

PMO MO/C to link
with WWF for plastic
waste reduction &
management in ports

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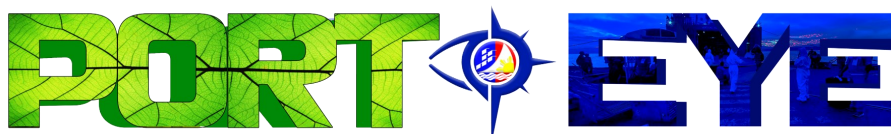
PMO MO/C takes part in Clean Ports, Clean Oceans project

The Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) will be partnering with the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)—Philippines to reduce plastic pollution by 50% in three (3) selected Philippine ports including the Port of Cagayan de Oro under the Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro.

Through a Memorandum of Understanding, the PMO MO/C along with PMO Batangas and PMO Manila North Harbor shall collaborate with WWF towards the end goal of developing port waste reduction and management models that can be adopted by local and global ports in addressing plastic pollution under WWF's "No Plastics in Nature" initiative. This initiative aims to stop plastic waste leakage to the environment by 2030.

The concerned PMOs and representatives from WWF convened on 27 May 2021 to discuss the potential project collaboration and the existing port waste and management system in ports. This partnership will also be involving communities and other port stakeholders. *(Turn to page 5)*





PMO MO/C joins the celebration of World Water Day 2022



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The month of March has been nothing short of productive for the Port Management Office of Cagayan de Oro. Aside from celebrating International Women's Month, the PMO has also conducted activities in promoting environmental awareness and conservation.

The World Water Day was celebrated on 25 March 2022. As part of its efforts in engaging port stakeholders and all personnel in advocating for marine environment conservation, the PMO organized a webinar on the importance of managing water wastes and the relevance of the annual Earth Hour activity.

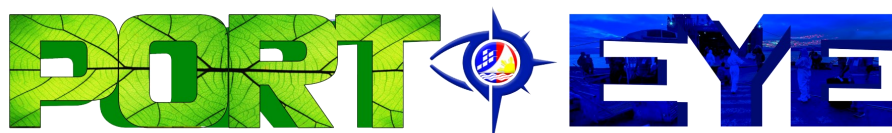
Chemical Engineers Khalil Lastimosa and Jennifer Lastimosa of the Vital Water Waste Management Services introduced the topic on water conservation and how the ports play an important role in protecting it. According to the statistics they presented from the Environmental Management Bureau, 76.8% of families have toilets but less than 10% is connected to a sewerage system and the rest rely on septic tanks.

On the other hand, Marine Conservationist Cherrisse July Ross Adlawan, the World Wide Fund Project Coordinator for Clean Ports, Clean Oceans, thoroughly explained the relevance of the annual Earth Hour activity. During the presentation, she emphasized that this year's Earth Hour is significant as it is happening in a crucial time for the world with the ongoing pandemic and the recent war between neighboring countries.

In order to sustain its engagement in promoting the campaign for a greener and more sustainable future, the PMO is conducting activities such as mangrove tree planting and coastal cleanups, and collaborating with other agencies and organizations such as the World Wide Fund's Baseline Study on Port Waste Management, wherein the Port of Cagayan de Oro was one of the three (3) ports in the country chosen to participate based on its potential and the interests of stakeholders.

*There's plenty of water in the universe without life,
but nowhere is there life without water.*

Sylvia A. Earle
American Oceanographer and Explorer



MOC ports and stakeholders join Earth Hour 2022



In addition to its notable environmental endeavors, the Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental / Cagayan de Oro participated in this year's Earth Hour on 26 March 2022 from 8:30PM to 9:30 PM.

The annual Earth Hour is a global media trend launched in 2007 and has grown into the largest environmental activity in the world. During the webinar conducted by the PMO on World Water Day (25 March 2022), Marine Conservationist Cherrisse July Ross Adlawan of World Wide Fund explained the relevance of the Earth Hour and how it contributes a positive change in the environment. In 2021, almost two hundred (200) countries participated in the said activity which resulted to 2.4 million views for the virtual spotlight video in twenty-four (24) hours. It also trended in various social media networks across 42 countries. According to Ms. Adlawan, this year's Earth Hour is conducted in the world's most crucial time as leaders make decisions on sustainable environmental development which will affect the health of the planet and the future.

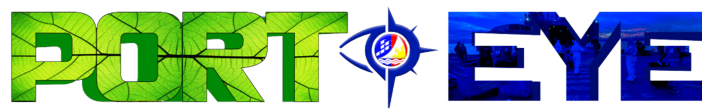
All buildings, establishments, and offices under the jurisdiction of PMO MO/C participated in the activity and switched off all non-essential lights for an hour from 8:30PM to 9:30PM, as they did in the previous years. This is part of their contribution to the country's efforts towards sustaining environmental wellness.



DID YOU KNOW?



The Earth Hour has been celebrated for fifteen (15) years since it began in 2007 as a small grassroots movement in Sidney, Australia.



Facts about EARTH HOUR

(Source: www.wwf.org.uk)



It is one of the world's biggest environmental movements.

Earth Hour is one of the world's biggest movements for nature and climate, organised by WWF and partners across the world – but led by the Earth Hour community.



A humble beginning with more than a decade of history.

It has been 15 amazing years since Earth Hour began in 2007 as a small grassroots movement in Sydney, Australia.



It is more about rebuilding connection than just switching off.

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It is truly a spectacular, global event.

Every year, hundreds of millions of people, famous landmarks, local businesses and community groups across the world take part in Earth hour events and activities.



Desperate times led to creative solutions.

In 2020, Earth hour went fully digital for the first time in the UK. As well as switching off lights, many people connected online by joining digital events and live streams during the hour.



Earth Hour is helping to tackle deforestation.

The world's first 'Earth Hour Forest' was launched by WWF Uganda, in East Africa as part of their Earth Hour 2013 campaign to restore 2,700 hectares of degraded land.



Your friendly neighbourhood Spider-man got a bit more environmentally-friendly

Spider-Man is the first superhero to become a global ambassador for Earth Hour in 2014, bringing much-needed attention and global outreach for the Earth Hour movement.



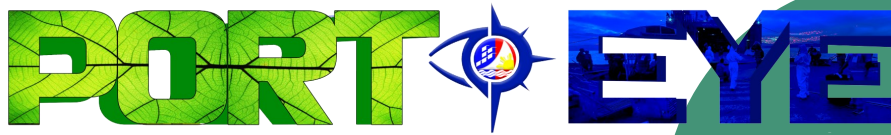
Earth Hour made it to space.

In 2015, Italian astronaut Samantha Cristoforetti joined the Earth Hour movement from space by holding a sign 'Change Climate Change' floating inside the International Space Station.



It led to a brilliant green innovation for charging phones.

There are 'solar trees' set up across Shanghai for Earth Hour, which allows the public to charge their mobile devices with renewable green energy.



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Additionally, the Baseport has an accredited service provider for Shore Reception Facility that collects vessel-generated wastes.

WWF—Philippines is a non-profit organization that works to improve Filipino lives by crafting solutions to mitigate climate change, providing sustainable livelihood programs, and conserving the country's rich marine and land resources.



Baseline Study Media Launch

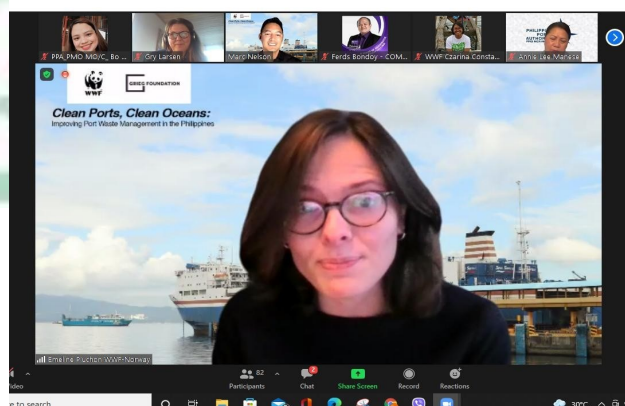
The Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental / Cagayan de Oro represented by the Port Services Division Manager Ruby Gumapon and Environmental Specialist Core D. Suan, attended the virtual media launch for the World Wide Fund Baseline Study on Port Waste Management in the Philippines held last 28 January 2022, via Zoom.

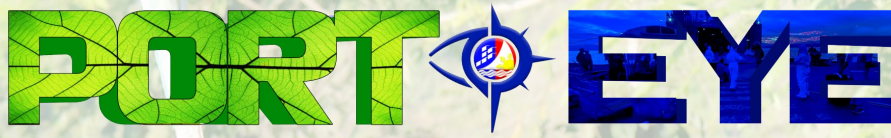
The results of the study were presented during the virtual event. Wastes were categorized into three groups: vessel-generated waste, port-generated waste, community-generated waste (communities within and adjacent to the port). Three ports were chosen to participate in this study because of their potential and the interests of their stakeholders: Manila North Harbor, the Port of Batangas, and the Port of Cagayan de Oro. Wastes from these ports were collected and recorded based on the three categories. It was discovered that the most generated waste was plastic.

WWF Philippines started the “No Plastics in Nature” initiative under their #AyokoNgPlastik movement, which aims to stop the flow of plastic waste in nature by 2030. In line with this, recommendations were made in partnership with the Philippine Ports Authority to ensure the prevention of plastic waste from leaking into the ocean. Some of these recommendations were: use of proper and updated tools for segregation of waste; stricter implementation of policies and programs; and proper and full documentation of waste segregation, among others.

During the event, WWF Philippines Executive Director Katherine Custodio delivered her welcoming message for invited guests from their partner in this baseline study, The Greig Foundation, representatives from the Philippine Ports Authority, Philippine Coast Guard, and other agencies that advocate for environmental health and awareness. She mentioned the importance of this study and how the ports perform an important role in waste management. The Project Manager for WWF Philippines, Czarina Constantino, stated that the objective of this study was to identify and test out solutions for managing port generated waste and adapt it to the local ports.

As of today, the PMO MO/C has already implemented programs and policies that are in line with the study's recommendations, such as the proper documentation of the utilization of shore reception facilities in ports under its jurisdiction and contributing to the ongoing drafting of the PPA Environmental Code, among

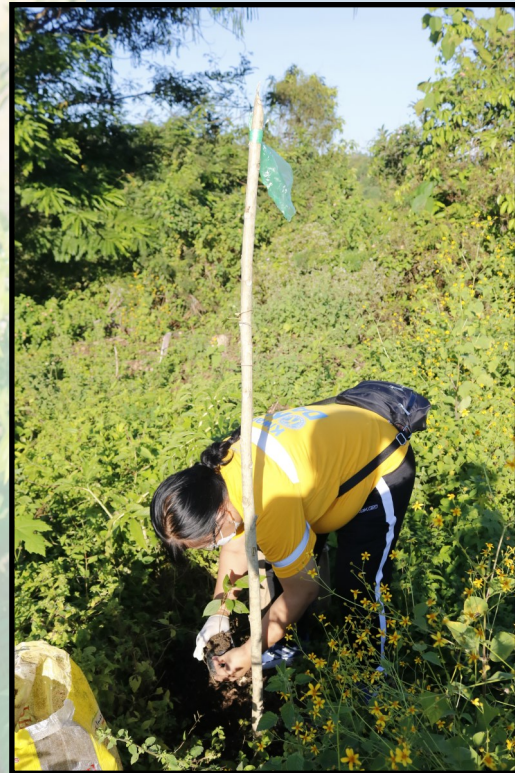




PMO MO/C takes part in Tree Planting Activity for the National Zero Waste Month Celebration

A total of 100 mangrove seedlings were planted at the New Government Center Site of Opol, Misamis Oriental to mark the celebration of the National Zero Waste Month where the PMO MO/C through its Opol Terminal Management Office actively participated on January 29, 2022.

Mangroves perform an integral role in environmental protection, especially for countries like the Philippines which are commonly affected by natural calamities. Aside from being able to grow where no other trees can, mangroves serve as barriers that protect the shorelines from destructive waves and winds, preventing further damage to the environment, people, and properties. They also provide habitat for fishes and other marine organisms, simultaneously filtering pollutants from the water and capturing carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases in the atmosphere.



The Department of Natural Resources (DENR) through its Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) initiated the celebration of the National Zero Waste Month to encourage people in taking part of the country's efforts in proper waste management and conservation of the environment and its natural resources. One of the activities organized by LGU Opol in their participation is the tree planting activity.

All participants gathered at the site at 6:00 in the morning. Despite the early call time, PM Isidro V. Butaslac, Jr. together with a few other PMO personnel joined representatives from the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office of LGU Opol, Rotary Club District 3870, Philippine Coastguard Auxiliary, and other socio-civic organizations in planting the mangrove seedlings.

The PMO MO/C continues to support the government's programs in the protection of the environment and its natural resources. Last year, the APEC Ports Services Network recognized the Port of Cagayan de Oro as one of its GPAS (Green Port Award System) Awardees for maintaining sustainable port operations and its contribution to environmental protection and awareness.



DILG grants Safety Seal Certification to all ports under PMO MO/C



In accordance with its objectives in ensuring safe, secure, and sustainable port operations, the Port of Cagayan de Oro was conferred with the Safety Seal Certification by the Department of Interior and Local Government on Thursday, 17 March 2022, even exceeding the standards required.

An organization or establishment voluntarily applies for a Safety Seal Certification and submits the necessary requirements. A random onsite visit is then conducted by the authorized agencies namely: the Philippine National Police, Bureau of Fire Protection, the Department of Interior and Local Government, to inspect if the establishment has consistently implemented the minimum public health standards set by the government and integrated its contact tracing system. Once it is declared that the said establishment is indeed compliant with the provisions, the DILG issues the Safety Seal Certification.

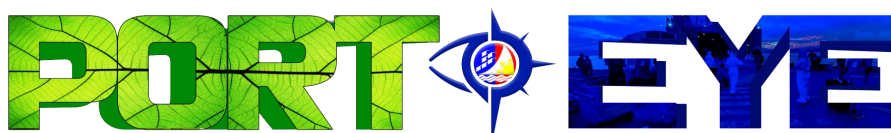
The entire base port of the Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental Cagayan de Oro City was inspected by the DILG, PNP, and BFP on 17 March 2022 for the Safety Seal Certification. According to DILG CDO City Director Jane J. Docallos, the office has notably complied with all the items on the checklist and has exceeded the standards required for the certification. The buildings and facilities were praised for the consistent implementation of health protocols – from the air purifiers placed in every office to the organized Core Team Special Order with functions and disinfection guidelines already

stated; the efficient usage of the Material Recovery Facility as temporary storage for collected infectious waste; and a special recognition was given to the new Passenger Terminal Building and its amenities for being equipped with facilities that ensure passenger safety, including the Beyondsight advanced surveillance system.

PMO MO/C has also required the establishments inside the port to apply for the Safety Seal Certification. In fact, the Philippine Ports Authority issued the Administrative Order No. 10-2021 "Implementation of Safety Seal in Ports" which covers all establishments inside the ports under PPA's jurisdiction.

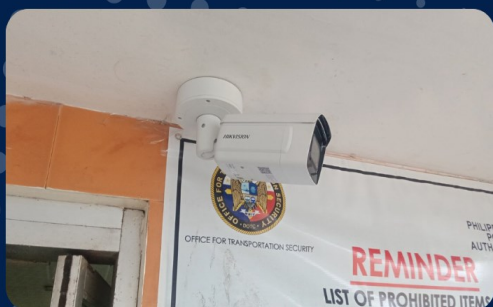
The Ports of Cagayan de Oro, Opol, Balingoan, and Benoni, all under the jurisdiction of PMO MO/C have been granted the Safety Seal Certification.





Port Safety and Security

Beyondsight Service Activation at TMO Balingoan

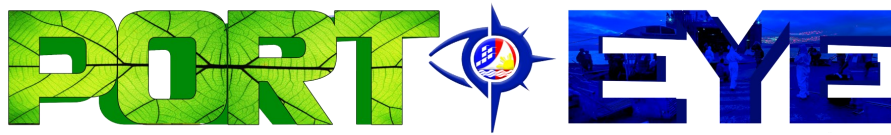


Beyondsight Philippines Inc., the service provider of the Philippine Ports Authority for the Supply, Delivery, Installation, and Commissioning of Multi-Site Remote Surveillance Monitoring Equipment and Services activated its Intelligent Surveillance Center at the Terminal Management Office of Balingoan on 24 January 2022.

Since the start of the pandemic, approximately 2,000 passengers pass through the Port of Balingoan every week, most of them coming from or are on their way to the island of Camiguin. The number of passengers increases during peak seasons and with summer coming up, there is a need for a higher level of security to monitor activities within the port. Beyondsight has installed the Intelligent Surveillance Center (ISC), which is an advanced security system that can monitor and analyze surveillance data without the need for human intervention.

The security team of TMO Balingoan will now be able to monitor activities and incidents through the advanced surveillance cameras that can track people, vehicles, and even small objects. These can also detect belongings left at the port and perform face recognition and people counting, among others. Through its monitoring system, the port's security can Intervene, prevent, and contain any port incident/accident real-time. Notifications for minor incidents will be sent to the onsite personnel through SMS and for major incidents they will receive both SMS and phone call. A weekly or monthly report of all the detected incidents will also be provided to the TMO.

Beyondsight's advanced technology of surveillance cameras is also installed at the Ports of Cagayan de Oro, Benoni, and Balbagon.



Installation of Vehicle Disinfection System at Benoni Port

The Province of Camiguin is known as one of the most beautiful islands in the Philippines. It is famous for its rich cultural heritage, as seen in their traditional arts and craftworks, as well as its vast and diverse natural environment. Tourists often visit the island since it has become a major attraction in the country.

Camiguin has three (3) ports which are operational and facilitate the transportation of tourists, local residents, and even trucks that carry goods and livestock. These ports are located in Balbagon, Guinsiliban, and Benoni, with the latter being the main port of entry. However, during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Province of Camiguin has been implementing strict measures in all its ports to ensure the safety and security of all passengers and local residents. Since trucks carrying live animals also pass through its ports, precautionary measures are implemented to prevent livestock diseases such as the African Swine Fever (ASF) from entering their island.



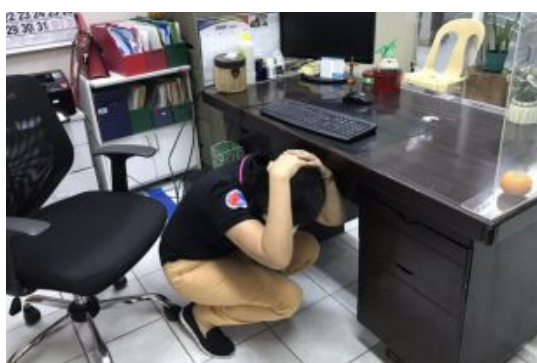
In relation to this, the Office of the Provincial Governor and the Department of Agriculture Regional Field Office 10 – Livestock Division partnered with the Terminal Management Office of Camiguin for the installation of an Automated Vehicle Disinfection System at the Port of Benoni.

The installation was completed on December 28, 2021, with the disinfection system, composed of a panel box and wall mounted sprayers, placed at the exit gate of the Benoni Port. Once operational, vehicles passing through the gate will be sprayed with sanitizers and disinfectants to prevent the spread of harmful bacteria and viruses.

As of 25 January 2022, the disinfection system is already in use at the Port of Benoni.



PMO MO/ C takes part in 2022 1st Quarter Nationwide Simultaneous Earthquake Drill



In accordance with the policies and regulations formulated in the National Disaster Preparedness Plan, all personnel and port stakeholders of the PMO MO/C participated in the First Quarter Nationwide Simultaneous Earthquake Drill on 10 March 2022. The NSED is conducted quarterly, spearheaded by the Office of Civil Defense in partnership with other local and national government agencies. Drills and exercises are performed during the event to strengthen disaster response and increase preparedness among government agencies.

The said activity started with an online forum organized by the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council via Zoom and Facebook Live followed by the Ceremonial Pressing of the Button led by NDRRMC Chairperson and National Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana. Participants from the Port Management Office together with those from Oroport Cargohandling Services, Inc. – the cargo handling operator in the Port of Cagayan de Oro, the neighboring Shell Northern Mindanao Import Facility, and the Ports of Balingoan, Benoni, and Opol performed the “Duck, Cover, and Hold” during the simulated earthquake which was indicated by the fire alarm siren that lasted for a minute. Oroport (cargo-handling operator) also deployed their emergency vehicles (fire engine and ambulance) at the port as part of the drill. Net call to all stations were made by the Port Police relaying status reports and damages as such is done during actual disasters.

Since the city is placed under Alert Level 1, evacuation was still excluded from the activity in compliance with the minimum public health protocols per NDRRMC Memorandum No. 71, s. 2020. All participants stayed in their respective workstations for the whole duration of the exercise.



ELEVEN YEARS LATER

CDO PORT RESUMES FOREIGN CONTAINERIZED OPERATIONS

In collaboration with the Bureau of Customs and Oroport Cargohandling Services, Inc., the Port of Cagayan de Oro City restores international containerized shipments after eleven (11) years. The event was marked by the arrival of AS ROMINA, a containerized vessel coming from Shekou, China on 14 March 2022.

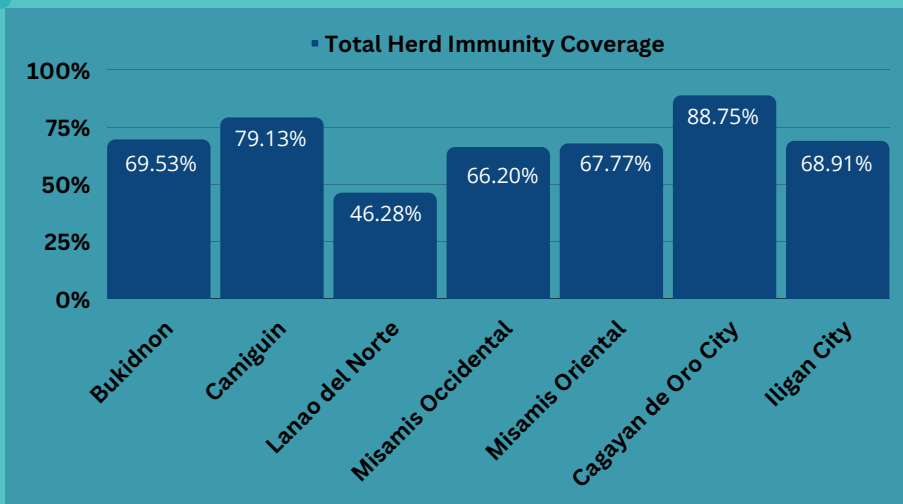
Sailing under the flag of Portugal, container ship AS ROMINA has a gross tonnage of 17,068 and length overall is 180.43 meters. She first arrived at the Port of Subic Bay before calling at the CDO Port, carrying 146 outbound containers and 208 inbound containers.

The Philippine Ports Authority has been working together with Oroport Cargohandling Services, Inc. — CDO Port's cargohandling operator, and the Bureau of Customs in bringing back international containerized operations back to Cagayan de Oro. The last foreign vessel call recorded was in March 2011.

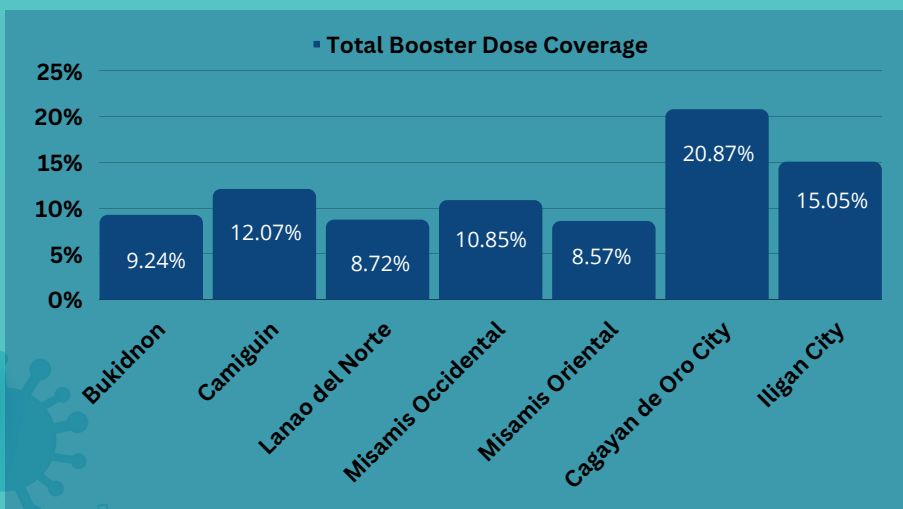




COVID-19 Vaccination Accomplishment - Herd Immunity Coverage as of March 18, 2022



COVID-19 Vaccination Accomplishment - Booster Dose Coverage as of March 18, 2022



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