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Cooperative Development Authority – Philippine Coconut Authority Partnership Meeting

*In photo from left to right:
Acting Supervising CDS – Mercy J. Gabasa, Jean A. Alisna, PCA Regional
Manager – Jeffrey A. Delos Reyes, CDA Regional Director – Dr. Nora P.
Patron, Acting Sr. CDS – Vincent J. Unarce*

By : Vincent J. Unarce, Chief,
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The newly installed Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) Region VI Extension Office Regional Director Dr. Nora P. Patron had a meeting with Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) Region VI Regional Manager Jeffrey A. Delos Reyes in the latter's office at Sta. Barbara, Iloilo last September 14, 2021.

The joint meeting of the CDA and the PCA officials in the region set the preparation for the implementation of Republic Act No. 11524 or the Coconut Farmers and Industry Trust Fund Act.

The Cooperative Development Authority is one among the NGA's identified under the law directed to participate in the implementation of the program more particularly in the social preparation to register CDA/CFO to become a cooperative. Preparatory meeting ended with the gathering of data by the agencies to set up the ground and or the basic requirements of social preparation. The origin of the data will begin with the PCA Registry.

Specifically, the CDA shall be responsible in organizing as well as empowerment of coconut farmer cooperatives and organizations through capability building seminars.

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GMA INTERVIEW

By: *Cassy S. Jimeno, CDS II*

In an interview with the GMA networks' local news program One Western Visayas, the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) Region 6 addressed the questions relating to the mandate of the Authority as provided under RA 9520 and RA 11364. The interview was aired last September 21, 2021, and viewed across the region.

Dr. Nora P. Patron, the Authority's Regional Director, shared that registered cooperatives enjoy benefits provided under the law. Atty. Roumelia B. Alpasan-Base, head of the CDA Legal Section, answered issues relating to the non-registration of the Iloilo Electric Cooperative (ILECO) with the CDA.



This question has been asked, repeatedly following the issues, concerning the ILECO's high electrical cost and usage of its name as cooperative. Thus, Iloilo's local legislators are opting to propose the awarding of the franchise to another electric company.

Acting Supervising CDS Mercy J. Gabasa, added cooperatives must have an Annual Development Plan that they may use to advance their goals and objectives in their pursuit, of growth and sustainability.



In photo from left to right: Acting Supervising CDS – Mercy J. Gabasa, CDA Regional Director – Dr. Nora P. Patron, Legal Officer - Atty. Roumelia B. Alpasan-Base

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CDA VI EO new director pays courtesy call to Gov. Defensor Jr.

By: Mercy J. Gabasa, Acting Supervising CDS

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– Ms. Nora P. Patron, MBA, PhD, the newly installed Director III of the Cooperative Development Authority Region VI Extension Office (CDA RVIEO) paid courtesy call to Hon. Atty. Arthur R. Defensor Jr., Provincial Governor, Iloilo Province.

This was the first courtesy call after she was installed as Regional Director of Region VI, and was very productive for many programs of CDA and Provincial Government for cooperatives were discussed in advancing the growth and development of cooperatives in the province as partners for progress.

Director Patron replaced Engr. Doreen C. Ancheta, who is currently assigned to Cebu RVII Extension Office, which the former came from in accord to the “Cross Posting” adopted by the CDA Board of Directors under the leadership of USEC Joseph “Joy” Ballota Encabo, CDA Chairperson.

Cross Posting as mentioned is one of the structural approaches of the agency in ensuring effectiveness and efficiency in the delivery of quality services to partner client-cooperatives and development partners.

Also present were Atty. Arturo C. Congrejo, Provincial Government Assistant Department Head (PGADH) and Ms. Mila M., Layog, Supervising CDS, both from the Provincial Trade, Investments and Cooperatives Development Office (PTICDO).

Atty. Roumelia B. Alpasan – Base, Attorney III, Ma. Joyce S. Losaria, Chief, Cooperative Research, Information and Training Section (CRITS), Vincent J. Unarce, Chief, Cooperative Project Development Assistance Section (CPDAS) and the writer were also witness of the visit.

Courtesy Calls for all provinces, Highly Urbanize Cities including the Municipality of Leganes, Iloilo where the CDA Regional Office is located will also be undertaken.



In photo from left to right: Acting Supervising CDS – Mercy J. Gabasa, CDA Regional Director – Dr. Nora P. Patron, Governor Arthur R. Defensor, Jr., Provincial Government Assistant Department Head – Arturo C. Congrejo, and CDA Legal Officer Atty. Roumelia B. Alpasan-Base

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In photo from left to right: Program Host – Joel Estoche, CDA Regional Director – Dr. Nora P. Patron, Acting Supervising CDS – Mercy J. Gabasa, And Program Host ICAODTC General Manager – Rizalito Alido

LIVE INTERVIEW WITH RADYO ILONGGO, “E-Busina Mo”

by: Cassy S. Jimeno CDS II

Last September 25, 2021, The Cooperative Development Authority – Region VI Extension Office, represented by its Regional Director, Dr. Nora P. Patron, MBA, and Acting Assistant Regional Director, Ms. Mercy J. Gabasa were invited for a live interview by Radyo Ilonggo, a local news and media outlet in its Facebook Live segment called E-Busina Mo.

The program airs for an hour every Saturday, which could be watched and streamed live via its official Facebook Page bearing the same name.

The program hosts were Mr. Joel Estoche, a known local radio personality, and Mr. Rizalito Alido, General Manager of the Iloilo City Alliance of Owners and Drivers Transport Cooperative (ICAODTC).

During the interview, Regional Director Patron introduced herself as the new Director of the Authority. She replaced former Dir. Ancheta, following the implementation of the cross-posting of the CDA Directors. She also shared that she has been with the cooperative movement for 30 years now.

Upon assuming her role as CDA Region 6 Director, she vows to continue advocating for the viability and growth of cooperatives.

Regional Director Patron also clarified the vague and unclear provisions of Republic Act No. 11364 to include the roles and obligations of the members of the Regional Clustered Organizations (RCO), officers of the Sectoral Apex Organizations (SAO), and the National Alliance of Cooperatives (NAC).

Acting Assistant Regional Director Gabasa answered the questions about the updates, issuances, and as well as the latest information from the Authority, such as Memorandum Circular 2021-10, the Suspension of the Imposition of Monetary Penalties for Late Submission of Required Reports Covering Calendar/Fiscal Year 2020, and; Republic Act No. 11535 otherwise known as the Act Making the Position of a Cooperative Development Officer Mandatory in the LGUs, among others.

Highlighted during the said interview was the celebration of the 2021 National Cooperative Month this coming October, as mandated under Republic Act No. 11502.

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LGU LEGANES VISIT

by: Cassy S. Jimeno CDS II



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Director Patron expressed her gratitude to Hon. Vicente P. Jaen II for the warm welcome as the newly installed CDA Director of Region VI Extension Office and most of all the support of the Local Government of Leganes for the donated lot where the Regional Office is constructed.

Acting Assistant Regional Director Gabasa took the time to inform the Mayor of the latest laws, such as Republic Act No. 11535, creating a Municipal Cooperative Development Office.

Mayor Jaen shared their intention for the establishment and registration of a cooperative for the employees of the LGU. Director Patron supports the plan of the LGU.

The Director informed the Local Chief Executive as to the celebration of the 2021 National Cooperative Month. The meeting was a fruitful one with the mindset of strengthening the partnership and collaboration among cooperative stakeholders.