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Magayon Coop Forum sets as new milestone of Albay Provincial Cooperative, Enterprise and Manpower Development Office (APCEMDO) and Cooperative Development Authority

Legazpi City - As part of the celebration of Magayon Festival in the province of Albay, the Albay Provincial Cooperative, Enterprise and Manpower Development Office (APCEMDO) initiated a Magayon Coop Forum in partnership with Cooperative Development Authority Albay Provincial Office last May 26, 2023. Its purpose is to become aware of the latest economic issues and concerns which aims to motivate and develop competencies in strengthening their commitment to cooperative development. The activity served as an avenue for information dissemination and a bridge to find solutions on concerns and compliance by the cooperative to regulations of different agencies.



The Magayon Coop Forum has invited different agencies to keep cooperatives updated with their programs and services and answer queries on concerns of coop. Tables were provided to invited agencies and stakeholders to Landbank of the Philippines (LBP), National Food Authority (NFA), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Small Business Corporation (SBCorp) and 1CISP Life and General Insurance. Also, there are cooperatives invited to showcase, promote and sell their products to participants. A total of 156 cooperators from 77 cooperatives have attended the Coop Forum. Seven (7) coops have showcased their products namely; Overseas Filipino Workers (OFW) Multi-Purpose Cooperative, Quipia

Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Cooperative, Men and Women of Daraga Agriculture Cooperative, Pioduran Community Managed Savings Credit Cooperative, Socio-Economic Development Program Multi-Purpose Cooperative (SEDP MPC), Entrepreneurs Alumni Development Cooperative (EADCOOP), Sa Agrarian Reform Irriba Gabos Sa Kauswagan (SARIGAN) Daraga ARC Multi-Purpose Cooperative. They had approximately Php 20,000.00 total sales.



Mr. Arnold B. Onrubia, Acting PPDC of Provincial Government of Albay



Mr. Marvin Joseph Palmiano giving message on behalf of Hon. Gerardo M. Palmiano



Ms. Lucille L. Arcilla, Acting APCEMDO Head

The program started with preliminaries which include an opening prayer through an audio-visual presentation, singing of the Philippine National Anthem and cooperative pledge. Participants were recognized and acknowledged by Ms. Ma. Lucia Myrlin S. Botin, Provincial Cooperative Development Specialist. A welcome address was delivered by Ms. Lucille L. Arcilla, Acting APCEMDO Head. Mr. Arnold B. Onrubia, Acting PPDC of Provincial Government of Albay, a representative sent on behalf of the Provincial Administrator, Ms. Sheina Marie C. Onrubia- Dela Cruz have shared the plans for Albayanos followed by Mr. Marvin Joseph Palmiano who was sent as representative on behalf of Hon. Gerardo M. Palmiano, Chairperson Committee on Cooperatives. The event was also graced with the presence and words of wisdom of Atty. Emilio D. Escueta III, Acting Regional Director of Cooperative Development Authority -Regional Office V. He highlighted that the love for cooperatives should be unconditional.



CDA Regional Office V Acting Regional Director, Atty. Emilio D. Escueta III gracing the event with an inspirational message



Hon. Atty. Edcel Greco A.B. Lagman, Albay Governor sharing giving message to cooperatives and sharing his gratefulness for the support and presence of different agencies and coops showcasing their products

Despite the busy and hectic schedule of the governor of Albay, Hon. Atty. Edcel Greco A. B. Lagman ensured that he wouldn't miss the big event of cooperatives. He expressed his support to programs and activities for cooperatives and acknowledges the effort of different agencies and stakeholders that will help for the success of cooperatives. This event was made possible also with the resource speakers from different agencies that ensure participants to be updated on their regulations, programs, services and activities. For the morning session, the first discussants were from the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) RDO 067. Ms Johanna Minerva D. Mapusao, Group Supervisor and Ms. Darlyn M. Luzon, Revenue Officer II of Assessment Section who clearly discussed Cooperative Taxation, specifically the reports to be submitted by the cooperative and the requirements for application for

new or renewal of Certificate of Tax Exemption. Each table was provided with paper for coop officers to jot down their queries or concerns in the agency.



In the afternoon session, Atty. Magdalena A. Borbe-Mallari, Legal Officer IV of Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) Regional Office V have shared a brief discussion on RA 11535, An Act Making the Position of a Cooperative Development Officer mandatory in the Municipal, City and Provincial Levels. She emphasized the significance of the said law to the development of the cooperative sector. She even acknowledged the presence of Municipal and City Cooperative Development Officers of Albay. Another speaker was Mr. Alden D. Ragay, Senior Agriculturist of Department of Agriculture (DA) Regional Office V all the way from Pili, Camarines Sur. His topic is all about the Enhanced KADIWA ni Ani at Kita Financial Grants Assistance Program, specifically the types of financial grants that cooperatives can avail.



Atty. Magdalena A. Borbe-Mallari, Legal Officer IV of DILG Regional Office V discussing the RA 11535

Mr. Alden D. Ragay, Senior Agriculturist of Department of Agriculture (DA) Regional Office V tackled KADIWA Program

Mr. Bertito Laganson, PCDC Chairperson giving his closing remarks to coops

In order to address the concern of the transport cooperatives from the Utilities Cluster, we ensure that the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board

(LTRFB) will be part of the resource speakers. Mr. Glenn Orante and Jay Obiña, Project Development Officer II presented the Guidelines on Consolidation for transport cooperatives as well as the status of compliance. Good news was brought to transport coops as their main concern is about the issuance of LPTRP, the LTRFB shared that alternative certification will be issued by their respective office as a requirement by the DBP & LBP provided the transport cooperatives should submit initially their application and documentary requirements.



APCEMDO personnel with Hon. Atty Edcel Greco A. B. Lagman



Agriculture cooperatives inquiring programs and services they can avail from Landbank of the Philippines

Every after the discussion of the speakers, the cooperative participants were given the chance to raise their queries or concerns in the different agencies present. Furthermore, all questions raised were positively and satisfactorily answered by the resource speakers.



Quipia Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Cooperative from Cabrarian, Jovellar, Albay showcasing their farm-produced vegetables and longganisa



SARIGAN MPC with their fresh fruits and vegetables and home-made pickled papaya or "atsara"



Entrepreneurs Alumni Development Cooperative (EADCOOP) selling their products to Magayon Coop Forum participants



SEDP MPC showcasing their native products and delicacies



Gourmet Tinapa made by members of Pioduran Community Managed Savings Credit Cooperative from Brgy. Caratagan, Pioduran, Albay



Overseas Filipino Workers Multi-Purpose Cooperative showcasing their different vegetables and products offered to participants of Magayon Coop Forum

Then, the closing remarks was delivered by PCDC Chairperson, Mr. Bertito M. Laganson thanking all the cooperators, stakeholders, exhibitors and partner agencies for their time, presence and contribution for the success of the event.



The men and women behind the success of Magayon Coop Forum in Albay- CDA-Albay and APCEMDO Personnel



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