PSA Leyte gears up for Disaster Preparedness and Fire Drill

In celebration of the Fire Prevention Month, PSA Leyte invited speakers from the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), Regional Office 8 for the In-house Seminar on Disaster Preparedness, First Aid and Fire Drill. FO3 Francisco E. Pedrosa Jr. and SFO3 Virnilio Arthur Abad were the resource persons of the two-day activity which took place at PSA Leyte on March 20-21, 2017. The topics include discussion on disaster preparedness, administering first aid, emergency evacuation plan and fire control.

PSA Leyte continues its Social Responsibility Commitment

In line with the social responsibility commitment of PSA-Leyte, the provincial office conducted Adopt a Day Care Center Program on March 16, 2017. The recipient were day care pupils of Brgy Doña Brigida Day Care Center at Tolosa, Leyte. Aside from the Feeding Program, toys were also distributed to the enthusiastic pupils of the day care center. There was also a turn-over of donated weighing scale, white board and white board marker. Briefing among Day Care Parents on Frequently Ask Questions on Civil Registration (problems relating to birth/marriage/death documents) was also conducted. This was the second visit of the office since its first visit in 2016.
The PSA Leyte office spearheaded the conduct of Data Appreciation Seminar on Construction Statistics to Local Building Officials (LBO) in the province. It was held last March 29, 2017 at PSA Leyte Training Room and was attended by 31 LBOs. The activity was aimed at disseminating the statistics generated from the Approved Building Permits in order to promote and instill awareness on the importance of construction data in policy formulation and programs/projects implementation. The group likewise discussed and made initial plans in reviving their association which became inactive for the past years.

The use of Computer Aided Personal Interviewing (CAPI) was implemented nationwide.

PSA Leyte conducts Data Appreciation Seminar on Construction Statistics

The PSA Leyte used tablet (CAPI – Computer Aided Personal Interviewing) for the first time during the conduct of the January 2017 Labor Force Survey (LFS). A four-day training to Statistical Researchers (SRs) was conducted to ensure that data collectors are properly equipped with the necessary knowledge and skills in the data collection using CAPI. The enumeration started last January 9, 2017 and ended last January 21, 2017. Right after enumeration, the SRs uploaded the data files to PSA server. Validation and consistency checking of uploaded data files was done at the provincial office. The use of CAPI was implemented nationwide.

OIC-PSO Sheryl Ann A. Jamisola was interviewed by the local TV Network of Tacloban City at PSA Leyte Provincial Statistics Office on January 23, 2017. She tackled the Inflation Rate and Consumer Price Index (CPI) of Leyte. She also mentioned the on-going Labor Force Survey and asked for the cooperation and support of the sample households within the province. The interview was aired the following day in the network’s 5:00 PM TV local news.
In terms of population growth rate (PGR) from 2010-2015, Leyte exhibited as the fastest growing province in the region with a PGR of 1.83 percent. This means that on the average, two (2) in every 100 persons are added annually in Leyte from 2000 to 2015. Meanwhile, the PGR of Tacloban City was recorded at 1.73 percent in 2010-2015, lower than its PGR in 2000-2010 at 2.16 percent. This suggests that the population of Tacloban City continued to increase in 2015 but at a slower rate. All cities and municipalities in Leyte showed positive PGRs in 2010-2015. This suggests increases in population in 2015 as compared in 2010.

The total population of Leyte (excluding Tacloban City) as of August 1, 2015 was 1,724,679 persons. This count was higher by 156,695 persons as compared with the population of 1,567,984 in 2010. Tacloban City’s total population, on the other hand, reached 242,089 persons in 2015, higher by 20,915 persons as compared to its count in 2010 at 221,174 persons. Leyte continued to post the biggest population in the Eastern Visayas. It accounted 38.8 percent of the region’s total population of 4,440,150 in 2015.

Poverty incidence among families in Leyte in 2015 was estimated at 23.6 percent. This suggests that around two in every 10 families in the province are poor. The situation improved as the poverty incidence reduced by 7.8 percentage points from 31.4 percent in 2012. In terms of magnitude, there are about 111,394 families in Leyte who are poor, lower by 13.2 percent as compared to 128,273 poor families in 2012. Among the provinces in Eastern Visayas, Leyte ranked second lowest in terms of poverty incidence among families. Biliran registered the lowest at 17.4 percent while Northern Samar recorded the highest poverty incidence at 47.9 percent. Improvements in poverty incidence among families were observed in all provinces in the region except Northern Samar, the only province that registered an increase from 43.5 percent in 2012 to 47.9 percent in 2015. Eastern Samar, on the other hand, recorded the biggest decline of 18.0 percentage points, from 55.4 percent in 2012 to 37.4 percent in 2015.

Nearly two in every 30 families in Leyte are extremely poor. Subsistence incidence among families in Leyte improved from 10.3 percent in 2012 to 6.7 percent in 2015. This suggests that nearly two (2) in every 30 families in 2015 are extremely poor. In terms of magnitude, about 31,726 families in Leyte in 2015 are living in extreme poverty, lower by 24.8 percent from 42,174 extremely poor families in 2012. Among the provinces in the region, Biliran registered the lowest subsistence incidence among families at 5.3 percent. Leyte ranked second lowest at 6.7 percent, followed by Southern Leyte, Samar and Eastern Samar with 13.9, 16.3 and 18.4 percent, respectively.
Inflation rate in Leyte at 2.8 percent in March

The inflation rate in Leyte slightly increased at 2.8 percent in March 2017, representing an increase by 0.2 percentage point compared to the 2.6 percent inflation rate in the previous month. Average provincial inflation rate in Leyte is generally higher than the regional average since March 2016 except in November until the reference period.

Most of the commodity groups contributed to the 2.8 percent overall inflation rate which include Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels (7.5 percent); Alcoholic beverages and tobacco (4.5 percent); Education (3.8 percent); Food and non-alcoholic beverages (1.9 percent); Transport (1.4 percent) and Health (1.3 percent). The rest of the commodity groups registered acceleration ranging from 0.2 to 1.0 percent. The year-on-year rate of price change of four (4) major commodity groups slowed down in March 2017 as compared to its rates in February. The decrease was noted on the inflation rate of Transport (from 2.0 percent in February to 1.4 percent in March 2017).

Purchasing Power of Peso (PPP) weakens at 63 centavos

Purchasing Power of the Peso in Leyte weakened at 63 centavos in March 2017 from 64 centavos in February 2017, while PPP for Region 8 weakened at 63 centavos since February the same year. This purchasing power of the peso indicates that the same basket of goods and services worth 63 pesos in 2006 (base year) is now worth 100 pesos during the reference period.

Approved building permit applications significantly rose to 940 in the fourth quarter of 2016

The total number of building constructions recorded from the approved building permits in Leyte in the fourth quarter of 2016 significantly rose to 940 applications from 406 approved applications during the same quarter of 2015.

All major type of building construction had increased in the number during the fourth quarter of 2016. Applications for construction of residential type of building recorded the biggest increase from 256 in fourth quarter of 2015 to almost three times higher posting at 755 applications in the fourth quarter of 2016. Applications for non-residential type of building likewise increased by 12.2 percent, from 98 to 110 total applications during fourth quarter of 2016.

Likewise, combined number of applications for additions/alterations and repairs went up by 44.2 percent, from 52 to 75 applications during the reference quarter. The graph shows the number of approved building permits by type of building during the fourth quarter of 2015 and 2016.
The PSA Leyte in collaboration with the Leyte Civil Registry Personnel Association (LCRPA) spearheaded the 2017 Civil Registration Month Launching and Caravan with the theme “Pilipinong Rehistrado, Matatag na Kinabukasan ay Sigurado”. A motorcade from four different assembly points participated in by personnel from Local Civil Registry (LCRO) and PSA converged and drove its way to Burauen, Leyte last February 2, 2017. The Launching program followed immediately after the motorcade which started 11:00 a.m. held at Burauen Cultural Center. Hon. Juanito E. Renomenon, the mayor of the host municipality, delivered welcome remarks and expressed gratitude for a well-attended kick off ceremony. Lecture on CRVS Decade updates for LCROs, Civil Registration Quiz for LCRO personnel and awarding ceremony were part of the program.

PSA Awards Outstanding LCROs in Leyte

The awarding of the 2016 Outstanding Local Civil Registry Offices (LCROs) in Leyte was held last February 2, 2017 at Burauen, Leyte as part of the launching of the 2017 Civil Registration Month. The ranking was based on the submission of their monthly civil registry documents in terms of quality (40%), timeliness (30%) and PhilCRIS submission (30%). Nineteen LCROs were awarded under Quality category, 16 were awarded with Timeliness and Quality Categories, and Baybay City was the lone LCRO awarded with Quality and Electronic Data File Categories. The Most Outstanding LCROs were Albuera (99.95%), Bato (96.645), Tolosa (94.09%), Mahaplag (93.97%), Palompon (90.83%), Burauen (89.95%), and Jaro (84.04%). Plaque of Recognition and PSA token were given to the Most Outstanding LCROs while Certificate of Recognition was given to the other awardees.

PSA Leyte contestant bags as Regional Champion in the 2017 Civil Registration Quiz

Two PSA Leyte contestants emerged as regional winners in the Civil Registration Quiz-Regional Finals held on March 14, 2017 at Hinundayan, Southern Leyte. Ms. Anggel Khalilah M. Zaragoza of Bato School of Fisheries was declared as the Regional Champion after scoring 22 out of 30 questions administered in three rounds. Ms. Eva Mae O. Aldeon of Northern Ormoc City High School was also awarded as Third Place Winner in the said contest. Contestants in the regional finals were the provincial winners. The annual contest aims to promote, enhance and instil awareness and appreciation on the importance and value of civil registration.
PSA Leyte conducts Civil Registration Symposium and Quiz to selected Secondary Schools

As part of the Civil Registration Month in February, PSA Leyte in partnership with LCROs in Leyte conducted series of Civil Registration Quiz to Grade 10 students of participating public and private schools in the province. The contest was conducted at different levels: school-wide, city/municipal-wide, and cluster-wide. Civil Registration symposia were conducted before the conduct of the quiz. The Provincial Elimination was held on February 17, 2017 at PSA Leyte Training Room. There were 11 contestants coming from the six (6) LCRO clusters of Leyte. Three winners each were declared for the City Category and Municipal Category. The six contest winners represented the province during the Regional Finals held on March 14, 2017 at Hinundayan, Southern Leyte.

PSA Leyte assists in Mass Wedding in various areas of Leyte

The office was invited to join in the Mass Wedding Ceremonies conducted by the different Local Government Units (LGUs) in line with the celebration of the 2017 Civil Registration Month. There were six (6) Mass Wedding in the province from January to March through the efforts of the respective City/Municipal Civil Registrars which were attended by PSA personnel. Majority of the ceremonies were Civil Mass Wedding where the respective Mayor served as Solemnizing Officer except in Baybay City where a Church Mass Wedding was held to Roman Catholic couples. PSA personnel gave inspirational message during the program. The LGUs offered free solemnization. Some offered free registration of marriage and in some areas tokens or wedding gifts were provided to couples.
Echo-seminar on ISO-QMS for PSA Leyte personnel

The winners in the first ever Best Photo Contest were Ms. Ma. Zolita N. Panaligan for the 1st Place and Ms. Alma K. Malibago for the 2nd Place. The 3rd Place was a tie for Ms. Edna D. Felicita and Ms. Donaphine A. Suralta. The contest was open to all PSA employees regardless of employment status with theme “PSA Lady in the Line of Duty”. The criteria were Originality (20%), Creativity (20%), Relevance (20%), Technique (20%), and Overall Impact (25%) for a total of 100%. The winners received certificate, cash prize and token during the Closing Ceremony of the Women’s Month Celebration held on March 31, 2017. The main objective of the activity was give recognition to PSA women of Leyte while in the performance of their duty.

In line with the Women’s Month Celebration, the office gave token to lucky women at CRS outlet last March 31, 2017. OIC Sheryl Ann A. Jamisola gave brief message on the rationale and mechanics of the activity. There were 30 women who participated and they were excited to pick from the box with rolled papers where the specific token was written which include PSA advocacy materials either bag, tumbler, fan, pen, mug or rain coat. Smiles were seen on these lucky women upon receipt of the PSA token.

ECHO - Seminar on Quality Management System (QMS) and ISO 9001:2015 to PSA Leyte personnel was held on March 7, 2017 at PSA Training Room. The lecture focused on the rationale of ISO 9001 certification and the seven (7) quality management principles. Leyte is one of the pilot provinces for PSAs quest for ISO certification. Aside from the Central Office, there are six (6) Regional Statistical Service Offices and six (6) Provincial Statistical Offices nationwide that are pilot for the ISO certification. The scope of the certification covers the entire PSA processes. Series of ISO-QMS capacity building are scheduled for the pilot offices before the third party certification audit in September of this year.