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PM Butaslac Jr. and PMO MO/C win big in "RDC Xcellence Awards"

The Regional Development Council-X (Northern Mindanao) conferred Excellence Lodestar Award to Port Manager Isidro V. Butaslac, Jr. and lauded the Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro as one of the Outstanding RDC-X Agency Members under the RDC "Xcellence or Amihanan Awards" in celebration of the RDC-X Week 2021.

These awards are given by the Council to give honor to individuals and institutions who have demonstrated unwavering commitment and excellence in carrying out the Council's mandated functions despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Outstanding RDC-X Agency Member

The PPA PMO MO/C remains ardent to its commitment for environmental protection and sustainability, ensuring that port operations have minimal partment of Agriculture, DENR, DepEd, DTI, and DOST were awarded as Outstanding RDC-X Members during the online awarding ceremony on 24 September 2021.

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competitiveness of the ports and serve the public better.

During his term, the PMO was certified for the implementation of Integrated Management System with zero (0) non-conformity since 2018 with several positive findings in terms of environment, health, security, and quality.

In view of the current COVID-19 pandemic, his effective management have also made MO/C ports to be amply responsive and resilient to these precarious times with the implementation of measures under the Prevention—Detection—Isolation—

Treatment—Reintegration (PDITR) and Vaccination strategy.

The Regional Development Council (RDC) is the highest planning and policy-making body in the region. It discusses and integrates local programs from different agencies and organization members to the regional and national socio-economic development activities. The PMO MO/C is one of the active members of the RDC and has presented and proposed development programs and projects particularly major port infra-

structures that help address

perennial concerns such as traffic

congestion and urban flooding.



impact to the ports' milieu and environmental awareness is also inculcated among port stakeholders through green trainings and involvement in environmental activities and programs.

CDO Port is recognized as a Green Port by the APEC Port Services Network and its best practices for environmental protection was also awarded by the Development Academy of the Philippines.

The PMO MO/C, along with the De-

Excellence Lodestar Award

Since the onset of his term in PMO MO/C, PM Butaslac, Jr. has been a trailblazer who assertively drives for transformation and re-engineering of MO/C ports in areas of infrastructure, environment, technological innovation, management system, and peace and security. These gradual transformations are aimed towards a new paradigm in service delivery—an important factor to increase the

PMO MO/C joins the celebration of National Maritime Week 2021

The Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/ Cagayan de Oro (PMO MO/C) joined the maritime community in this year's celebration of the National Maritime Week (NWM) on 20-26 September 2021 spearheaded by the Philippine Coast Guard.

Opening Ceremony

The port stakeholders held the simultaneous dressing of ships and blowing of horns on 20 September to kick-off the weeklong observance of the NWM. This was followed by a short opening program via video teleconferencing.

In his message, CG Commo Agapito B. Bibat, the Commander of Coast Guard District Northern Mindanao (CGDNM), reaffirmed the crucial role of the seafarers in ensuring the continuous global supply chain amidst the pandemic, as underscored in this year's NMW theme, "Seafarers at the core of shipping's future." The seafarers have also been essential workers at the frontline, delivering goods across the globe during these precarious times.

ties related to maritime safety, security, environmental protection and seafarers' well-being and their future in view of increased digitali-

zation and automation. In line with this and to maintain compliance with the public health protocols, the CGDNM organized webinars which the PMO personnel actively participated in.

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Webinar: Contemporary Issues

on Maritime Safety, Security and

Environmental Protection

Webinar: Information Drive on Marine Environmental Protection

PMO MO/C personnel and other port stakeholders joined the Philippine Coast Guards' information drive on marine environmental protection titled, "Mga Mabisang Paraan Para Mapangalagaan ang ating Karagatan" through a webinar on 21 September 2021.

Nearly 100 attendees participated in the said webinar wherein subtopics such as the importance of ber, the port and maritime members discussed the efforts and achievements of the concerned agency members, particularly the PCG, in the areas of maritime safety and security.

National Coastal Clean-Up Day

In another webinar on 22 Septem-

Few days after the observance of the International Coastal Cleanup for which the PMO MO/C organized an environmental webinar, some MO/C employees also participated in the coastal cleanup on 25 September 2021 at local beaches.

More than 20 sacks of assorted trash were collected during the said activity. —continue in page 4

the ocean; the pollution that now severely affects this colossal body of water; and the ways to help

protect it.

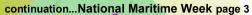


CGDNM Commander COMMO AGAPITO B BIBAT delivers his message during the virtual opening ceremony.

This year's World Maritime theme revolves around providing highlights on the seafarers as the people at the heart of shipping, and anchor activi-



The PMO personnel led by Acting Terminal Manager, Roel Q. Madera (green shirt) posed for a photo together with the personnel of the Philippine Coast Guard and PCG Auxiliary (orange shirt) after the garbage collection.











Closing Ceremony

The NWM celebration concluded on the National Seafarers' Day on 26 September 2021.

The port and maritime community and partner agencies congratulated the PCG for the successful hosting of the event. The Coast Guard District Northern Mindanao (CGDNM) turned over the National Maritime Week hosting for 2022 to PPA.



Port Manager Isidro V. Butaslac Jr., (right) applauded the Philippine Coast Guard for successfully spearheading the 2021 National Maritime Week.



Port Stakeholders celebrate International Coastal Clean<mark>up</mark> via W

To maintain adherence to the minimum public health standards on the conduct of activities with expected large turnout of participants, the Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro (PMO MO/C) together with other port stakeholders instead celebrated the International Coastal Cleanup (ICC) 2021 through a webinar on 18 September 2021.

A total of 92 participants from the PMO, Philippine Coast Guard, Philippine Coast Guard Auxiliary, cargo handling operator, and private sector joined the webinar titled, "Philippine Coastal Areas: Significance, Threats and Management".

The invited resource speaker, Mr. Ronelo Abad of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), provided background on the beginning and goal of the Coastal Cleanup organized by the Ocean Conservancy in 1986. He made emphasis on the impact of coastal clean-



The participants on camera during the webinar.

up, wherein, collected data on the type of marine debris are being analyzed to determine its causes and what can be done to address its proliferation. Results of the analysis are used to educate the public, business, industries, and government officials on the marine-related problem to come up with sustainable solutions. He also discussed key points on the management of

Marine Protected Areas, Locally-Managed Marine Protected Areas, and Marine Key Biodiversity Areas. Lastly, everyone was urged to take part in the protection of coastal resources in one's own community.

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The PMO together with other port and maritime agencies and partner organizations used to observe the ICC by conducting community -wide clean-up drives in areas adjacent to the ports.

In the Terminal Management Office of Camiguin, the TMO personnel headed by Terminal Manager Priscilla B. Curilan, together with the Philippine Coast Guard, conducted an actual coastal clean-up with limited participants in adherence with the minimum health standards.

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Help protect the coastal resources in your own little way!

- 1. Volunteer with your local environmental organizations
- 2. Pick up trash; participate in trash clean-up days.
- 3. Help plant trees or seagrass, or remove invasive vegetation,
- 4. Don't litter; streets and storm drains empty into rivers and streams and into our estuaries.
- 5. Pick up your pet's waste.

Per Presidential Proclamation No. 470, the third Sunday of September of each year is declared as the ICC Day in observance of the Global Coastal Clean-up celebrations.

continuation...International Coastal Clean-up from page 5

The TMO Camiguin personnel led by Terminal Manager Priscilla B. Curilan (white polo shirt), together with the personnel of the Philippine Coast Guard conducted a coastal clean-up drive in celebration of the International Coastal Cleanup (ICC) and the "Maritime and Archipelagic Nation Awareness Month" (MANA Mo) being observed every month of September.



The Ocean Conservancy reported the following statistics from 2020 International Coastal Cleanup contained in its 2021 Report:

By the Numbers

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Top Ten Items Recorded

964,521 **Cigarette Butts**

Beverage Bottles 627,014 (plastic)

Food Wrappers (candy, chips, etc.) 573,534

519,438 Other Trash (Clean Swell)

Bottle Caps (plastic) 409,855

Grocery Bags 272,399 (plastic)

224,170 Straws, Stirrers

Take Out/Away 222,289 Containers (plastic)

162,750 **Beverage Cans**

146,255 **Beverage Bottles** 10

221,589 People

5,229,065 **Pounds**

2,371,864 **Kilograms**

> 49,635 Miles

79,880 **Kilometers**

8.066,072 **Total Items**

Source: https:// oceanconservancy.org/



City Government of CDO and PPA inked Deed of Donation for a Thermal Scanner at CDO Port









The City Government of Cagayan de Oro represented by Mayor Oscar S. Moreno officially turned-over a thermal scanner to the Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro thru a Deed of Donation inked during the ceremonial signing with Port Manager Isidro V. Butaslac Jr. on 19 August 2021.

The multiple scanner equipment which was installed at the Port of Cagayan de Oro on 04 June 2020, greatly aided the efficient no-contact temperature scanning of all inbound individuals especially at the height of the repatriation activities of the government last year when the Port was daily receiving multiple batches Returning Overseas **Filipinos** of (ROFs) and Locally Stranded Individuals (LSIs) including those who would go home to other regions and

provinces outside Northern Mindanao. It served as an additional tool for the preventive measures being implemented

by the PMO in ports against the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).



The no-contact thermal scanner has a built-in intelligent facial recognition system with big data analysis that can generate health data, statistical report and analysis of epidemic trend, among other highend features.

Be in the Know

PMO MOKE Personnel jumpstart registration in the Philippine Identification System (PhilSys) in CDO Port





PHILIPPINE IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM



PMO MO/C employees both regular and outsourced personnel including the security personnel together with their immediate families have started registering in the Philippine Identification System (PhilSys) for the issuance of their National ID in the mobile registration site set-up by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)-X in CDO Port which will be operational from 26 to 28 August 2021.

PhilSys is the government's central identification platform for all citizens and resident aliens of the country that aims to provide a valid identification for all Filipinos to ease public access to financial services and inclusion, social protection, health, education, and other government services.

The registration involves the collection of demographic and biometric information and to ensure everyone's safety, the PMO has adequately prepared the area and installed the necessary measures to maintain the minimum public health standards during the registration the area according to their scheduled which appointment arranged prior to the activity to prevent mass gathering in the site. Everyone was also to wear reminded face masks and face shield and social

observe distancing.



entire duration of the activity. Biometric information are collected from the regis-Personnel will only proceed to trants such finger prints (above photo), and eye photos (bottom photo)



Organized queuing during the 3-day activity at the PMO's GAD Hall, Administrative Building 2, Port Area





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"Libreng Merienda ang May Bakuna": PMO MO/C provides free snacks to vaccinated passengers





Distribution of free light snacks at CDO Port



Distribution of free light snacks at Benoni Port, Camiguin

In support of the government's ongoing COVID-19 vaccination program towards herd immunity and in consonance with the PPA's mandate of keeping its ports safe, PMO MO/C distributes free snacks to a total of 777 vaccinated passengers in MO/C ports on 03-20 August 2021.

After the PMO MO/C concluded the DOTr-initiated provision of free light snacks to all vaccinated passengers in ports on 20 August 2021, the PMO continued the activity in partnership with the Rotary Club of Cagayan de Oro (RCCDO) and co-sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Philippines on 24 August 2021 in CDO Port. More than 300 embarking passengers were served with light snacks in the said Port.

In another collaboration, the PMO partnered with the 1001st Auxiliary Squadron of the Philippine Coast Guard Auxiliary (PCGA), the civilian support group of the Philippine Coast Guard for the provision of free light snacks to vaccinated passengers at the Baseport on 09 September 2021.



The PMO MO/C in partnership with Rotary Club of CDO, and Pepsi-Cola Philippines, gave free light snacks to vaccinated passenger at the Baseport



Distribution of free light snacks was also conducted in separate partnership with the Philippine Coast Guard and PCG Auxiliary.



Distribution of free light snacks at Balingoan Port



Serbisyo at Malasakit

Seaport porters receive relief goods amid crisis brought by **COVID-19** pandemic

Porters in the Port of Cagayan de Oro, who are negatively affected by the ongoing crisis brought by COVID-19 pandemic, received relief food packs on 12 August 2021 from civic organizations, Misamis Oriental Filipino-Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc. and Padre Pio Prayer Group of CDO, in collaboration with the Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro (PMO MO/C).

Each of the beneficiaries received a sack of rice, and a bag containing assorted canned goods, noodles, and sachets of milk powder for their families. The activity aimed to provide aid to a total of 115 beneficiaries including airport porters.

Port Manager Isidro V. Butaslac Jr. together with the representatives of the partner civic organizations led the distribution of the relief packs in CDO Port. The PMO has conducted coordination meetings to plan the organized distribution of goods and to ensure that safety and health protocols are observed.

The activity was organized not only to help ease the economic burden of the porters and their respective families but also to give recognition of their frontline service despite the prevailing COVID-19 threat. Also, this activity is in harmony with the government's call for bayanihan, that is, helping one another especially the frontliners and the most vulnerable sector, so together the country can win over this crisis and heal as one.



The porters assigned at CDO Port posed for a photo bringing their food packs.



The PMO MO/C represented by Port Manager Isidro V. Butaslac Jr. (3rd from left) and Port Terminal Complex (PTC) Manager Imelda Siva (far left) together with the representatives of Filipino-Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc. and Padre Pio Prayer Group of CDO and the porter beneficiaries



Sacks of rice provided by Padre Pio Prayer Group of CDO were unloaded from a truck at CDO Port for distribution to the beneficiaries.







2 passengers nab in CDO Port for fake RT-PCR results

Two (2) outbound passengers were apprehended in the Port of Cagayan de Oro on July 1 for presenting fake COVID-19 reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) test results, a violation of RA 11332 or the "Mandatory Reporting of Notifiable Diseases and Health Events of Public Health Concern Act".

The said passengers who were supposed to travel for Bohol were caught faking their RT-PCR test results which they presented to the Regional Inter-Agency Task Force of the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (RIATF-MEID) of Bohol prior to their travel, after the latter verified the said document to the Department of Health (DOH) and found out that their names were not in the agency's database of recorded individuals who underwent RT-PCR test. DOH informed and coordinated with the Port Police and an entrapment operation was conducted together with the



An entrapment operation was conducted inside the CDO Port's Passenger Terminal Building to capture the subject individuals upon their trip departure schedule.

Philippine Coast Guard, PNP Precinct 5, and PNP Maritime Group to capture the concerned individuals inside the Port's Passenger Terminal Building upon their trip departure schedule.

Charges for violation of RA 11332, and other applicable laws will be filed against the suspects who were detained in Police Station 5, Macabalan. Tampering of records or intentionally providing misinformation is one of the punishable acts under RA 11332.



Port Security intercepts illegal drugs in CDO Port



The PDEA personnel itemized the objects seized from the suspect.

The Port Police personnel intercepted illegal drugs brought by a truck driver during the security screening at CDO Port's Access Control Center on 09 September 2021.

Five (5) heat-sealed sachets of suspected methamphetamine ("shabu") were seized from the suspect along with ten (10) strips of aluminum foils, and disposable lighter.

In coordination with the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA), the suspect was apprehended and charged for violation of RA 9165 or the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act.

The Port of Cagayan de Oro is an International Ship and Port Facility Security Code (ISPS)compliant port, implementing stringent security measures and heightened vigilance for the protection of lives and properties in ports.

Myths and Facts about COVID-19 Vaccines

MYTH: The ingredients in COVID-19 vaccines are dangerous.

FACT: Nearly all the ingredients in COVID-19 vaccines are also ingredients in many foods – fats, sugars, and salts.

MYTH: The natural immunity I get from being sick with COVID-19 is better than the immunity I get from COVID-19 vaccination

FACT: Getting a COVID-19 vaccination is a safer and more dependable way to build immunity to COVID-19 than getting sick with COVID-19.

MYTH: COVID-19 vaccines cause variants.

FACT: COVID-19 vaccines do not create or cause variants of the virus that causes COVID-19. Instead, COVID-19 vaccines can help prevent new variants from emerging.

MYTH: Receiving a COVID-19 vaccine can make you magnetic.

FACT: Receiving a COVID-19 vaccine will not make you magnetic, including at the site of vaccination which is usually your arm.

MYTH: The mRNA vaccine is not considered a vaccine

FACT: mRNA vaccines, such as Pfizer- BioN
Tech and Moderna, work differently than
other types of vaccines, but they still trig
ger an immune response inside your
body.

MYTH: COVID-19 vaccines contain microchips.

FACT: COVID-19 vaccines do not contain micro chips. Vaccines are developed to fight against disease and are not administered to track your movement.

MYTH: COVID-19 vaccines will affect my fertility.

FACT: Currently no evidence shows that any vaccines, including COVID-19 vaccines, cause fertility problems (problems trying to get pregnant) in women or men.

MYTH: COVID-19 vaccines can alter my DNA.

FACT: COVID-19 vaccines do not change or interact with your DNA in any way.

Source: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/facts.html

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