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DISTRICT NEWS

Save lives, Donate BLOOD



BCWD BLOODLETTING 2018

by Ram Barquin

In line with the celebration of the **44th Anniversary of Butuan City Water District (BCWD)** and the **17th Water Consciousness Week**, a bloodletting activity will be conducted by BCWD in coordination with Philippine National Red Cross on April 5, 2018 at the Conference Room, BCWD Administration Bldg., Gov. J.A. Rosales Ave., Butuan City.

The bloodletting is open to the public. Collected bloods will be donated to Philippine National Red Cross.

The public is encouraged to donate blood to help save the lives of those in dire need of blood.

First 50 blood donors will receive BCWD anniversary t-shirt.



The 38th Annual PAWD Convention:

**Water District Options and Solutions
for Sustainable Water Supply and
Sanitation**

by Ann Patrimonio

The Philippine Association of Water Districts, Inc. (PAWD) conducted its 39th Annual Convention last February 7-10, 2018 at the Iloilo Convention Center, Iloilo City with Water Districts Association of Region VI as host and Iloilo City Water District as co-host. The theme for this year's convention was **"Water District Options and Solutions for Sustainable Water Supply and Sanitation."**

Participants from water districts all over the Philippines joined in the annual confab which included Board of Directors, General Managers, WD Employees, Exhibitors and Sponsors with a total of around 1,800 registered participants.

The convention highlighted a list of events to underscore the important role that water districts nationwide play for the effective management of water resources and sanitation, as well as the innovations they are actively pursuing to be able to provide quality potable water as well as venture to provide sanitation to every household.

Aside from that, among the highlights of the annual convention was the conduct of the National Level Contests, namely: Tap and Drill Olympics for Water District Employees, Best Publication Award and 7th PAWD National Science and Math Quiz.

7th PAWD National Science and Math Quiz

The 7th PAWD National Science and Math Quiz was conducted last February 7, 2018 at the Diamond Jubilee Hall, Division Office of Iloilo City. Prior to the contest day, last February 6, 2018, the Board of Evaluators of the 7th PAWD National Science and Math Quiz convened to finalize the questions at the Boardroom of the Iloilo City Water District.

During the contest day, a total of seven elementary pupils and eight junior high school students participated in the said contest representing the different regional associations all over the country.

The winners for the 7th PAWD National Science and Math Quiz are the following:

Elementary Level

Champion- Contestant: **John Benedict A. Durain**
Coach: Nikki B. Cruz
Timber City Academy
Butuan City WD / NorMin-NRMC Caraga

Runner-up - Contestant: **Lourd France A. Sarballon**
Coach: Gresenia Rafols
Bugo Central School
Cagayan de Oro City WD / NorMin-NRMC Region X

Secondary Level

Champion- Contestant: **Jeannie Loise S. Pempeña**
Coach: Milagros C. Dela Peña
Digos City WD / SOCEMWIC Region XI


Runner-up - Contestant: **Leonard Vincent Majaducon**
Coach: Angelo P. Olivido
Philippine Science High School – Western Visayas Campus
Metro Iloilo WD / Western Visayas Association of Water Districts Inc. Region VI



1st Place
Region 2

2nd Place
Region 4A

3rd Place
Region 3

For 2019, the PAWD Annual Convention will be held in Metro Manila. 

PAWD National Tap and Drill Olympics

The PAWD National Tap and Drill Olympics was conducted last February 7, 2018 at the Iloilo City. Prior to the contest day, last February 6, 2018, contestants attended the orientation at the Metro Iloilo Water District Office.

The winners for the PAWD National Tap and Drill Olympics are the following:

DOCUMENTATION and RISK MANAGEMENT TRAINING

by Christine Tiempo-Fortun



BCWD conducted Documentation and Risk Management Training on January 11-12, 2018 at the BCWD Training Hall. A total of 43 employees participated in the Training. It encouraged the BCWD Personnel to be more internal and external stakeholder focused as part of the adoption of a risk-based approach to quality management and emphasized the importance of adopting a Quality Management System (QMS) as a strategic decision for an organization.

The training was aimed at providing participants the following:

1. Knowledge on Documentation requirements: Documented Information
2. Knowledge on Hierarchy of Documents
3. Knowledge on documents basic elements
4. Understanding on the 3 major elements of Risk Management
5. Knowledge on how to identify and manage risks



WORLD WATER DAY AWARDS 2018

by Ann Patrimonio

The World Water Day Awards is an interagency awarding in consonance with the celebration of the World Water Day on March 22, 2018. The theme for the 2018 World Water Day was **"Nature for Water."** The 2018 awards were hosted by the National Water Resources Board (NWRB) and Maynilad. Awards given were: Kampeon ng Lawa, Huwarang Lingkod-Tubig Award, Kampeon ng Katubigan Award, Water-Wise City Award, Water Leadership Award; Huwarang Alagad ng Ilog Pasig, and Water Warrior Award. For water districts, the Local Water Utilities Administration (LWUA) was tapped by the host agencies for the Huwarang Lingkod-Tubig Award.

LWUA launched its **"Huwarang Lingkod-Tubig Award 2018"** through LWUA Memorandum Circular No. 006-18 re: World Water Day 2018. The category for 2018 Huwarang Lingkod-Tubig Award was the **Best PR Practices on Watershed Development Program**. Three (3) winners were declared, one from Luzon, one from Visayas and one from Mindanao.



Awarding of winners for the World Water Day 2018 awards took place last March 22, 2018, 1:30PM at Novotel Araneta Center, Quezon City. The award-giving body honored individuals, institutions, and programs that made strides in achieving water and water environment sustainability in the Philippines.

CONTEST DETAILS FOR HUWARANG LINGKOD-TUBIG AWARD

Water Districts were invited by LWUA to join the Huwarang Lingkod-Tubig Award 2018. Each Regional Association was only allowed to submit one entry per region. Entries submitted should have an endorsement from the Regional Association as the official entry to the abovementioned award.

Entries were in the form of a narrative with photos and/or videos based on the following criteria:

Sustainability of Watershed Development Program	- 30%
Effectivity/Impact of the PR Program in the Community	- 30%
Socio-Economic Impact	- 20%
Effective Inter-Agency Collaboration	- 20%
	100%

Declared winners were:

Luzon	- Metro Naga Water District
Visayas	- Silay Water District
Mindanao	- Butuan City Water District

For the Mindanao Category, there were five final entries considered while the others were automatically disqualified as said entries were not endorsed by their regional association. Among the 5 entries were from Butuan City Water District, Davao City Water District, Metro Kidapawan Water District, Valencia City Water District and Zamboanga City Water District.

44th BCWD ANNIVERSARY activities Set

by Ann Patrimonio

2018 marks the 44th Anniversary of the Butuan City Water District (BCWD) which is set to be celebrated together with the 17th Water Consciousness Week on April 2 - 7, 2018 adopting the theme of the World Water Day 2018 celebration, **"Nature for Water"**.

In line with this, several of activities are set by the BCWD Anniversary committees. Some of these activities were already conducted especially those for the students.

Students from elementary and junior high school coming from different schools within Butuan City were given the chance to showcase their talents through BCWD's Photo Contest last March 15, 2018, On-the-Spot Poster Making Contest last March 20, 2018 and Water Quiz Show last March 21, 2018. Announcing and awarding of winners followed right after each contest except for the Photo Contest which was awarded together with the Water Quiz Show.

BCWD in partnership with the Philippine National Red Cross (PNRC) Agusan Chapter will also conduct a Bloodletting activity on March 5, 2018, 8:00am to 5:00pm at the BCWD Conference Room. Bloodletting t-shirts will be given to the first 50 blood donors. Concessionaires are invited to join the bloodletting activity. Other social outreach programs will also be conducted such as Mass Feeding and Gift Giving in Barangay Babag on April 5, 2018, Visit to Por Cristo on April 3, 2018 and visit to the Balay Silonganan on April 4, 2018 in Barangay Pinamanculan.

As a part of giving back to its concessionaires, BCWD will be giving away variety of grocery items on April 2-4, 2018. Concessionaires who will pay their water bills in full on the mentioned dates will receive the anniversary Give-aways. Apart from the groceries, forty four (44) anniversary t-shirts will also be given for



the first 44 concessionaires who will be paying early on April 6, 2018. Grocery items and anniversary t-shirts will be claimed through BCWD's Community Relations and External Affairs Division located at the 2nd floor of the BCWD Administration Building.

All the activities scheduled for the weeklong celebration is BCWD's way of thanking the community of Butuan for the continuous support to BCWD.

Schedule of Activities

DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME / VENUE
April 2, 2018 (Monday)	- Orientation for Bloodletting	- 9:30 a.m., After Prayer Fellowship; BCWD Training Hall
	- Distribution of Snacks for Concessionaires	- 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., BCWD Lobby
	- Anniversary Give-aways for concessionaires	- 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., 2 nd floor Lobby
April 3, 2018 (Tuesday)	- Visit to Por Cristo	- 8:00 a.m.; Abilan
	- Anniversary Give-aways for concessionaires	- 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., 2 nd floor Lobby
April 4, 2018 (Wednesday)	- Visit to Balay Silonganan	- 8:00 a.m.; Brgy. Pinamanculan
	- Anniversary Give-aways for concessionaires	- 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., 2 nd floor Lobby
April 5, 2018 (Thursday)	- Mass Feeding/ Gift Giving in Brgy. Babag	- 9:00 a.m., Brgy. Babag
	- Bloodletting	- 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; BCWD Conference Room
April 6, 2018 (Friday)	- Tree Planting	- 9:00 a.m, Brgy. Anticala
	- Anniversary t-shirt for 1 st 44 concessionaires	- 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., CREAD
	- 17 th Tap and Drill Olympics	- 9:00 a.m., BCWD Admin. Bldg.
April 7, 2018 (Saturday)	- Mass	- 7:00 a.m., BCWD Training Hall
	- Awards Program * Employees Awards and Employees Night	- 6:00 p.m., LJ Mega Convention Center

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Awardee for Mindanao



Butuan City Water District General Manager Anselmo Sang Tian (center, right) receives a wooden sculpture trophy as Huwarang Lingkod-Tubig 2018 awardee for Mindanao. The ceremonies were held at the Novotel, Cubao, Quezon City on March 22 as a culminating event for this year's World Water Day commemoration. The other awardees are Metro Naga City Water District for Luzon and Silay City Water District for the Visayas.

by Ram Barquin

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The World Water Day Award honored

individuals, institutions, and programs that made strides in achieving water and water environment sustainability in the Philippines.

A total of 54 “water champions” since 2015 have been recognized, including leaders of indigenous peoples, community workers, media personalities, local government units and academe based organizations.

The following were the awards given out this year:

1. Huwarang Lingkod Tubig;
2. Kampeon ng Lawa;
3. Kampeon ng Katubigan Award;
4. Water-Wise City Award;
5. Water Leadership Award;
6. Huwarang Alagad ng Ilog Pasig; and
7. Water Warrior Award.

There were three Water District Awardees: One from Luzon, One from Visayas and One from Mindanao. These three water districts were awarded for their **Best Public Relations (PR) Practices on Watershed Development Program**. They were chosen based on Sustainability of Watershed Development Program, Effectivity / Impact of the PR Program in the Community, Socio-Economic Impact, and Effective Inter-agency Collaboration. These were the following:

1) Metro Naga Water District: Huwarang Lingkod Tubig – Luzon

Best Practices on Watershed Development Program looking after the welfare of the local community -- and in doing so -- protecting and preserving their water resources as well. This is one of the key factors that made Metropolitan Naga Water District's integrated watershed management a success. Dozens of families which have been relocated have not only been given a new place to call home but also alternative livelihood programs that sustain their daily basic needs. This has shown and proven to residents that they could be part of the solution, not the problem, as stewards in various programs and partnerships aimed at conserving and enhancing the ecology and biological diversity of their environment.

2) Silay City Water District: Huwarang Lingkod Tubig – Visayas



The watershed program of Silay City Water District started literally from the ground up. That's because their watershed site was destroyed by a huge wildfire back in 2005. When they began forest rehabilitation in 2009, they had to plant trees that would have to cover more than 15 hectares of barren land. And that was a challenge they willingly accepted. Now, less than a decade later, the area is once again sprawling with about 30,000 trees like narra, mahogany and acacia. Thanks to the Water Districts' numerous environment and community programs and the concerted effort of various government and civic groups, and most importantly, the cooperation of local residents.

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Watershed Development Program

in the Taguibo River Watershed Forest Reserve A Public Relations Approach Evolving Through Experience

by Ann Patrimonio

The Butuan City Water District (BCWD) continues to expand its existing internal and external projects to further its reach throughout Butuan City.

Under the belt of the BCWD Community Relations and External Affairs Division (CREAD) and Watershed Division is the implementation of several advocacy programs including Community Relations Projects in the Taguibo River Watershed Forest Reserve (TRWFR) where the major source of water supply of the BCWD comes from.

BCWD's Watershed Development Program at the Taguibo River Watershed Forest Reserve is one of the principal tools for the rehabilitation of the watershed area as well as the source of alternative livelihood by the watershed settlers in the area, majority of which are Indigenous People (IPs). Poverty in the TRWFR has been the root cause of the degradation of the forested area in the watershed as

watershed settlers prefer to conduct illegal activities, slash and burn farming and other means that contribute to the degradation of the area so that they are able to provide for their families' daily needs.

A central focus on BCWD's Community Relations' projects in the watershed is to ensure that the watershed settlers are given continuous information drive to be able to understand and appreciate better their role in the protection and preservation of the TRWFR. Aside from that, another aspect of the project is to encourage the watershed settlers to participate in the rehabilitation of the forested area of the TRWFR by providing alternative livelihood to be able to sustain the reforestation program implemented. As an impetus for the watershed settlers to participate in the massive reforestation projects as well as the protection of the TRWFR, BCWD has conducted and supported several activities in the area.

Taguibo River Watershed Forest Reserve

The Taguibo River was proclaimed as a Watershed Forest Reserve by President Fidel V. Ramos under Proclamation No. 1076 on September 4, 1997. It has a total land area of 4,367.44 hectares covering four (4) local government jurisdictions namely, Barangay Anticala in Butuan City, Barangay San Antonio in Remedios Trinidad Romualdez (RTR) and Barangay Mahaba in Cabadbaran City and a portion of Sibagat, Agusan del Sur. Its watershed continuum extends towards the coastal areas of Magallanes that makes a total land area of 12,438 hectares.

The rationale for its proclamation was to establish the Taguibo River Watershed Forest Reserve (TRWFR) for the purpose of protection, maintenance and improvement of its water yield and providing restraining mechanism for inappropriate forest exploitation and land use practices.

The Taguibo River Watershed is also within the Sibagat – Wawa Forest

Reserve under Proclamation No.308 dated September 3, 1954.

In 2012, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) issued Administrative Order No. 2012-11 designating the Taguibo River as Water Quality Management Area (Pursuant to Section 5 of RA 9275 otherwise known as the Philippine Clean Water Act of 2004) recognizing the importance of the area to its downstream communities.

The TRWFR is very important to the community for the following reasons:

- Plays a vital role in the socio-economic development of Butuan City;
- Being the main source of potable water supplied by BCWD;
- Supplies water to National Irrigation Administration (NIA) servicing to a vast area of rice fields; and

- It is the source of livelihood for the residents in the watershed.

Being the primary source of water supply in the area of Butuan City, there are two (2) major stakeholders using Taguibo River as water supply. One of the two major stakeholders is the BCWD for the potable water with water rights of 1,000 liters per second and the second stakeholder is the National Irrigation Administration (NIA) with waters of 700 liters per second as source of irrigation. NIA dam is situated at lower Anticala which is already downstream of BCWD's Bulk Water Supplier facilities. The following are the existing Water Rights issued within the Taguibo River:

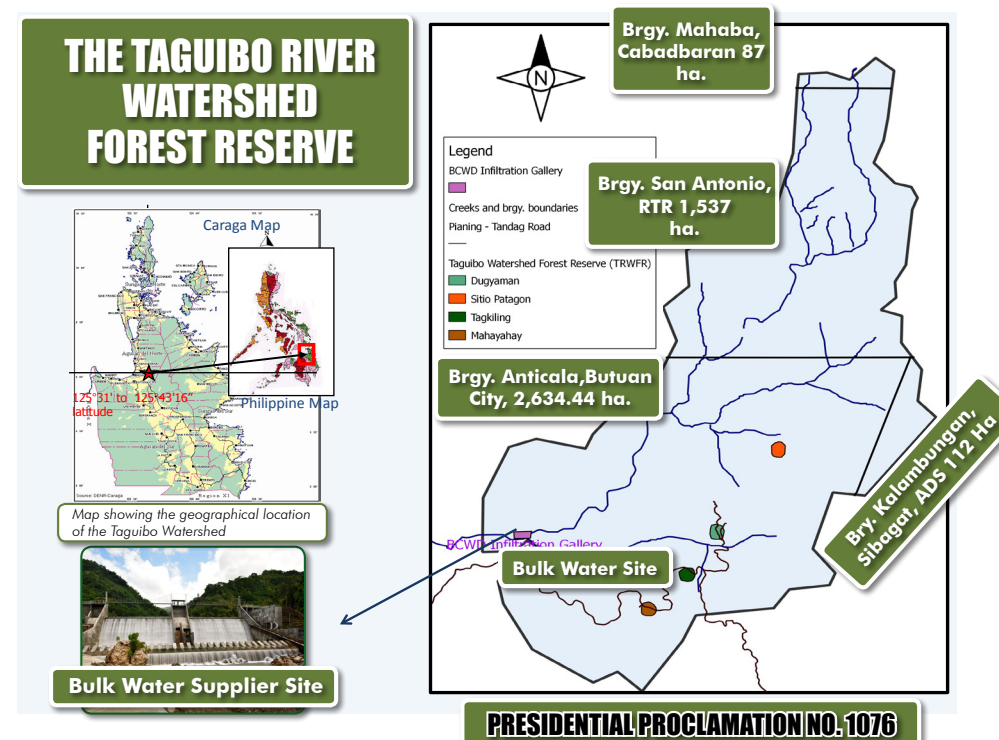
- National Irrigation Administration: 700 LPS / Permit No. 4412 issued by NWRB; and
- Butuan City Water District: 1,000 LPS / Permit No. 15656 / April 15, 1997.

Issues and Concerns within the Taguibo Watershed

The Taguibo Watershed is rich in biodiversity and other natural resources. As such, in managing the Watershed area, several issues and concerns came up, to wit:

1. Several Tenurial Instruments were Issued for the Area

- * 1997 – Proclaimed as Taguibo Watershed Forest Reserve;
- * 1998 – DENR grants the Certificate of Ancestral Domain Claim (CADC) to Indigenous People (IP);



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* 2009 – NCIP grants the Certificate of Ancestral Domain Title (CADT) to IPs;

* DENR also grants four (4) Community Based Forest Management Agreement (CBFMA) within the Taguibo Watershed Forest Reserve:

- ATRICMPCO (Anticala Tribal Community Mngt. Producers Coop.); Brgy. Anticala, Butuan City;

- AKTFAI (Anticala Kabulay Tree Farmer's Association, Inc.); Brgy. Anticala, Butuan City;

- Mahaba Tribal Council Cultural Communities, Inc. (MTCCCI); Brgy. Mahaba, Cabadbaran;

- Kolambungan Tribal Association Multi-purpose Cooperative (KOTAMPCO); Brgy. Kolambungan Sibagat, ADS;

2. Overexploitation and Lack of Management

The forest cover of this watershed is now dwindling and is considered in critical state due to overexploitation and lack of management.

Continued human activities such as logging, mining, and slash-and-burn farming within the watershed expand the deforested areas.

In 2008-2012, devious individuals had been devastating the watershed by conducting illegal road construction, Manganese mining and timber poaching.

The History of Mining in Taguibo Watershed

In 2007, DENR Region XIII apprehended approximately 1,200 MT of Manganese Ore mined from the Taguibo Watershed. Two years after, in 2009, more than 200 MT of newly extracted ores were observed within the Taguibo Watershed.



A massive information campaign was implemented in Butuan to involve the community in stopping the illegal activities in the Taguibo Watershed to which it was successfully done. Because of the participation of the education, socio-civic, religious sector and the BCWD, the illegal activities at the Taguibo Watershed was halted.

BCWD PR PROGRAMS Implemented on Watershed Development

The BCWD Public Relations/Community Relations Programs implemented on Watershed Development for the Taguibo River Watershed Forest Reserve (TRWFR) are divided into different categories. The categories include: Information Drive, Community Support Program, Reforestation Projects, and Infrastructure Projects.

BCWD's Information Drive Program within the watershed provides the venue for educating the watershed settlers, teaching them the importance of conservation and their role in the protection and preservation of the area. The Community Support Program of BCWD within the Taguibo River Watershed is the arm that reaches out to the community to support current activities that the community wishes to implement but that needs assistance from the BCWD in order for it to be successfully implemented or completed. BCWD Reforestation Projects, on one hand, are the most important BCWD activities implemented in the area as these ensures that the watershed settlers actively participate in the reforestation of the Taguibo Watershed

to ensure sustainability and continuity of the tree growing in the area. Finally, BCWD's Infrastructure Projects are a way of supporting the community and showing to them that the District cares for those living in the watershed area. This will also ensure that the watershed settlers will no longer harm the surrounding environment to be able to provide for their basic needs for day to day living.



BCWD implemented the following programs in the Taguibo Watershed:

- BCWD exerted efforts for the formulation of the Taguibo Watershed Management Plan;
- Support Peoples Organization in the Taguibo Watershed;
- 130 hectares National Greening Program (NGP);
- Adopt-A-Forest Program;
- Abaca Dispersal/Intercrop;
- Eleven (11) Units of Sanitation Facilities (DUAL ROOM/UNIT) for 2010-2016;
- Water Supply Improvements;
- IEC/Watershed Symposium;
- Monthly Rice Assistance (4 sacks monthly rice assistance for Dugyaman Elementary School); and
- Support the sustainable implementation of proper solid waste management at Sitio Tagkiling, Anticala, Butuan City.

Information Drive

Watershed Community Symposium

Every year, BCWD conducts a quarterly Watershed Community Symposium. A Team from BCWD visits two (2) Sitios every quarter to discuss about the concept of Watershed, Forest Protection, Solid Waste Management, and Water Quality Management Area (WQMA). This will ensure that the education of the watershed settlers is continuous. They are reminded of their important role in taking care of the watershed and its protection. During the implementation of the said symposium, BCWD invites speakers from the Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Management Bureau and other partner agencies/stakeholders in the area.

At the end of the symposium, the watershed settlers are given the avenue to inquire or raise their concerns regarding their activities and role in the protection and preservation of the Watershed. They also share their

opinions and suggestions to better implement the projects of BCWD within their area. It is also BCWD's way of getting feedback from the people living in the watershed.



Community Support Program

1. BCWD exerted effort to formulate the Taguibo Watershed Management Plan.

A project entitled "Formulation of Watershed Management and Development Plan for the Conservation of Taguibo



Watershed, a collaborative project of LEAF Foundation, Inc., Butuan City Water District (BCWD) and Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF).

The project aims to formulate a sustainable watershed management plan in order to conserve the resources in the watershed to sustain potable water supply to Butuan City and irrigable rice fields.



2. BCWD supports people's organization within the watershed area particularly the Anticala Watershed Farmers Producers Cooperative (AWFPC).

- Facilitated the formation of the farmer's association in the area into a cooperative duly registered in the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) and supports the Participation of the AWFPC in the Caraga Agricultural Trade and Marketing.

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Spurring Development and Empowering Communities Through Information: the 1st National Information Convention



by Ann Patrimonio

The First National Information Convention (NIC) took place last February 19-21, 2018 at the SMX Convention Center, Davao City. The 1st annual confab, which gathered a total of around 1,800 public and private sector communicators, taught the participants how to effectively empower communities through information and bring about social mobilization. The theme of the 1st NIC, “*Spurring Development and Empowering Communities Through Information*,” best embodied the topics discussed in the entire three-day affair. The said convention was facilitated by the Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO) thru the

Philippine Information Agency.

The three-day convention highlighted six plenary sessions with different topics discussed per plenary session. The following are the Plenary Sessions for the three-day convention: Plenary Session 1: Understanding Government Programs and Policies; Plenary Session 2: Fostering a Safe and Healthy Media Environment; Plenary Session 3: Raising the Bar of Governance; Plenary Session 4: Promoting Responsible Communication; Plenary Session 5: Developing a Dynamic Development Communication Strategy; and Plenary

Session 6: Engaging the Citizenry in Nation-Building.

The 1st NIC inspired the public information officers to push through and be active in their respective roles in their agencies.

In his opening remarks for the convention, PIA Director General Harold E. Clavite said that, “*what we aim to accomplish in this convention is to have a deeper understanding of our role as information officers in fulfilling development objectives, and gain a greater appreciation of the positive*

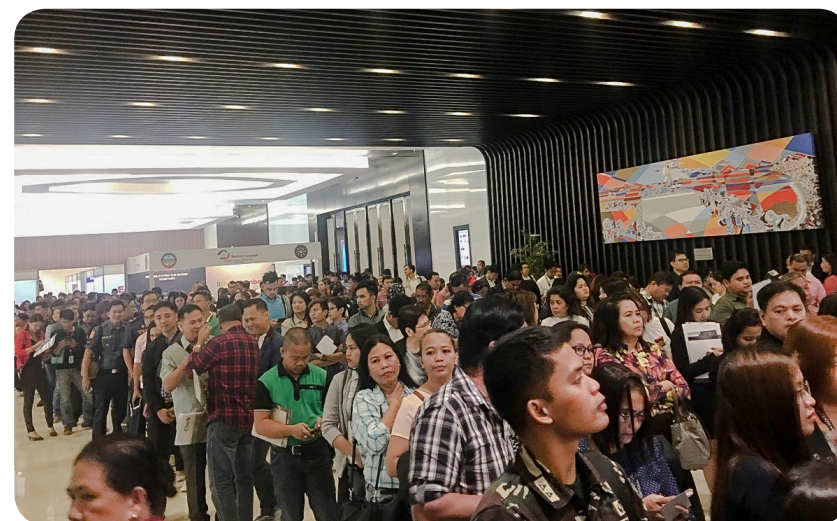
impact we can make in the lives of the Filipino people.”

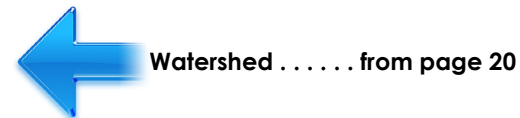
Even Davao City Mayor Sara Z. Duterte in her welcome remarks delivered by Councilor Maria Belen S. Acosta, she said that, “*Communication serves as the clutch of the government’s vehicle that allows advocacies to keep rolling towards good governance. But government communication is beyond informing the public. Rather, it involves advocating the government’s thrusts and engaging the citizens through effective and responsible communication.*” She further said that, “*With this convention of government information officers, the set plenary and breakout sessions shall pave the way to encourage communicators to be engaged with the communications policy plan intended to eliminate redundancy and to concentrate information dissemination.*”

Both messages were words of encouragement to all information officers emphasizing the importance of having a well-informed public for the success of all government projects and endeavors.

The 1st National Information Convention was indeed a success providing updates for effective communication strategies to all information officers.

At the end of the convention, the words of Sec. Jose Ruperto Martin M. Andanar, Presidential Communications Operations Office, through his keynote speech in behalf of President Rodrigo Duterte, engraved in the minds of all the participants, “***Let us wage war against disinformation, misinformation and fake news. Let us advocate for a well-informed citizenry.***”





3. BCWD provides four (4) sacks of rice monthly to Dugyaman Elementary School

As a result of several visits in the Taguibo Watershed, it was found out that one Sitio within the watershed is growing concerned with the dwindling number of kids going to school in Dugyaman Elementary School. It was found out that since the kids are walking from their homes to schools, oftentimes they fail to go to school because they have no proper meal thereby having no energy to walk the distance from their homes to the school. As such, BCWD committed to providing four (4) sacks of rice each month to the school so that the school will be able to provide free lunch for the pupils. Because of this, the population of the students in Dugyaman Elementary School has increased considerably. At the start of the implementation, BCWD only committed to two (2) sacks of rice monthly. However, with the increasing number of students, the monthly commitment of BCWD increased to four (4) sacks.



4. Mass Feeding, De-worming and Gift Giving

BCWD conducts Mass Feeding, Deworming and Gift Giving in the Taguibo Watershed during the Anniversary Celebration of the District. Schools supplies such as notebooks and pens are distributed to the kids during the gift giving. This will lessen the burden of the parents in providing school supplies to their kids as they go to school.



5. Support the sustainable implementation of proper solid waste management at Sitio Tagkiling, Anticala, Butuan City

As a result to the continuous Information Drive of BCWD in the area regarding Forest Protection, About the Watershed and Solid Waste Management, one Sitio of the Watershed started to implement their Solid Waste Management Program.

BCWD supports Sitio Tagkiling to ensure proper implementation of Solid Waste Management by providing incentives monthly to the top three clusters garnering the highest number of points for proper Solid Waste Management. By end of the month, a team from BCWD will visit the area to inspect their respective clusters and gauge whether they continue to implement their solid waste management program.



6. BCWD Provides School Supplies to Dugyaman Elementary School

Every year, BCWD provides 5 pieces notebooks per students and pencil and ballpen for all enrollees of Dugyaman Elementary School. This activity is a means of ensuring that the kids in the watershed area will receive proper education.



Reforestation Projects

All Reforestation Projects conducted by BCWD in the Taguibo Watershed always takes into consideration the livelihood or the source of income for those families living within the watershed that will participate in the said project.

Monetary incentives as well as other source of crops through fruit trees and abaca is provided for those participating families to ensure sustainability of the reforestation project.

For site preparation (brushing, weeding, hole digging and staking) and out planting, each family is given the amount of P9,000.00 per hectare. For the 1st year maintenance of the planted seedlings, each family is given P2,500.00 per hectare every two months from planting. For the 2nd year maintenance, each family is given P2,500.00 per hectare every quarter. For the 3rd year maintenance, each family is given P2,500.00 per hectare every semester.

For maintenance of Abaca Intercrop (brushing and weeding with replanting), each family is given 250 suckers per hectare with the amount of P10.00 per sucker.

Seedlings planted in the Reforestation Projects include forest tree seedlings such as narra and molave at ₱ 10.00 per seedling and grafted fruit trees such as durian, rambutan and lanzones at

P40.00 per seedling. The fruit trees will serve as another source of alternative income for the watershed settlers participating in the reforestation. The fruits that will be harvested will be theirs to sell so that it will be an additional income for their family.

BCWD representatives go to the area to inspect the planted seedlings in the area per schedule. After gathering the results of the inspection, BCWD conducts a meeting with the participating families in the watershed to discuss the updates regarding their planted seedlings as well as to distribute their monetary incentive for their role in the maintenance of the planted seedlings.

1. National Greening Program (NGP)

BCWD has been in partnership with the DENR and was granted as beneficiary for its National Greening Program (NGP).

For the implementation of NGP, a sum of Two Million Four Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Pesos ₱2,495,000.00 project cost for three (3) years will be shouldered by the DENR. BCWD also provides counterpart amounting to Four Million Eight Hundred Twenty Six Thousand and Two Hundred Fifty Pesos Only ₱4,826,250.00). Likewise, Fr. Saturnino Urios University Foundation Inc. (FSUUF) committed to provide financial support in the amount of Two Hundred Ninety-nine Thousand Pesos Only (₱299,000.00) for the intercropping of Abaca within the 130 hectares target area under the NGP.

As of December 2017, **90.32% Survival Rate** for the Planted Seedlings (130) Hectares.

2. BCWD's Other Reforestation Project

BCWD also reforested 25 Hectares from years 2010-2013 and 35 Hectares Reforestation Project for 2015.

Approximately 42,000 abaca suckers were planted to existing Agroforestry Reforestation sites within the Taguibo Watershed as intercrop.



3. Adopt-A-Forest

BCWD designed an "Adopt A Forest Program" for those individuals, institutions and organizations that would like to donate or provide funds for one or more hectares to be reforested in the Taguibo Watershed. This program was approved by virtue of BCWD Board of Directors Resolution No. 080-2013 dated June 17, 2013. Said program covers funds for reforestation covering a 3-year implementation period including the maintenance of planted seedlings to ensure high survival rate.



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3) Butuan City Water District: Huwarang Lingkod Tubig – Mindanao

People protect and take care of their source of livelihood. With this in mind, the Butuan City Water District tapped the settlers in and around the Taguibo River watershed reserve to be actively involved in safeguarding over 12 hectares of forested area from illegal practices such as slash and burn or kaingin. These are mostly indigenous peoples, who were taught about the importance of preserving the resources of their environment as a source of income for their family -- and the community as a whole. This is where their watershed success story began. Now, with the help of various agencies and like-minded organizations, the BCWD regularly carries out campaigns and projects to make sure that watershed settles and local residents alike will reap the fruits of their labor for years to come.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) spearheaded the local celebration of the WWD this year, with focus on the role of nature in addressing the biggest water-related problems in the early 21st century.

WWD is observed every March 22 to raise awareness about the importance of water and sustainable development. This year's theme "Nature for Water" emphasizes the potential for nature-based solutions to address mounting water-related problems facing the planet.



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It will take **₱75,000.00** to reforest one hectare of the TRWFR.

BREAKDOWN
of the
₱75,000.00:

- 6% - Organic Fertilizer
- 11% - Overhead, Contingency & Miscellaneous
- 24% - Seedlings
- 59% - Labor



DONORS can opt to donate **₱30,000.00** per hectare and BCWD will provide the additional fund to complete the **₱75,000.00** requirement.



Infrastructure Projects

1. Construction of communal sanitation facilities

- Construction of communal sanitation facilities in the watershed areas is a project by BCWD so that the watershed settlers will have a proper sanitation facility. This will be a means of improving the water quality of the Taguibo River.

The watershed settlers were taught how to properly take care of their communal sanitation facilities as well as its advantages.

2. Dugyaman Water system with a project cost of ₱80,000.00. Completed in December 2016; and

3. Sitio Mahayahay Water Supply System funded through Luntaw Mindanao in the amount of ₱150,000.00 and ₱600,000.00 from BCWD.



BCWD ANNIVERSARY GIVE-AWAYS:

A customer incentive program as it celebrates its

44 years of service

by Ann Patrimonio

The Butuan City Water District (BCWD) will celebrate its 44th Anniversary and 17th Water Consciousness Week on April 2-7, 2018. Among the major activities slated for the said celebration is the Annual BCWD Anniversary Give-aways.

The Anniversary Give-aways is BCWD's way of sharing its blessings to the community. The distribution of grocery items to paying concessionaires on April 2 - 4, 2018 or until supplies last will take place at the 2nd Floor of the BCWD Administration Building. Assorted grocery items will be given to the BCWD concessionaires who will pay their water bill in full on the said dates.

Anniversary t-shirts will also be given to the first 44 concessionaires who will pay their water bill on Friday, April 6, 2018.

We are inviting all our valued concessionaires to visit on the abovementioned dates to receive grocery items and anniversary t-shirts.



BCWD Adjusts Service Charge

by Lory Bagayas

There has been an adjustment in the service charge in BCWD. It has taken effect last January 3, 2018.

The old rate for service charge was only ₱50.00; service charge includes reconnection fee, service fee, and transfer fee.

The adjustment was due to the fact that the basic cost of operation such as fuel and oil, labor, materials, fittings and other incidental expenses kept on increasing; hence, the old service charge of ₱50.00 was no longer enough to meet the basic operation cost for such services.

In order to sustain the operation, BCWD had to adjust its service charge from ₱50.00 to ₱100.00. The old accounts that have been closed since year 2000 and earlier shall be charged an additional fee of ₱100.00 for inspection fee.



Orientation Seminar for the New Employees of BCWD



by Christine Tiempo-Fortun

To make each new employee feels welcome and comfortable in his/her new environment, it is important to prepare a positive onboarding experience such as the orientation seminar for New Employees.

The Butuan City Water District conducted its Orientation Seminar for New Employees on February 2, 2018 at the BCWD New Training Hall and Site Visitation of BCWD facilities on the same day. A total of forty five (45) new employees participated in the said Orientation Seminar. Several topics were discussed in this seminar including the BCWD Company Profile followed by the different services and operations of the District, orientation about the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 9001:2008 and the Quality Management System of the District.

To enhance further their learnings from the lectures given, the participants then went on a tour to the BCWD Facilities to see first hand the actual operation of the BCWD.

There is a lot to learn as newly hired employees as such the purpose of this Orientation Seminar is for the newly hired be fully aware of the rules, guidelines and policies affecting them as employees of BCWD. They will also learn and appreciate the benefits intended for each employee of the BCWD; be acquainted with the nature of the BCWD operations, plans and programs, and the functions of the different departments/divisions/sections; and finally to be able to be aware of the ISO 9001:2008 and the Quality Management System of BCWD.



PERSONNEL MOVEMENT

JANUARY- MARCH 2018

RECRUITMENT

NAME	FIRST DAY OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	STATUS
Jay Angelo Y. Damiles	January 22, 2018	AutoCAD Operator	Project Based
Nilmar F. Balucan	February 5, 2018	Clerk Processor	Job Order
March Anthony M. Batoon	February 5, 2018	Clerk Processor	Job Order
Janley A. Jacosalem	February 5, 2018	Water Resources Facilities Operator	Job Order
Cecilio O. Delalamon	March 2, 2018	Meter Mechanic Aide	Job Order
Patrocenio B. Aborquez, Jr.	March 5, 2018	Plumber Aide	Job Order
Dexter C. Cupay	March 5, 2018	Plumber Aide	Job Order
Dante E. De Guzman	March 5, 2018	Plumber Aide	Job Order

PROMOTION

NAME	EFFECTIVITY DATE	POSITION	DESIGNATION
Jesusa G. Acero	March 16, 2018	Supervising Industrial Relations Management Officer A (SG 20)	Division Manager A (SG 24)
Arnold V. Deloyola	March 16, 2018	Water/Sewerage Maintenance Man C (SG 4)	Water/Sewerage Maintenance Man B (SG 6)
Nelson A. Magsigay	March 16, 2018	Water/Sewerage Maintenance Man C (SG 4)	Water/Sewerage Maintenance Man B (SG 6)
Albie D. Otaza	March 16, 2018	Clerk-Processor B (SG 6)	Customer Service Assistant B (SG 10)
Germanico P. Pactol	March 16, 2018	Senior Engineer A (SG 16)	Supervising Engineer A (SG 18)
Romualdo D. Rollo, Jr.	March 16, 2018	Water/Sewerage Maintenance Man C (SG 4)	Water/Sewerage Maintenance Man B (SG 6)

DESIGNATION

NAME	EFFECTIVITY DATE	POSITION	DESIGNATION
Emma B. Lupiba	January 2, 2018	Department Manager A	Acting Department Manager (Administrative Services Department) & Assumption as Department Manager (Finance Department)
Jayzelle N. Brown	January 8, 2018	Corporate Budget Analyst B	Acting Internal Control Officer A (MSD-Internal Audit Division)
Atty. Elsie A. Alejandro	January 24, 2018	Division Manager A	Acting Department Manager A (Production and Distribution Department)
Engr. Germanico P. Pactol	January 24, 2018	Senior Engineer A	Officer-in-Charge (Engineering Department & PAMD)

TRAINING UPDATES

January - March 2018

TITLE	INCLUSIVE DATES	VENUE	PARTICIPANTS
CONVENTIONS / SUMMITS / CONFERENCES ATTENDED BY OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES			
National PAWD Science and Math Quiz and 39 th PAWD National Annual Convention	February 5-9, 2018	Iloilo City	Amba, Elly Mark N. Patrimonio, Anna Karina O. Barquin, Ramil S.
PAWD Annual Human Resource Conference	February 6, 2018	Iloilo City	Fudalan, Peter Al R.
39 th PAWD National Annual Convention 2018	February 7-9, 2018	Iloilo City	Torralba, Roldan L. Young, Crispin L. Mendoza, Leah A. Estacio, Claudio B. Sang Tian, Anselmo L. Fudalan, Peter Al R. Joyohoy, Maria Luz S.
National Information Convention	February 19-21, 2018	Davao City	Barquin, Ramil S. Patrimonio, Anna Karina O.
1 st Environmental Forum	March 6-8, 2018	LJ Mega Convention Center, Butuan City	Barquin, Ramil S. Basnillo, Arnel C. Ruiz, Ernie G. Sang Tian, Anselmo L.
Regional Consumer Summit	March 14, 2018	Almont Inland Resort, Butuan City	Sombilon, Junifer M.
2018 Women's Summit	March 27, 2018	Balanghai Hotel and Convention Center, Butuan City	Fernan, Joyce T.

Caraga Regional Workshop and Stakeholders Consultation

Caraga Regional Workshop and Stakeholders Consultation	January 23-25, 2018	Watagate Hotel, Butuan City	Dela Calzada, Al Patrick M.
Seminar on Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN) Law	February 9, 2018	Hotel Oasis, Butuan City	Anit, Novie Marie B. Villa, Mylene B. Vitor, Lily Mae S.
Seminar Workshop on Supervisory Development Program Course 1: Achieving Leadership Effectiveness	February 21-22, 2018	Watagate Hotel, Butuan City	Alejandro, Elsie A.
Construction Occupational Safety and Health Seminar	March 13-16, 2018	Pietros Square, Butuan City	Hinayon, Joel C. Pactol, Germanico P.

A Adopt a Forest

Project of

Butuan City Water District
in **Taguibo River Forest Reserve**

Donors

- Rotary Club of Makati Salcedo and Butuan North **(1 Hectare)**
- Phoenix Foundation Inc. **(5 Hectares)**
- Atty. and Mrs. Jehremiah Asis **(1 Hectare)**
- Butuan Doctors Hospital and Colleges Inc. **(10 Hectares)**
- Couples for Christ Global Mission Foundation **(1 Hectare)**
- CFC School of the Morning Star **(1 Hectare)**
- Crispin Young and Family **(1 Hectare)**
- Filipino Chinese Lourdes Catholic Community **(1 Hectare)**



- Butuan Agusan Farmers Multipurpose Cooperative and Masulbad Irrigators Association **(2 Hectares)**
- Mr. and Mrs. Terence Yu and YHotel **(1 Hectare)**
- Happy Enterprises and Resources Inc. **(1 Hectare)**
- Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Tiu **(1 Hectare)**
- Kimson Commercial **(1 Hectare)**
- Ivory Charities **(1 Hectare)**
- C' Zaries (Construction and Supply) **(1 Hectare)**

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