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PMO MO/C expands initiative for environment conservation

In celebration of its 47th Anniversary and Earth Day 2022, the Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro expands its Green Port initiatives by introducing another program for environmental awareness and conservation. (page 2)



PMO MO/C celebrates its 47th year in public service

The Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro celebrated its 47th year in public service on 18 April 2022 with the theme, "Transcending limits, embracing challenges of the new normal". (page 5)

Message from the General Manager

47th Anniversary of the Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental / Cagayan de Oro
18 April 2022

Pinatunayan ng PMO MO/C na sa kabila ng mga pagsubok na dala ng pandemya ay hindi natinag ang ating magiging na mga lingkod bayan sa mga pantalang inyong pinamamahalaan, katatagan na ipinamalas rin ng iba pang mga PMOs sa buong bansa.

Nawa'y sikapin niyo ring maipagpatuloy ang mga inisyatibong makatutulong sa pangangalaga ng ating kalikasan kung saan kinilala sa maraming pagkakataon ang PMO MO/C dahil sa hindi matatawarang Green Port initiative na inyong pinasimulan.

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PMO MO/C expands initiative for environment conservation



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The month of April was dubbed as “Month of the Planet Earth” by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) with the theme “Earth Day Every Day for Climate Action” to promote awareness and raise action in addressing climate change. In line with this, the Port Management Office (PMO) showed its support to this advocacy by collaborating with the Coast Guard District of Northern Mindanao and 1001st Auxiliary Squadron in conducting environmental activities namely: coral planting, mangrove tree planting, and coastal clean-up. These activities were held on 09 April 2022 with a total of 100 participants from the PMO, Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), and Philippine Coast Guard Auxiliary (PCGA) at the Philippine Coast Guard Training Center in Laguindingan, Misamis Oriental.

The PMO has added coral planting to its “green” initiatives as it is a huge part of its advocacy towards marine environment conservation. Just as mangroves provide protection to the environment, coral reefs, too, are essential especially to the marine life. Aside from protecting coastal communities from strong waters, these animals serve as a habitat to fishes and other marine species. However, they are often damaged by changing water temperatures, pollution, and among others.



TMO Balingoan conducts tree planting activity for Earth Day 2022



Along with its environmental activities for CY 2022, the Terminal Management Office (TMO) of Balingoan under PMO MO/C organized a mangrove planting activity on April 22, 2022, in celebration of this year's Earth Day, with the theme, “Invest in our Planet.” This activity was carried out in collaboration with the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Balingoan, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), 1001st Auxiliary Squadron (PCGA), Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), Prudential Customs Brokerage Services, Inc.

As a recipient of the “Green Port” Award by the APEC Port Services Network, PMO MO/C makes sure it maintains its function in fostering environmental health. Mangrove planting is one of its notable initiatives as it contributes to the preservation of marine resources and has been shown to be a potent barrier against natural disasters, sparing people and property from severe harm.

Fourteen (14) participants from TMO Balingoan were able to plant a total of three hundred (300) mangrove seedlings within the said activity. The seedlings will be monitored and documented to verify the factors that hinder its growth and to formulate corrective actions that can be developed to further increase the sustainability of subsequent planting initiatives.



PMO MO/C documents progress of mangrove planting project

The Port Management Office (PMO) of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro (MO/C) visited its mangrove site at Laguindingan, Misamis Oriental on May 7, 2022 to track the development of its most recent planting project as part of its attempts to ensure the sustainability of its "green" initiatives.

The PMO's Environmental Specialist, Ms. Core D. Suan, together with the members and officers of the 1001st Auxiliary Squadron evaluated each seedling at the location in-depth and noted the number of mangrove propagules that were successfully and poorly planted. One hundred (100) mangroves with roots and leaves and one hundred (100) without roots were planted at the mangrove planting event that took place the previous month. It was found that just 29.5% of the propagules survived after analyzing the assessment's findings. It was discovered that the strong waves that were seen over a three-week period (April 16–30) and the sea's tide level, which was 40 cm or knee-high during the actual planting operation, both had an impact on the plant's survival.

Based on the findings and outcomes of the project assessment, a corrective action plan was developed with assistance from the MAREP Division of the 1001st Auxiliary Squadron. The plan recommends planting during low tide and using propagules with roots and leaves as these have the highest survival rates. Additionally, it was noted that, in order to ensure efficiency and sustainability, the volunteers should be thoroughly instructed on the procedures prior to the performance of the planting activity and that extensive research on planting methods should be conducted.

PMO MO/C presents best practices during APSN online workshop

The Port of Cagayan de Oro, represented by Port Manager (PM) Isidro V. Butaslac, Jr., was invited to speak at the 2022 APSN Green Port Online Training Workshop conducted on May 24–25, 2022 via Zoom as the sole "Green Port" given to the Philippines by the organization in 2021.

In a 20-minute video presentation, the PMO was able to effectively share its best and most sustainable practices at the Port of Cagayan de Oro. PM Butaslac emphasized the port's measures for ensuring environmental protection as well as its efforts to keep them going. The online workshop attendees saw how the CDO port began as a small facility and gradually grew to become the Global Gateway to Mindanao, shipping goods to and from countries like China, Vietnam, Australia, and Singapore.

A cultural framework that promotes "green" culture through Policies and Mandates, Technology, Community Engagement, and Inculcating Values was also made clear throughout the presentation, explaining how the Port of Cagayan de Oro was able to make it to the GPAS list. In order to maintain sustainable and effective port operations, PMO MO/C maintained its commitment to national legislative and regulatory requirements on environmental laws and obligations, as well as local and international standards that include environmental protection. It has also embraced cutting-edge technology to boost productivity and efficiency, particularly in times of crisis. Collaborations with other communities and organizations have also started to form a part of its initiatives to promote environmental awareness and conservation, particularly the preservation of marine ecosystems.

The Port of Cagayan de Oro is presently collaborating with the World Wide Fund for Nature Philippines on another environmental project as it continues to play a crucial role in creating a sustainable future.

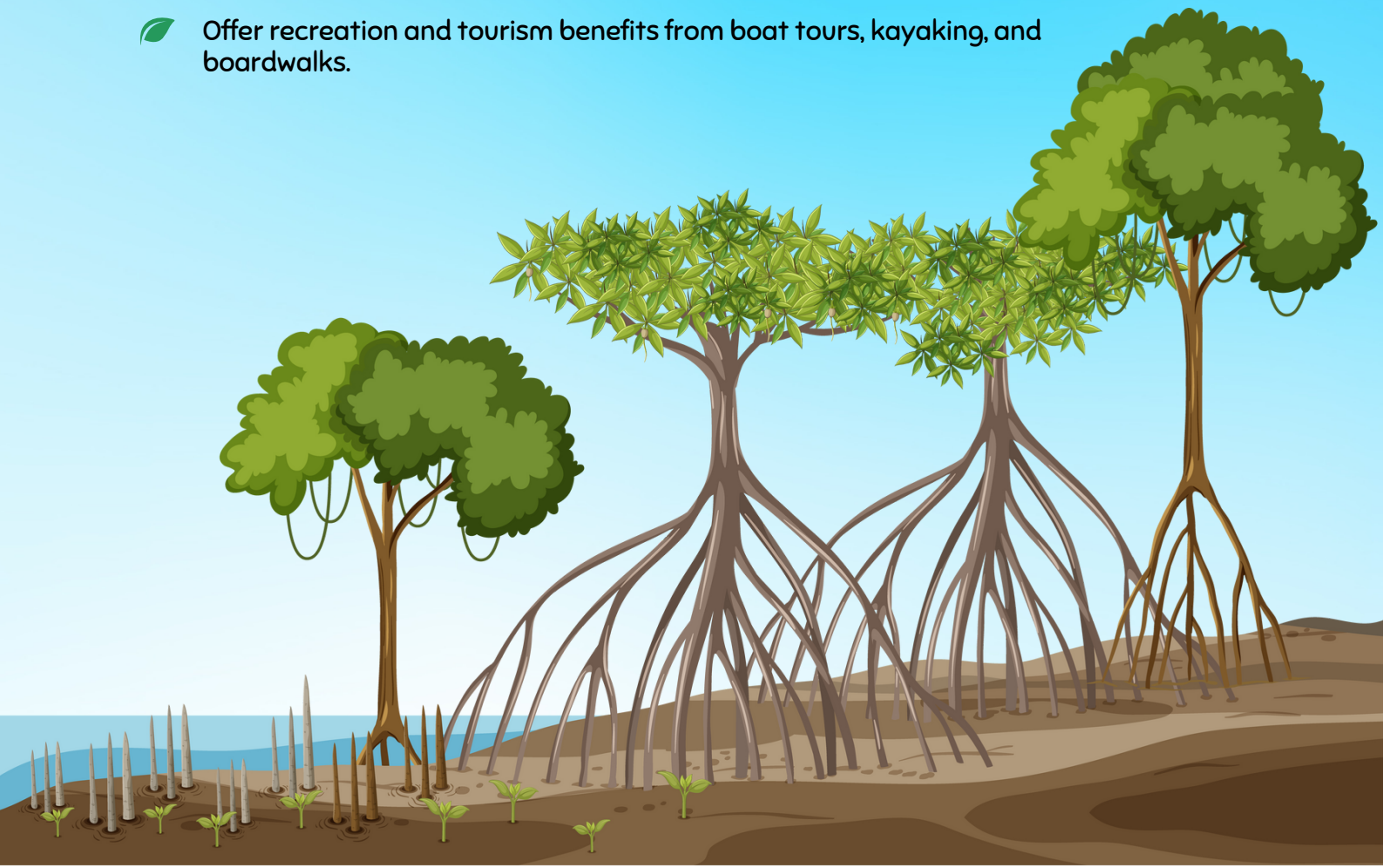
WHY MANGROVES MATTERS

Mangroves are unsung heroes that provide immeasurable benefits, from their role in fisheries to climate change mitigation.

#SaveTheMangroves

(Source: IUCN, www.iucn.org. The Nature Conservancy, www.nature.org)

- Provide natural coastal protection and breakwater.
- Capture and store carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases.
- Branches and roots provide habitat, roosting, and nesting grounds to wildlife.
- Provide spawning and nursery grounds for juvenile marine species, and nurseries for commercial fish stocks.
- Tree roots filter nitrate, phosphate, and pollutants from the water, improving the water quality.
- Root systems slow down water flow, control erosion, and stabilize coastlines.
- Mangroves provide livelihood and support to local fisheries and coastal communities.
- Offer recreation and tourism benefits from boat tours, kayaking, and boardwalks.



PMO MO/C celebrates its 47th year in public service



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Various activities were conducted as early as the 1st day of April in celebration of the 47th anniversary. After the hustle of facilitating environmental initiatives, among others, the PMO transcends limits by organizing more programs and activities not only for its personnel and stakeholders, but for the public as well.

In support of the spiritual and emotional well-being of the members of the PMO and in view of the Lenten Season, a recollection was held on 12 April 2022 which was led by the Daughters of Charity. The event was a blended virtual and in-person session.



A Thanksgiving Mass officiated by Msgr. Tex Legitimas, the National Director of the Apostleship of the Sea, was attended by all employees of the Port Management Office (PMO) to thank the Almighty Father for His continuing grace and guidance. Due to the limited number of attendees permitted in accordance with IATF criteria for cities under Alert Level 1, the Eucharistic Celebration was done both in-person and via Zoom video conference for those who could not come physically.



The PMO staff gathered once more for the culminating program in the afternoon of the same day, and Port Manager Isidro V. Butaslac, Jr. gave his anniversary message in addition to the greeting from PPA General Manager Jay Daniel R. Santiago. In his message to PMO MOC, Atty. Santiago commended the personnel of PMO MOC for their dedication to public service amidst the challenges of the pandemic.

The rest of the afternoon was filled with enjoyment as the PMO personnel participated in trivia games, dance numbers from the regular and outsourced talents, and the awarding ceremony for the dedicated employees who served for more than ten (10) years.



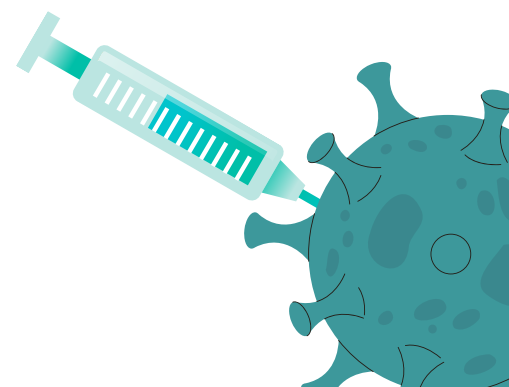
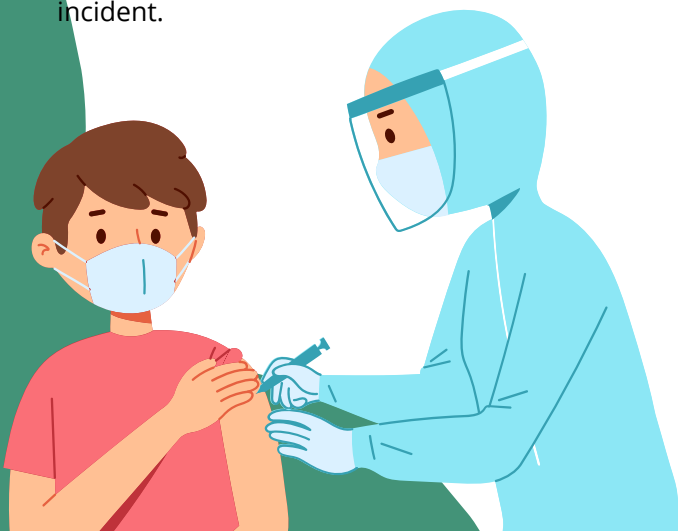
PMO MO/C organizes COVID-19 Vaccination Drive for 47th Anniversary Celebration

In line with its 47th Founding Anniversary, the Port Management Office (PMO) of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro (MO/C) in collaboration with the Department of Health – Northern Mindanao, organized a Vaccination Drive on 19 April 2022 at the Passenger Terminal Building of the CDO Port.

The purpose of the activity is to support the government's efforts in eradicating the COVID-19 cases in the country. Staying true to its theme, "Transcending limits, embracing challenges of the new normal", the PMO proves that despite the obstacles brought about by difficult times, it is more than capable of providing exceptional public service. In fact, the vaccination drive was able to make an impact through an unexpected yet heart-warming incident.

One of the recipients was a male elder passenger who arrived at the CDO Port in the afternoon of Tuesday, 19 April 2022. He was on his way to board the vessel when security found out that he was not able to acquire a ticket as he was unvaccinated. He was a senior citizen and has not been administered a single dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. Fortunately, the vaccination drive organized by the PMO was placed in the area where passengers pass through to get to their vessels. With all vaccine brands made available at that time, the male passenger was administered with the J&J Janssen vaccine, which no longer needs a second dose. Not only was he able to conveniently obtain the COVID-19 vaccine but he was able to avoid the hassle of acquiring a second dose and got a ticket for his intended trip as well.

This experience was truly an unexpected milestone. Indeed, the PMO MO/C in its 47th year in serving the public, has transcended limits in the midst of difficult times.





DOTr Maritime activates One-Stop-Shop Crew Change Hub at the Port of Cagayan de Oro

The Department of Transportation – Maritime Sector activates its 12th One-Stop-Shop (OSS) for Seafarers – Crew Change Hub in the country at the Port of Cagayan de Oro on 30 May 2022 led by the PPA Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro.

The Assistant Secretary for Maritime, Vice Admiral Narciso A. Vingson, Jr. together with his associates joined the OSS Team for Cagayan de Oro spearheaded by Port Manager Isidro V. Butaslac, Jr. during the walkthrough and activation of the said Crew Change Hub. Among the participating agencies were the LGU of Cagayan de Oro, Office of Civil Defense – Region X (OCD10), Bureau of Quarantine (BOQ), Bureau of Customs (BOC), Bureau of Immigration (BI), Department of Tourism (DOT), Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA), Philippine Coast Guard District Northern Mindanao (CGDNM), Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA), National Economic Development Authority – Region X (NEDA-X), Philippine National Police Maritime Police (RMU10), Cagayan de Oro City Police Office (COCPO), Northern Mindanao Medical Center (NMMC), and the Department of Health – Northern Mindanao (DOH).

Ready for OSS Activation



Prior to its activation, PMO MO/C organized a series of meetings with the partner agencies to formulate the Crew Change Hub Protocols, which consist of quarantine, transportation, and security procedures. A city resolution was also issued by the City Council of Cagayan de Oro City expressing conformity to the establishment of the OSS Crew Change Hub.



Overview of the OSS Crew Change Hub

Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, approximately 80,000 Filipino seafarers were stranded at sea. Most of them were on board the vessels with expired contracts and experienced mental and physical illnesses. As a response to this predicament and as a commitment to the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the Department of Transportation – Maritime Sector initiated the establishment of One Stop Shop Crew Change Hubs in the country.

Crew Change Hubs aim to provide easy, safe, and uniform conduct of arrivals to the country's gateways and facilitate the disembarking and embarking of Filipino seafarers. Upon arrival, the disembarking seafarers (referred to as offsigners) will be subject to public health protocols and will be transported to a designated quarantine facility while they wait for the result of their COVID tests. Quarantine monitoring and protocols are facilitated by the BOQ, BI, and OWWA, while security and transportation will be provided by the CGDNM (from vessel to port area), RMU10 (from port to quarantine facility), and COCPO (quarantine facility).



Courtesy Call at CDO Mayor's Office

Upon their arrival, DOTr Asec Vingson and his associates together with the OSS Team for Cagayan de Oro made a courtesy call to Hon. Oscar Moreno's office on 30 May 2022. During their meeting, the importance of vaccination and the current COVID situation of the city was highlighted as this will be a major aspect in the establishment of the OSS Crew Change Hub. Mayor Moreno expressed his gratitude towards the OSS Team for their hard work and success in the preparation for the activation of the Crew Change Hub and is looking forward to the upcoming conduct of international crew changes in the city.



CDO Port conducts first OSS International Crew Change operations for MV ITALIA STREAM

The Port of Cagayan de Oro conducted its first OSS International Crew Change operations on Saturday, 11 June 2022 for MV ITALIA STREAM with thirteen (13) embarking crew (onsigners) and fifteen (15) disembarking crew (offsigners), nearly two weeks after its activation.

Representatives from OSS member-agencies gathered as early as 7:30 in the morning to cater to consigners of MV ITALIA STREAM, which arrived in the afternoon of 10 June 2022, including the Bureau of Customs (BOC), Bureau of Immigration (BI), Bureau of Quarantine (BOQ), Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA), Marine Industry Authority (MARINA), Department of Health (DOH), Philippine Coast Guard District Northern Mindanao (CGDNM), Office of Civil Defense (OCD), PNP-Regional Maritime Unit (PNP-RMU) and Cagayan de Oro City Police Office (COCPO).



Prior to embarkation, consigners stayed at the DOH-accredited facility for health monitoring and quarantine as they wait for their COVID-19 test results. They were then escorted by the COCPO police officers on their way to the CDO Port. Assisted by their licensed manning agency Reefer Express Line Filipinas Inc., the consigners presented their documentary requirements to the CIQ authorities upon arrival at the OSS Facility for final review and evaluation before embarkation. Subsequently, they were transported to their vessel via tugboat M/T BUSCO and escorted onboard by the BOC, PCG and PNP-RMU.

Meanwhile, offsigners underwent triage procedures conducted by the BOQ onboard vessel upon arrival at anchorage. Through M/T BUSCO and with assistance from the PCG, they were transported to the port area where personnel from the PNP-RMU escorted them to their designated vehicles and made their way to the accredited facility for standard quarantine and testing procedures under monitoring by the DOH and COCPO personnel to ensure compliance with minimum public health protocols. As of today, the seafarers have already received their negative COVID-19 test results and have been escorted to their respective homes/countries.

2nd Quarter National Simultaneous Earthquake Drill

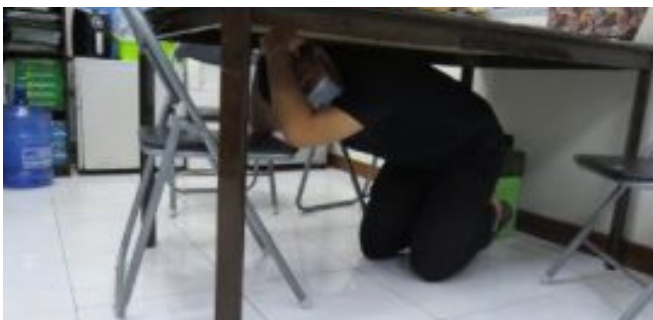


In support of the government's continuing efforts in promoting disaster awareness and preparedness, all personnel, staff, and stakeholders of the Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro participated in this year's 2nd Quarter National Simultaneous Earthquake Drill (NSED) on Thursday, 09 June 2022.

Cover, and Hold" during the simulated earthquake that was indicated by the fire alarm siren. Emergency vehicles (fire truck and ambulance) of Oroport (cargo handling operator) were also deployed during the simulation. The Port Police made net call to all stations, relaying status reports and damages as done during actual disasters.

The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council started the event with an online forum 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 PMO along with those from Oroport Cargohandling Services, Inc. – the Port of Cagayan de Oro's cargo handling operator, the neighboring Shell Northern Mindanao Import Facility, and the Ports of Balingoan, Benoni, and Opol performed the "Duck,

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



Philippine Ports Authority recognized during Cagayan de Oro City's Pahinungod – Tribute to Partners

In celebration of the 124th Philippine Independence Day and 72nd Anniversary of the Declaration of the City Charter, the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Cagayan de Oro City invited the Port Management Office (PMO) of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro (MO/C) during its activities for this year's *"Himugso – Birthing a City. Birthing a Nation. Birthing Tomorrow,"* held on June 12 to June 15, 2022.

Personnel from the PMO MO/C took part in the the 124th Independence Day Flag-Raising Ceremony on June 12, 2022 and in the Charter Day Parade on June 15, 2022 both of which were held in the City's Plaza. In his term report, City Mayor Hon. Oscar S. Moreno outlined all of the accomplishments and contributions he made while serving the City.

The annual *"Pahinungod"* - a Dinner Tribute to the City's Partners in Development was held at the Limketkai Luxe Hotel, CDO City, the same day with the Charter Day and PMO MO/C was represented by Port Services Division Manager, Ms. Ruby Maria O. Gumapon. PPA received a plaque in recognition of its cooperation and support with the City, which helped Cagayan de Oro grow, become more competitive, resilient, and attain core city status in Metropolitan Cagayan de Oro, the fourth economic hub in the Philippines.

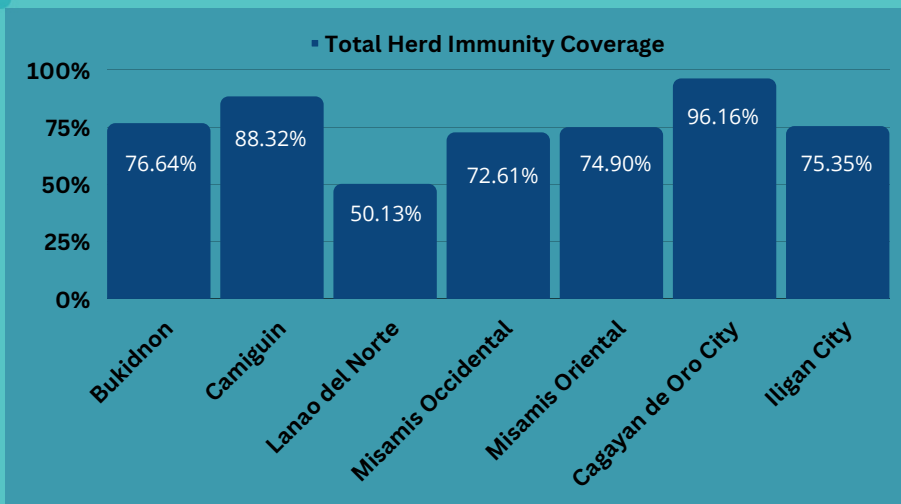


During the COVID-19 epidemic, the PMO collaborated with the city administration on a number of programs, including the execution of public health protocols and the facilitation of transportation for local stranded individuals (LSIs) and returning OFWs.

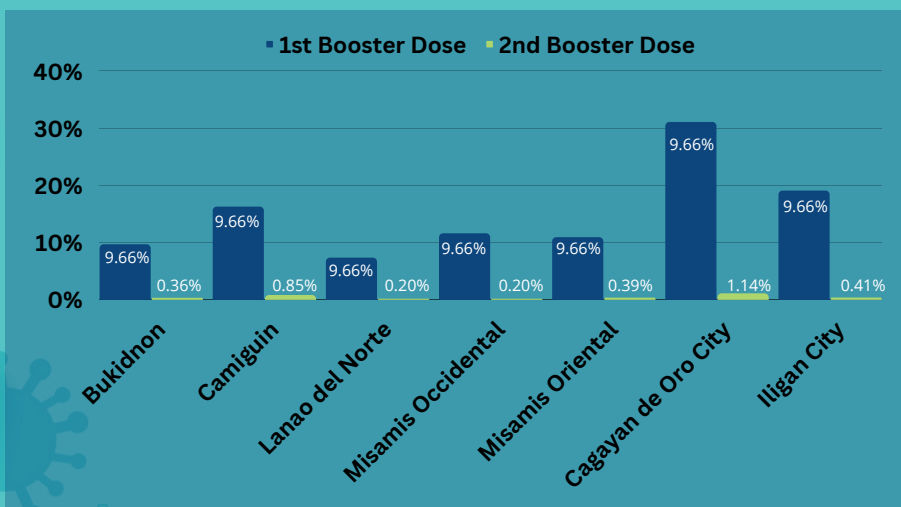
PMO MO/C expressed its sincere gratitude to Hon. Moreno and to LGU CDO City for the sustained collaboration and continuous support.



COVID-19 Vaccination Accomplishment - Herd Immunity Coverage as of June 28, 2022



COVID-19 Vaccination Accomplishment - Booster Dose Coverage as of June 28, 2022



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