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REGION 8 CELEBRATES THE 35TH NATIONAL STATISTICS MONTH

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The statistics community of Eastern Visayas joins the entire country in celebrating the 35th National Statistics Month (NSM) with the theme, “*Advancing Data and Statistics Through Digital Transformation: A Road to an Empowered Nation*”.

To mark the 35th NSM, PSA – RSSO 8 has calendared in October 2024 several inter-agency events that will highlight the efforts in modernizing the statistical system through the adoption of digital tools and platforms to improve the accuracy, timeliness, and accessibility of statistics. This year’s 35th NSM Opening Ceremony, co-hosted by the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) on 04 October at Robinson’s North, Abucay, Tacloban City, will be guested by National Economic and Development Authority VIII (NEDA 8) Regional Director and Regional Statistics Committee VIII (RSC 8) Chairperson Meylene C. Rosales, together with DICT OIC-Regional Director Melvyn Carlo T. Barroa. PSA-wide, all Provincial Statistical Offices have organized activities that include advocacy/IEC, training/workshops, symposium/webinar, contests/quiz, exhibits, and the like. At the regional level, activities to watch out for are the following:

1. Kapihan sa PIA Eastern Visayas (02 October)
2. 35th NSM Opening Ceremony (04 October 2024)
3. PSA Says (04 October)
4. Regional Statistics Committee (RSC) Outreach Program (11 October)
5. Stat Zumbayaw with a Twist (12 October)
6. 2023 Full PSA Official Poverty Statistics Regional Data Dissemination (14 October)
7. International Poverty Summit (16 to 17 October)
8. Forest Bathing with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) (18 October)
9. Philippine Statistical Research and Training Institute - Philippine Statistics Authority (PSRTI-PSA) Capacity Building Training for LGUs (22 to 24 October)
10. FB Stats Go! (every Wednesday and Friday of October)
11. Search for Best LGU Advocates for Statistics (25 October)
12. Search for Best Youth Organization for Statistics (25 October)
13. 1st Visayas Cluster Data Festival (28-29 October)
14. 35th NSM Closing Ceremony (25 October)

The NSM is observed nationwide pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 647 signed by then President Corazon C. Aquino on 20 September 1990, “*Declaring the Month of October of Every Year as the National Statistics Month*”. This was reinforced by PSA Board Resolution No. 11, series of 2021, “*Enjoining and Institutionalizing Support to the Annual Celebration of the National Statistics Month*”. These directives are refreshed with the issuances of Memorandum Circulars by the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) and the Department of the Interior and Local



Government (DILG) calling for the conduct of NSM-related activities. All participating organizations, universities/colleges, and units of the government are also encouraged to vie for the NSM Awards in 2025 and requested to display the 35th NSM streamers/tarpaulin in the building façade throughout the month of October 2024.

Once again, the NSM aims to 1) promote, enhance, and instill nationwide awareness and appreciation of the importance and value of statistics to the different sectors of the society; and 2) elicit the cooperation and support of the general public in upgrading the quality and standard of statistics in the country. Along this line, PSA - RSSO 8 enjoins all departments, bureaus, offices, and instrumentalities of the national government, government-owned and controlled corporations, state universities and colleges, local government units, the private sector, and the public to continuously support and actively participate in the NSM celebration.

For more details, contest mechanics, updates and other announcements, please follow the PSA - RSSO 8 Official FB Page (@PSAEVOfficial). You may also contact our office with telephone numbers (053) 839-1884/888-0069 and email addresses rss08socd@psa.gov.ph/ rss08crasd@psagov.ph.

Happy 35th NSM, see you!

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