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National Statistics Month Celebration Held

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To recognize Statistics' major role in economic prosperity, Regional Statistics Committee I (RSC I) spearheaded the conduct of the 29th National Statistics Month (NSM) celebration in October 2018 pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 647, s.1990. The theme for this year's celebration was "Exploring Philippine Wonders in Numbers: Statistics Towards Sustainable Development."

As part of the information dissemination campaign, Mr. Nino E. Tuazon and Ms. Zenaida L. Garcillan of the Philippine Statistics Authority - Regional Statistical Service Office I (PSA - RSSO I) were interviewed in the radio program *Tongtongan ti Tangatang* anchored by Ms. Antoniet Lingsit of DZAG and Ms. Miriam Aquino of Philippine Information Agency (PIA). The said radio program was aired live on September 25, 2018.

For this year's celebration, RSC I initiated different regional activities in collaboration with the Regional Line Agencies (RLAs), Local Government Units (LGUs) and private sector as its sponsors. These activities commenced right after the Regional Opening Ceremony held on October 3, 2018 at Oasis Country Resort Hotel, City of San Fernando, La Union.

To instill awareness on the significance of statistics among its audience, a Regional Statistical Exhibit was established to showcase various statistical data through brochures, flyers, leaflets and infographics. This activity runs from October 4 to 12, 2018 at the CSI the City Mall, City of San Fernando, La Union.

Regional Contests were conducted to advocate the importance of statistics in measuring sustainable tourism development and develop the talents of students. Competitions for essay writing, oration, poster-slogan making, and statistics quiz were simultaneously conducted on October 17, 2018 at the University of Northern Philippines (UNP), Vigan City, Ilocos Sur. Meanwhile, the Jingle Singing contest was conducted during the opening ceremony. These activities were participated by the provincial champions from the secondary and tertiary level, while the essay writing contest included the employee category.

The month-long celebration was culminated during the Regional Closing Ceremony held on October 29, 2018 at the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas - La Union Regional Office (BSP-LURO). Representatives from various RLAs, LGUs, academic institutions and media organizations across the region participated in the event.

Among the highlights of the closing program was the announcement of the Regional Champions for the various statistical competitions and the awarding of the Search for the Best 29th NSM Province Implementer. Here is the list of champions for the NSM Regional statistical contests:

Statistical Competitions
Regional Jingle Singing Contest
<p>Secondary Level: Calasiao Comprehensive National High School: Pangasinan: Ezra P. Ferrer Angel C. Ginez Allyssa Baldemoro Judielle V. Cabiles Rayain Celio Ballesteros Franz Xavier Ramos Joshua Aren Dangoy</p> <p>Tertiary Level: Kingfisher School of Business and Finance Pangasinan: Danica Mae Ducea Christopher R. Mamaril Bhavik Ranchandani Rina Zarah Mendoza Hazel Joy Mauri Joshua Mico De Guzman Mark Lester Zarate</p>
Regional Poster- Slogan Making Contest
<p>Secondary Level: Pangasinan: Angelo Joshua Pamo (Alaminos National High School)</p> <p>Tertiary Level: Pangasinan: Joe Alaizon Castillo (Polytechnic University of Northern Phils.)</p>
Regional Essay Writing Contest
<p>Secondary level: Pangasinan: Ceedrick John Viray Nuñez (Alaminos National High School)</p> <p>Tertiary level: Ilocos Norte: Edgar D. Locquiao Jr. (University of Northern Philippines)</p> <p>Employee category: Ilocos Sur: Mark Joshua Valdez (Divine Word College of Vigan)</p>
Regional Oratorical Contest
<p>Secondary level: Ilocos Norte: John Lloyd D. Suguitan (MMSU Laboratory HS)</p> <p>Tertiary Level: Ilocos Sur: Joan P. Reyes (UNP)</p>
Regional Statistical Quiz
<p>Secondary level: BHC Educational Foundation: Victor Dominic Ravanal Brylle Jaden Louise Ordoño Kasser Dell Abansi</p> <p>Tertiary Level: Saint Louis College: Daniel James Molina Aimee Braganza Celine Kyle Ramos</p>

The province of Pangasinan was adjudged as the Best 29th NSM Province Implementer for its efficient implementation of diversified NSM activities. Meanwhile, Ilocos Sur, La Union and Ilocos Norte ranked 1st, 2nd and 3rd runners-up, respectively.

As part of the event, the 2018-2023 Regional Statistical Development Program (RSDP) for Region I was launched by PSA RSSO I, presented by Mr. Niño E. Tuazon. On the other hand, BSP established an Unfit Exchange Counter where participants exchanged dirty bills into new and crisp bills as part of their Clean Note and Coin Policy.

To affirm her utmost commitment, Atty. Sheila O. De Guzman, OIC- Regional Director of PSA RSSO I and RSC I Vice- Chairperson, enjoined the participants to support the statistical advocacies and future endeavors of the committee through her closing remarks.


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