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ES Ochoa leads awarding rites of Gawad CES Awardees



(L-R) CESB Executive Director Maria Anthonette Allones, DOST Secretary Mario Montejo, CESB Chair Antonio Kalaw, Co-Chair of the Gawad CES Committee on Awards Ramoncito Fernandez, Executive Secretary Paquito Ochoa and the five awardees: Mariano Cuenco, Edgardo Esperancilla, Nomerlito Juatchon, Julius Lecciones and Renato Solidum pose for a souvenir photo during the awarding ceremony.

Executive Secretary Paquito N. Ochoa Jr. conferred the 2011 Gawad CES to five (5) outstanding Career Executive Service Officers (CESOs) on May 30, 2012 in a ceremony held at the Heroes Hall of Malacanang Palace.

The 2011 Gawad CES awardees include: 1.) National Electrification Administration (NEA) Deputy Administrator Mariano T. Cuenco; 2.) Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Regional Office No. VIII Regional Director Edgardo M. Esperancilla; 3.) Land Bank of the Philippines Baguio Branch

Assistant Vice President Nomerlito A. Juatchon 4.) Philippine Children's Medical Center (PCMC-DOH) Executive Director Julius A. Lecciones; 5.) Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PhiVolcs-DOST) Director Renato U. Solidum, Jr.

Cuenco was recognized for advocating financial reform programs which aimed at maximization of revenues, optimization of resources and minimization of expenses, which made NEA a credit-worthy and a profitable corporation and earned for itself the international

distinction of being a best practice program in Rural Electrification.

Esperancilla was cited for providing institutional support for the improvement and upgrading of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in Region VIII which include (1) Cocovine Enterprise (Noggin Coco Sap Vinegar) from the coconut-based industry; 2) TAPS Handmade Products from the natural fibers-based industry; and 3) Essential oil industry that led to the upgrading of the Biliran Essential Oil Manufacturing. He also

ES Ochoa leads CESOs in ceremonial oath taking




Newly appointed/ promoted CESOs vow to bring change where this is needed, expertise where this is missing, and leadership where this is wanting.

Executive Secretary Paquito Ochoa led the oath taking of newly appointed/promoted CESOs in a ceremony held at the Heroes Hall, Malacañang Palace last May 30,

2012. A total of 262 CESOs were appointed/ promoted to CES rank by His Excellency Benigno Aquino. This brings a significant increase in CESO occupancy to 55% under

the Aquino administration as of the date of the oath taking.

In his speech, Ochoa posed a challenge to CESOs to become agents of change and contribute in the administration's advocacy to put an end to irregularities in government. "Don't allow yourselves to become participants in any of the wrongdoings you see in government. It would be a big help in our campaign against graft and corruption," he stressed.

He reiterated that graft and corruption is on top of the list of the problems that we are confronting. He said that the government is serious in instituting reforms needed to fight graft and corruption. Ochoa also expressed his optimism that the Aquino administration would be able to lay down a strong moral foundation in public service and would be able to curb graft and corruption by the end of its term in 2016. 

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led the successful ISO certification of DOST's Region VIII Office.

Juatchon was acclaimed for devising a payment scheme that was more favorable to Department of Education (DepEd) officials and employees. He convinced the Land Bank to buy out the loans of DepEd officials and employees from private banks and offer an interest rate of 14% per annum, less than half of that of the private banks, and returned the ATMs of the teachers, allowing them easier access to their salaries.


The Presidential award was given to Lecciones for organizing and leading the implementation of the 'My Child Matters Philippines' program, a national public

awareness and mobilization campaign on pediatric cancer since 2006. He was also acknowledged for leading the development of an evidence-based but cheaper local leukemia treatment protocol that has been adapted by the Philippine Society of Pediatric Oncology (PSPO).

Solidum, on the other hand, was awarded for initiating and spearheading the nationwide program on mapping of identified tsunami-prone areas in the country. The Tsunami Risk Mitigation Program has three major components: tsunami hazard mapping and risk assessment; tsunami education, awareness promotion and local government unit (LGU) capacity building; and enhancement of earthquake and

tsunami monitoring and communication capabilities of PhiVolcs. President Benigno Aquino, in his message delivered by ES Ochoa, said that the recognition extended to outstanding members of the CES community who have showcased excellent performance, nobility of character and extraordinary leadership in their respective fields "serve as milestones along the straight and righteous path in governance."

"The accomplishments of these awardees show us the heights that we Filipinos can reach with hard work, commitment, love of country and especially, genuine compassion for our countrymen," he added.

The awardees received a presidential citation and a cash prize of P100,000.00 each. 

CESOs attend Strategic and Critical Thinking Workshop



The Human Resource Innovations and Solutions, Inc. (HURIS) in collaboration with the Career Executive Service Board (CESB), conducted a training program entitled **“Strategic and Critical Thinking Workshop”** last May 10-11, 2012 held at the Astoria Plaza Hotel in Pasig City. The training was facilitated by HURIS’s Chief Learning Officer, Enrique Abadesco, DPM.

The participants who attended the two-day program were able to deepen their appreciation of strategic thinking skills including systems thinking, critical reasoning and creativity. Through an interactive and engaging mix of presentations, role-playing and management simulation exercises, participants also acquired insights and skills on improving their grasp and practice of strategy formulation and strategic learning.

CESOs and third level eligibles who participated in the said workshop are:

First Row, Left to Right:

Dr. Teresita C. Fortuna (Department of Science and

Technology); Lourdes K. Otayza (Mariano Marcos Memorial Hospital & Medical Center); Enrique Abadesco, DPM (HURIS Chief Learning Officer); Atty. Arturo M. Lachica (CESB Deputy Executive Director); Ma. Lourdes F. Rebueno (National Development Company); Charissa P. Hipolito (Department of Finance); Dr. Paulyn Jean B. Rosell-Ubial, (Department of Health)

Second Row, Left to Right:

Laisha Ruh Lao (HURIS Training Coordinator); Grace J. Cenas (National Dairy Authority); Engr. Yolanda Latonio-Tangco (DPWH); Amelia D. Dumaoang (Department of Health); Alan S. Cajes (Development Academy of the Philippines); Gay A. Tidalgo (Department of Trade and Industry); Lilibeth B. Maranan (Bureau of Internal Revenue); Lourdes V. Homecillo (National Statistics Office)

Third Row, Left to Right:


Ophelia Agawin (Department of Agriculture); Atty. Jennifer Manalili (Professional Regulation Commission); Lilian C. Garcia

(BFAR); Dr. Angelita A. Salarda (Department of Health); Yvette T. Sunga (DILG).

Fourth Row, Left to Right:

Rene M. De Guzman (National Dairy Authority); Juan Jovian E. Ingeniero (Department of Interior and Local Government); Edilberto Mantala De Luna (Department of Agriculture); Romeo S. Añano (Department of Energy); Jasper E. Espino (PCSO); Jaime M. Zabala (Bureau of Internal Revenue); Steve Blas A. Dela Cruz (Commission on Appointments); Proscoro Ervin A. Mundo (Philippine Navy-Armed Forces of the Philippines); Romulo F. Munsayac (Department of Health); Radne B. Jomud, (Department of Education).

The 2nd session of the Strategic and Critical Thinking Workshop is slated on June 18-19, 2012.

If interested, please feel free to contact Ms. Laisha Ruh Lao at ceso.training@huris.com.ph, or kindly call (02) 661-5954, (02) 871-6519, or at telefax number (02) 746-2962. 

ARENA XI brings public service closer to Malitaños



More than 2,000 Malitaños benefitted from the “Sebisyo Caravan” of the ARENA XI, a NUCESO Regional Chapter in Davao Region headed by DBM Regional Director Achilles Gerard Bravo, CESO III.

The Association of Regional Executives of National Agencies (ARENA) Region XI, through its banner project “Serbisyo Caravan” was able to successfully bring public service closer to over 2,000 poor people of Malita, Davao del Sur last April 27, 2012.

CESOs and Eligibles from 47 national government agencies and government-owned and controlled corporations who are active members of the ARENA XI, took part in this meaningful activity by sharing the programs and services of their respective departments.

The biggest service provided was the surgical mission that was organized by the Department of Health (DOH), Davao Regional Hospital of Tagum City and the Southern Philippine Medical Center, where hundred patients have

undergone minor surgeries such as removal of cysts. The DOH also assisted rural health units in its distribution of medicines, and other information, education and communication (IEC) materials.

Other participating agencies include the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) that provided employment facilitation services; the Department of Education (DepEd) conducted an information and dissemination drive to the parents about the K+12 program and also distributed 150 school bags and other school supplies to Day Care pupils in time for the upcoming school year; and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) provided information and dissemination campaign and skills demonstration. The CHED, as well, issued special scholarship grants to 15

beneficiaries. The Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) and the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), on their part, contributed more than a thousand pencils.

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD-XI), on the other hand, took this opportunity to distribute the Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT) pay-outs to around 500 beneficiaries of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) and the more than 10 wheelchairs to Malita’s Persons with Disabilities (PWDs). The Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) helped in the caravan by distributing 30,000 tilapia fingerlings while the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) gave out 400



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Important Schedule for June 2012

June 13-15
Effective Presentations
(Accredited Training Program)

June 14
CES C.I.R.C.L.E. Forum No. 33

June 16 and 17
Assessment Center

June 19 - July 2
Session 17 of the SALDIWA-COAM Training Course

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seedlings of narra and mahogany.

ARENA-XI President Achilles Gerard Bravo, CESO III, and Regional Director of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) together with Mayor Benjamin P. Bautista, Jr. of the Municipality of Malita led in the ceremonial hand-over of livelihood programs for deserving residents, scholarships for the youth, and other financial assistance.

Bravo said that the caravan focuses on addressing the concerns of the local government units, especially those with high incidence of poverty and armed conflicts like

Malita, which was the 5th recipient of the project in the entire region. Mayor Bautista acknowledged the sincere effort of the officers of the ARENA-XI and all participating government agencies for considering their municipality as the beneficiary of the caravan.

CESB Executive Director Maria Anthonette V. Allones, CESO I, also shared her time to witness this significant activity and expressed her desire that officers of other NUCESO Regional Chapters could do similar or related projects in their respective regions. 