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NIA Celebrates 52 years of Irrigation Service to the Farmers

“I know NIA is improving.”

- President Benigno S. Aquino III.

This is a statement from the President during the last NEDA Board meeting that Administrator Florencio F. Padernal disclosed during the opening program of NIA's 52nd Anniversary on June 22, 2015.

It was a beautiful morning to commemorate a special event such as this. Colors of different hues sprinkled the NIA Central Office (NIA CO) grounds as officials, employees and delegates from central and field offices assembled and joined the anniversary celebration with the theme, “NIA @ 52: Committed to Filipino Empowerment.”

In his welcome message, Dr. Padernal shared another affirmative notes, “Very Good!”, gained from the President during the 20-minute presentation of 2014 and 2015 performances compared to DepEd's and DPWPH's one hour-grilled presentation.

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NIA at 52: Committed to Filipino Empowerment



It was in 1963 when President Diosdado Macapagal signed Republic Act 3601 creating the National Irrigation Administration as a government agency responsible for irrigation development in the country. Rice production in this decade started to increase thanks to the efforts of the agency in improving irrigation services. Just after 5 years after NIA's establishment and through its accelerated irrigation development, rice self sufficiency was first attained. By the end of the 60s, palay production topped for the first time the 100-million-cavan mark – a prodigious output of 109.28 million cavans from 3.19 million hectares. The irrigated area contributed 57.59 million cavans or 52.7% of total production harvested from 1.38 million hectares which is 48.2% of the total planted area. Indeed, NIA's metamorphosis for its first ten years is a remarkable feat for the agriculture sector. It is the start of something new for the farmers and rain-dependence easily became a thing of the past.

The next ten years proved to be very significant for the agency. It was during this decade that Amnon Golan of the World Bank's Irrigation and Rural Development Division for Far East and Pacific Projects said that "NIA is the finest irrigation agency in the whole of Asia and in any developing country in the world." It was due to the completion of the Pantabangan Dam's construction 17 months ahead of schedule. PD 552 was also issued during this time amending the NIA charter to grant broader powers and authority for the agency to undertake program-oriented and comprehensive water resource projects for irrigation purposes as well as other related activities such as flood control, drainage, hydro-power development, domestic water supply, construction of roads, and reforestation. The decade also witnessed the first time since the end of World War II that the country exported rice. In 1975, PD 693 authorized the

construction of the Magat Dam in Isabela. Other events in this decade were the acquisition of a 2.08 hectare land along EDSA to be NIA's new home – the Central Office – and the change of the agency logo signifying NIA's dynamic corporate growth.

It was in NIA's third decade that the agency realized its mandate to create an Irrigation Age in the country. It was in the 80s when the first largest multipurpose dam in Southeast Asia was completed – the Magat Multipurpose Dam. It was also during this decade that the beneficial Flood Forecasting and Warning System for Dam Operations was implemented. This era also pushed into the limelight the participatory role of farmers in irrigation development. The agency started to do consultations with the farmer-beneficiaries in the selection of irrigation projects. It was also the time when Institutional Development was strengthened thus increasing ISF collection and viability emerged. Because of the improved state of the agency, irrigation was showcased in lieu of agricultural and economic development. This pushed former President Corazon Aquino to declare the 3rd week of June as Irrigation Week in recognition of the agency's grand role in uplifting the lives of Filipino farmers.

In the succeeding decade, NIA's responsiveness to the needs of farmers in terms of irrigation became more evident. This is epitomized when Mt. Pinatubo erupted thus affecting a large portion of Central Luzon which is one of the regions that produce rice for the country. NIA prioritized the lahar-affected areas by introducing Shallow Groundwater irrigation that gave hope to the seemingly hopeless farmers of the region. More and more farmers also became direct beneficiaries of irrigation because of increased irrigation service provision in the country.

A number of new irrigation projects were inaugurated and started such as the Tuganay Irrigation Project, Dipalo RIS, Aganan RIS, Bohol Irrigation Project, and Groundwater Development for Irrigation. Partnership with farmers was further strengthened by including IA Presidents in the Pre-Qualification Conferences of the BAC in regional offices. There were also extensive improvements in national and communal systems, farm-to-market roads, diversion/distribution canals, and drainage systems. This signified the role of NIA in averting rice shortage in the late 90s. NIA became a significant element in sustaining rice self-sufficiency.

The new millennium proved the efficiency of NIA in providing irrigation services. Everything was on the rise: cropping intensity, number of farmer-beneficiaries, total area of irrigated land, rice production, ISF collection, CIP amortization and equity, organized and trained IAs, and irrigation projects – both locally-funded and foreign-assisted. In more recent years, reforms were introduced to improve the performance of the agency. Such initiatives were put in place to bolster the agency's operation towards the attainment of its corporate goals and targets. It is also highlighted that these reforms are all anchored on the collective mission of the agriculture sector to contribute to the increase in farmers' income and ultimately in the agricultural productivity and food security of the country. NIA also became more responsive not just in agriculture but also in other fields such as environmental management, eco-tourism, and hydro-power development.

NIA continues to strive to perform its mandate in providing and managing quality irrigation services for the farmers. Like water, the agency will continuously flow towards sufficiency, sustainability, empowerment, and improved socio-economic state of the Filipinos.

NIA ADMINISTRATOR RECEIVES HIGHEST HONOR FROM PRC

■ Lioneil G. dela Cruz, PAIS



After months of careful and objective deliberation, the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) has bestowed upon NIA Administrator Florencio F. Padernal the Commission's highest award given to professionals from different fields. This year, Dr. Padernal will receive from the PRC the 2015 Outstanding Professional of the Year Award in the field of Civil Engineering in recognition of his efforts and initiatives contributing not just to his field but also to the country.

Dr. Padernal is a Civil Engineer who specializes in the fields of project/construction management, master and development planning, institution and capability building, and engineering. Aside from Engineering, he also specializes on public administration.

For over 36 years of professional excellence, he has held prominent positions in his career. Before becoming the NIA Administrator, he served from March 2002 to October 2004 as Chairman of the Bases Conversion Development Authority (BCDA), an office mandated chiefly to transform military baselands to fund the modernization of the Armed Forces of the Philippines and to finance selective infrastructure projects.

He also became the Chief Technical Advisor (1990 to 1993) of the United Nations Development Programme/World Bank Water and Sanitation Program and provided advisory services to water companies in and governments of China and Mongolia on the organization and construction of water systems, and administered capacity building programs

in communities and to sector agencies to improve systems operations.

Earlier in his career (1987 to 1989), he became a temporary Advisor to the World Health Organization on sustainable operation of water supply systems. Also, for about Nine (9) years (1982 to 1990), he was Project Director for Water Supply of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), responsible for exercising over-all planning execution and control of rural water supply projects implemented throughout the Philippines. He was also assigned as Sector Coordinator.

In his 16 years in DPWH, Dr. Padernal has been instrumental in the formulation of the Water Supply, Sewerage and Sanitation Master Plan (1987), the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Master Plan (1982) and Integrated Water Supply and Sanitation Program (1980), which served as references in the implementation of water supply and sanitation projects in the Philippines and other countries. He also helped in the development and implementation of over 20 foreign assisted - water supply projects in remote and poor areas of the country.

The Outstanding Professional of the Year Award, first given by the PRC in 1977, is the highest award given by the Commission to a professional "as recommended by his/her peers for having amply demonstrated professional competence of the highest degree and conducted himself/herself with integrity in the exercise of his/her profession."

The recognition is also bestowed to a professional considering his/her "meaningful participation in professional activities, significant contribution to the advancement of the profession, and contribution to the effective discharge of the profession's social responsibility and other worthwhile socio-related activities."

The award was handed to Dr. Padernal on June 18 at the Manila Hotel during the PRC Awards Night in celebration of PRC's "Professionals Consciousness Week."

NIA, 22 other govt agencies firm up Jalaaur dam project commitments, interventions

■ Steve Cordero, PRO-C, JRMP

The National Irrigation Administration 6 (NIA 6) firmed up commitments and interventions for Indigenous Peoples (IPs) covered by the Jalaaur River Multi-Purpose Project II (JRMP II). This, as provisions for a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was finalized with 22 government agencies involved with the JRMP II implementation. Also agreed was the creation of an Inter-Agency Coordinating Council (IACC) in order to ensure that needs as identified are addressed and commitments delivered.

The agreement highlighted the Inter-Agency Coordination Meeting at NIA 6 attended by JRMP II officials and representatives of partner government agencies.

Guests in the coordination meeting included Capitol lawyer, Attorney Dennis Ventilacion, Economic Development Cooperation Fund (EDCF) Environmental Monitoring Team Leader Sang Hoon Lee, and Environmental Specialist, Ronald Muana.

Dubbed as the "Inter-Agency Convergence Initiatives," the MOA laid down responsibilities and obligations of the concerned government agencies. The agreement primarily identified government projects and programs on infrastructure (hard project component), livelihood and basic social service (soft project components) of the JRMP II.

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From establishments of hanging bridges, classrooms, health centers and tribal centers, project listing was firmed up in the agreement.

A priority project of President Benigno Aquino III, JRMP II is envisioned to provide Iloilo year-round irrigation water. As such, some 31,840 hectares of agricultural land stand to benefit alongside the rehabilitation of 22,340 hectares.

Further still is the generation of about 6.6 Megawatts of hydroelectric power and supplement the water supply for domestic and industrial use.

"This is the ultimate deliverables of our convergence initiative," said NIA 6 Regional Manager Gerardo Corsiga. "Water, power and food...these are anchored on the JRMP II which will now push further economic growth of Iloilo. We all have limited mandates but with this – our convergence initiative, we will be ready for our midterm and longterm responses."

To note, the conduct of the second Cultural Community Assemblies in 16 barangays with IP presence established the need for extensive government response. With NIA's mandate limited, the need for an inter-agency convergence was firmed up.

The MOA covers the direct and indirect impact project areas particularly ancestral domain of the IPs here. Thus the agreement forged between NIA 6 as lead project proponent, the regional offices of National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) and the Department of Agriculture (DA).

Also integral to the MOA is the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH).

Signatories also include regional directors of the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Education (DepEd), Department of Health (DOH) and Department of Tourism (DOT).

Trainings are also in place for IP-beneficiaries, a commitment by Technical cation and Skills Development Authority (TESDA). Meantime, a major signatory is the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) responsible for the allocation and incorporation of projects for IP communities.

Other agencies involved in the MOA include the Department of Education (DepEd), Department of Science and Technology (DOST), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), Local Government Unit (LGU), National Housing Authority – Iloilo Project Office (NHA- IPO), Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR), Philippine Fiber Industry Development Authority (PhilFIDA), Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (Philhealth), West Visayas State University – Calinog Campus (WVSU-Calnig), West Visayas State University – College of Agriculture and Forestry – Lambunao Campus (WVSU-CAF, Lambunao) and Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA).#

■ Dorothy Belle C. De Leon

Sec. Pan



Secretary Francis "Kiko" Pangilinan, head of the Office of the Presidential Assistant for Food Security and Agricultural Modernization (OPAFSAM), attended the Regional NIA-IA day on May 12, 2015 in Cauayan, Isabela.

Held at the Don Francisco L. Dy Memorial Coliseum, Cauayan City, Isabela, the NIA-IA Day enthemed "Achieving Commitments by Leadership Excellence through NIA-IA Partnership" was attended by more than a thousand farmers, National Officials like Sec. Manuel Mamba, NIA Board Member Silvestre Bonto, NIA Administrator Florencio Padernal, NIA employees, LGU officials led by Atty. Constante Foronda, Jr. who represented Governor Faustino "Bojie" Dy III, and other visitors from all over Region 2.

In his speech, Sec. Kiko implored everyone to champion the plight of the farmers.

“ Bigyan natin ng importansya, respeto at panahon ang ating mga Irrigators Associations dahil kung wala ang mga magsasaka, walang saysay ang trabaho ng NIA, ”

he said, earning an applause from the members of the Irrigators Associations.

Magilinan graces NIA-IA Day, blesses dam



Sec. Kiko, Sec. Mamba and Administrator Padernal, together with Engr. Lara, Cagayan-Batanes Division Manager Francis Yu, System Chief Felipa Sumer, Project-In-Charge Ferdinand Rasos, and Buguey Vice Mayor Levee Antiporda led the blessing, unveiling of the marker, ribbon cutting and ceremonial opening of the intake gates.

He further stated that the government is providing the necessary systems of support for the farmers, because, according to Sec Kiko, President Benigno S. Aquino III wants to make sure that the programs and projects of the agency will be very valuable and that inclusive growth and rural development will bear result.

"When our society starts giving our farmers the recognition and respect that our farmers deserve, we will see a change in agricultural policy and economy and we will see the dawn of a transformed economy," he said in closing.



"Gutom and kapalit kung walang tubig," he emphasized as he faced hundreds of farmers from the systems of Magapit Pump, Visitacion, Banurbur, and Baua.

The NIA-IA Day is a celebration of the enduring partnership of the agency, the Irrigators Associations, LGUs, and other stakeholders. Recognitions were given to deserving National and Communal Irrigation Systems, NIA employees and to the officers of the Samahang Magpapatubig sa Lambak ng Cagayan Incorporated (SMLCI), the regional confederation, such as:

Most Outstanding National Irrigation System (Regional Level) - *Ubbog ti Gattaran IA (CBIMO)*

Most Outstanding Communal Irrigation System (Regional Level) - *MICAVICE IA (CBIMO)*

Runners Up for NIS:
North Western Bagabag IA (Nueva Vizcaya IMO)
Madipu Extreme IA (Quirino IMO)
BALUFIA IA (Isabela IMO)

Runners Up for CIS:
Macalongcong IA (Nueva Vizcaya IMO)
Cajel Communal IA (Quirino IMO)
Cumabao CIS (Isabela IMO)

Best System - *Magapit Pump Irrigation System (MPIS of CBIMO)* - headed by Engr. Ricardo Agustin

Best IMO - *Cagayan-Batanes IMO* - headed by Engr. Francis Yu

Most Outstanding Employee:
Nueva Vizcaya IMO - Orlando Espejo
Quirino IMO - Hermie Bulusan
Cagayan - Batanes IMO - Rosalia Dalin
Regional Office - Roselindo Maddagan

After the recognition ceremony, Sec. Kiko, along with Sec. Mamba, Administrator Padernal, Engr. Antonio Lara, and their entourage left Cauayan City and directly flew to Buguey, Cagayan for the inauguration of San Lorenzo Dam, a Participatory Irrigation Development Project funded by the World Bank.

The 65-million pesos project has allotment for the rehabilitation/restoration and extension of Banurbur Creek irrigation System (BCIS) including supply delivery, installation and commissioning of steel gates and construction of operation house. It was slated to be completed in 730 days, but was accomplished 22 days ahead of schedule. The rehabilitated dam has a service area of 1,974 hectares with 1,775 farmer beneficiaries from the towns of Buguey, Sta. Teresita, and Lallo.

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Sec. Kiko exhorted the LGU, IA and all concerned agencies to join hands in supporting the present administration and the irrigation programs of the NIA.

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The completed ogee dam is expected to boost and improve the efficiency of water delivery, which would equate to higher palay production in the area. #



■ C'zar M. Sulaik, Acting Regional Manager, CARAGA

NIA Caraga Manager Engr. C'zar Sulaik with the media participants at the Bislig Integrated Development Irrigation Project site during the NIA Caraga Media Tour.

NIA Caraga conducts Media Tour

In order to strengthen the region's linkage with the media and ensure transparency implemented by the agency, the Regional Office in coordination with the Surigao del Sur (SDS) IMO, conducted a Media tour on June 4-5, 2015 at Surigao del Sur particularly in the three on-going projects namely Bislig City Integrated Development Project-Irrigation Component (BCIDP-IC), Tagbina CIP and Hubo CIP. Ten personalities from the print and broadcast media, both local and national, participated in the activity: Lando O. Apit of DXVN; Jun Polison of Goldstar Daily; Junjie Esconia of DXJM (President of Commentators Club); Allan S. Bonete and Elpidio P. Inot of Hope Radio; Rey M. Brangan of Bombo Radio; Cecil Ybañez of Periodico; Mike Crismondo and Alexander Lopez of Manila Bulletin; and Louie Oranda of GMA-Butuan and Hope Radio.

The team proceeded to Bislig, Surigao del Sur to monitor the implemented BCIDP-IC with 15 packages under contract with different year allocation. They observed along the way that various gaps in the main canal needs to be constructed. They were doubtful that the project could irrigate its designed area. Afterwards, a 4-km walk from the main road to the Dam site where they witnessed the difficulty of handling the construction materials which caused the contractor to install a zip-line to transport the materials to the construction site. The author explained that the dam was already completed and construction of a portion of the main canal from the dam area (Package 1) was delayed due to the rocks encountered in the base area.

In the afternoon, the team visited Tagbina CIP, in the municipality of Tagbina, which is being implemented by NIA and DAR under ARISP-III. The media appreciated the progress of the on-going project which was already substantially completed. They interviewed the IA President, Mr. Leopoldo E. Etabag and Brgy. Captain German Espinosa of Ugoban to validate the information and asked their opinion with regards to the implementation of the project. The IA President expressed that they are thankful that their dream for 20 years has come true which can irrigate up to 300 hectares. Hon. Espinosa added that the project will not only answer the problem in irrigation, but also it can also promote tourism with its clear water from the waterfalls and supply potable water in the community.

Later in the afternoon, the team proceeded to Hubo CIP, at Barangay Hubo, municipality of San Agustin, where the team also conducted a walk-through to see the actual work accomplishment of the contractor which is only 33 percent. (The media were dismayed with its progress and not convinced that the construction will be completed on its target date of completion, June 27, 2015.)

An exit conference was conducted at Surigao Del Sur IMO Conference Room at Tago, to present the project profile/lay-out and status of the three projects to validate/clarify the issues encountered during the media tour. Present with the team are two contractors and one representative from each of the projects visited and PICs of the IMO.

After proper assessment and evaluation during the exit conference the media were able to compare the project implemented by NIA and other agencies. Several of the activities include negotiations, documents and designs presentation. They appreciated the effort exerted by the office which shows transparency in implementing the project. As they mentioned, media should not be treated as an enemy but a partner in development. With their statement, it indicates that media and the agency could collaborate in proper monitoring of all projects of NIA in order for them to provide relevant and correct information to the public and NIA's clientele.#



Engr. Sulaik addresses the representatives of different media outfits during the exit conference of the just concluded NIA Caraga Media Tour.

PHOTO NEWS



Administrator Padernal inducted the new set of NIA Employees Welfare Program, Inc. Board of Trustees, Members and Officers for CY 2015-2016 held on May 18, 2015 at the Administrator's Conference Room.



NIA Central Office Multipurpose Cooperative new set of Board of Directors, officers and members were inducted by Administrative Department Manager Atty. Ailyne C. Agtuca - Selda on May 18, 2015 at the Administrative Office.



Induction of the new Board of Directors and Officers of the NIA Savings & Loan Association, Inc. held on May 11, 2015 at the Office of the Deputy Administrator for Administrative and Finance Estrella E. Icasiano as the inducing officer.



NIAESP NCR Annual General Assembly was held on May 19, at the NIA Convention Hall attended by Central Office members and officers with Deputy Administrator Estrella E. Icasiano as the Guest of Honor.



NIA Administrator Padernal, Deputy Administrator Estrella E. Icasiano, San Jose Mayor Jose Yap, Jr., Congresswoman Susan Yap and Tarlac Governor Victor Yap together with some of the Central Office Department Heads joined the NIA Annual Tree Planting on June 19, 2015 at Balog-Balog Multi-Purpose Watershed at Barangay Kutog-Kutog, San Jose, Tarlac.





BIG EVENTS

NIA Celebrates 52 years of Irrigation Service to the Farmers

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He thanked everyone “for all the support sa lahat ng ginawa natin for the eleven months since I assumed office.” Committed as he is, Dr. Padernal promised the President to finish all the repair and rehabilitation works by the end of 2015. A calculated risk he said, hence, he summoned support from all, through the able leadership of regional (RMs) and irrigation managers (IMOs). He also revealed that from the same meeting, the President directed Sec. Abad of DBM “to release all the budget of NIA within two weeks’ time”. Along this line, Dr. Padernal wanted to make presentation of all major projects completed in Malacañan; and, to hold a mass turn-over of projects completed in 2014 and 2015 “so the President will know that we have done so much in irrigation development”. “So many reasons for us to celebrate,” Dr. Padernal said and concluded his speech extending sincerest gratitude to all.

Anniversary celebrations promote employees’ morale and foster solidarity. It is also an opportunity to recollect of the Agency’s accomplishments as well as recognize people behind its success. The 52nd NIA Anniversary was planned to be simple, but it came out once again to be a memorable one, highlighting the efforts of NIA’s commitment (to sustain) empowering farmers.



Ms. Mildred Altea, team captain of Region 6 led the Oath of sportsmanship.



Top management officials led the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the regional booths at the DCIEC ground floor before a crowd.

Choir Competition

Each anniversary celebration becomes special with events promoting friendly competition and warm fellowship, such as: Choral and Cultural Dance Competition. Officials and employees pause for a while to participate and flaunt their prowess in singing and dancing. The Choral Competition completed the day in sweet notes participated in by five offices—Regions 1, 8, 10, CARAGA, CMIPP-IC and NIA Central Office. Each team has to perform two categories: choice piece, a song selected by the office and could be rendered in Filipino or in English; and, the common piece, The Prayer, a song that won the Golden Globe Award for Best Original Song in 1999, which shall be rendered according to the participant's own arrangement and interpretation.

The contest concluded with NIA Region 8 Chorale emerged with vengeance as the Grand Prize winner with P30,000.00 cash award ; NIA C.O. Chorale bagged the Second Place with P25,000.00 cash; and Region 1 made it to the Magic 3 as the 3rd Placer with P20,000.00 cash. Chorale groups from Region 10 and Caraga received P10,000.00 each as consolation prizes.



REGION 8



CENTRAL OFFICE



CMIPP



REGION 1



REGION 10



Professors Lester Delgado, Emerson Hernandez and Arwin Tan share their talent and expertise to preside as Judges in this competition.

Cultural Dance Competition

Meanwhile, the second night was filled with another exciting and thrilling performances from participants for Cultural Dance Presentation. Delegates from Region 9 elegantly performed the “Pangalay Ha Patpong”, a muslim-inspired dance that showcases colorful costumes and agile bodies. It also highlights the dancer’s deftness and one could have concluded that they have given their best effort to execute balance in each graceful hand movements and foot work.

For the choice dance, Region 9 performed “Lapay”. A spontaneous dance inspired from the graceful movement of “Lapay” birds flying and waiting to catch a fish. The way these birds fly, swoop, dive and glide stirred fisherfolks to imitate and develop into a traditional dance and become culturally distinct in Masbate.

Region 9 has so much to share as Ms. Nurlinda A. Amil shows the many ways of wearing malong, a tube-like cloth with colorful designs, as a skirt, sash, short or “bahag” or head dress, among others.

Cordillera Autonomous Region (CAR) shared their rich culture as participants garbed in traditional costume presented their choice dance, “DINUY-A”, with the accompaniment of musical instrument called “gangsa” or gong. The traditional dance is performed during social gatherings as they celebrate important events of life such as thanksgiving and wedding.

Apparently, with the beat of the gongs, officials and employees gamely participated in dancing led by no less than Dr. Padernal. A way of thanksgiving for the sustained contribution of NIA in uplifting the lives of the farmers. The night culminated for both presenters— Region 9 and CAR brought home the Grand Prize with P30,000 cash and Second Prize with P25,000 cash, respectively.





Photographed by: Engr. Florencio F. Padernal
(Thanks Sir!!!...sa uulitin...hehehe)



Did you know that this photo of the Public Relations Officers and some NIA employees with Sec. Kiko Pangilinan was captured by our very own Administrator Padernal? Guess Dr. Rencie has a good photography skills.

(photo credits: Jane Baroza Huqueriza "PROs with Sec. Francis "Kiko" Pangilinan during NIA 52nd Anniversary-Awarding Ceremony)

Honoring the Achievers

June 24, 2015 sees the culminating program of the National Irrigation Administration (NIA) 52nd Founding Anniversary's three-day festivities. The said program highlighted the NIA achievers that were given praise and recognition for their outstanding performance and dedication in uplifting the irrigation sector within the region.

Presidential Assistant for Food Security and Agricultural Modernization Francis N. Pangilinan graces the event and gives well-meaning speech that inspires NIA officials, employees, guests, and most of all, the farmers who momentarily leave their farms to join the celebration with their NIA family.

Sec. Pangilinan together with NIA Chief, Dr. Florencio F. Padernal led handing out plaques and cash incentives to winning Irrigators Associations (IA) and NIA officials.

First to accept their awards and incentives are the best performing IA for the CY 2014 Search for the Outstanding IA in the categories National Irrigation System (NIS) and Communal Irrigation System (CIS), followed by the CARP Outstanding Irrigators Association, and lastly the NIA Program on Awards and Incentives for Service Excellence (NIAPRAISE) that were given to NIA officials who exceed expectation and did a great job in steering their respective areas into the spotlight by their exceptional performance and solid commitment.

CY 2014 SEARCH FOR THE OUTSTANDING IRRIGATORS ASSOCIATION *National Awardees*

National Irrigation System (NIS) Category		
Rank	Name of IA	IA Address
Most Outstanding IA	LIGAYA IA	Salvador, Santiago City, Division 1Magat River Integrated Irrigation System
1st Runner-Up	LOWTIP-TAM IA	Salug River Irrigation System Lower Tiparak, Tambulig, Zamboanga del Sur, Zamboanga del Sur IMO, Region IX
2nd Runner-Up	SAN D MIL IA	Malinao River Irrigation SystemSan Miguel, Dagohoy, Bohol, Region VII



Secretary Francis N. Pangilinan speaks before NIA officials, employees, guests, and stakeholders to cap the three-day celebration of the Agency's 52nd Founding Anniversary.



Hon. Francis N. Pangilinan (3rd from left), Presidential Assistant for Food Security and Agricultural Modernization, poses with the NIA top management and Board Member Mr. Silvestre Bonto (3rd from right) upon receiving the Plaque of Appreciation during the culminating program of the 52nd Founding Anniversary of the agency.



LIGAYA IA



LOWTIPTAM IA



SAN JUAN IMPASUG-ONG LA FORTUNA IA (SILFIA)



SAN D MIL IA



BOAN BIDA

Communal Irrigation System (CIS) Category		
Rank	Name of IA	IA Address
Most Outstanding IA	SAN AGUSTIN RUPARAN BIDA (SARBIDA)	SARBIDA CIS, Digos City Davao del Sur, Region XI
1st Runner-Up	BULACANON IA	Bulacanon CIS Makilala, Cotabato, Region XII
2nd Runner-Up	SAN JUAN IMPASUG-ONG LA FORTUNA IA (SILFIA)	San Juan CIS Impasug-ong, La Fortuna, Bukidnon, Region X
Hall of Fame Award		
Hall of Famer	BOAN BIDA	BOAN CIS Rosario, Agusan del Sur, Region XIII
Special Performance Award		
Awardee	TALOY SUR IA	Taloy Sur CIS Taloy Sur, Tuba, Benguet, Cordillera Administrative Region



TALOY SUR IA



SAN AGUSTIN RUPARAN BIDA

CARP OUTSTANDING IRRIGATORS ASSOCIATION CY 2014		
Rank	Name of IA	IA Address
Most Outstanding IA	Bulacanon Irrigators Association, Inc.	Bulacanon CIS Makilala, Cotabato City, Region XII
1st Runner-Up	Gravity Irrigators Service Association, Inc.	Upper Tuganay CIS Sto. Tomas, Davao del Norte, Region XI
2nd Runner-Up	Hingatungan Irrigators Association, Inc.	Hingatungan CIS Sogod, Southern Leyte, Region VIII



BULACANON IRRIGATORS ASSOCIATION, INC.



BULACANON IA



GRAVITY IRRIGATORS SERVICE ASSOCIATION, INC.



HINGATUNGAN IRRIGATORS ASSOCIATION, INC.

NIA-PRAISE AWARDEES	
AWARD	RECIPIENT
Hall of Fame	Alexander G. Coloma Casecnan Multipurpose Irrigation and Power Project-Irrigation Component Phase II (CMIPP-IC II)
Project Manager of the Year (FO-Based)	Alexander G. Coloma CMIPP-IC II
Outstanding Performer (PM FO-Based)	Noldin S. Oyod Malitubog-Maridagao Irrigation Project
	Gerardo P. Corsiga Jalaur River Multipurpose Project
Best Performer of the Year (PM CO-Based)	Helsy S. Bermudez Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Project-Irrigation Component
Best Performer of the Year (Regional Irrigation Manager)	Diosdado A. Rosales Region IX
Best Performer of the Year (Operations Manager)	Mariano G. Dancel Magat River Integrated Irrigation System (MRIIS)
Division Manager of the Year	Eduardo P. Ramos MRIIS District 1
Outstanding Performer (Division Manager)	Jose G. Soliven MRIIS District 4
Best Performer of the Year (IMO Manager)	C'zar M. Sulaik North Cotabato IMO, Region XII
Improved Region of the Year	Region VIII Headed by Romeo G. Quiza
Most Improved Region of the Year	Region VI Headed by Gerardo P. Corsiga



HALL OF FAME / PROJECT MANAGER OF THE YEAR -
ALEXANDER G. COLOMA



OUTSTANDING PERFORMER (PM FO-BASED) -
NOLDIN S. OYOD



BEST PERFORMER OF THE YEAR (PM CO-BASED) -
HELSEY S. BERMUDEZ



BEST PERFORMER OF THE YEAR (REGIONAL IRRIGATION MANAGER) -
DIOSDADO A. ROSALES



BEST PERFORMER OF THE YEAR (OPERATIONS MANAGER) -
MARIANO G. DANCEL



DIVISION MANAGER OF THE YEAR - EDUARDO P. RAMOS



OUTSTANDING PERFORMER (DIVISION MANAGER) -
JOSE G. SOLIVEN



BEST PERFORMER OF THE YEAR (IMO MANAGER) -
C'ZAR M. SULAİK



IMPROVED REGION OF THE YEAR - ROMEO G. QUIZA

52nd NIA Anniversary Sportsfest

Part of the 52nd Founding Anniversary is the Sportfest participated by the different NIA offices. This year's sports competition includes women's volleyball, badminton, and games such as obstacle race, in-and-out relay, and hot dog eating relay, which added fun and excitement in the 3-day celebration.



WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Champion:	Region 6
1st Runner Up:	Region 11
2nd Runner Up:	Central Office
3rd Runner Up:	Region 7

BADMINTON

Champion:	Central Office
1st Runner Up:	Region 13
2nd Runner Up:	MARIIS
3rd Runner Up:	MMIP



OBSTACLE RACE

Champion:	Region 6
1st Runner Up:	MARIIS
2nd Runner Up:	Region 4B
3rd Runner Up:	Region 4A

HOTDOG EATING RELAY

Champion:	Region 4A
1st Runner Up:	Region 6
2nd Runner Up:	Region 10
3rd Runner Up:	Region 11

IN-AND-OUT RELAY

Champion:	Region 2
1st Runner Up:	Region 7
2nd Runner Up:	URIP
3rd Runner Up:	Region 4A

OVERALL

Champion:	Region 6
1st Runner Up:	MARIIS
2nd Runner Up:	Region 4A
3rd Runner Up:	Central Office





Benepisyo ng Malunggay

Health & Wellness

Source: Cardiologist & Internist (Dr Willie Ong- Cardiologist & Internist Health Tips, July 16 & 17, 2015, FB Page)

Alam ba ninyo na napakasustansya ng malunggay? Bukod sa gulay ng malunggay, may malunggay bread, malunggay noodles at iba pang pagkain na may sangkap na malunggay.

Very healthy ang malunggay at madali lang itanim.. Alamin natin ang galing ng malunggay.

Maraming bitamina:

Ang dahon ng malunggay ay punumpuno ng calcium at iron. Ang calcium ay nagpapatigas ng ating buto at panlaban sa osteoporosis. Kung ikaw naman ay anemic o kulang sa dugo, sagana ang malunggay sa iron na nagpapadami ng dugo.

Mataas din sa protina, potassium, vitamin A at vitamin C ang malunggay. Ang mga bitaminang ito ay tinatawag na anti-oxidants. Ito yung lumalaban sa stress at nagpapabagal sa pag-edad ng ating katawan.

Kumpara sa ibang prutas at gulay, ang malunggay ay may mas maraming bitamina.

Ang bunga ng malunggay ay masustansya rin at mataas sa carbohydrates, calcium, iron at phosphorus.

At dahil sa bitamina nito, ang malunggay ngayon ang pinapakain sa mga payat at malnourished na bata.

Para sa maysakit:

1. Pampalakas ng katawan — Kumain ng 1 tasang dahon ng malunggay araw-araw para mapunuan ang bitaminang kailangan ng katawan.
2. Pamparami ng gatas ng ina — Kapag kulang ang gatas ng ina, kumain ng 1 tasang dahon araw-araw. Puwede rin pakuluan ang dahon at gawing tsaa at inumin.
3. Para sa constipated — Kapag ika'y tinitibi, kumain ng 1-2 tasang dahon sa gabi. Makakatulong ito sa pag normal ng iyong pagdudumi.
4. Itapal sa sugat — Kapag ika'y may sugat, puwedeng ilagay ang dinurog na malunggay leaves sa sugat. Hugasan muna ang dahon at durugin ito. Lagyan ng konting tubig at initin. Pagkatapos ay ilapat ang malunggay "paste" sa sugat.



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