In celebration with the 2019 Civil Registration Month (CRM) and its continuing promotion and awareness campaign on civil registration, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) - Leyte Provincial Statistical Office, together with Leyte Civil Registrars, unleashed its full blast of activities in February this year.

Anchored on the theme “Inclusive and Responsive CRVS (Civil Registration and Vital Statistics): Working Smarter through Innovation”, above-mentioned undertakings were able to educate and assist 544 clients during its mobile registration services, 642 Grade 10 students in its Quiz Bees, 339 couples in its involvement during Mass Weddings (Kasalang Bayan), 1,037 students in its symposia on civil registration and vital statistics in 10 different schools in Leyte, and 64 Local Civil Registrars and staff during Seminar on CRVS.

A Poster Making Contest was also administered to secondary schools in the province on February 27, 2019.

Bato, Leyte: consistent regional champion in CR Quiz

Students from the municipality of Bato once again proved its competence in civil registration by bagging the first three major awards in the 2019 Regional Civil Registration Quiz in Balangiga, Central School, Balangiga, Eastern Samar on February 27, 2019.

Out of 20 contestants from different schools across the region who vied for the first three places of the quiz, three representatives from Bato emerged as winners. Nikka A. Gesultura was declared champion, followed by Lanito Iñigo C. Amatorio at second place and
Fifteen Local Civil Registrars of the province were awarded during the Launching of the Civil Registration Month (CRM) in Palompon Civic Center, Palompon, Leyte on February 1, 2019. The award was attributed to their exemplary performance in civil registration in 2018.

The 43 cities/municipalities of Leyte were divided into five categories during the evaluation. These categories are: Extra Large, Large, Medium, Small and Extra Small Category. A cut-off rating of 85 percent was applied in the selection of Outstanding Local Civil Registry Offices (LCROs).

Ormoc City showed an exceptional rating for occupying first spot in the Extra Large Category of LCROs. Carigara stood out in the Large Category for being at the first place, followed by Hilongos at 2nd place. In the Medium Category, Villaba ranked first followed by Burauen, Tanauan, Leyte, Palompon, Albuera and Tabango. On the other hand, Mahaplag showed its radiance in Small Category for being at the first place, followed by Bato then Jaro. In the Extra Small Category, Tolosa got the first place and was followed by Inopacan.

Other municipalities were also given special awards on Timeliness and Quality of Submitted Civil Registry (CR) documents and for the implementation of Barangay Civil Registration System (BCRS).

Two municipalities and a city were awarded for manifesting a remarkable timely submission of CR documents. These were Abuyog, Matag-ob and Tacloban City.

In terms of quality of submitted documents, San Isidro, Capoocan, Calubian, Isabel, Barugo, Babatngon, Baybay, Tabontabon, Tunga, Mac Arthur, Hindang and Julita received awards in said category.

Pastrana, Santa Fe, La Paz and San Miguel were given awards under Timeliness and Quality categories.

Lastly, Hilongos, Dagami and La Paz were recognized for their significant participation in BCRS.

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26, 2019 at PSA Training Room, Tacloban City.

Moreover, Leyte City/Municipal Civil Registrars also hanged streamers in their respective Local Government Units in support to the 2019 CRM.

Aforementioned celebration was Pursuant to Proclamation No. 682 issued on January 28, 1991 to remind Filipinos of their duty to register vital events in their lives such as births, marriage, deaths as well as decrees, legal instruments, and judicial orders affecting their civil status.
Leyte’s Inflation rate drops at 3.2 percent in March 2019

The inflation rate in Leyte dropped at 3.2 percent in March 2019, representing a decrease of 1.1 percentage point compared to the 4.3 percent inflation rate in the previous month. Furthermore, this month’s rate is lower by 2.3 percentage point compared with the 5.5 percent inflation rate in the same period of last year. This is the lowest inflation rate recorded in Leyte since March 2018. Leyte’s inflation rate was higher compared to region’s inflation rate since December 2018.

All of the commodity groups contributed to the 3.2 percent overall inflation rate except Education with -18.4 percent inflation which was attributed to the significant impact of the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act. The following major commodity groups contributed to the provincial inflation rate: Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels (5.8 percent); Furnishings, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house (5.1 percent); Health (4.7 percent); Food and non-alcoholic beverages (4.4 percent); Recreation and Culture (4.2 percent); Alcoholic beverages and tobacco (2.8 percent); Clothing and Footwear (2.8 percent); Transport (2.4 percent); Restaurant and miscellaneous goods and services (1.9 percent); and Communication (0.4 percent).

Four major commodity groups posted increases on its month-on-month rate of price change. Transport reported the biggest increase with 1.0 percentage point from 1.4 percent in February 2019 to 2.4 percent in March 2019. This was followed by the 0.2 percentage point increment on the inflation rates of Furnishing, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house, and Restaurant and Miscellaneous goods and services, then 0.1 percentage point for Clothing and footwear.

On the other hand, inflation rate of Alcoholic beverages and tobacco reported a drop of 8.3 percentage points, from 11.1 percent in February 2019 to 2.8 percent in March 2019. Other major commodities also posted drops such as in Food and non-alcoholic beverages, from 5.7 percent to 4.4 percent; and Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels, from 7.1 percent to 5.8 percent.

Previous month’s inflation rates for Health (4.7 percent), Communication (0.4 percent), Recreation and culture (4.2 percent), and Education (-18.4 percent) were maintained during the month-in-review.

Day Care pupils receive gifts from PSA

As part of PSA’s social responsibility and its desire to help some of our country’s populace at the grass root level, the Office visited a Day Care Center in Poblacion District I, Barugo, Leyte on March 12, 2019.

A Feeding Program was conducted during the activity in which 20 Day Care pupils were delighted by the food served by PSA Leyte personnel.

Moreover, school supplies were also distributed to the children as aide to their early learning process.

A Briefing on Frequently Asked Questions in Civil Registration was also administered by the staff to help parents of above children familiarize how to handle common civil registration problems.
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Of all types of building constructions, only the value of non-residential type declined during the reference year. The value was estimated at ₱3.0 billion, plunged by 23.9 percent compared with the registered amount of ₱4.0 billion in 2017.

Meanwhile, value of residential building constructions posted at ₱2.4 billion in 2018, higher by 32.3 percent from last year’s construction value amounting to ₱1.8 billion. This was attributed to the increases in the value of all types of residential building.

Similarly, consolidated value of additions, alterations and repairs went up to ₱357 million in 2018, translating an increase of 22.9 percent as compared with ₱291 million in the previous year.

The total number of approved building constructions in Leyte for the year 2018 was recorded at 2,626. This value was 8.0 percent higher compared to 2,431 applications in 2017.

Major types of building constructions increased in number during the reference year. Residential type of building increased by 6.2 percent, from 1,590 applications in 2017 to 1,688 in 2018. This was attributed to the increases in number of duplex, quadruplex, apartment, accessoria and other similar types of residential building.

Non-residential type of building likewise went up by 21.2 percent numbering to 583 applications during the year 2018 from 481 approved building constructions in 2017. The result was brought about by the significant increases in institutional, agricultural and other types of non-residential constructions. Meanwhile, the construction for additions, alterations and repairs recorded 355 applications in 2018, 1.4 percent lower than the 360 applications in 2017. Figure 2 illustrates the number of approved building constructions by type of building in 2018 and 2017.

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According to the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act 11055, an Act Establishing the Philippine Identification System (PhilSys), registration centers for its implementation will be available a year after the effectivity of said law.

This law was approved by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte on August 6, 2018 which also mandated the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) to carry out its provisions.

Pilot areas in the country include: NCR (Valenzuela), Region 4A (Lipa City, Batangas, 2nd District of Laguna and Bacoor City, Cavite), Region 6 (Boracay), Region 7 (2nd District of Negros Occidental), Region 11 (Davao City), Region 3 (2nd District of Pampanga), CARAGA (Surigao del Sur) and ARMM (Marawi City).

PhilSys is the government’s central identification platform for all citizens and resident aliens of the Philippines. An individual’s record in the PhilSys shall be considered as an official and sufficient proof of identity.

The PhilID serves as the official government-issued identification document of cardholders in dealing with all national government agencies, local government units (LGUs), government-owned or controlled corporations (GOCCs), government financial institutions (GFIs), State Universities and Colleges (SUCs), and all private sector entities.

Information to be collected from the registrant and stored in the PhilSys include: 1) full name; 2) sex; 3) date of birth; 4) place of birth; 5) blood type; 6) address; 7) Filipino or Resident Alien; 8) marital status (optional); 9) mobile number (optional); 10) e-mail address (optional); 11) front-facing photograph; 12) full set of finger prints; and 13) iris scan.

Every citizen or resident alien shall register personally in registration centers that have the necessary facilities to capture the information required to be contained in the registry. These registration centers include: 1) PSA Regional and Provincial Offices; 2) Local Civil Registry Offices (LCROs); 3) Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) for its members and their dependents; 4) Social Security System (SSS) for its members and their dependents; 5) Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth); 6) Home Development Mutual Fund (HDMF); 7) Commission on Elections (COMELEC); 8) Philippine Postal Corporation (PHILPOST); and 8) Other government agencies and GOCCs as may be assigned by the PSA.

As part of the Office’ training and development practices, a Training on Networking and Philippine Civil Registration System (PhilCRIS) was conducted by Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) - Leyte Provincial Statistical Office on February 6, 2019 at PSA Leyte Training Room, Tacloban City.

It was participated by regular staff and hired Service Contractors of above-mentioned Office.

Arthur R. Collanto, Statistical Specialist II, lectured on the nature of networking and its related topics and demonstrated how Local Area Networking (LAN) works. He also discussed salient features and functionalities of the PhilCRIS and highlighted trouble-shooting and common problems encountered by users.

A hands-on installation was also performed by the participants as application to what they have learned from the activity.

Through this training workshop, employees acquired skills and knowledge which are productive to their current and future work performance.