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PSA Romblon Achieves Multiple Awards at 2024 General Assembly



Kudos to the men and women of Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) -Romblon!

PSA-Romblon Provincial Statistical Office was recognized as the **Most Improved Province**, **Best in Undertaking the 2024 POPCEN-CBMS**, **Best in Agricultural Statistics Survey** and **Best in BRAP Implementation** during the Awarding of Best PSO in 2024 General Assembly of PSA MIMAROPA conducted on 13 December 2024 at Hotel Casiana & Events Center, Tagaytay City, Cavite.

The entire PSA-Romblon, under the leadership of Chief Statistical Specialist Engr. Johnny F. Solis, takes immense pride in this achievement, as it reflects their commitment, talent, hard work, and dedication to improve performance and services to all Romblomanons.



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Also, Statistical Analyst Ms. Joy Florence M. Motin received her award as the **2nd place** during the 35th NSM: Statistical Analyst Quiz Bee held on 31 October 2024, together with Senior Statistical Specialist Mr. Gerald M. Morada and Registration Officer I Engr. Mariel V. Fallarcuna who were recognized as best performing employees.



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PSA Joins PIA MIMAROPA's Barangay Forum

The Philippine Information Agency (PIA) Romblon invited the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) to serve as a guest speaker at the PIA MIMAROPA Barangay Forum held on December 16, 2024, at Mayha National High School. The event was conducted in collaboration with the Social Security System (SSS), Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), and PhilHealth, aimed at educating the public about government services and programs.



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PSA took the opportunity to highlight its core programs and projects that play a significant role in improving the lives of Filipinos. One of the main topics discussed was the ongoing implementation of the Philippine Identification System (PhilSys), a national ID program designed to simplify public transactions and ensure more inclusive access to government services. The agency also emphasized the importance of civil registration services, encouraging residents to register vital events such as births, marriages, and deaths.

SSS Dandy H. Fetalvero, PSA representative, provided guidance on how to avail of these services and the benefits of having accurate and up-to-date civil registry documents. *"We are thankful for the chance to engage with the community through this initiative by PIA Romblon. It is important for us to bring our services to the grassroots level and ensure that residents are informed about the benefits of programs like PhilSys,"* SSS Fetalvero cited. In addition to PhilSys and civil registration, he also discussed the PSA's role in data collection and how its statistical reports support government planning and policy-making in areas such as health, education, and economic development.



Meanwhile, representatives from SSS, BFP, and PhilHealth also shared their respective programs. SSS focused on social security benefits and membership services, BFP discussed fire prevention and safety measures, and PhilHealth provided information on healthcare coverage and membership updates. Students, parents, and barangay officials who attended the event expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to learn more about government programs and services that directly impact their lives.

This quarterly forum is designated to introduce the mandate and services of PIA to the barangays, in collaboration with other partner government agencies.



PSA Romblon Conducts Learning Session for Improvement of Civil Registration Performance of LCROs

The Philippine Statistics Authority - Romblon Provincial Statistical Office conducted a one-day Learning Session for Improvement of Civil Registration Performance of Local Civil Registry Offices of Romblon last December 09, 2024 at Melberto's Batchoy and Inasal Place, Poblacion, Looc, Romblon.

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**LEARNING SESSION FOR
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REGISTRATION PERFORMANCE
OF PSA ROMBLON AND LCROS**
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Objective of the activity to inform the LCROs of the process of reporting activities conducted in their level including the documentary requirements to be submitted to PSA for rating. Also, they were presented with the LCRO Awards Manual to serve as their guide in doing these documentations.

Participants to the activity includes 10 Municipal Civil Registrars/OICs and 7 LCRO staff/representatives. PSA Romblon was represented by Chief Statistical Specialist Engr. Johnny F. Solis, Registration Officer II Maria Cristina M. Uy and Birth Registration Coordinator Gwendolyn Fajanilan.

CSS Solis in his message, expressed optimism that the activity will significantly improve the documentation of activities and the performance eventually of the LCROs.

BPLOs in Romblon Attends Training on PSIC and PSGC



The Philippine Statistics Authority-Romblon Provincial Statistical Office conducted a one-day training titled "*Capacitating LGU in Identifying the Common Misclassified Philippine Standard Industrial Classification (PSIC) and Discussion of Updates on Philippine Standard Geographic Code (PSGC)*" on 05 December 2024 at Rance's Haven Resort, Brgy. Tampayan, Magdiwang, Romblon.

Participants were Licensing Officers and selected BPLO staff from various municipalities in Romblon.

This activity aims to strengthen BPLO's knowledge in using PSIC and PSGC as well as ensuring uniformity and comparability of data produced which will be used as aggregated data useful for local planners and policy makers, especially in strengthening the accuracy of the Provincial Product Accounts estimation.

PSA Romblon was represented by Chief Statistical Specialist Engr. Johnny F. Solis, Registration Officer I Engr. Mariel V. Fallarcuna, Statistical Specialist II Engr. Mark Andrew F. Cesar and PPA-Statistical Analyst Engr. Jane G. Rotoni.



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Furthermore, following the activity, PSA Romblon and the participants visited each municipality in the Sibuyan Island—Magdiwang, Cajidiocan, and San Fernando—to conduct bench-marking on business permit and license record-keeping. CSS Solis took this opportunity to thank the municipal mayors in their continuous support to the projects and programs of the PSA.

Church Leaders and PACR Participates in Consultative Forum on Delayed Registration

The Philippine Statistics Authority -Romblon Provincial Statistical Office conducted a half-day Consultative Forum on Civil Registration Updates for Solemnizing Officers particularly about matters in Delayed Registration Processes last December 10, 2024 at PSA Odiongan District Office, KadBayan Commercial Building, Dapawan, Odiongan, Romblon.



The activity was attended by ten (10) church leaders and six (6) representatives from the Philippine Association of Civil Registrars (PACR) of Romblon. The forum aims to address some problems about delayed registration requirements particularly baptismal certificates.

Engr. Johnny F. Solis, Chief Statistical Specialist, in his discussion, presented the delayed registration processes and requirements as required under OCRG Memorandum Circular 2024-17 “Additional Guidelines in the Delayed Registration of Birth”. He emphasized that many applications for delayed registration are not progressing due to lack of requirements. He asked the participants about the process of securing baptismal certificates or its equivalent to the church so that the MCRs can provide uniform instructions to their clients during transactions.

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Ms. Merlyn F. Fabon, Municipal Civil Registrar of San Andres, cited the instances wherein her clients encountered problems in securing the mentioned requirements. Further, she requested the participants to assist in ensuring that those without birth certificates can have their birth registration for humanitarian reasons. She cited that most of these unregistered individuals need their documents to be able to receive social services from the government. After more thorough discussion, participants were able to reach agreement to help address the problem in the delayed registration of birth.



Ms. Maria Cristina M. Uy, Registration Officer II, meanwhile, gave discussion about minor updates in the renewal of the Certificate of Registration of Authority to Solemnize Marriage (CRASM) of solemnizing officers.



PSA Romblon Holds November 2024 Inflation Report Press Conference



Philippine Statistics Authority Romblon Provincial Statistical Office conducted the November 2024 Inflation Press Conference on December 10, 2024 at PSA Odiongan District Office, 2/F Kadbayan Commercial Building, Dapawan, Odiongan, Romblon.

Engr. Johnny F. Solis, Chief Statistical Specialist, presented to the local press members the highlights of the November 2024 inflation data.

During the said presscon, it was revealed that the inflation rate, or the overall rate at which prices of goods and services in the province changes, accelerated to 1.8 percent in November 2024 compared to the 1.0 percent rate in the previous month. The year-to-date inflation rate or the annual average inflation rate also was reported at 4.2 percent.



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The major contributor to the November 2024 inflation of the province includes the Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages with 1.7 percent inflation rate and 44.2 percent share to the overall inflation, the Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels with 4.5 percent inflation rate and 43.1 percent share to the overall inflation, and Restaurant and Accommodation Services with 4.0 percent inflation rate and 10.7 percent share to overall inflation.

After his presentation, an open forum followed wherein questions from the participants are given satisfactory answers.

The conduct of the monthly inflation press conference is part of the thrust of the agency to provide the public with up-to-date economic statistics necessary for local planning and program implementation.

PSA Romblon Successfully Conducted Three-Day 2025 Provincial Planning Workshop

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)-Romblon Provincial Statistical Office conducted the three-day 2025 Provincial Planning Workshop (PPW) on 17-19 December 2024 held at the Rance's Haven Resort, Brgy. Tampayan, Magdiwang, Romblon. With the theme "*Building a Resilient, Agile, and Future-fit PSA*," the workshop gathered PSA Romblon regular employees, contractual, and Contract of Service Workers (COSWs) to evaluate accomplishments, address challenges, and set strategic plans for the coming year.



On 17 December 2024, the workshop commenced with an opening remark from Supervising Statistical Specialist Engr. Dandy H. Fetalvero, wherein he emphasized the workshop's significance in forming the province's strategy for the year 2025.

It was followed by inspirational message from Engr. Johnny F. Solis, Chief Statistical Specialist of PSA Romblon. CSS Solis talked about the difficulties the office encounters, but he expressed optimism and encouraged everyone to remain committed to the PSA's mission of delivering timely and relevant data. "We must commit. We need commitment from every unit. Leaders create leaders; you, yourselves, are leaders in your own ways. As a leader, you must exercise your expertise" CSS Solis remarked. He concluded his message by sharing the office's 2025 theme, "*ROMBLON FOCUS*."

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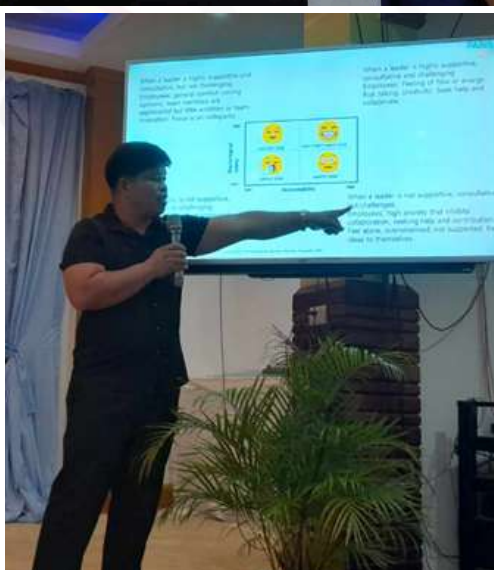


Then, each Focal Person from various operations and units -Statistical, Civil Registration, PhilSys, and Admin – has insightful discussions on the performance, challenges and accomplishments for the year 2024. Moreover, to consistently provide products and services that meet customer and applicable statutory and regulatory requirements, the Quality Management System (QMS) was reviewed in the workshop, as well as the 2024 Audit Results and Action Plan.

On the second day, 18 December 2024, participants engaged in thoughtful discussions about upcoming plans and activities. Every unit had a chance to present its goals and proposed programs, which served as foundation for a productive and impactful 2025. Also, the day featured a session focusing on the presentation of work program, 2025 calendar of activities and distribution of workload.



On the final day, participants engaged in Civil Registration and PhilSys learning sessions. The timely and relevant topic of delayed birth registration was covered, and the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about National ID. In addition, the session featured PARIS21. The Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century (PARIS21) is one special project that seeks to encourage improved statistics production and use across the developing world.



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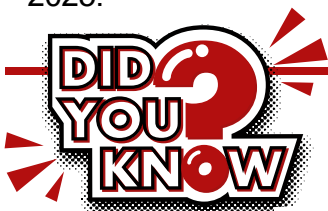
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Furthermore, an awarding ceremony was conducted to recognize the hard work and commitment of PSO Romblon's employees. Certificates were awarded to employees for their contribution to the success of the office's organizational goals for year 2024.



Finally, employees participated in team-building activities to demonstrate and reaffirm their dedication to PSA's purpose of providing accurate and reliable statistics.

Along with technical talks, the activity fostered camaraderie through team-building activities, underscoring the unity and commitment which aligns with the vision of a resilient and agile PSA Romblon, ready to face future challenges with innovation and adaptability as it prepares for the year 2025.



Romblon's year-on-year inflation rate decelerated to **0.9 percent** in **December 2024** compared to the **1.8 percent** inflation rate in the previous month.

-0.1%



Food and Non-alcoholic
Beverages
and Tobacco

1.7%



Alcoholic
Beverages and
Tobacco

1.7%



Furnishing, Household
Equipment, and Routine
Maintenance of the House

-0.2%



Personal Care and
Miscellaneous Goods
and Services



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PSA-RSSO MIMAROPA Disseminates Construction Statistics from Approved Building Permits

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)-Regional Statistical Services Office (RSSO) MIMAROPA conducted the Regional Data Dissemination Forum on Construction Statistics from Approved Building Permits on 09 December 2024, at Mahalta Resorts and Convention Center, Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro.

The data dissemination forum aimed to highlight the construction statistics from approved building permits, emphasizing the trend and growth rates of constructions for the period 2019 to 2023, and January to September 2024. It also served as a venue to acknowledge and give due recognition to the cooperation of the LBOs in the MIMAROPA Region and to discuss issues and concerns, particularly on enhancing the data collection process and completeness of submission of Approved Building Permits.



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During the forum, Registration Officer I of PSA Romblon, Engr. Mariel V. Fallarcuna, received the Plaque of Recognitions for Local Government Units of Odiongan and San Fernando for being recognized as Outstanding Local Building Officials in the province of Romblon.