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Driving SDG Progress: Leyte Provincial Statistics Committee (PSC) Conducts the 2025 Third Quarter Meeting

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PALO, LEYTE – On 15 July 2025, the Leyte Provincial Statistics Committee (PSC) held its 2025 Third Quarter Meeting at Leyte Provincial Capitol Government Complex, Palo, Leyte. The half-day hybrid meeting, presided over by PSC Leyte Chairperson Agnes C. Rafon, Officer-in-Charge of the Provincial Planning and Development Office (PPDO), was attended by 20 representatives from various PSC-member agencies.



PHOTO: Onsite attendees during the 2025 Leyte Provincial Statistics Committee Third Quarter Meeting.

The meeting serves as a platform for interagency collaboration at the provincial level, as well as providing updates on issues raised at the previous meeting and discussion of new agenda items. PSC Secretariat Bernadette R. Montana, Supervising Statistical Specialist of PSA Leyte, began the session formally by acknowledging attendees both present onsite and online, as well as declaring the quorum. After which, PSC Chairperson Rafon officially called the meeting to order.

Prior to the presentation of the new businesses, preliminaries were first discussed and/or approved. The PSC Secretariat then presented the updates on matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting highlighting the status of the resolutions approved. In connection, the resolutions approved were successfully disseminated to Local Government Units (LGUs), National Government Agencies (NGAs), and other concerned offices.



During the meeting, six (6) agenda items were presented, one (1) of which required discussion and approval, while the rest were for information. Vice-Chairperson Sheryl Ann A. Jamisola presented the first agenda item, which focused on enjoining all departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the national government, LGUs, Government-Owned and Controlled Corporations, the private sector, and the public to support the 36th National Statistics Month (NSM) celebration and conduct of 16th National Convention on Statistics (NCS) with the theme *"Accelerating the SDG Pace of Progress : Mobilizing Data for All "*, highlighting the crucial role of statistics and data in assessing the progress of the country in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).

After the discussion and approval of the first agenda item, the next discussion, facilitated by Mr. Reo Fritz Guinipaan, was focused on the latest price situation in the province of Leyte and Tacloban City, emphasizing the major drivers of the trend in the first semester. Meanwhile, Supervising Statistical Specialist Bernadette R. Montana presented the updates on Provincial Product Accounts (PPA) data collection and further updates of the upcoming activities, and Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS) which emphasizes the importance, objectives, status of presenting preliminary results, and the requirements of LGUs necessary for the CBMS data turnover.

Furthermore, John Ray Ylanan of Eastern Visayas State University - Tacloban Campus presented the curriculum revision of Bachelor of Science in Statistics program. The reform emphasizes the course offering year of some general education courses and increased focus on fundamental courses. Lastly, LGOO VII Nida Dela Cruz of the Department of Interior and Local Government presented "Open Government" as the national mechanism for advancing the transparency, accountability, and participation of citizens.

The support for statistical initiatives facilitates the extensive dissemination of information, providing stakeholders with insights and statistical perspective of the country's situation, promoting a more data-driven response.

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PHOTO: CSS Jamisola presents about the upcoming 36th National Statistics Month (NSM) and 16th National Convention on Statistics (NCS).

