

## **PMO MO/C to regulate plastic use**

To continue the assiduous efforts towards environmental protection sustainability, the Port and Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro issued PMO MOC Memorandum Circular 001-2019. "Solid No. Waste Management Program to Ensure Reduction by 10% of Non-Recyclables," which detailed the types of plastics to be regulated or banned in ports including in the Terminal Ports of Balingoan and Camiguin.

The said issuance was also in compliance to the City-wide implementation of the plastic ban in all commercial establishments by the City Local Government Unit of Cagayan de Oro, per City Ordinance No. 13378-2018, the Integrated Ecological Solid Waste Management Ordinance.

Under the PMO's Memorandum Circular, tarpaulins are recommended to be re-used for repetitive activities, while plastic bottles and laminated sachets are still allowed but should be disposed properly in the Material Recovery Facility. These will be then turned over to the Eco-brick facility in Barangay Macabalan that will serve as one of the raw materials for the manufacturing of bricks. On the other polystyrene (e.g cups for hand, the hot drinks), dovpack/tetra pack for beverages, plastic straws, and rubber/ mylar/foil balloons are strictly prohibited inside the Ports.



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### Gwangyang City, SoKor execs and business reps eye partnership with CDO Port; praise green initiatives

Gwangyang City officials led by Mayor Jeong Hyunbok together with Korean business representatives paid a visit to the Port of Cagayan de Oro on 08 November 2019, during their four-day visit to Cagayan de Oro to seal the deal with the City LGU for partnership and bilateral cooperation between the two cities.

The Korean delegation met the officials of the Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro headed by Port Manager Isidro V. Butaslac, Jr.

"As our two cities strengthen and continue to promote mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation, we also look forward that this Port would be able to stride towards strengthening mutually beneficial ties.", PM Butaslac Jr. remarked in his welcome message. As a "Green Port" labeled by APEC Port Services Network (APSN) under its



The City Officials and business representatives of Gwangyang City led by Mayor Jeong (5th from left, bottom row) together with the officials and some personnel of PMO MO/C (wearing gray jackets) pose for a photo gesturing the popular Korean "finger heart" sign.

Green Port Award System (GPAS), the Port Manager further said that the CDO Port is hopeful to gain further knowledge on the realm of environmental protection and preservation, and port productivity and sustainability from Gwangyang City and its port.

Videos about the Port, its services, programs, initiatives, and measures for environmental protection and conservation were shown to the guests. The guests in return presented a short video about their own Gwangyang Port in South Korea which caters over three (3) million tons of cargo volume and shipping around the world.

Mayor Jeong praised the CDO

Port, which he said that although relatively small [compared to Gwangyang], the CDO Port is progressive. He also gave kudos to the Port's "green" initiatives for the environment. He was likewise hopeful that a direct trade route between Cagayan de Oro and Gwangyang will be opened in the near future and that the ties between the two cities may be also extended to the ports, especially on establishing mutual ties in terms of logistics.



The guests and Port Manager Isidro V. Butaslac Jr. (center) exchange tokens as their souvenirs of the cordial first meeting.

The Gwangyang City, South Korea, is one of the sister cities of Cagayan de Oro, bound by partnerships and bilateral cooperation in the fields of economy, culture, tourism, among others. The two cities have established friendly relations since 2012.

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### **DENR-EMB lauds PMO MO/C in Envi Summit 2019**



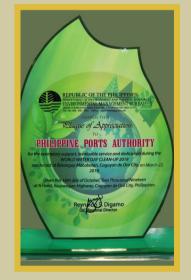
Port Manager Isidro V. Butaslac, Jr. (rightmost) receives the Plague of Appreciation conferred by USec. Benny D. Antiporda (second from the right) during the DENR Environmental Summit 2019 on 16 October 2019.

### Environmental Summit 2019

The annual summit drew delegates from more than fifteen (15) Local Government Units (LGUs) around the provinces of Northern Mindanao, government agencies, and academic institutions. It served as a venue for knowledge-sharing on Solid Waste Management (SWM) such as best practices/success stories, LGU projects/initiatives, new technologies, and updates on policies, rules, and regulations.

With this year's theme, "Beat Air Pollution: Managing Solid Waste Towards a Pollution-Free Environment," Cagayan de Oro Mayor Oscar Moreno remarked that environment protection is a shared responsibility; and plans of national agencies and LGUs must be harmonized towards a competitive, attractive, and livable Region. The Mayor thanked the environment agencies for the initiative of organizing the environmental summit. He added that this year's summit may be focused on SWM, but there are more issues that are equally

important which would be also tackled thereat.



The Plaque of Appreciation given to the PPA PMO MO/C by the DENR-EMB.

DENR-10 OIC Regional Director Reynaldo S. Digamo also asked for the full cooperation of all for a synergistic action towards effective SWM not only in the region but also nationwide. He informed that since

The Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro received a Plaque of Appreciation from the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) Region 10 during the opening ceremony for the DENR's two-day annual Environmental Summit on 16 October 2019 at N Hotel, Cagayan de Oro City.

USec. Benny D. Antiporda, Undersecretary for Solid Waste Management and LGU Concerns of DENR Central conferred the award to Port Manager Isidro V. Butaslac, Jr.

DENR-EMB commended the PMO MOC's active participation in the World Water Day barangay-wide Clean-up Drive on 22 March 2019 in Barangay Macabalan. The twenty-two (22) PMO personnel who laboriously collected a variety of garbage from the drainage canal ("estero") in their assigned area, had gathered an estimated 80 kilograms of wastes during the said clean-up drive.

Plaques of Appreciation were also given to DENR's partner industries and the academe.

> the onset of the implementation of RA 9003 "Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000" eighteen years ago, the country still struggles to manage its garbage and waste. However, the DENR-10 is optimistic to its targets of closing the remaining 27 open and controlled dumpsites in Northern Mindanao and all LGUs will have their approved 10-year SWM plan by 2020.

> The two-day Summit was packed with talks on various environmentrelated topics such as on EMB Policy on the Use of Waste Material as Alternative Fuel, Environmental Impact Assessment and Basic Requirements for projects requiring ECC, Policy, and Guidelines on Sewage Treatment and Management System, among others.

> Various eco-friendly products made from recyclable materials by LGUs were also exhibited during the Summit which were for sale or for pre-order.



# **Coastal Research: Concerned agencies, Local Government Units, called for Public Discussion**

Results of the coastal research titled. "Coral Resource Assessment and Marine Debris Audit (CoReMar)" conducted by the McKeough Marine Center of Xavier University-Ateneo de Cagayan were presented to the concerned agencies, including the Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro (PMO MO/C), and the LGUs the coastal of barangays (Macabalan, Gusa, and Bayabas) which were aimed to serve as springboard for plan of actions towards marine life preservation and protection.

The participants gathered on 06 November 2019 in N Hotel, Kauswagan, Cagayan de Oro City. The research results were presented to them per barangay, followed by an open forum every after the presentation of results. Fr. Mars Tan, SJ, Ph.D., the Director of XUMMC and CoReMar Project Team Leader encouraged the participants to comment and make suggestions since the protection of the marine ecosystem is everybody's concern, as one city benefitting from the waters of Macajalar Bay.

All the subject barangays were having Marine Protected Areas (MPA). The researchers noted that most of the litters they found underwater across the three (3) barangays were plastic materials.

For Barangay Macabalan, there was a high number of fecal coliforms in the seawater within the jurisdiction of the barangay. The PMOs Environment Specialist, Core D. Suan, recommended to



All the participants together with the personnel of McKeough Marine Center of Xavier University—Ateneo de Cagayan headed by their Director Fr. Mars Tan, SJ, PhD (center in blue) pose for a photo after the forum.

the LGU Macabalan to conduct water treatment, septic desludging, and/or sewage collection, like what the PMO MOC does. This is to ensure that wastes will be filtered out and will not reach the bodies of water.

Ample amount of seagrass is still present in the waters of Barangay Macabalan, for which the barangay officials and residents were encouraged to protect.

For Barangay Gusa, the researchers found out that corals and other marine resources were slowly diminishing within its Marine Protected Area (MPA). Future infrastructure developments were also seen to affect the said area. The researchers then posed a question to the LGU Gusa if they will rehabilitate the MPA or convert the same into other purposes. Amidst various notions from other participants, the Barangay

Officials of Gusa stood firm to continue protecting whatever is left in the MPA.

Lastly for Barangay Bayabas, research showed that marine resources are still at substantial rates and are thriving well within their MPA. However, the increasing sediment plume brought about by river dredging activities nearby may later encroach the MPA. LGU Bayabas was urged to establish coordination among other LGU and concerned agencies to address this concern.

Also invited to the event were the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), City Local Environment and Natural Resources Office (CLENRO), City Planning, among others.



Barangay Officials of Barangay Macabalan together with PMO Environment Specialist A, Core D. Suan (in red) discuss about courses of actions to address the concerns in the marine ecosystem proximate to the Barangay as presented in the results of the coastal research. **DAP awards PMO MO/C for "Best Practice"** 

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Acting Executive Assistant Edsel A. Calo (2nd from right) and Environmental Specialist Core D. Suan (center) received the Certificate of Recognition and the DAP trophy in Luneta Hotel, Manila on 17 December 2019.

The Development Academy of the Philippines conferred the Government Best Practice Recognition (GBPR) trophy and certificate to the Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro on 17 December 2019 for the latter's win in the 2018 search with its entry titled, "Fostering a Green Culture for Port Operations and Management".

The awarding ceremony held in Luneta Hotel, Manila also included the announcement of winners for best practice from various agencies for 2019. Representing the Acting Executive PMO MO/C, Assistant Edsel A. Calo, and Environmental Specialist Core D. Suan received the award. Ms. Suan was also the presenter of the entry together with Port Manager Isidro V. Butaslac, Jr. during the evaluation on 18 December 2018 in Richmonde Hotel, Ortigas Center, Pasig City.

PMO MO/C was one of the five (5) winners for the said prestigious award. The PMO's best practice highlights its initiatives for environ-

mental protection, conservation, and sustainability through the employment of technology; issuance and compliance with environmental policies and mandates; and inculcating environmental awareness among port stakeholders.

The 2018 winners presented a short audio-visual presentation on the upof their dates respective best practices one year later. Since its win, the PMO has sustained the benefits of gearing towards green port operations such as cost- energy savings and a clean port. In furtherance of the promotion of Solid Waste Management (SWM), the PMO has issued Memorandum Circular 001-2019 on the SWM program to ensure the reduction of non-recyclables by 10%, which included the regulation on the use of plastic materials (e.g plastic cups, tetra packs) inside the ports, especially in the Administration buildings.

One of the criteria for the evaluation of the best practice is the "replicability" of the same, for which one of the judges inquired on how the said the best practice can also be adopted by other PPA PMOs nationwide. In response, Mr. Calo informed that the PPA is institutionalizing the programs for environmental protection and sustainability to its ports nationwide. For one, the Top Management had approved the procurement and adoption of the Shore-Based Power Supply (SBPS) in the terminal ports such as the Port of Benoni in Camiquin Province. SBPS is working like a charging station to vessels docking in the port which means that vessels will not have to use their own engine while at berth, thereby reducing carbon dioxide emission and air pollutants.

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The GBPR is one of the DAP's strategies to help public sector organizations to further enhance their service towards excellent quality service.



The Government Best Practice Recognition (GBPR) 2018 Trophy conferred to the PPA Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro by the Development Academy of the Philippines.

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# Air and Water Quality Test in the Port of Opol



The conducting team composed of PMO's Environmental Specialist, Core D. Suan and Acting Executive Assistant Edsel A. Calo (both in gray jackets) and laboratory representatives in the Port of Opol,

For furtherance of the PMO's commitment for environmental conservation and in compliance to RA 9275, the Philippine Clean Water Act, RA 8749 the Philippine Clean Air Act, and the requirements for the Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources- Environmental Management Bureau (DENR-EMB), the PMO conducted air and water guality tests in the new Port of Opol, Misamis Oriental on 27 December 2019.

The said activity was in partnership with one of the accredited DENR laboratories in Cagayan de Oro. The Port of Opol was opened on 15 July 2019 which aimed to cater domestic tramping vessels carrying cargoes from the western part of the

region and help spur economic activity in the Municipality of Opol.

With the opening and operationalization of the said Port, the PMO commits to help protect the water and marine resources of the Municipality of Opol. The quality tests are being conducted to ensure and monitor the compliance of contrac-



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tors to the ECC for any construction projects that may have impact on the immediate port environment.

Results of the tests showed that the quality of air and water in the Port are within the DENR standards.

## Prevention of Pollution from Ships: Maritime and concerned agencies conclude "Operation 30 Days at Sea"

The Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro, through its Port Police Division (PPD), actively took part in the "Operation 30 Days at Sea" which aimed to detect, deter, apprehend and file appropriate charges on vessels, criminals, companies and criminal organizations in breach of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, and of relevant national legislations.

The Operation that ran from 01 to 30 October 2019 was spearheaded by the Philippine Coastguard District Northern Mindanao. An inspection team was created to conduct the inspection on vessels and cargoes, and landbased sites, companies, and establishments around Misamis Oriental on their compliance with marine environmental protection and other similar operationrelated mandates. The Inspection Team was composed of Philippine Coast Guard, **Page 7** 





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PNP Maritime Group, Maritime Environmental Protection Unit, Maritime Industry Authority, Bureau of Custom, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, and Philippine Ports Authority.

In thirty (30) days, the Team had inspected thirteen (13) vessels calling at the Port of Cagayan de Oro, and twenty-six (26) land-based sites/ establishments and/or companies. From these, five (5) vessels were found with violations against rules and regulations on proper segregation of garbage, color coding of waste receptacles onboard, provision of oil containment and recovery, availability of oilwater separator, and sufficiency of chemical oil spill dispersant on board, among others; and five (5)

establishments committed violations such as expired accreditation certificate of oil spill boom, no accreditation certificate of oil spill dispersant, incomplete set of oil spill containment and recovery equipment accredited by PCG and no training of oil spill response team (OSRT). Violators will face appropriate sanctions. The Operation concluded on 31 October 2019. The focal persons to this month-long activity, PPD personnel SPPI Zaldy E. Magtagad and PPO1 Pam Budiongan, received their respective Certificates of Recognition during the Culmination Ceremony at the PCG NorMin Headquarters.



Representatives of the participating agencies during the culmination program on 31 October 2019

### **Eco-brick Hub launched in Barangay Macabalan**

With the primarily aim of addressing the perennial problem on plastic wastes, while also providing a livelihood enterprise in the barangay, an Eco-brick Hub was established in Barangay Macabalan, Cagayan de Oro City on 30 October 2019 spearheaded by Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corporation North Mindanao Import Facility (NMIF). The Hub will house a facility that will repurpose plastic wastes to a useable material (bricks) for building homes and road pavers, which shall be operated by Macabalan residents, thereby generating jobs for them and income for the Barangay LGU and selected partner organization, the Macabalan Wharf Porters

Association.

As one of the partners, PMO MO/C will be donating plastic wastes collected in ports to the said Hub, in-exchange of ecobricks, which will be used for future infrastructure projects in the ports.



Representatives of the partner agencies and Barangay LGU together with CdeO City Mayor Oscar S. Moreno (bottom row, second from right)

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Sustainable Mobility Project: PMO MO/C among agencies in talks to solve CdeO City traffic woe



In order to provide viable measures to address the worsening traffic condition in Cagayan de Oro City (CdeO) and to generally contribute to the climate change adaptation and mitigation, a Sustainability Mobility Project (SMP) has been adopted and implemented by the Climate Commission Change (CCC)together with the Philippine Business for the Environment (PBE) in the City that calls for cooperation partnership between and the government and private sectors.

The SMP framework shall include the final combinations of suitable mobility solutions that will be adopted in the City; the areas of deployment, financing mechanisms, time frame, infrastructure, and policy solutions. It shall be complementary to the City's overall longterm development plan and the respective development plans of all concerned agencies, (e.g the Department of Public Works and Highways).

Since Cagayan de Oro is a developing part of the country and been dubbed has as the Manufacturing Hub, Logistics Hub, and Center of Trade and Com-

merce in Northern Mindanao; and proposed to be the 4<sup>th</sup> Metropolitan Center by 2025, the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) sees that the SMP will impact everybody especially the movement of people and goods. The Investors Forum on 13 November 2019 served one of the venues to bring in all "actors." The said event was graced by Cagayan de Oro City Mayor Oscar S. Moreno.

From series of workshops and consultations, three (3) sets of solutions were identified to address the traffic congestion problem: 1) Road Clearing Solutionsclearing of streets and sidewalks from all types of obstructions, including improperly parked vehicles and informal vendors. Displaced vendors will be provided with conducive spaces for their business and customers in partnership with the City LGU and other organizations; 2) Policy Review Solutions- amending or repealing existing road/traffic policies, or establishing new ones that will address the current mobility issues and concerns such as on parking and building

Participants of the Investors Forum composed of individuals from government agencies, private companies, non-government organizations, and the academe, pose for a photo after the signing of Memorandum of Understanding among partner organizations and the City LGU of Cagayan de Oro.

setbacks; 3) Infrastructure and Alternative Transport Solutions- deal with actual infrastructure development.

During the said forum, various proposals and/or programs were presented under each solution for which the participants can raise suggestion, and/or comment, recommendations. For the Road proposals Clearing Solutions. included construction of green space for active transport (walking and biking), walkable markets, and Lunhaw Project from a portion in Divisoria to the CdeO riverbanks; For the Policy Review Solutions were the PUV Modernization Program and Transportation Master Plan of LTFRB; and for Infrastructure and Alternative Transport Solutions- bike lanes, road diets. e-vehicles, P2P buses, and a gondola system. Page 9



City Mayor Oscar S. Moreno delivers his message of support to the Sustainable Mobility Project.



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#### PPA-PMO MO/C Projects to decongest road traffic

The Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro through the support of the top Management of Philippine Ports Authority, has completed two (2) major projects under its 7 Pillars of Development in 2019 which are aimed at decongesting the roads towards the Port of Cagayan de Oro, among other purposes: the Port of Opol and the Cargo Gate Complex at the Port of Cagayan de Oro.

With the development and construction of the Port of Opol, vessels carrying cargoes coming from the western part of Misamis Oriental have been catered in the said Port, thereby decongesting the CDO Port and has since aid in the reduction of travel time of cargo delivery. Since cargo trucks may not anymore proceed to Baseport to deliver/transport/load cargoes, traffic along entry/exit points has noticeably eased. Likewise, the Cargo Gate Complex was constructed to provide 6-lane controlled access to port users, eliminate long queuing lines at the entry point, and help decongest the traffic along the access roads towards the cargo gates.

### **Disaster Risk Reduction Forum: Disaster awareness,** preparedness, and community resiliency

"We cannot stop natural disasters, but we can arm ourselves with knowledge: so many lives wouldn't have to be lost if there was enough disaster preparedness." -Petra Nemcova (Supermodel, survivor of 2004 Thailand tsunami)

The Department of Science and Technology-Region 10 in celebra-Regional tion of their 2019 Science and Technology Week, concerned enjoined various government agencies and local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) units from the provinces of Misamis Oriental. Misamis Occidental, and Camiguin to a DRRM forum on 12 November in Valencia Citv. Bukidnon.

The forum was conducted primarily to promote disaster and preparedness awareness among citizens. Regional Director Rosauro Arnel Q. Gonzales Jr. of the Office of the Civil Defense Northern Mindanao remarked that community is the the first responder during calamities and the cooperation among community members is very important especially in the formulation of plan of actions and dissemination of early warning information.

The resource speakers from the Philippine Institute of Volcanology



The resource speakers answer queries from the audience during the open forum.

Seismology (PhiVolcs), the and Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAG-ASA), and Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) X, discussed about the geohazards in Northern Mindanao, natural disasters that the Philippines is prone to, and the technologies to detect and/or record the disasters. New web applications were also introduced that aim at encouraging people's participation in the monitoring, information dissemination, and reporting of natural disasters in their

(hazardhunter.georisk.gov.ph) that enables people to get hazard assessment reports on an area; and the Project LIG-TAS through which citizens can send real-time report to the MGB about landslide incidents in their area.

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PMO MO/C disaster preparedness

In consonance to the wide information awareness campaign on disasters such as earthquakes, the ports under the PMO MO/C's jurisdiction (Ports of Cagayan de Oro, Balingoan, Benoni, and Opol) have been actively participating in the quarterly National Simultaneous Earthquake Drill (NSED). The drill aims to test the efficiency and usefulness of the PMO's response, recovery, and contingency plans; and their coordination and communication mechanism during response operation.

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# **58 Seminar at PMO MO/C**

Aimed at inculcating cleanliness and orderliness as well as safety in the workplace among the employees, a refresher seminar on proper housekeeping and "5S" principles was conducted on 12 November 2019 at the PMO MOC GAD Hall.

The 5S of housekeeping comes from the Japanese words Seiri, Seiton, Seiso, Seiketsu and Shitsuke which are translated as: Sort, Set in Order, Shine. Standardize, and Sustain, respectively. This principle generally focuses on keeping the workplace clean and organized. Although, this has been commonly used in warehouses and manufacturing, 5S can be used to any workplace for a clean and safe environment that is conducive for all employees.

Implementing and sustaining 5S in the workplace does not only make the office clean but also elicits greater employee satisfaction. quality outputs. and other intangible positive results.

Each component of 5S was discussed during the seminar by the resource speaker, Arch. Maria Linda Escaba.



The participants together with the resource speaker (fourth from left) posed for a photo after the seminar

#### Sort

This involves classifying of materials whether the items will still be used or already unnecessary and are for disposal. Items that are difficult to classify may be temporarily stored on proper containers.

#### Set in Order

This is about the physical arrangement of things or where to place them accordingly. Items should be stored in accessible and navigable places and are labeled properly. Color-coded theme may be used for easy identification.

#### Shine

This is now where materials are cleaned from dust and dirt. Tools and equipment must be cleaned and ready for use at all times. These should be also checked for any damage.

The office must be also routinely checked for worn out cables, busted bulbs, pipe leaks, et. cetera.

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#### Standardize

The culture of cleanliness must be created in the workplace. Best housekeeping practices and standards may be standardized.

#### Sustain

The practice of housekeeping and keeping the workplace safe and clean must be communicated to all employees to have a common understanding towards one goal. Scheduled audit may be established and employees or offices who have maintained orderliness and cleanliness may be given rewards and recognition.

DID YOU KNOW Application of the 5S methodology was pioneered by Toyota Motor Company that endeavored to reduce manufacturing wastes and inefficiencies. The 5S was at first called as the "Toyota Production System". In 1980s, Toyota drew high interest from foreign corporations, wondering how the company was able to manufacture so many products guickly, all in such a high guality level.

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## PMO MO/C joins PPA "recyclable" Christmas Village and Parol Contests; bags 2nd place in CDO Indigay sa Parol

The PMO MO/C participated in the Christmas Parol Contest Christmas decoration-making pegging on miniature Christmas Village in 2019, both organized by the PPA Head Office that called for entries that used recyclable materials.

The PMO MO/C personnel through teamwork, collective creativity, and sheer talents, have created a Christmas Parol and mini-Christmas Village out of various recyclable materials, to highlight the principle of Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, especially on the use of plastic materials.

#### **Indigay sa Parol**

The PMO's Christmas lantern ("Parol") entry landed at 2nd place in the Indigay sa Parol, a Lanternmaking Contest launched by the City LGU of Cagayan de Oro City spearheaded by the City Tourism and Cultural Affairs Office on 02 December 2019.

Various government agencies and offices were enjoined to participate

in the contest. The top three (3) winners were awarded on 06 January 2020 during the flag ceremony at the City Hall.

The PMO MO/C received a trophy and cash prize.



"Christmas Village" displayed at the lobby of PMO Administrative Building 2



A PMO personnel polishing the decoration for the Christmas Parol.





PMO personnel working together to build the Christmas Village.

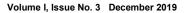




The Judges (2nd to 3rd from left) for the "Indigay sa Parol" Contest pose for a photo together with PMO personnel after the evaluation.

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## **PMO plots new garden in CDO Port**

Maintaining the clean and green environment, the PMO has expanded its fruit and vegetable garden, utilizing one of the areas decluttered in the ports during the PMO's general "clearing" operations in November 2019.

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The area which used to be the site for scrap materials, is now being utilized as a second garden, just adjacent to the established garden situated within the Port Manager's Quarter.

Janitorial and security personnel actively took part in the establishment of the garden: from the preparation of the plots, planting of the seeds, landscaping, and up to the harvesting of the variety of cabbage and chili peppers. The personnel themselves are harvesting the crops for day-to-day subsistence. Apart from utilizing idle spaces inside the Port, the simple act of establishing and maintaining a garden with and by the personnel is aimed at empowering them to be active movers in the promotion of clean and green port. Afterall, environment protection and conservation is everybody's responsibility.



The area before and after the clearing operations, now utilized as a garden.



One of the security personnel harvests the green leafy cabbages.

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