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## Maximizing Interagency Collaboration: Leyte Provincial Statistics Committee (PSC) Conducts the 2025 Second Quarter Meeting

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PALO, LEYTE – On 15 April 2025, the Leyte Provincial Statistics Committee (PSC) held its 2025 Second 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 25 representatives from various PSC-member agencies.

The meeting serves as a platform for interagency collaboration at the provincial level and to provide updates on matters arising from the previous meeting and discussion of the new agenda items. The session was formally started with an acknowledgement of attendees, both onsite and online, by PSC Secretariat Bernadette R. Montana, Supervising Statistical Specialist of PSA Leyte, who also declared the quorum. After which, PSC Chairperson Rafon officially called the meeting in 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 for crafting. The approved resolutions were about the necessary data support of Local Government Units (LGUs), government agencies, and tourism sectors of the Provincial Product Accounts in the province of Leyte and City of Tacloban and Tourism Statistics. In addition, the Department of Local and Interior Government (DILG) Leyte were also highlighted to be a catalyst as well in providing support through endorsing the data collection to different LGUs.



Top image: SS II Falle presented the resolution on Tourism Statistics.  
Bottom image: PDO III Manarang presented Document Tracking System.



During the meeting, five (5) agenda items were presented, two (2) 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 government agencies, LGUs, and sample households in Leyte and the City of Tacloban to support the conduct of 2025 Family Income and Expenditures Survey (FIES), highlighting its significance in understanding family income and expenditure in the Philippines. The next discussion, facilitated by PSC Secretariat Bemadette R. Montana, was focused on enjoining support on the conduct of the 2024 Annual Survey of Philippine Business Industry (ASPBI) and the 2024 Survey on Information and Communications Technology (SICT), emphasizing the collection and generation of information on the levels, structure, performance, and trends of economic activities in the country, and availability, distribution, and access/utilization of ICT among establishments in the country. After which, these resolutions were approved by the committee.

After the discussion and approval of the two (2) agenda items, a presentation on Document Tracking System was presented by Charles Vincent Manarang, Project Development Officer III of PPDO, highlighting the importance of having a systematic process in accomplishing tasks. It also opened opportunities for several agencies in the province to adapt the system given the benefits and automation the system can provide to the agency. Meanwhile, Jescyn Kate N. Ramos, Provincial Tourism Officer of LTIPC, presented tourist attractions in the province, plans, and initiatives to further the tourism services. Also, a video presentation was shown entitled "See You, Leyte", an official tourism video of the Province of Leyte and the theme song for The GR8 Leyte Homecoming 2024, encouraging Leyteños around the world to rediscover the beauty and heritage of the province.

Furthermore, Reo Fritz A. Guinipaan of PSA Leyte presented the updates on the compilation of 2024 Provincial Product Accounts in Leyte, emphasizing the status of the data collection of the different important data to be collected, status of processing, and upcoming activities.

Reaching greater heights through interagency collaboration makes the community more progressive. By maximizing data-driven activities of the different agencies, this resonates with the purpose of the committee—a policy-making body for the betterment of the statistical community and demonstrates its commitment to ensuring stakeholders make well-informed decisions.

  
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