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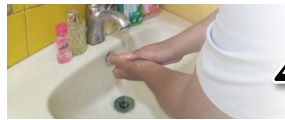
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# BCWD CHRISTMAS GREETING

In spite of our rough sailing this 2020 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, we still have to be thankful as we remain healthy and we still have the chance to celebrate this holiday season with caution.

May our concessionaires and their respective families enjoy simple celebrations to commemorate the birth of Jesus Christ.

Refrain from holding big gatherings. Stay safe and healthy! Merry Christmas to all.

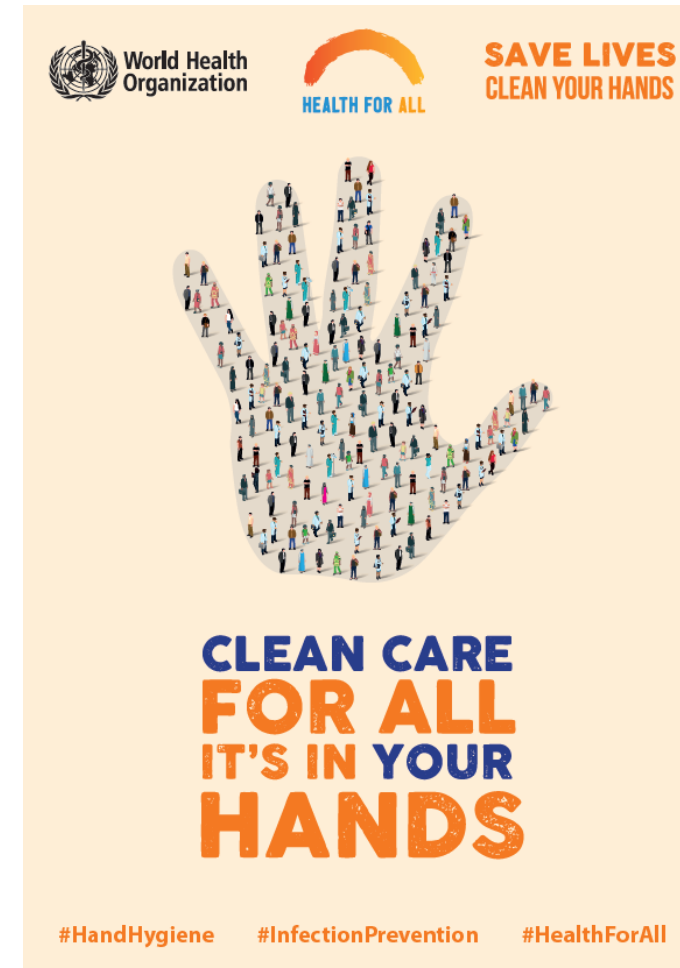
—From the Board of Directors, management and employees of Butuan City Water District



# BCWD Observes GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY 2020

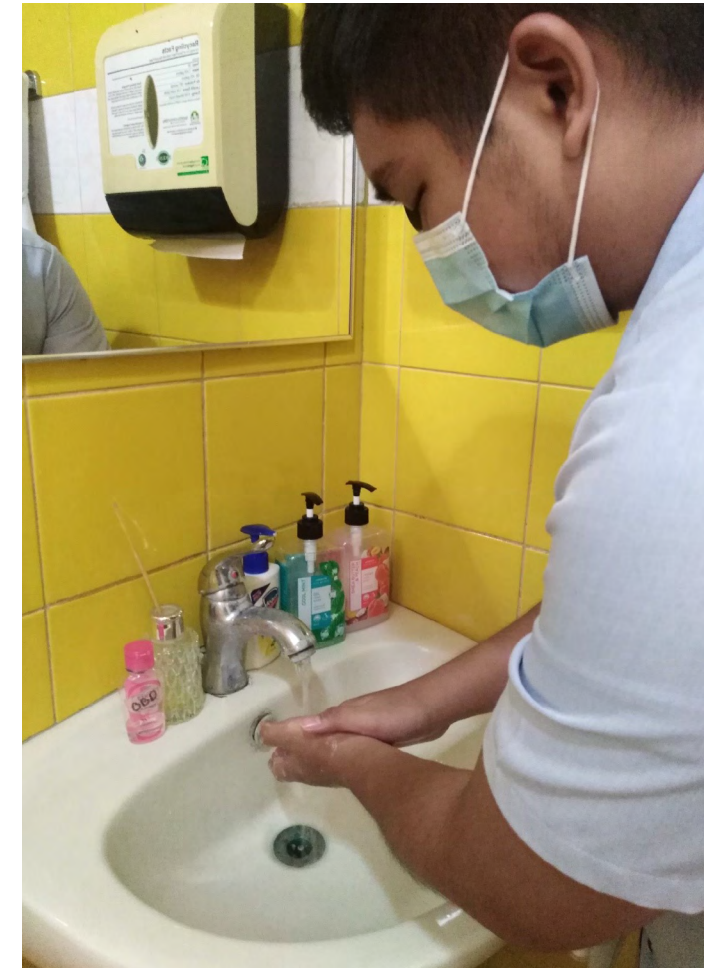
by Neiko Discipulo

**“Global Hand Washing Day serves as a yearly reminder that hand washing with soap and water is one of the best steps we can take to avoid getting sick and spreading germs to others. The observance was established by the Global Hand Washing Partnership in 2008. This year’s theme, “Hand Hygiene for All, seeks to raise awareness of making soap and water available globally, especially in public places, schools, and health care facilities. It also calls for institutions and individuals to improve hand hygiene efforts in the COVID-19 response that can outlast the pandemic and ensure continued access to clean water and soap.”**



Every October 15 each year, the world celebrates the Global Hand Washing Day. The event highlights the importance and the benefits of washing our hands regularly.

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The Butuan City Water District would like to remind everyone that one of the best, the simplest, and the most efficient ways to stop the spread of germs and viruses is to wash our hands regularly with soap and water as keeping hands clean can prevent diarrheal illnesses and respiratory infections.



The Butuan City Water District (BCWD) partners with Electronic Commerce Payments Inc. (ECPay), the leading electronic payment service provider in the Philippines, for bills payment of its concessionaires. This move by BCWD is another one of its solution for avoiding congestion at the BCWD Administration Building.

**BCWD**  
partners  
with



for  
**Water bill  
Payment**

by Ann Patrimonio



Effective November 4, 2020, the BCWD consuming public with current water bills or BLUE BILL can now pay their bills at any ECPay Merchant Partners. ECPay Merchant Partners include all outlets of RD Pawnshop and 7/11. Other ECPay Merchant Partners can be checked in its official website.

BCWD concessionaires now have additional options as to where they can pay their water bill. Aside from the ECPay Merchant Partners, concessionaires with current water bills may also pay their bills in BCWD accredited Collecting Centers. Accredited BCWD Collecting Centers are the following:



1. Berry Happy Mart (Pizarro St., Brgy. J.P. Rizal);
2. C5 Hardware (S1 Cassion Building, near Rosewood Plains Subdivision, Villa Kananga);
3. Clarhez Ticketing Services (National Highway, Brgy. Libertad, Butuan City);
4. JPL Bayad Center (Brgy. Ampayon, Butuan City near Public Market);
5. TAM Payment and Remittance Center (Unit 1 Wing-on Corporate Building, Brgy. Holy Redeemer). and
6. Veterans Bank.



**"With this launching, we hope to fully and effectively carry out the intents and purposes of this MOA and be given priority action in the development agenda of each contracting entities amidst the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic," GM Iriberri**

# QUADRIPARTITE MOA *for* WATERSHEDS SIGNED

by Ram Barquin

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The quadripartite MOA is an offshoot of the tripartite MOA of the Local Water Utilities Administration (LWUA), Local Water Districts (LWDs) and DENR. It can be recalled that on September 30, 2009, LWUA, LWDs and DENR embarked into a Tripartite Agreement for the watershed's protection, rehabilitation and management in support of the water resource requirements of the water districts. However, it was not materialized for lack of a definitive mechanism to translate its terms of reference to action.

On November 5, 2020, the new agreement was launched during the Watershed Virtual Conference sponsored by PAWD and Maynilad Water Academy with the support of Metro Pacific Water. The quadripartite MOA includes the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) as it has the regulatory and oversight functions over the Local Government Units (LGUs) that exercise critical role in areas and territorial jurisdictions where local water districts operate, and endowed with the primordial task of protecting and advancing the right of the people to a balanced and healthy ecology in site-specific watersheds by virtue of the devolution of powers, under the Local Government Code of 1991, from the DENR to LGUs.

Speaking at the Watershed Virtual Conference, Vicente Cirilo Iriberri, general manager of Cantilan Water District and chair of PAWD-Watershed Development and Environment Committee (PAWD-WDEC), said that It took them almost three years to review and revisit the building blocks and other parameters why the tripartite MOA failed to take-off, together with the technical representatives from the other partner agencies.

GM Iriberri highlighted the general stipulations and mutual commitment that the parties agreed upon to uphold and translate effectively the quadripartite MOA. These include the following:

## 1. General Stipulation

- (a) Ensure the protection, maintenance and improvement of the water yield, stability of water supply and/or reduce sedimentation of all watersheds in the country supporting the water requirement of local water districts. Watersheds, for purposes of its sustainable management, shall be considered as protection forest and watershed

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reserves and shall be jointly managed by the DENR in partnership with LGUs, LWUA and PAWD. LWUA, in coordination with PAWD, shall jointly identify specific sites within the said watershed for watershed management interventions, such as reforestation, streambank stabilization, agroforestry, protection and other rehabilitation in which the actual management, administration and operations of these specific sites shall be vested with PAWD, through the Local Water District concerned.

(b) Recognize, harmonize and interface existing administrative, jurisdictional, and institutional arrangement and responsibilities over specific watersheds as provided for under prevailing laws, rules and regulations, other issuances, and contractual agreements.

(c) Establish a general management planning strategy to serve as a guide in formulating individual plans for LWDs to protect and enhance preservation of their watershed. Thus, this Multiparty Agreement shall serve as framework for all subsequent and individual agreement to be entered into by and between LWD in particular and other concerned agencies.

(d) Ensure compliance with all environmental laws, rules and regulations, including, but not limited to RA No. 9257, The Philippine Water Act of 2004; RA 9003, Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000; PD No. 1067, s. 1976, Water Code of the Philippines; and PD 1479, amending PD 198, Water Utilities Act of 1973.

## 2. Joint Responsibilities

The DENR, LWUA, PAWD and DILG, through LGUs shall have the following joint undertakings within the subject watershed areas:

(a) The parties shall closely coordinate forest protection and law enforcement activities within the watershed identified and delineated thereon.

(b) Census management and control of watershed communities.

(c) Share available watershed information that would enhance the watershed management capabilities of all parties.

(d) Support and assist LWDs and DENR in the preparation of Integrated Watershed Management Plan (IWMP) and in the implementation thereof in order to protect and promote the watersheds to the greatest extent possible.

## 3. Miscellaneous Provisions

To fully and effectively carry out the intents and purposes of this Memorandum Agreement, the parties shall have within 90 days from the signing of this agreement:

(a) Sign and deliver a joint circular defining the implementing guidelines of this Memorandum of Agreement such other implementing agreements, documents and other papers, and do such other acts as maybe necessary, proper, or convenient in the premises.

(b) Constitute an Oversight Committee composed of DILG, PAWD, LWUA and DENR, as the lead agency, for decision and policy making in the national level.

(c) Create Technical Working Group (TWG), composed of representatives from DILG, LWUA, PAWD and DENR, to monitor, evaluate, and review progress and accomplishments of the watershed rehabilitation, protection and management activities of the Program level and at the site-specific project level for submission to the Oversight Committee.

**“With this launching, we hope to fully and effectively carry out the intents and purposes of this MOA and be given priority action in the development agenda of each contracting entities amidst the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic,”** GM Iriberry concluded.

# BCWD PARTNERS with STORE BUTUAN for WATER BILL PAYMENT



Located at the Ground Floor  
Customer Service beside Snacks

by Ann Patrimonio

## The Butuan City Water District (BCWD) partners with SM Store Butuan for bills payment of its concessionaires.

On November 13, 2020, BCWD wishes to inform the consuming public with current water bills that they may also pay their bills at the Ground Floor - Customer Service of SM Store Butuan. Please be reminded that only those with current bill or BLUE BILL can pay in SM Store Butuan, ECPay Merchant Partners and BCWD Collecting Centers. RED BILLS should be paid in BCWD's main office only.





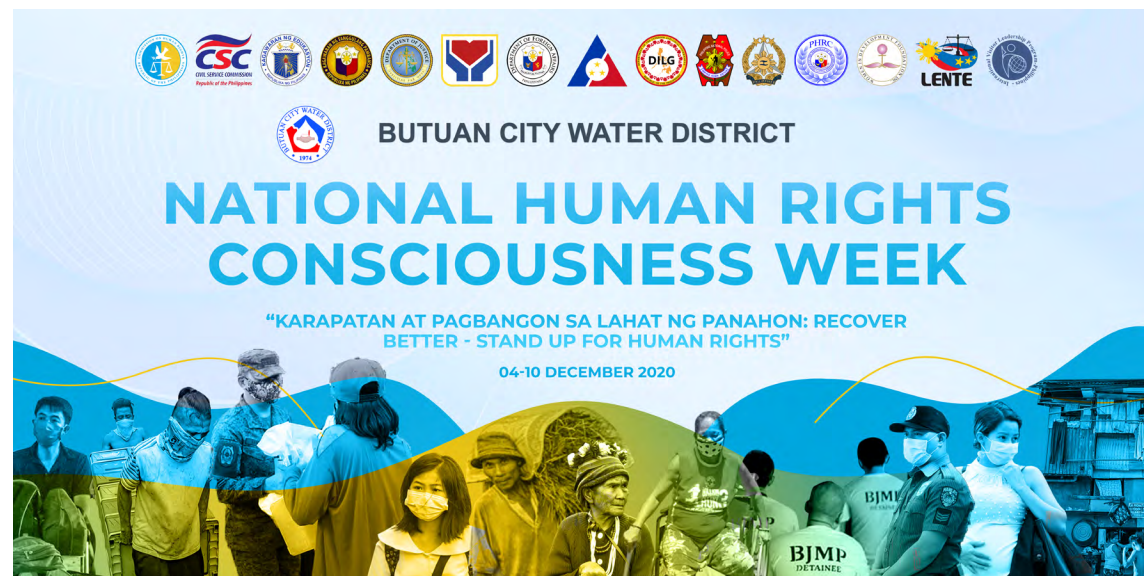
**“Karapatan at Pagbangon sa Lahat ng Panahon: Recover Better – Stand Up for Human Rights.”**

The Butuan City Water District (BCWD) joined the rest of the country in commemorating the 2020 National Human Rights Consciousness Week (NHRCW).

Republic Act No. 9201 declares December 4 to 10 as National Human Rights Consciousness Week in the country. This celebration aims to raise the awareness of the people on the basic and fundamental human rights and propagate a human rights culture towards a sustainable development in the country. This year's celebration theme is: "Karapatan at Pagbangon sa Lahat ng Panahon: Recover Better – Stand Up for Human Rights."

## BUTUAN CITY WATER DISTRICT joins **National Human Rights Consciousness Week Celebration for 2020**

by Ann Patrimonio



**The Board of Directors, management and employees of Butuan City Water District (BCWD) wish to thank all the concessionaires and other stakeholders. In spite of the difficulties brought about by the COVID-19 Pandemic, you remain supportive to BCWD's programs, projects and activities which led to the fulfillment of its goals and objectives in 2020.**

For 2021, BCWD will strive to further improve its operations. No matter what will happen with the threat of the new variant of the COVID-19, BCWD will continue serving the public as it considers itself as frontliner in fighting against the virus, thus, helping the public survive from the pandemic.

May you all remain supportive to BCWD, especially in all its undertakings in 2021.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR. MAY GOD BLESS US ALL!!!**





# BCWD Disinfects Its Offices

by Ram Barquin

To ensure the health and sanitation of its offices, Butuan City Water District (BCWD) hired MAPECON Philippines Incorporated to help disinfect its offices for a much safer environment for its employees and concessionaires against COVID-19.

Fear has spread throughout the world due to an unseen enemy. People are inside their houses, military roving around the streets, doctors and nurses spent sleepless nights attending to their patients, businesses shut down, unemployment rate continuing to rise, and the government doing their best to still keep the economy going.

People nowadays are not allowed to go outside without wearing facemasks and establishments are imposing rules for customers to wear face shields together with their facemasks before entering. People are afraid to touch their surroundings because they might probably catch the virus for it has been discovered by the National Institutes of Health, CDC, UCLA and Princeton University scientists published in The New

England Journal of Medicine that the virus that causes coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is stable for several hours to days in aerosols and on surfaces.

Thus, BCWD takes action to ensure the health and safety not just for its employees but especially for its concessionaires in this time of fear caused by the COVID-19 pandemic by imposing rules and regulations for the consuming public to follow such as no facemask, no face shield no entry and strict observance to physical distancing, and hiring disinfecting services such as MAPECON to help maintain the virus-free environment of BCWD.





### PERSONNEL MOVEMENT

#### OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2020

RECRUITMENT			
NAME	FIRST DAY OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	STATUS
Lovelle A. Arriola	October 15, 2020	Engineer B	Project-Based ( <i>Construction of Water Supply System for Rural Brgy. Project- CWSSRB</i> )
Nick P. Dela Cruz	December 1, 2020	Customer Service Assistant	Contract of Service

PROMOTION			
NAME	EFFECTIVITYDATE	FROM (POSITION)	DESIGNATION
NONE			

CHANGE OF STATUS / APPOINTMENT				
NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVITY DATE	FROM	TO
NONE				

DESIGNATION			
NAME	EFFECTIVITYDATE	FROM (POSITION)	DESIGNATION
Roberto R. Aguilar	October 1, 2020 (Re-issuance)	Supervising Procurement Officer	Acting Senior Corporate Planning Specialist
Peter Al R. Fudalan	October 1, 2020 (Re-issuance)	Division Manager A	Acting Legal Researcher III
Maria Christine D. Balinos	December 1, 2020	Division Manager A	Officer-In-Charge, Finance Department
Peter Al R. Fudalan	December 1, 2020	Division Manager A	Officer-In-Charge, Administrative Services Dept.

REASSIGNMENT/ TRANSFER OF ASSIGNMENT				
NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVITY DATE	FROM	TO
Marilyn C. Daniel	Internal Control Assistant A	October 16, 2020 (Re-issuance)	Internal Audit Division	Legal Office (Status Quo)
Mary Ann M. Tare	Engineer A	October 22, 2020 (Re-issuance)	Non-Revenue Water Management Division	Construction of Water Supply System for Rural Brgy. Project- (CWSSRB)
Lea E. Espinosa	Engineer A	October 22, 2020 (Re-issuance)	Engineering Department	RBP – Construction of Water Supply System
Bea S. Plaza	Clerk-Processor B	December 1, 2020	Non-Revenue Water Management Division	Accounting Division, Finance Department

### SEPARATION

NAME	EFFECTIVITY DATE	POSITION	STATUS	POSITION
Earl James A. Leyson	October 5, 2020	Clerk Processor	Contract of Service	Resignation
Emma B. Lupiba	November 29, 2020	Assistant General Manager	Permanent	Retirement
Mario L. Lolor	December 1, 2020	Water/ Sewerage Maintenance Man C	Permanent	Retirement
Teodulo Archibald O. Ricaforte	December 1, 2020	Collection Representative A	Permanent	Retirement
Noel B. Jaictin	December 1, 2020	Customer Service Assistant A	Permanent	Retirement
Alejandro Salon	December 1, 2020	Water/ Sewerage Maintenance Man C	Permanent	Retirement

### TRAINING UPDATES

#### OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2020

TITLE	INCLUSIVE DATES	VENUE	CONDUCTED BY	PARTICIPANTS
CONVENTIONS / SUMMITS / CONFERENCES ATTENDED BY OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES				
Watershed Virtual Conference 2020	November 5, 2020	BCWD	PAWD	Sang Tian, Anselmo L.
				Alejandro, Elsie A.
				Amba, Elly Mark N.
				Barquin, Ramil S.
				Basnillo, Arnel C.
				Castillo, Anthony C.
				Dela Calzada, Al Patrick M.
				Discipulo, Neiko M.
				Evacitas, Rizalie D.
				Joyohoy, Maria Luz S.
				Macua, Jesson C.
				Pagutayao, Allysa Marie V.
AGIA's Virtual Annual National Convention Cum Seminar	December 2-4, 2020	BCWD	Association of Government Internal Auditors (AGIA)	Patrimonio, Anna Karina O.
				Ruiz, Ernie G.
				Anasta, Josephine S.
				Caburatan, Donna M.
				España, Grace C.
				Vitor, Lily Mae S.



TRAINING UPDATES				
OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2020				
TITLE	INCLUSIVE DATES	VENUE	CONDUCTED BY	PARTICIPANTS
WEBINARS / TRAININGS / ORIENTATIONS / WORKSHOPS ATTENDED BY OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES				
Next Wave: Glide into the New Normal	September 24, 2020	BCWD	Maynilad Next Wave	Castillo, Anthony C.
				Discipulo, Neiko M.
				Evacitas, Rizalie D.
				Patrimonio, Anna Karina O.
				Pagutayao, Allysa Marie V.
Webinar: Project Management: Project Managers and Team Members	October 1, 2020	BCWD	Performance Enhancement Water Utilities Philippines (PEWUP)	Sang Tian, Anselmo L.
				Barquin, Ramil S.
				Casimsiman, Bernie E.
				Discipulo, Neiko M.
				Hinayon, Joel C.
				Pactol, Germanico P.
Digital Applications to Reduce Commercial Water Losses	October 7, 2020	BCWD	WaterLinks	Patrimonio, Anna Karina O.
				Bacala, Dennis M.
				Lao, Juanito A.
				Mendoza, Leah A.
				Santos, Horacio T.
				Young, Crispin L.
				Sang Tian, Anselmo L.
				Amba, Elly Mark N.
				Calo, Jonathan B.
				Dela Calzada, Al Patrick M.
				Hinayon, Joel C.
				Pactol, Germanico P.
Online Training on Effective Online Learning Facilitation	October 12, 15 & 22, 2020	BCWD	Civil Service Commission	Sombilon, Junifer M.
				Nicario, Danicaluz L.
Webinar: Water Demand Management	October 16, 2020	BCWD	Performance Enhancement Water Utilities Philippines (PEWUP)	Tiempo, Christine M.
				Amba, Elly Mark N.
				Aseniero, Jahzeel M.
				Barquin, Ramil S.
				Calo, Jonathan B.
				Casimsiman, Bernie E.
				Castillo, Anthony C.
				Dalman, Ian Blair S.
				Dela Calzada, Al Patrick M.
				Discipulo, Neiko M.
				Hinayon, Joel C.
				Pactol, Germanico P.

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WEBINARS / TRAININGS / ORIENTATIONS / WORKSHOPS ATTENDED BY OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES				
Performance Enhancement Water Utilities Philippines (PEWUP)	October 16, 2020	BCWD	Performance Enhancement Water Utilities Philippines (PEWUP)	Pagutayao, Allysa Marie V.
				Patrimonio, Anna Karina O.
				Ruiz, Ernie G.
				Sang Tian, Anselmo L.
				Sombilon, Junifer M.
				Tumamos, Nicole P.
OTHER TRAVELS / ACTIVITIES / MEETINGS				
Keeping Up With Mental Health: Strengthening Leaders' Resilience During and After Pandemic	October 21, 2020	BCWD	Performance Enhancement Water Utilities Philippines (PEWUP)	Acero, Jesusa G.
				Alejandro, Elsie A.
Webinar: Water Demand Management	October 16, 2020	BCWD	Performance Enhancement Water Utilities Philippines (PEWUP)	Calo, Jonathan B.
				Balinos, Maria Christine D.
				Barquin, Ramil S.
				Fudalan, Peter Al R.
				Hinayon, Joel C.
				Joyohoy, Maria Luz S.
				Lupiba, Emma B.
				Pactol, Germanico P.
				Sombilon, Junifer M.
Tantoy, Joseph Y.				
Orientation on Conducting Waste Analysis and Characterization Study (WACS) and Presentation of Different DOST-ITDI Solid Waste Management Technologies	October 21, 2020	BCWD	Department of Science and Technology Regional Office No. 1	Barquin, Ramil S.
				Castillo, Anthony C.
				Discipulo, Neiko M.
				Evacitas, Rizalie D.
				Pagutayao, Allysa Marie V.
2-day Remote Graphic Design Training	November 19-20, 2020	BCWD	City Government of Butuan	Patrimonio, Anna Karina O.
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				Castillo, Anthony C.
				Discipulo, Neiko M.
				Evacitas, Rizalie D.
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