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# **PPA Supports DOJ's One Message /One Voice Policy**



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• o ensure an accurate, factual, and timely delivery of information, the Parole and Probation Administration supports

the "One Message/One Voice" Policy of the Department of Justice.

The said policy is being implemented to strengthen the news and information sharing system among the attached agencies of the Department and its constituents. It also aims to highlight the commitment of the DOJ to be more responsive and transparent in the delivery and dissemination of information to all stakeholders and the public.

For proper implementation, the Public Information Section of the PPA was designated to coordinate with the DOJ's Communication Division and to monitor matters relative to the said policy. #/ecl



# **PPA Inks Memorandum of Understanding with PNVSCA**

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was entered into by the Parole and Probation Administration (PPA) and the Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency (PNVSCA) to promote wider participation of volunteer organizations in the rehabilitation of convicted offenders under the probation or parole system.

The MOU was signed by OIC Administrator Julito M. Diray and PNVSCA Executive Director Donald James Gawe on August 2, 2022, at the Philippine Sugar Center Building, North Avenue in Quezon City.

Under the said MOU, both agencies will collaborate on the different undertakings such as development and conduct of volunteering-related advocacy and capacity-building activities for PPA staff in the field offices; joint conduct of advocacy campaigns on volunteerism; establishment, and maintenance of a national network of individuals and/or organizations volunteering for the supervision of parolees or probationers; institutionalization of a volunteer recognition program to raise exemplars of volunteers and volunteerism for development and discussion, lobbying and promotion of volunteerism mainstreaming in probation and parole plans.

The tie-up with the PNVSCA will strengthen the Volunteer Probation Assistant (VPA) Program of the Administration as embodied in Presidential Decree No. 968, the Probation Law of 1976 which was later revitalized through Executive Order No. 468 of 2005.

The MOU will cover a period of three years with periodic reviews and can be amended or extended. #/ecl



The signing of the Memorandum of Understanding. In the photo, OIC Deputy Administrator Allan Alcala, OIC Administrator Julito Diray, and PNVSCA Executive Director Donald James Gawe signs the MOU.



L-R: OIC Deputy Administrator Allan Alcala, OIC Administrator Julito Diray, PNVSCA Executive Director Donald James D. Gawe, and Ms. Fely M. Baday presents the signed MOU.

# **EDITORIAL**

# **Work-Life Balance**

Even before the pandemic strike the whole world, there exist a thing called work-life balance. Most of us envision it as something that are equal or both sides or equal share of time spent. To most of us work-life balance is having that feeling of contentment on both side.

With the arrival of the COVID-19 that resulted to lockdowns of one month or more and less interactions due to the observance of minimum health protocols, companies and offices resorted to hybrid work arrangement. In this work set-up, employees or workers have come to realize that remote working is possible and could result to an output equivalent to that if working in an office.

The importance of work-life balance was given much more emphasis during the pandemic. For those who are already telecommuting and implementing the alternate work arrangement, appreciated more the impact of having a work-life balance. Changes have been noted such as reduction of stress, improved and enhanced mental health, better physical health, better relationship, increased work engagement, improved creative thinking and more productivity to mention a few.

In the recent celebration of 119<sup>th</sup> Civil Service Month, the Civil Service Commission recognized the importance of the work-life balance. Trying to introduce this concept, the Commission crafted and disseminated issuances to enjoin all government agencies to consider the implementation of different work arrangements with the objective of attaining balance approach in work and everyday life specifically during pandemic. #/ecl



# **UNODC Donates IT Equipment to PPA**

UNODC representatives turned over the laptops and printers on July 12, 2022 to (from left to right) CMRD Chief Mary Ann G. Navalta, OIC Deputy Administrator Allan Alcala, and OIC Administrator Julito Diray. The formal turnover ceremony was held at Teodulo Natividad Hall in PPA Central Office.

As part of the commitment of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) to the Parole and Probation Administration (PPA), a total of 38 laptops and 15 printers were turned over to the Agency for distribution to the different regions of the Agency.

The donated equipment will be solely used for the project document entitled "Strengthening the Management of Violent Extremist Prisoners and Compliance with the Nelson Mandela Rules in the Philippines, in the context of the COVID-19 Pandemic" or the "Prisons PVE Project". #/ecl

# **PPA Passes Energy Conservations Audit**



The Parole and Probation Administration – Central Office got a 95% compliance rating during the annual assessment check conducted recently by the Energy Utilization Management Bureau of the Department of Energy (DOE).

The passing grade was obtained due to the different energy conservation measures adopted by the PPA such as using LED lamps for lighting systems, turning off the lights during break time,

setting air-conditioning units thermostats at 24<sup>°</sup>C, limiting the use of air-conditioning units to eight hours, maintenance and regular check-up of government vehicles and designation of Enercon Officers, among others.

The annual assessment was in compliance with Administrative Order 110 or the Institutionalization of Government Energy Management Program (GEMP) wherein all government entities are mandated to adopt and implement energy efficiency and conservation measures. #/ecl

# **PPA Marks 46th Founding Anniversary**

From July 18-24, 2022, the Parole and Probation Administration celebrated its 46<sup>th</sup> founding anniversary and the 28<sup>th</sup> Probation and Parole Week with various activities that focused on the different advocacies of the Agency.

The celebration with a theme "PPA@46: Embracing the New Normal Towards the Journey of Adaptable Governance with Professionalism, Performance and Accountability", kicked-off with a preanniversary tree planting activity on July 15, 2022, at the Upper Marikina River Basin Protected Landscape, Sitio San Ysiro, Barangay San Jose, Antipolo City.

A total of 700 seedlings composed of indigenous plants such as narra, kaimito, coffee and santol were planted by 54 personnel of the PPA-Central Office in a one-hectare land led by OIC Administrator Julito M. Diray.

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The tree-planting activity was in coordination with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources-Central Office and the People's Organization managing the planting site. The said activity was in support of the government's "Enhanced National Greening Program".

The weeklong celebration continued with the following activities:

DAY 1 (July 18, 2022): Thanksgiving Mass at the Manila Cathedral which was officiated by Rev. Fr. Joel L. Rescober. Some clients from the Western Sector of PPA-NCR also joined in the Thanksgiving mass.

A cultural tour at Fort Santiago followed after the mass wherein the agency personnel were joined by members of their family.

- DAY 2 (July 19, 2022): The second day of the celebration dubbed "Wellness Program Day" focused on the well-being of the employees. Zumba, indoor games, and a ten-pin bowling tournament were held. Winners in both indoor games and bowling tournament were given cash prizes.
- DAY 3 (July 20, 2022): A Family Day, wherein a visit at the Manila Ocean Park was held wherein the officials and employees together with their families enjoyed the different attractions offered by the park. The attractions consisted of the oceanarium, penguin exhibit, Christmas village, jellies, super toy collection, creepy crawlies, sea lion show and birds show.
- DAY 4 (July 21, 2022): Two webinars were conducted as part of the weeklong celebration one in the morning and one in the afternoon. The morning webinar pertained to "Classification and Risk Awareness Tool" with Dr. Raymund E. Narag as the resource speaker.

On the other hand, the afternoon webinar was about "Mainstreaming Gender in Investigation and Supervision" with GAD expert Marichu M. Buergo as the speaker.

- DAY 5 (July 24, 2022) Culminating Activity: On July 24, 2022, a culminating activity was held at the B Hotel. The highlight of the said activity was the awarding of National PRAISE Awards. The awardees were the following:
  - Gawad Kagitingan Bulacan PPO #1 (Region 3) headed by CPPO Isagani Villena
  - Gawad Karangalan CPPO Santos B. Jumao-as (Region 7)
  - Gawad Katangi-tanging Pinuno-RD Benjamin C. Cutay, Jr. (Region 11)
  - Gawad Kahusayan SPPO Grace B. Castillo (Region 11)

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Winners received cash prizes and a Plaque of Recognition.

Guests during the awarding rites were Undersecretary Deo L. Marco and Atty. Raul Vasquez of the DOJ Legal Staff. Both officials represented Secretary Jesus Crispin C. Remulla who was the guest of honor.

The second part of the culminating activity was the launching of seven (7) Information Communications Technology (ICT) Programs of the PPA namely:

- Investigation and Supervision of Parole and Executive Information System
- Probation Information System
- Parole and Probation Case Management Information System
- Human Resource Management and Development Information System
- One Time Password System
- Unified Access Management Solution Information System
- Report Collaboration Transcription System

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The Administrative Division, the host division for the Parole and Probation Administration's 46th Anniversary celebration, led by CAO Jose Bonifacio A. Orendain (extreme left).

#### PRESS RELEASE

# **PPA Implements Automation of Clients Database**

*Quezon City* - Parole and Probation Administration (PPA) started to implement automation of its client database through the development of the different information systems relative to the rehabilitation of the probationers, parolees, and pardonees.

Developed by the Agency through the Case Management and Records Division (CMRD), these information systems include Investigation and Supervision of Parole and Executive Clemency Information System (ISPECIS), Probation Information System (PIS), Parole and Probation Case Management Information System (PPCMIS), Performance Monitoring and Evaluation Information System (PMEIS), and Human Resources Management and Development Information System (HRMDIS).

To achieve the mission and vision of the Agency and to keep up with the current trend of utilizing digital infrastructure in obtaining vital information, the PPA conceptualized and proposed the digitalization of its client database.

The said information systems were developed to improve the public service delivery of the PPA through reduced time in report preparation in investigation and supervision; consistent monitoring of the status of cases handled by the field officers; efficient identification of rehabilitation programs participated in by the clients and sustainable maintenance of case history of clients for easier retrieval of case records.

According to CMRD, PPCMIS is already in full implementation while the PIS is on its pilot implementation stage and roll out. The rest of the information system is nearing development completion.

To date, the Agency has 114,107 active supervision cases while 104,608 investigation cases were handled from January to December 2021. On the other hand, the Agency was able to handle a total of 505,790 supervision cases from 1978 to 2021.

The celebration with a theme, "PPA@46: Embracing New Normal Towards the Journey of Adaptable Governance with Professionalism, Performance and Accountability" will also include other activities such as tree planting, thanksgiving mass, seminar, visit to historical sites in the City of Manila, conduct of indoor and outdoor games, and PRAISE awards.

PPA is an attached agency of the Department of Justice (DOJ) tasked to conserve and/or redeem convicted offenders and prisoners who are under the probation and parole system. It was established through the signing of Presidential Decree No. 968 or the Probation Law of 1976. The PPA has three major services namely, investigation, supervision, and rehabilitation. #/ecl

## PPAMCO Holds 25th Annual General Assembly

The Parole and Probation Administration Multipurpose Cooperative (PPAMCO) conducted its 25<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly on August 18, 2022, at the Multi-Purpose Hall in Quezon City.

During the general assembly, PPAMCO Chairperson Clarence I. Narabal and General Manager Ramil G. Manalastas rendered their respective report on the development and financial status of the cooperative. OIC Administrator Julito M. Diray also gave his inspirational message wherein he encouraged the officers of the cooperative to create programs beneficial to the members for the next ten years.

Afterwards, the Election of the new set of officers took place in accordance with the rules and regulations of Cooperative Development Authority (CDA).

The newly elected officers of the PPAMCO are the following:

Chairperson: Vice-Chairperson:	Clarence I. Narabal Danilo M. Capili	
Board Members:	Maryrose Carmen C. Soriano Marissa M. Aberion Freddie V. Aquino Joseph A. Balane Xerxes Keir Kilby M. Balagot	
Credit Committee:	Pauline Kaye M. Herrera (Chairperson) Michael Victor A. Aribal (Secretary) Czarica I. Pacoma (Member)	
Audit Committee:	Alfin D. Castillo (Chairperson) Jabe Anthony M. Pabeliña (Secretary) Agatha Monique M. Ferrer (Member)	TO PROVIDE SERVICE ANCHORED ON THE VALUES OF COOPERATIVISM,
Election Committee:	Bonny M. Calizo (Chairperson) Arianne V. Paragas (Secretary) Jubylyn M. Bacani (Member)	INTEGRITY, PROFESSIONALISM, ACCOUNTABILITY, COMMITMENT AND EQUITY

Likewise, proposed budget for CY 2022 amounting to Php3,800,930.46 was approved and ratified by members of the PPAMCO during the General Assembly.

Included in the approved budget were the salary and benefits hike of the four (4) management staff of the cooperative and the increase in its maintenance and operating expenses. The hike in the approved budget was based on the actual expenses utilized in 2021 which were much lower than the reenacted budget of the said year. This was due to the ongoing pandemic wherein most of the proposed activities to be undertaken in the said year was put on hold.

On the other hand, 34 PPAMCO members won various prizes during the raffle draw. The prizes included Bench face towels, electric kettles, rice cookers, convection ovens, induction ovens, stand fans, induction cookers, a La Germania stove, oven toasters, turbo broilers, a love bird, 42 inches TV, and Php500.00 cash. #/ecl

#### COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS JOURNAL





NAME	BIRTHDAY
Ricardo Arellano, Jr. Rodolfo Lomibao	July 4 July 9
Trisha Anne Pacardo	July 9 July 28
Arjay Clemente	July 31

NAME	BIRTHDAY
Aurea Tapat	August 1
Agatha Monique Ferrer	August 1
Amalia Reyes	August 3
Michael Victor Aribal	August 3
John Christopher Ong	August 5
Jose Reneil Pangindian	August 22
Antonio Saldua, Jr.	August 24
Arrianne Paragas	August 27
Jhon Caezar Retiro	August 30

NAME	BIRTHDAY
Bonny Calizo	October 1
Camille Marcelo	October 3
Elizabeth Ellar	October 6
Cynthia Autor	October 14
Rochele Atienza	October 18
Nesterlyn Picardal	October 20
Hazel Pinlac	October 26
Milagros Dela Cruz	October 26

Precilla Camposanto	November 2
Joseph Balane	November 5
Maria Rosita Villena	November 7
Nancy Señoren	November 10
Rosario Labastida	November 20
John Gerard Roque	November 23
Virginia Silva	November 27
Czarica Pacoma	November 30
Jose Bonifacio Orendain	November 30

#### NAME

NAME

Rhea Cruzada Adel Martir Mary Shayne Ann Maramba Aegean Ville Pascua Pauline Kaye Herrera Frederick Sabater

#### BIRTHDAY

BIRTHDAY

December 2 December 6 December 11 December 12 December 13 December 30

#### NAME

Hans Gerald Selis Jabe Anthony Pabeliña Jovin Allan Arbutante Perlita Reyes Sheila Marie De Leoz

#### BIRTHDAY

September 1 September 10 September 13 September 15 September 16

# PHOTALKS



Signing of Memorandum of Understanding between PPA and PNVSCA (Story on page 2)

46th Anniversary Celebration (Story on pages 4 to 6)



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Central Office personnel enjoyed the weeklong anniversary celebration with various activities. (Comprehensive stories and photos on the celebration are published in the 46th Anniversary magazine.)





Gawad Kagitingan Awardee Bulacan PPO No. 1 (Region 3)

# Congratulations!

(L-R) Gawad Kahusayan Awardee SPPO Grace B. Castillo Region 11

Gawad Karangalan Awardee CPPO Santos B. Jumao-as Region 7

Gawad Katangi-tanging Pinuno Awardee **RD Benjamin C. Cutay, Jr.** Region 11



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PPAMCO's 25th Annual General Assembly (Story on page 8)



By 2030, PPAMCO will be the fastest-growing digitalized multi-purpose cooperative offering exemplary services in Quezon City



To provide service anchored on the values of cooperativism, integrity, professionalism, accountability, commitment and equity.

#### Redeeming lives... Restoring relationships...

PPA Newsletter is now **Community Corrections Journal** - the official quarterly publication of the Parole and Probation Administration - Central Office. It is printed by the Public Information Section—Administrative Division.

The change of the name of the official publication reflects the dynamic progress of probation practice and approach throughout the Agency coinciding with the regional and global community corrections standards development. Subsequent issues will include regular updates and news on non-institutional rehabilitation, corrections practice, studies and relevant laws.

Comment, suggestion, or query as well as article for consideration in the forthcoming publication are welcome.



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### Justice Secretary Remulla Visits BPP, PPA, and PAO



On July 20, 2022, newly-appointed Justice Secretary Jesus Crispin C. Remulla, made his routine visit to the DOJ Agencies Building in Quezon City. Accompanied by Undersecretary Deo L. Marco, he went to the Board of Pardons and Parole, the Parole and Probation Administration, and the Public Attorney's Office. OIC Administrator Julito M. Diray and OIC Deputy Administrator Allan B. Alcala welcomed Secretary Remulla, fondly called 'Boying'. The SOJ asked the three agencies to speed up petitions for parole and executive



clemency to release some qualified PDLs by December of the year.  $_{\#/majrb}$