anchored on PCA's Coconut Farmers and Industry Development Plan (CFIDP), thereby enhancing production and promoting hybrid coconut to farmers as it is resilient to water stress, diseases, and pests.



PLGU DdO supports organic agriculture initiatives. The 9th Provincial Organic Agriculture Month Celebration concluded with a renewed commitment from PLGU Davao de Oro to continue supporting and promoting organic agriculture initiatives. The province strives to encourage greater adoption of sustainable practices among farmers, aiming to foster the well-being of the community and the environment.





500-ha Techno-demo farm showcases successful cultivation of hybrid rice. To showcase the achievements of hybrid rice farming during the wet cropping season of 2023, the 108-hectare techno-demo farm harvest festival and field tour brought together farmers, agricultural experts, and local officials as they witnessed the successful cultivation of hybrid rice varieties at KAMAFa Learning Site, Brgy. Magading, Nabunturan. The techno-demo farm in Brgy. Magading, funded by the National Rice Program of the DA, was part of the 500-hectare community hybrid rice clustered demo farm established at 11 farm sites in Compostela, Nabunturan, and Maragusan towns.



Fields in Flux: Agricultural Machinery Dynamics reshaping provincial Landscapes. In a boost to agriculture, 13 farmer-cooperatives and associations received P 25 million worth of agri-machinery from the Department of Agriculture-Philippine Center for Postharvest Development and Mechanization DA-PHILMECH through the Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (RCEF) Mechanization Program during the turn-over ceremony on December 14, 2023.



DdO Province Welcomes new TESDA and PNP-CIDG offices, Expanding Services and Community Resources

The turnover, blessing, and acceptance of the P15 million worth new TESDA Davao de Oro Provincial Office gathered various stakeholders as it opened its doors, providing technical and vocational education and training (TVET) services for Davaoenos.

On November 24, TESDA Secretary/ Director General Suharto T. Mangudadatu led the inaugural ceremony and officially accepted the new facility, emphasizing in his message that this building serves as a shared commitment that drives TESDA's endeavors to excellent services.

The secretary was accompanied by Governor Dorothy P. Montejo-Gonzaga, TESDA XI Regional Director Ashary Banto, TESDA DdO Provincial Director Abigail Eupena, Acting Provincial Administrator Lewis Jake Caiman, 1st District Representative Maria Carmen Zamora, and others.

Meanwhile, the PNP-Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG) conveyed gratitude to the Provincial Government of Davao de Oro

as they received the newly constructed CIDG Building during the ceremonial turn over on December 8, 2023. Located at the DdO Police Provincial Office compound, this 162.69 sq. m. infrastructure cost Php 4M and was funded through the 20% Development Fund of the provincial government for CY 2022.

Among the attendees of the event were 2nd District Congressman Ruwel Peter Gonzaga representing Governor Dorothy Montejo-Gonzaga, Provincial Director PCOL Benedicto Faco, CIDG officials and personnel, and others.

More projects have already been turned over this year by the Provincial Engineer's Office (PEO), as it's committed to providing the resilient infrastructure that constituents deserve, specifically in the sectors of education, health, and social development. *(Jaynus Fernandez)*



GOVERNMENT WORKS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT: Laying the Groundwork for Progress!

BARANGAY HALLS



BOX CULVERT



EDUCATION INFRA



FMR AND OTHER ROAD CONCRETING



HEALTH INFRA



MULTIPURPOSE GYMNASIUM



SOLAR STREET LIGHTS



TRIBAL HALL



WATER SYSTEM



GOLDEN WINS!

Parangal sa Kapanalig Ng Sandatahang Lakas Ng Pilipinas Medallion Award



Gov. Dorothy P. Montejo-Gonzaga
Provincial Capitol Grounds
September 11, 2023



Cong. Ruwel Peter S. Gonzaga
1001st Brigade, Brgy. Mapaang, Maco
September 2, 2023



Best Practices in Community-based Tourism Award - Finalist
Tagbibinta Falls - Maragusan
Received by PAO-Tourism and MTDMO Maragusan
in 24TH ATOP-DOT Pearl Awards 2023
Boracay Island, Aklan
October 3-8, 2023



Davao de Oro PMRB with Highest Tax Contribution in CY 2022 in Region XI
Recieved by PENRO in Provincial/City Mining Regulatory Board Summit and Workshop 2023
Grand Regal Hotel, Lanang, Davao City
October 11, 2023



Top 1 Employer in terms of STL Collection-Cash as of September 2023
 Received by PHRMDO in Pag-IBIG Employers' and Fund Coordinators' Forum
 Miko's Brew, Apokon Rd., Tagum City
 October 23, 2023



DILG's SubayBAYANI Award
 Received by PLGU Davao de Oro & LGU Monkayo
 Ritz Hotel, Davao City
 November 4, 2023



Seal of Child-Friendly Local Governance Award
 3 LGUs (Maco, Monkayo, Mawab) passed Child-Friendly Local Governance Audit (CFLGA) 2021
 Paramount Garden Complex, Riverfront Corporate Center, Davao City
 December 02, 2023



Green Safe Hospital Awardee
 DdOPH Maragusan garnered 3-star rating in the Green Viability Assessment
 Ilo-Ilo Convention Center & Zuri Hotel Ilo-Ilo City
 November 13-15, 2023



Top Provincial Media, "Gworks Info and Community Development Program"
 Received by PAO-Information and Public Relations Division in SIDLAK 2023: A PRO XI Stakeholders Night
 Arcadia Event Center, Ecoland, Davao City
 November 17, 2023



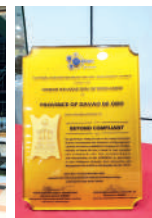
MOTHER - BABY FRIENDLY HEALTH FACILITY AWARD
 Received by DDOPH-LAAK in 2023 Harmonized Health Awards
 Apo View Hotel, Davao City
 November 22, 2023



DOH RED ORCHID AWARDS 2023
 Received by ALL PROVINCIAL HOSPITALS in 2023 Harmonized Health Awards
 Apo View Hotel, Davao City
 November 22, 2023



BEYOND COMPLIANT
 Received by PDRMO in 23rd Gawad KALASAG 2023 Seal for Local DRRM Councils and Offices Category
 Manila Hotel
 December 11, 2023



Support on National Voluntary Blood Services Program
 (Plaque of Recognition given by Department of Health)Development)



**Best Implementor Award
 Community Innovation Award
 Arboreal Achievement Award
 Green Guardian Award
 Best LGU Implementing RRP-CCAM-DRR through Tree Planting**



Received by PENRO in Risk Resiliency Program-Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation (RRP-CCAM) Program Implementation Review and Year-End Evaluation 2023
 The Ritz Hotel, Bo. Obrero, Davao City
 December 14, 2023



Trailblazer on PopDev Award
 (Plaque of Recognition given by Commission on Population & Development)
 Provincial Capitol Grounds, Nabunturan
 December 11, 2023

YOUTH AWRA! [Awards, Recognition, and Active Participation]



Another remarkable achievement for Davao de Oro as fourteen (14) youths in the province were given due recognition as they bagged awards and recognitions in the regional, national, and international events.

9 youths from Compostela, Laak and Nabunturan towns have been recognized as they top the Licensure Examination for Teachers, Chemical Engineers, and Geodetic Engineers Licensure Examination administered by the Professional Regulation Commission this year while the others have won competitions in Davao City (Regional Level) and Australia (International Level) in the STEM category.

In the field of sports, 5 youths, coming from the DdO Muaythai Team, secured Gold and Silver Awards as they played in the Muaythai National Championship game held in Pasig City on November 13-19, 2023.

Governor Dorothy P. Montejo-Gonzaga personally handed over the certificate of commendation and monetary incentives to them as a form of the provincial government's appreciation.

Truly an outstanding achievement worth emulating of Kabataang Davaoëño!
 CONGRATULATIONS!

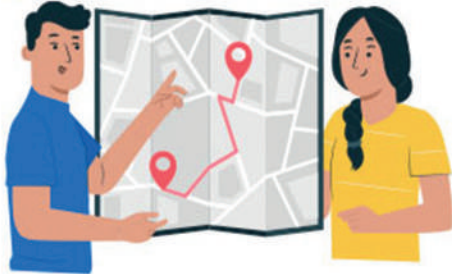




READY BA ANG PAMILYA IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Maghanda ng emergency plan

1



Alamin ang mga ligtas na daan mula sa bahay papunta sa nearest evacuation site

2



Ilista ang mga emergency hotlines at contact details ng kamag-anak o kaibigan na maaaring tawagan in case of emergency. Bigyan ng kopya ang buong pamilya

3



Ipaliwanag sa mga anak ang mga maaaring mangyari sa inyong lugar

4



Bigyan ng responsibilidad ang bawat miyembro ng pamilya. Magkasundo kung tuwing kailan irereview ang emergency plan

5



Sanayin at kabisaduhin bilang pamilya ang mga family protocols (sa sunog, bagyo, baha, lindol, pagputok ng bulkan, landslide, tsunami, storm surge)

6



Magkasundo sa isang meeting place kung magkahiwa-hiwalay man ang pamilya sa oras ng emergency

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