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PSA Palawan leads provincial celebration of 35th Civil Registration Month

The Provincial Statistical Office of Palawan successfully conducted the month-long celebration of the 35th Civil Registration Month with the theme "Building a Resilient, Agile, and Future-fit Civil Registration and Vital Statistics System" pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 682, signed by then President Corazon C. Aquino on 28 January 1991, declaring February of every year as the Civil Registration Month. The celebration aims to remind the citizenry of their duty to register acts and events concerning the status of persons and enhance nationwide awareness and appreciation of the legal, administrative, and statistical values of civil registry documents in the country.

During the event's commencement, a motorcade kickoff was held around the City of Puerto Princesa on 03 February 2025 followed by a short program at the Provincial Statistical Office Palawan, highlighting the opening of the 35th CRM Exhibit at the PSA Palawan office which showcased infographics concerning vital statistics for 2023 and 2024. Among the lineup of activities includes: display of streamers around the City and of the Local Civil Registry Offices (LCRO) in their localities to show their support, online contests such as CRVS Jingle TikTok Contest, and Digital Poster Making Contest. A training for LCRO Personnel and CRS Outlet Staff was also facilitated as well as a Quiz bee for the LCRO Staff. To expand public outreach, LCRO Hours were conducted to provide immediate assistance for civil registration inquiries and concerns alongside LCRO representatives.

Another integral aspect of the celebration was the community outreach initiatives. The PSA Palawan, in partnership with LCROs, has facilitated the mobile registration, information dissemination, and issuance of free Certificates of Live Birth (COLB) to marginalized individuals through the Birth Registration Assistance Project (BRAP) in the municipalities of Brooke's Point, Narra, and Rizal, where a Kasalang Bayan was also held. PSA Palawan also took part in the trainings for CCROs conducted by the City Government and in the Digital Slogan-Making Contest and Infographics-Making Contest initiated by LCRO-Brooke's Point.

It also extended its services to Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs) during the BJMP's information drive entitled "Bringing Access to Rights: Birth Registration Assistance Project to PDL."

In essence, the 35th CRM in Palawan was a testament to the collaborative efforts, strategic initiatives, and unwavering dedication of PSA towards fostering a culture of civil registration excellence, ensuring every Filipino's right to vital records and documentation.

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PSA Palawan trains personnel for 2024 POPCEN-CBMS Geotagging of SFGP

In preparation for the 2024 Census of Population and Community-Based Monitoring System Form 8 Operation, Geotagging of Service Facilities and Government Projects (SFGP), PSA-PSO Palawan trained its hired personnel on 24 to 27 February 2025 at PSO Palawan Conference Room.

The participants composed of 19 Map Data Collectors (MDC), 4 Team Supervisors (TS), 5 Map Data Processors (MDP), and 3 Map Data Reviewers (MDR), were taught the detailed flow of the operation including the concepts that they must familiarize for the whole conduct of this activity. PSA Palawan technical staff composed of Senior Statistical Specialist Jesus Niño M. Sorima, Information Systems Analyst II Reinell L. Manlapaz, and Statistical Specialist II Marnito C. Andrada, served as the trainers of the four-day provincial-level training.



The 2024 POPCEN-CBMS Form 8 Operation aims to generate baseline data for the conduct of succeeding CBMS Geotagging of SFGP, and to produce shapefiles of geotagged SFGP for use of national and local government units and other stakeholders in subsequent research to facilitate monitoring, planning, and implementing programs concerning economic development, poverty alleviation, and disaster risk management using metadata which include location and other geographical attributes to generate thematic and poverty maps as tools for effective program implementation.

The Data Collection phase in the province of Palawan will commence on 03 March 2025 and is expected to last until 12 April 2025.

The government-operated service facilities being geotagged include Public Building and Open Space, Public Safety, Agriculture and Public Enterprise, Utility Service, Financial and Credit Institution, Garbage and Waste Disposal, and Transport.

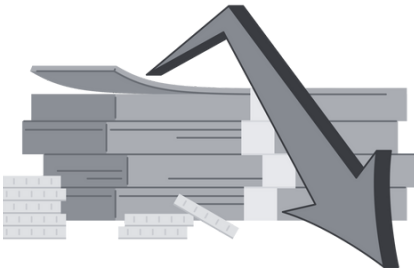
Additionally, both private and government-operated Healthcare, and Education and Literacy facilities will be included. Moreover, all government projects that have commenced from 01 May 2021 until 12 April 2025 will also be geotagged.

PPC moves slowest turn, Palawan slightly higher in Inflation Rate for January 2025

The headline inflation for Palawan slightly moved higher at 0.6 percent in January 2025 from 0.5 percent in December 2024. The slight uptrend in the provincial inflation was brought by the higher index for Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages with 0.2 percent inflation from Personal Care and Miscellaneous Goods and Services, with posted 2.0 percent from 1.8 percent, and a higher increment of Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance, which registered a 3.7 percent inflation rate from 3.5 in the previous month. On the other hand, lower inflation rates were observed in the indices of Transport at -0.7 percent from 1.5 percent, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels at -0.1 from 3.3 percent, and Health with 1.2 percent from 1.3 percent inflation.



In Puerto Princesa City, the headline inflation decelerated further to 1.8 percent from 2.6 percent. The main driver of the slowdown in the inflation rate was the lower annual increment in Housing, Water, Electricity, and Other Fuels at -0.9 percent from 3.1 percent, then followed by Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages at 2.4 percent from 2.8 percent, and Transport posting 0.3 percent from its previous 1.0 percent rate.



Conversely, higher inflation rates were noted for Clothing and Footwear at 1.2 percent from 0.7 percent, Information and Communication at -0.5 percent from -0.8 percent, Recreation, Sports and Culture at 2.5 percent from 2.0 percent, and Restaurants and Accommodation Services at 8.4 percent from 4.3 percent inflation rate.

Meanwhile, Food Index for January 2025 in Palawan increased to -0.1 percent from -1.9 percent in December 2024. In contrast, Puerto Princesa City's Food Index rate decelerated to 2.3 percent inflation from its 2.7 percent rate in the previous month.



In the MIMAROPA region, the headline inflation also posted a decline in January 2025 to 2.4 percent from 2.9 percent in December 2024.

In the overall results for the provinces in the region, only the provinces of Marinduque and Palawan have recorded a slightest uptrend in their inflation rates.

PSA Palawan conducts Mobile Birth Registration, SECPA awarding in Narra and Rizal

The PSA Palawan, in collaboration with Local Civil Registrar Offices, successfully conducted mobile registration and SECPA Awarding in the municipalities of Narra and Rizal under the Birth Registration Assistance Project (BRAP) on February 2025.

The initiative was spearheaded by Acting Narra Municipal Civil Registrar Marilyn D. Dizon, alongside PSA Palawan Officer-in-Charge Donna Marie D. Mobe, Birth Registration Coordinator (BRC) Baby Layca D. Gabo, and Assistant BRCs Liza B. Felizarte and Ana Rose D. Buaya. The mobile registration process assisted 23 residents from Barangay Aramaywan on 14 February and 42 residents from Barangay Burirao on 19 February 2025. The registration continued in Rizal, where 53 residents from Barangay Panalingaan were assisted on 26 February, and 31 residents from Barangay Culasian on 27 February. This extension of services was done in partnership with Municipal Civil Registrar Lolita L. Parado.

For PSA-issued Certificates of Live Birth (COLB), 3 beneficiaries in Barangay Aramaywan received their copies printed on Security Paper (SECPA), while 12 beneficiaries from Barangay Burirao have secured. Similarly, 23 beneficiaries from Barangay Culasian in Rizal were awarded with their copies of birth certificates.



The initiative aims to provide free and accessible birth registration services to unregistered individuals, particularly those in geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas of the province.

PSA Palawan, DSWD collab on National ID registration of Mangingisda 4Ps beneficiaries

The PSA Palawan and the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) have joined forces to facilitate the registration of members of families under the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) in

the Philippine Identification System (PhilSys), more commonly known as the National ID. The event was done in Barangay Mangingisda, Puerto Princesa City.



A total of 125 registrants who were collected with their demographic and biometric information were successfully assisted.

In registering 4Ps beneficiaries, the PSA and DSWD seek to enhance financial inclusion and streamline access to various government services and benefits.

The partnership between the two agencies aims to strengthen national efforts to provide a secure, reliable, and universally accepted proof of identity for all Filipinos. The PSA and DSWD have a long-standing collaboration in ensuring that vulnerable sectors, including low-income families, are provided with the necessary support to improve their quality of life.

PSA Palawan is committed to continue its registration activities in various areas of the locality through the conduct of mobile registration across the province and city, ensuring that people in remote areas are served.

The National ID registration is free of charge and open to all and would only require supporting documents such as birth certificates or any valid proof of identity.

PSA Palawan trains CPDO staff on 2022 CBMS data tabulation and analysis

A training session was conducted by PSA Palawan for selected staff of the City Planning and Development Office (CPDO) focused on the tabulation and analysis of the 2022 Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS) data on 05 to 07 February 2025.

PSA Palawan's technical staff, headed by Senior Statistical Specialist Jesus Niño M. Sorima and Information Systems Analyst II Reinell L. Manlapaz, served as facilitators and trainers during the 3-day activity at the Conference Room 2 of the New City Hall Building in Barangay Sta. Monica.

The training session has equipped 13 participants from both the Research, Evaluation and Statistics



Division, and the Geographic Information System Division, with the skills to utilize statistical indicators derived from the 2022 CBMS data to update the city's Comprehensive Development Plan using the basic features of a public domain software called Census and Surveys Processing System (CSPPro). The training on the use of the software included adding value sets in the variables, Tabulation Logics (TabLog), and Post Calculation (PostCalc) for effective entry, editing, tabulation, and dissemination of census-derived data.

The participants also took part in the hands-on exercises to evaluate and asses their understanding of the materials presented.

PSA Palawan cascades latest civil reg issuances

As part of the 35th Civil Registration Month celebration, PSA Palawan's Registration Officer II Romelita F. Hernandez served as the resource speaker for an event hosted by the Office of the City Civil Registrar of Puerto Princesa. The event, entitled "Cascading the Latest PSA Issuances on Civil Registration to City Civil Registry Office (CCRO) Personnel and Stakeholders," took place on 15 February 2025 at Cockatoo Beach Bar and Swimming Pool, Barangay Bancau-Bancau, Puerto Princesa City.

City Civil Registrar Raul Manuel J. Blas opened the event with a welcoming message, highlighting the CCRO's accomplishments for 2024. RO II Hernandez provided a comprehensive talk on the laws and statutes related to Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Training (CRVS 201) and also tackled the salient features of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of the Republic Act 11909, which addresses the Permanent Validity of the Certificates of Live Birth, Death, and Marriage.

In the afternoon, a collaborative colloquium was held among CCRO personnel, addressing civil registration issues and reinforcing the professional relationship between the PSA and the City Registrar's office.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

PSA Palawan joins 21st Love Affair with Nature: Planting Mangroves, Nourishing Communities



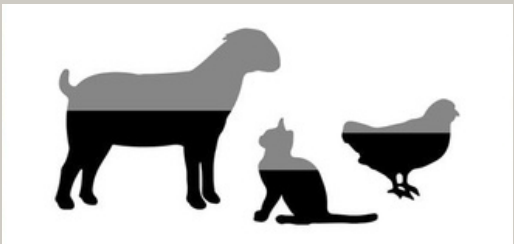
In line with the theme "Roots of Resilience: Planting Mangroves, Nourishing Communities," PSA Palawan staff, led by Officer-in-Charge Donna Marie D. Mobe, actively participated in the City Government of Puerto Princesa's 21st Annual Love Affair with Nature on 14 February 2025.

The event, which coincided with Valentine's Day, took place in Zones 1 and 2 of Barangay Iwahig, Puerto Princesa City and featured a series of activities aimed at raising environmental awareness and fostering community in support of City Ordinance No. 993, which addresses the utilization of single-use plastics and polystyrene foam.

Participants engaged in various environmental activities, including mangrove planting, potting, and sowing, all aimed at promoting coastal protection. The event also featured a mass wedding ceremony for couples and partners, an energizing Zumba session, and a lively music festival called Musikalikasan, which brought people together in celebration of love for nature and culture.

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Can you solve them?



What is 3/7 chicken, 2/3 cat, and 2/4 goat?

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