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"Towards a Listening, Healing and Loving Correctional Community"

National Correctional Consciousness Week October 2022

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PPA HOLDS FIRST **Corrections Summit** to Celebrate NCCW

A Corrections Summit highlighted the NATIONAL CORRECTIONAL CONSCIOUSNESS WEEK celebration of the Parole and Probation Administration last October 24, 2022, via the Zoom platform.

The summit attended by officials and employees of the Agency nationwide was the first ever conducted by the PPA to celebrate the NCCW. The theme, "Towards a Listening, Healing, and Loving Correctional Community," was adopted for the celebration.

Mr. Michael Miatari of DDB discussed the National Household Survey on the Patterns and Trends of Drug Abuse. OIC Deputy Administrator Alcala, on the other hand, presented the New Supervision Framework of PPA. Meanwhile, Mr. Rafael Barreto Souza of UNODC discussed the Tokyo Rules for Non-custodial Measures. # /ecl

### **PPA Celebrates Volunteerism Month**

In celebration of the annual VOLUNTEERISM MONTH every December, of every year, the Parole and Probation Administration led by the Community Services Division (CSD) conducted a webinar on December 7, 2022, via the Zoom platform. The theme of the celebration was "Paradigms and Perspective on Volunteerism".

The webinar which was attended by employees of the agency nationwide and volunteer probation assistants discussed the different aspects of volunteerism specifically the Volunteer Probation Assistant (VPA) program of the PPA. The topics discussed included the Identification of Volunteering opportunities and volunteering experiences.

Resource persons during the webinar were the National Committee on Volunteerism chairperson, RD Benjamin C. Cutay, Jr. of Region XI, CPPO Ma. Isabel B. Castillo of Quezon City PPO No. 1, and VPA-NCR president Earl Robert P. Ferrer.

The keynote speaker during the affair was Mr. Donald James D. Gawe, Director of the Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency (PNVSCA). OIC Administrator Julito M. Diray gave a brief message regarding the importance and role of volunteerism in the rehabilitation and supervision function of the PPA.

An open forum was also conducted during the webinar. # /ecl









# **Bureau Veritas Conducts Surveillance Audit for PPA ISO Certification**





A total of five audit sites of the Parole and Probation Administration underwent surveillance audits. The Bureau Veritas held the audits last November 18, 21-24, 2022, on different selected sites. The audit was necessary for the retention of the ISO certification of the Agency.

The offices or sites included are the Central Office and Regional Office No. IV-A, Bacolod City PPO No. 1, Cordillera Administrative Region and Regional Office No. XII.

The surveillance audit aimed to confirm that the quality management system of the Agency conforms with all the requirements of the audit standards. It also aimed to verify that the organization has implemented its planned arrangements.

The five-day audit yielded 13 opportunities for improvement (OFI), according to Mr. Cezar Sendaydiego's report. The report also mentioned eight (8) minor nonconformities (NC). Mr. Sendaydiego is the Bureau Veritas' lead auditor for PPA. Corrective actions on the said findings will be submitted on or before January 25, 2023, for OFIs and January 27, 2023, for NCs. # /ecl

# PPA Observes 18-Day Campaign to End VAWC with Gender and Cybersecurity Training

In observance of the 18-Day Campaign to End Violence Against Women and Children, the Agency conducted training on Gender and Cybersecurity. The Training Unit held the seminar at the DOJ-PPA Multi-Purpose Hall on December 9, 2023. 76 Central Office personnel was in attendance. Ms. Ma. Gichelle A. Cruz, a member of the Philippine Commission on Women's National Gender and Development Resource Program, was the resource person.

One of the aims of the training was to educate on the connection between gender and cyber -attacks. The training also aimed at the prevention of exposure to cybercrimes. To achieve these goals, Ms. Cruz discussed Gender Social Inclusion (GSI) and the use of social media.

The Philippines has seen the rise of cybercrimes, with children as the most at risk. They are in danger of internet crimes such as fraud, sexual abuse, bullying, and identity theft.<sup>1</sup> For this reason, Ms. Cruz urged the employees to avoid posting nude or awkward photos online. She also suggested avoiding putting family trips and personal information public. Then, she encouraged using strong passwords for each social media and online account. Strong passwords combine letters with numbers and special characters for protection.

Meanwhile, the GSI LENS involves the marginalized and disadvantaged in addressing inequality. These include women, persons with disabilities, and senior citizens. Also included are Indigenous Peoples, sexual and gender minorities, and unemployed youth. Ms. Cruz identified the PROMDI approach to achieve inclusion. PROMDI stands for Participatory, Respect for each other's opinion, Openness, Mindfulness, Dialogical, Integration/Inclusive.

Ms. Ma. Gichelle A. Cruz is not only a member of PCW-NGRP. She is also a USAID Better Access and Connectivity Project in-house GSI Specialist. Ms. Cruz gives technical assistance on GAD mainstreaming to national government agencies and LGUs. She does advisory work for The Asia Foundation Coalitions for Change.

Every year, the Philippines observe the 18-Day Campaign to End VAWC from November 25 to December 12. # /majrb

<sup>1</sup> https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1570600/filipinos-must-be-careful-in-doing-online-transactions-says-think-tank

# **Mental Health Awareness Prevents VAWC**

Incidents related to domestic violence are rising in the Philippines. And with mental health issues connected to it, the Agency invited Ms. Nela Santiago, a former GAD consultant for PCW. She spoke about Mental Health Awareness for the Prevention of Violence Against Women and Children. The Training Unit held the seminar on December 16, 2022, at the DOJ-PPA Multi-Purpose Hall in Central Office.

Ms. Santiago focused her lecture on the effects of stress on our mental health, which could lead to violence at home. She also discussed some possible interventions for the prevention of gender-based violence and the promotion of mental health. Ms. Santiago mentioned the promotion of gender sensitivity at work and the provision of gender-responsive support sources. She also added social support and activities that foster psychological and spiritual health.

According to Ms. Santiago, both men and women experience gender-based violence. But, the majority of the victims are women and girls. About 1 out of every 4 Filipino women who are married or have been married experience violence at least once in life. 12 to 15 husbands in every 100 are battered Filipino men.

Violence is not limited to physical violence and sexual violence. Men and women may suffer psychological violence and economic abuse, too. The speaker encouraged calling the crisis hotlines to seek help for domestic violence.

Ms. Santiago has more than 20 years of work experience as a resource person on GAD training for public and private organizations. # /majrb

# PHOTALKS



Mr. Rafael Barreto Souza discussing the UN Standard Minimum Rules for Non-Custodial Measures or the Tokyo Rules. October 24, 2022



Mr. Michael Miatari presenting the National Household Survey on the Patterns and Trends of Drugs Abuse. October 24, 2022



CPO Ma. Isabel B. Castillo on Identification of Volunteering Opportunities. October 24, 2022



OIC Deputy Administrator Allan Alcala presenting the Manual on Supervision: The New Supervision Framework. October 24, 2022



Ms. Ma. Gichelle A. Cruz receives the certificate of appreciation from OIC Deputy Administrator Allan Alcala, on December 9, 2022.

She is the speaker on the same date for the Gender and Cybersecurity seminar.

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# STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN & CHILDREN

Ms. Nela Z. Santiago speaks during the Seminar on Mental Health Awareness for the Prevention of Violence Against Women and Children. The Training Unit organized the online training and conducted it on December 16, 2022.

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Workshop on Modernization of Non-Custodial Measures Legislation Holiday Inn & Suites Makati October 13, 2022

The participants brainstormed on legal reforms and measures for the improvement of the community-based correction under PD 968 and modernization of the Parole and Probation Administration.

# shout OUT



#### NAME

BIRTHDAY

Jane Morales	Ja
Jay Orozco	Ja
Jo Anne Meg Tilos	Ja
Rodolfo Tupaz	Ja
Richard Regalado	Ja
Paola Viteño	Ja
Marissa Garcia	Ja
Maria Cristina Reyes	Ja
Rosemarie Bestal	Ja
Lester Lima	Ja
Alfin Castillo	Ja
Manuel Boado	Ja
Reynaldo Almarez	Ja
Marissa Aberion	Ja

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#### BIRTHDAY

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March 17
March 31
March 19
March 25

#### NAME

Alejandro Arbutante Freddie Aquino Ferdinand Borres Pamela Denise Datu Godwin Austen Mijares Nestor Picardal Leonides Custodio

#### BIRTHDAY

February 9 February 10 February 20 February 24 February 25 February 26 Wishing all of you a very happy birthday! May your year be filled with abundant blessings, love, joy and laughter. Enjoy your special day!

#### 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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# Congratulations on your promotion!

Congratulations to the following personnel who were promoted on December 12, 2022.

NAME	POSITION PROMOTED TO	DIVISION/SECTION
Czarica I. Pacoma	Administrative Assistant II	AD-Records & Mailing Section
Nesterlyn J. Picardal	Administrative Assistant II	AD-Training Unit
Jo Anne Meg R. Tilos	Administrative Aide VI	AD-Cash Section

## Welcome to the PPA family!

Meanwhile, we welcome Lileth Ann M. Zafra, our new Administrative Aide IV. She is assigned to the Chief Administrative Officer of the Administrative Division. Ms. Zafra took her oath of office on December 12, 2022 as well.

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Source: Administrative Division-Personnel Section