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DOST VIII RD Granada bags Administrators Honorific Awards 2022

by Zedrikke Cliphorde R. Fabella, DOST VIII



RD Ernesto M. Granada of DOST VIII receives Administrators Honorific Award and assisted by ARD Rufino E. Mengote of DOST VIII-FAS together with other officials of REAL Inc.

The Department of Science and Technology Region VIII (DOST VIII) Regional Director, Engr. Ernesto M. Granada, received an early Christmas gift as he was conferred the Administrators Honorific Award (AHA) by the Region Eight Administrator's League Inc., (REAL) during the latter's Summit 2022 with the theme, "Bridging Public-Private Partners Towards Becoming Economic and Resilient Eastern Visayas". The awarding ceremony was held on December 19, 2022 at the Summit Hotel, Tacloban City. Dir. Granada is among the ten (10) Outstanding Government Executives in Eastern Visayas who received the award after the evaluation on the submitted nominees by the Board of Assessors composed of esteemed officials from various government organizations. Dr. Manuel P. Albaño, President of the REAL Inc., presented the award to Dir. Granada, assisted by his nominator, Dr. Rufino E. Mengote, Assistant Regional Director

for Finance and Administrative Services of DOST VIII and other officials of the REAL Inc.

In his acceptance message, Dir. Granada shared that the award is the first of its kind recognition he received in his almost 35 years in government service. Considering himself as a COVID-19 Pandemic DOST Regional Director as he was appointed to the position on March 9, 2020, for him it was no easy task to lead to lead the agency during the time of the pandemic and treated it as an extra challenge. With sheer will and determination to serve the people, he rose above the obstacles one by one and made sure that the Programs, Projects, and Activities of DOST VIII were delivered closer to the people in the region with the highest quality of standards.

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DOST trains 4Ps graduates on Community Life Competence Process with Gender Conscientization in Tanauan, Leyte

by John Glenn D. Ocaña



Dr. Evelyn B. Tablante of DOST VIII as a resource speaker during the Training on Community Life Competence Process (CLCP) with Gender Conscientization in Tanauan, Leyte on November 4, 2022.


The Provincial Science and Technology Center (PSTC) in Leyte and the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Tanauan worked together for the success of conducting the Community Life Competence Process (CLCP) with Gender Conscientization on November 3-4, 2022. It was attended by 217 4Ps beneficiaries from Tanauan, Leyte of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST)-assisted project in the Province of Leyte entitled "Capacitating 4Ps Graduate Beneficiaries for Science and Technology-based Livelihood Opportunities". The Community Life Competence Process (CLCP) aims to apply Science and Technology (S&T) interventions needed by the communities for components comprising health and nutrition, water and sanitation, basic education and literacy,

livelihood/economic development, and disaster risk reduction/climate change adoption by working hand in hand with LGUs and various stakeholders.

In the CLCP training that lasted for two (2) days held at Tanauan Gym, Tanauan, Leyte, the participants were made to understand the concepts, steps, and tools in relation to DOST's ongoing Community Empowerment through Science and Technology (CEST) program which was all discussed by Dr. Evelyn B. Tablante, the resource speaker and the Gender Conscientization was also discussed by the Gender and Development (GAD) Secretariat, Mr. Aivan Lloyd Calonia, both from DOST Regional Office No. VIII. The discussion involved the

mobilization of all genders to attain the end of gender equality in the community as this has been one of the measures taken by DOST VIII to integrate the gender dimension into the planning and implementation of the DOST-assisted projects in Eastern Visayas.

At the end of the 2-day training, the DOST VIII and the different agencies also shared the programs and services which are being offered to communities in Tanauan and in the region as well. The Leyte Provincial S&T Director, Dr. John Glenn D. Ocaña formally closed the 2-day training with an emphasis on taking up the challenge for community empowerment. He reminded the participants that the DOST in partnership with other government agencies and stakeholders is ready to address poverty reduction and people empowerment through working closely with LGUs in the implementation of various projects and activities.

It is expected that the community will be able to strengthen and enhance further the capability of the 217 beneficiaries to effectively implement the program that envisions to build an empowered, resilient, healthy, safe, and sustainable Tanauan, Leyte alleviating poverty and contributing to the 8-point economic agenda of the current administration. 



Participants during the CLCP training.



At the end of his speech, he dedicated his award to his DOST VIII team for their hard work, determination, and innovation to help amidst the pandemic crisis. Prior to being appointed to the position of Regional Director, Engr. Granada was already the Assistant Regional Director for Technical Operations of the same office also with notable accomplishments.

Aside from the outstanding achievements in his line of work, Dir. Granada was also evaluated on his active voluntary community services

such as being the President of Purok 8 of the Barangay 109-A V&G Subdivision in Tacloban City. He is also a Board of Director of the Barangay 109-A V&G Homeowners Association, Inc. (BVAGSHAI). In addition, he is the President of the Assumption Academy Class of 1976 and Board of Director of the Assumption Academy Alumni Association (AAAA). Moreover, he is a member of the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMOCH) at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish V&G Subdivision in Tacloban City.

After the aforementioned awarding of the 10 Outstanding Government Executives, the activity also granted educational supplies and cash assistance to ten (10) Deserving Learners in Region VIII through the Pentray Program, an outreach activity of the Region Eight Administrators League. Various schools and learning institutions in Region VIII nominate deserving learners who are in the most disadvantageous and challenging situations. 🔄

DOST VIII conducts 4-day Scholarship Caravan in Biliran Province

by Dr. Romeo L. Dignos, PSTD Biliran



Biliran Provincial S&T Director Dr. Romeo L. Dignos orients the students of Cabucgayan National School of Arts and Trades on DOST-Science Education Institute (SEI) Scholarships on November 10, 2022.

programs, and projects to give the students an understanding of why the scholarships are implemented by the agency. The main discussions, however, focused on presenting the various scholarship programs. The students are also taught how to apply online through demonstrations.

The caravan was conducted at various university and schools in Biliran: Biliran Province State University (BiPSU) Student Center, Tucdao National High School (HS), Culaba National Vocational School, Caibiran National HS, and at Cabucgayan National School of Arts and Trades participated by students from respective areas.

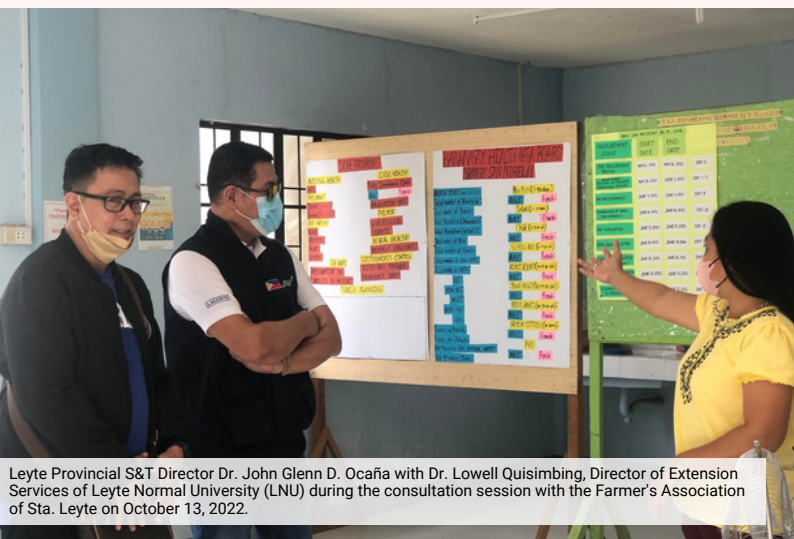
The Department of Science and Technology (DOST), through the Provincial Science and Technology Center in Biliran led by its Director, Dr. Romeo T. Dignos together with his team successfully conducted the 4-day caravan on November 7-10, 2022 around the Province of Biliran promoting the upcoming 2023 DOST-Science Education Institute (SEI) Scholarship Qualifying Examinations.

Hundreds of Grade 12 students from every Senior High School in the Province participated in the forums. The said activity was aimed at generating more applicants and therefore giving opportunities to graduating Senior High School students this school year to become DOST scholars. The information caravan covered a brief presentation about the DOST, its mandates,

Through the caravan, DOST is expecting more applicants will be able to submit their documents on time so that they can join the face-to-face examinations which will be conducted again after (two) 2 years of being stopped due to restrictions brought by the pandemic. 🔄

DOST Leyte-LNU jointly conduct TNA to Farmers' Association in Leyte for potential S&T-Based Interventions

by Dr. John Glenn D. Ocaña



Leyte Provincial S&T Director Dr. John Glenn D. Ocaña with Dr. Lowell Quisumbing, Director of Extension Services of Leyte Normal University (LNU) during the consultation session with the Farmer's Association of Sta. Leyte on October 13, 2022.




In line with the continuing collaborative relationship between the Leyte Provincial Science and Technology Office (PSTO) and the Leyte Normal University (LNU), a local state university based in Tacloban City headed by its President, Dr. Evelyn B. Aguirre, the mentioned institutions agreed to jointly assist remote communities to improve their standard of living by providing access to government programs and services that will enhance local industries through technology transfer and community organizing activities.

LNU proposed that their currently assisted community at Brgy. San Miguelay, Sta Fe., Leyte was the initial beneficiary for a collaborative project. On 13th of October 2022, DOST Leyte and LNU jointly conducted the Technology Needs Assessment (TNA)

with the farmers' community of the abovementioned barangay. The TNA is an assessment tool used to identify technology-related strengths and weaknesses of a client enterprise or people's organization by assessing its core business functions and the results of the analyses will be used as a guide for determining appropriate assistance.

The DOST Leyte Team was led by its Provincial S&T Director Dr. John Glenn Ocaña. On the other hand, the LNU Team was led by the Director of its Extension Services Dr. Lowell Quisumbing joined by College Extension Coordinators. The consultation session with the barangay folks yielded the fact that most of them rely on rice production as their main source of income. Only

two (2) croppings can be realized in a year, meaning only twice a year that the farmers expect major cash inflow. Unfortunately, the area is also beset with flooding problems once in a while which negatively impact the hapless farmers' income. It was then agreed that the potential interventions would be to improve the farmers' resilience against the challenges they are facing in their agricultural industry by infusing appropriate technologies and by bringing in more stakeholders such as the Department of Agriculture (DA) and the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI). 

Samar Tahong Processors acquire basics of FS and GMP

by Sheila Mae C. Pica

The DOST Samar Provincial Science and Technology Center (PSTC), conducted a Training-Orientation on Basic Food Safety (FS), Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) and Writeshop on Sanitation Standard Operating Procedures (SSOP) for the Maligaya-

Agri Business Association (MABA) in Brgy. Alejandra, Jiabong, Samar on December 1-2, 2022. The two-day training was participated by 12 member-processors of the association and facilitated by the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic

Resources (BFAR) Samar. The training is one of the technology interventions identified for green mussel "tahong" farmers and processors of Jiabong, Samar under

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PHIVOLCS installs Tsunami Early Warning System in Lawaan, Eastern Samar

by Dr. Arnaldo T. Amosco, Jr., PSTD E. Samar

The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS) of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), in coordination with the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Lawaan, Eastern Samar and the Samar Provincial Science and Technology Office (PSTO), has successfully installed a Tsunami Early Warning System (TEWS) at the center of Lawaan municipality on November 7, 2022.

Led by Engr. Angelito G. Lanuza, Supervising Science Research Specialist of Seismological Observation & Earthquake Prediction Division (SOEPD), the DOST-PHIVOLCS team also conducted a 3-day orientation of the TEWS and Tsunami Evacuation

Planning Workshop to various officials of the coastal barangays and LGU representatives of Lawaan to fully prepare the community in a tsunami event from November 7-9, 2022. Officials from PHIVOLCS-Palo and Provincial S&T Office in Eastern Samar were also present during the activity.

Aimed at providing and capacitating the LGU of an effective tsunami monitoring and communication system, the alerting system could also monitor all tsunami events that may affect the Philippines and is expected to generate timely issuance of tsunami advisories and warnings to communities in the locality. 🔄



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the Community Empowerment thru Science and Technology (CEST) project funded by DOST. It aimed to capacitate MABA to standardize the process in the production of tahong-based products (e.g. bottled tahong and tahong crackers) and ensure products are safe for consumption.

The DOST-Samar food safety team beginning with its director, Ms. Rosella L. Gopo conducted the training on food safety, followed by the Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP)

training conducted by Ms. Emelyn A. Maglahus, SRS II. On the other hand, an actual processing of bottled tahong was demonstrated by the MABA processors on the second day during the writeshop on Sanitation Standard Operating Procedures (SSOP) that was conducted by Ms. Isabelita M. Pamposa with Ms. Gopo and staff, Ms. Sheila Mae Pica.

Next step for the association after the series of trainings and other technical assistance provided to

them, is the application for License-to-Operate (LTO) from Food and Drug Administration (FDA), to enable them sell products outside the local markets and penetrate wider customers in the national market, hence augment their income and help sustain their business operation. In the long term, the DOST-Samar is seeing an empowered and resilient tahong community through the DOST-CEST program. 🔄



DOST VIII launches Grassroots Innovation Imperatives and Nuances: CEST Interventions Qualification Model with LNU

by Zedrikke Cliphorde R. Fabella, DOST VIII

The Department of Science and Technology Region VIII (DOST VIII), launched the first DOST Grassroots Innovation for Inclusive Development (GRIND) Program in Eastern Visayas and Memorandum of Agreement Signing with Leyte Normal University (LNU) and Eastern Visayas Consortium for Industry, Energy, and Emerging Technology Research and Development (EVCIEERD), entitled: Grassroots Innovations Imperatives and Nuances: Community Empowerment thru Science and Technology (CEST) Interventions and Qualification Model. The launching was held at LNU on November 18, 2022. As the lead proponent of the program, the Leyte Normal University headed by its President, Dr. Evelyn B. Aguirre, warmly welcomed DOST VIII Regional Director, Engr. Ernesto M. Granada, and EVCIEERD Coordinator, Dr. Ramil T. Uy during the activity. The program will reveal how grassroots innovation of the marginalized sectors of the Province of Leyte was developed, underscoring



Dir. Ernesto M. Granada forges partnership with LNU President Dr. Evelyn B. Aguirre with the 1st DOST-GRIND Project at the Leyte Normal University on November 18, 2022.

turn-around narratives of success with an end-view of mitigating their challenges through CEST Interventions and thereby deepening the conceptualization and assuring the institutionalization of the DOST GRIND program. The study will culminate with a baselining component, providing empirical bases for CEST interventions. In his message, Engr. Granada cited, "DOST driven by its vision of being a provider of world-class scientific, technological, and innovative solutions that will lead to higher productivity and better quality of life,

continues to forge strong partnerships and collaboration with our stakeholders." Furthermore, he added that the launching of the DOST GRIND is very timely since he will be participating in the DOST GRIND International Benchmarking Activities in India on November 27-December 2, 2022, and the insights and outputs of which will be very useful in the implementation of the program in Eastern Visayas. 🌐



DOST VIII equips Northern Samar nipa farmers with Tech Transfer Training

by PSTD Veronica A. Laguitan, PSTC N. Samar
and Noel M. Delator, Jr., PSTC N. Samar

The Department of Science & Technology (DOST)-Northern Samar, along with the Department of Trade & Industry (DTI)-Northern Samar Provincial Office and the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Laoang, Northern Samar, conducted the Technology Transfer Training on Nipa Palm Sugar Production to Brgy. Tarusan's nipa farmers who are also nipa wine (lambanog) producers. This one-day training was conducted at Brgy. Tarusan, Laoang, Northern Samar on October 5, 2022. The training introduced a viable source of sustainable livelihood to the nipa farmers in the community.



Ms. Joanna Marie F. Ramos of Department of Science and Technology-Industrial Technology Development Institute (DOST-ITDI) trains Northern Samar Nipa farmers on Food Safety at Brgy. Tarusan, Laoang, Northern Samar on October 5, 2022.

Ms. Joanna Marie F. Ramos and Mr. Romnick A. Enriquez, who visited Northern Samar for the first time, as the resource persons from the DOST-Industrial Technology Development Institute (ITDI) in Bicutan, Taguig City, trained 22 participants on Food Safety, Introduction to Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) and on Sugar Production from nipa palm.

Nipa sugar is a healthier and safer option for overweight, diabetic and

health-conscious consumers. It is found to be a good alternative to cane sugar because of its minerals and low glycemic index. The production of an alternative sweetener from nipa sap has been further improved by using a sanitized system for the collection of nipa sap and an optimized process of

converting nipa sap into sugar, as presented and discussed by the resource speaker.

These trainings aimed to help the farmers enhance their production and improve the quality of their products. 🔄

DOST VIII receives another recognition from partner agency

by Jason G. Taña, DOST VIII



It is an award giving season once again as the year 2022 is about to bid goodbye. National Government Agencies such as the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) in Region 8 expresses its gratitude to its partner agencies by giving them awards for its meritorious contribution to its program implementation in the region. In a simple ceremony held at the Regional Operation Center of DSWD on December 9, 2022. DOST VIII, headed by its Regional Director, Dir. Ernesto M. Granada, who was

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(From left) Department of Social and Welfare Development (DSWD) Field Office 8 OIC-Assistant Regional Director for Operations (ARDO) Natividad G. Sequito, DSWD FO-8 Director Grace Q. Subong, Department of Science and Technology Region VIII (DOST VII) Dr. Ramil T. Uy, and Mr. Jason G. Taña.

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represented by Dr. Ramil T. Uy, Sr. SRS, received a plaque of recognition from the Department of Social Welfare and Development - Sustainable Livelihood Program (DSWD-SLP) as partner agency for the institutions active participation and support during the Regional Advisory Council (RAC) Meetings for the calendar year 2022 and for providing aftercare programs and services such as entrepreneurial skills training and other opportunities for the graduate households of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps). The award was handed by the Regional Director, Dir. Grace Q. Subong.


In her message, OIC-Assistant Regional Director for Operations

(ARDO) Natividad G. Sequito, emphasized that a total of 46, 584 households have moved up from survival to subsistence, while 31,018 households have already attained self-sufficiency. Based on the data collected by the program itself, the mentioned accomplishments are relevant in uplifting poverty in Region 8. It will be recalled that DOST VIII provided financial assistance in the amount of P200,000.00 through its Community Empowerment thru Science and Technology (CEST) Program for the empowering activities, such as training and the likes, to the 200 4Ps graduate families in Tanauan, Leyte.

In the appreciation message delivered

by Dir. Subong, she stressed that the program implementation of their agency could not be possible without the strong support of its partner.

I agencies and that the program is only being coordinated by DSWD but each partner agencies have a big role how to implement it and one of those who really provided strong support is DOST VIII.

In 2021, DOST 8 received an award from the same agency as Outstanding Partner in the implementation of Sustainable Livelihood Program. The awarding was held at DSWD Central Office. 

DOST VIII – EVHRDC commences 2022 Regional Health Research Symposium

by Zedrikke Cliphorde R. Fabella, DOST VIII


The Eastern Visayas Health Research Development Consortium (EVHRDC) commenced 1st Day of the 2022 Regional Health Research Symposium (RHRS) with the theme, “Health Research: Responding to Challenges Towards National Recovery and Resiliency” on November 9, 2022. This 2-day activity started with the ceremonial ribbon-cutting at the Summit Hotel, Tacloban City, spearheaded by the EVHRDC Chairperson and Regional Director of the Department of Health-Eastern Visayas Center for Health Development (DOH-EV CHD), Dr. Exuperia B. Sabalberino; EVHRDC Co-Chairperson and Regional Director of DOST VIII – Engr. Ernesto M. Granada; and the EVHRDC EXECOM Members. The 2022 RHRS highlights a series of lectures, plenary sessions, and the region-wide contest for Oral Research Paper Presentations, and Poster Exhibits Contest, both in the



DOST Regional Director Engr. Ernesto M. Granada with DOH-EVCHD Regional Director Dr. Exuperia B. Sabalberino formally launches the start of the Regional Health Research Symposium on Nov. 9, 2022.



professional and undergraduate categories with the aim to promote and empower health research activities in Region VIII. Among the activities in the 2022 RHRS Day 1 are the Plenary Sessions with active

discussions on scientific research results that are timely and relevant to current health issues such as healthcare and tropical diseases by experts and researchers in the field of health. 

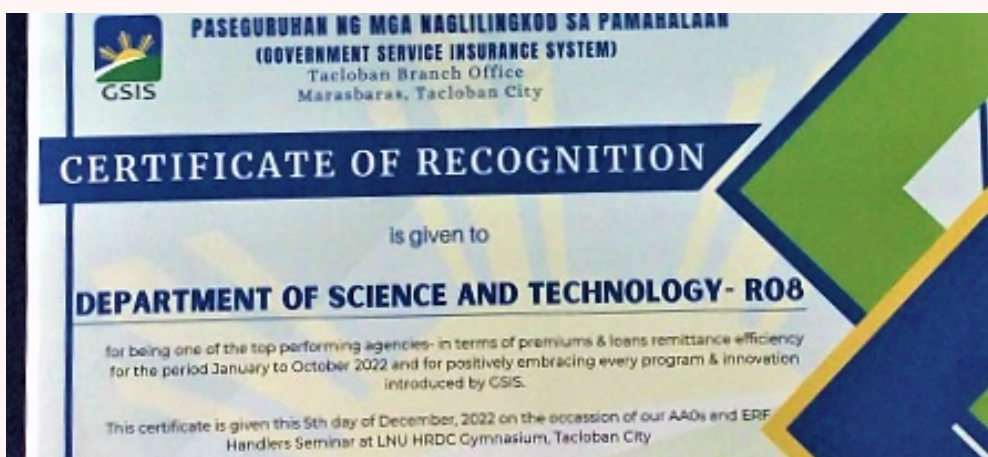
DOST VIII recognized as top performing agency in Premiums, Loans Remittance Efficiency offered by GSIS

by Zedrikke Cliphorde R. Fabella, DOST VIII

The Department of Science and Technology Region VIII (DOST VIII) bagged recognition award from the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) for being one of the top-performing agencies in Region 8. Regarding premiums and loans remittance efficiency, DOST VIII as an agency places top 22 of more than 200 agencies, and for positively embracing Authorized Officers (AOs) and Electronic Remittance File (ERF) Handlers Seminar hosted by GSIS Tacloban City Branch at the Leyte Normal University, HRDC Gymnasium, Tacloban City, today, December 5, 2022. In addition to the award, DOST VIII's Assistant Regional Director for Finance and Administrative Services, Dr. Rufino E. Mengote receives recognition as one of the Top 6 AOs, who is actively coordinating with GSIS and instrument in disseminating the correct information to stakeholders. 🔄



DOST VIII's Assistant Regional Director Dr. Rufino E. Mengote (center), represents DOST VIII in receiving the award conferred by the Government Service Insurance System on December 5, 2022.



Assisted by Northern Samar Provincial S&T Director Engr. Veronica A. Laguitan, the Samahan ng Kababaihan sa Barangay (SAMA KABA) President receives award as the 2nd runner up during the 2022 Search for Best CEST Community at World Trade Center, Manila on November 24, 2022.

DOST Northern Samar-assisted community bags 2022 Search for Best CEST Community

by Raymund Xavier C. Naboya, PSTC N. Samar

The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Northern Samar-assisted community, the Local Government Unit (LGU)-Lope de Vega, Northern Samar with Samahan ng Kababaihan sa Barangay (SAMA KABA) as project beneficiary, won 2nd Runner-Up during the 2022 National Search for Best CEST Community held at the World Trade Center, Metro Manila on November 24, 2022. This event is annually conducted to recognize the community that has achieved developmental milestones

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through S&T interventions under the Community Empowerment thru Science and Technology (CEST) Program.

The project titled "Community Empowerment of Lope de Vega, Northern Samar thru Science, Technology, and Innovation", was implemented in 2020 with DOST VIII Grants-in-Aid (GIA) fund amounting to ₱250,000.00. The LGU-Lope de Vega is the project proponent while the Samahan ng Kababaihan sa Barangay (SAMAKABA) is the project beneficiary.

The DOST VIII thru DOST-Northern Samar was able to accomplish four (4) CEST interventions for the

Municipality of Lope de Vega which include economic, disaster risk reduction and management, human resource development, and health. Moreover, SAMAKABA was able to accomplish all five (5) CEST interventions and other community works such as agriculture, family interventions, GAD awareness campaign, fire prevention campaign, peace and order, and charity works.

Indeed, SAMAKABA is an association that aims to empower its members and most especially the whole community of Lope de Vega. 🔄



DOST VIII Information Officer is 2022 Outstanding Public Information Officer in Region VIII

by Dr. Ramil T. Uy, DOST VIII



In the night of glitz and glamour, DOST VIII Information Officer, Dr. Ramil T. Uy, named as the 2022 Outstanding Public Information Officer of Region 8. by the Eastern Visayas Media Without Borders (EVMWB) during its 3rd Media Awards and Recognition of Media Partners Hotel de Fidez, Tacloban City on December 3, 2022.

This annual celebration of the EVMWB recognizes media practitioners who uphold the truth through their respective programs thru trimedia and other platforms and media partners who are supportive to the media in the region and having an exemplary performance as Public Information Officer. Dr. Uy won the award over the two other Public Information Officers coming from National Agencies. EVMWB was founded in 2017 and currently being handled by Ms. Meriam Desacada as its President and the Chairman of the Board of Directors is San Policarpo Councilor and media practitioner, Councilor Marshall O. Morillos.

The event was attended by big names in the Local Government Units (LGUs), Media, National Government Agencies (NGAs), and the Private Industry. The guest speaker of the successful event was Undersecretary, Hon. Mark Roa Gimenez of the Presidential Management Staff (PMS)-Visayas.

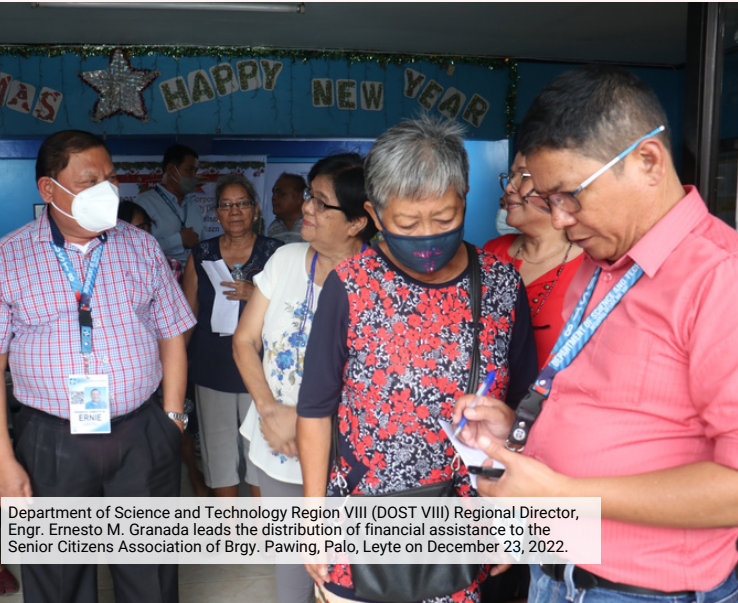
This year's search Board of Judges

were Dr. Evelyn B. Aguirre, President, Leyte Normal University (LNU); Dr. Lydia Morante of Eastern Visayas State University (EVSU); Dr. Gerardo Petilla of DOST-National Research Council of the Philippines (NRCP); Rev. Parish Priest Arthur Militante; and media practitioner and former Philippine Information Agency (PIA) 8 officer, Ms. Aurora Casipan.

Dr. Ramil Uy was recently re-elected as Region 8's Association of Government Information Officers (AGIO) President and the DOSTwide MediaCore Vice President for Regional Operations. On top of his assignment as Information Officer, he is the designated Center Manager of S and T Human Resources Development, Promotion, and Information Center (STHRDPIC) of the DOST 8. Scholarship Program, National Coordinatorship of the department's banner program, Community Empowerment through Science and Technology (CEST), and operationalization of agency's Knowledge Management Center, are just few of the functions of the center he is managing. 🔄

DOST VIII S&T Coop provides financial assistance to Senior Citizens Association

by Zedrikke Cliphorde R. Fabella, DOST VIII



Department of Science and Technology Region VIII (DOST VIII) Regional Director, Engr. Ernesto M. Granada leads the distribution of financial assistance to the Senior Citizens Association of Brgy. Pawing, Palo, Leyte on December 23, 2022.



The Department of Science and Technology Regional Office VIII – S&T Multipurpose Cooperative provided a heart-warming advance Christmas present to the Senior Citizens Association of Brgy. Pawing, Palo, Leyte on December 23, 2022. As part of its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) projects conducted annually, DOST VIII S&T Multipurpose Coop provided financial assistance for the implementation of the programs and projects of the Senior Citizens Association. The said activity was held at the Barangay Hall, Brgy. Pawing, Palo, Leyte.

The turnover of the financial assistance was headed by Engr. Ernesto M. Granada, Regional Director of DOST VIII together with Ms. Marilyn O. Radam, Assistant Regional

Director for Technical Operations, Dr. John Glenn Ocaña, Provincial S&T Director and Chairman of the S&T Cooperative Board of Directors, Dr. Lucia P. Dauz, Vice-Chairperson of the S&T Coop BOD, and other officials of the DOST VIII Multipurpose S&T Cooperative. The activity was made possible through the able facilitation and organization of the S&T Coop Community Development Committee Chairperson and Assistant Chairperson, Mr. Raymund Xavier Naboya and Mr. Emmanuel E. Lagdamen, respectively, and Brgy. Chairman of Pawing, Palo, Leyte, Hon. Virgilio S. Agner, who provided the venue of the activity. The financial assistance was received by Ms. Anecia E. Sanchez, President of Brgy. Pawing Senior Citizen

Association and its members. DOST VIII believes in the important role of the Senior Citizens in the socio-economic development and further supports its endeavors for the general welfare and development of the community. Close to tears, Pres. Sanchez shared that DOST VIII not only provided financial assistance but also capacitated the group as a beneficiary of its programs and services in the past and continues to empower the Senior Citizens in the community. She further ensured that the financial assistance of DOST VIII will be utilized into good use particularly in its projects and the improvement of its office building to provide better services to its members. 🧡

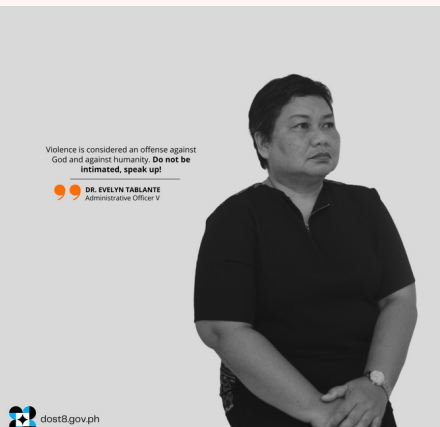
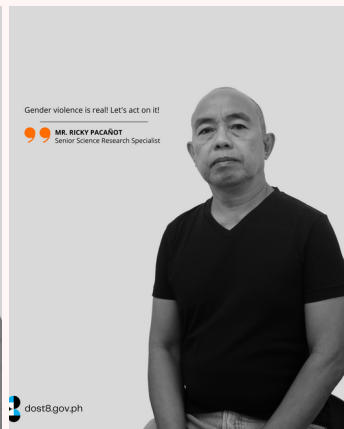
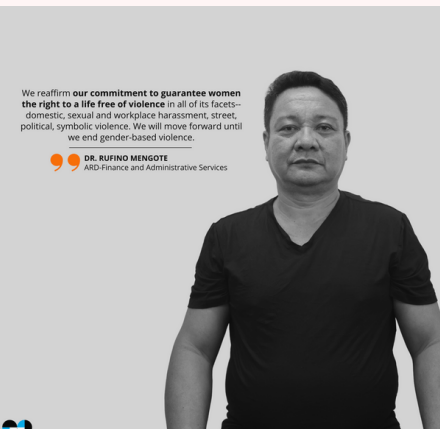


DOST8 for #VAWFREEPH

For years, DOST VIII has launched initiatives and activities for the 18-day campaign to end Violence Against Women (VAW)– from orientation of basic VAW laws to strengthening Committee on Decorum and Investigation (CODI), issuing policies for gender-responsive economic empowerment

programs and even the use of gender-fair languages.

This year, we are launching the DOST8 for #VAWFREEPH online campaign. This aims to promote awareness about the issue of Violence against Women by collecting personal commitments from our personnel.



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