

1st QUARTER CPPOC, PADAC AND PDC MEETING

Members of the Cavite Provincial Peace and Order Council (CPPOC) and Provincial Anti-Drug Abuse Council (PADAC) convened for the joint 1st Quarter CP-POC & PADAC meeting followed by the Full Council meeting Provincial Development Council (PDC) on March 8, 2019 at Sherwood Hills Golf and Country Club in Trece Martires City. The whole day assembly was spearheaded by the Department of Interior and Local Government in coordination with the Provincial Planning and Development Office in order to discuss matters on peace and order, insurgency and programs for former rebels, drug abuse prevention programs and drug-free city/ municipality status of LGUs, and development programs of the province.

The joint CPPOC and PADAC was called to order by Provincial Administrator for Internal Affairs Renato A. Abutan on behalf of Governor Jesus Crispin "Boying" C. Remulla upon determination of quorum by DILG-Cavite OIC Provincial Director and Head Secretariat Eloisa G. Rozul.

Police Chief Inspector Jonathan Asnan of Cavite PPO presented the current peace and order situation of the province with data which reflects a 58.99% decrease in eight focus crimes for the 1st quarter of 2019 as compared to the same period in 2018. Jail Officer 3 Jenilyn Quintana of the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) reported the status of inmates in different detention facilities in the province wherein overcrowding of inmates is the most pressing concern. Bacoar City Mayor Lani Mercado Revilla announced that they have put up a new detention facility to address the said problem in their city jail and asked for the support of the council to secure the area through fencing assistance.

F/Sl Insp. Alyster Castro, Bacoar City Fire Marshal also presented the report of the Bureau of Fire Protection on

the programs they are conducting towards fire prevention and the need for additional personal protection equipment of firefighters. For the internal security updates, Brigadier Gen. Amulfo Marcelo Burgos Jr. shared the various encounters that have had with armed groups operating in the CALABARZON region and the activities that they initiated to curtail the proliferation of left-leaning groups. He urged the council members particularly the local chief executives to be on guard and to not let these groups infiltrate their localities. He announced that Cavite was declared as a province with Stable Internal Peace and Security last December 4, 2018 and proposed for the creation of a Provincial Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict to spearhead local anti-insurgency measures.

The report on anti-drug abuse initiatives and drug-free status of LGUs was presented by Agent Theonette Solar of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency which showed that Tagaytay City and the municipalities of Amadeo, Magalanes and Mendez have been declared drug-free by the Regional Oversight Committee on Dangerous Drugs. The municipalities of Alfonso, General Emilio Aguinaldo and Maragondon have achieved 100% drug-free barangays but are yet to be declared drug-free municipality pending the setting up of Balay Silangan, a reformatory institution for drug-pushers which was included in the criteria for declaring drug-free cities and municipalities.

In the afternoon, the PDC- Full Council Meeting was called to order by Provincial Planning and Development Coordinator Jesus Barrera. The discussion proper for new businesses started with the presentation of Mr. Sammy C.M. Yip of Ove Arup & Partners Hong Kong Ltd. on the Bataan Cavite Interlink Bridge (BCIB) Project that aims to ease the traffic congestion and provide convenience in Metro Manila and South and North Luzon gateway, and provide opportunities for

economic growth. The said project sought the endorsement of the PDC to the Regional Development Council.

Updates and Status of Solid Waste Management in the province was tackled by Ms. Anabelle Cayabyab, Head of the Provincial Government-Environment and Natural Resources Office, revisiting the 10-year solid waste management plan of the province and the different LGUs. Governor Boying Remulla stressed that the current focus is primarily on water security pertaining to the depleting sources including the aquifer and that it is important for LGUs to look into their development direction in order to ensure that the environment is protected to sustain future needs.

Arch. Armando Alli of Century Peak Corporation discussed the Cavite Land Reclamation and Development Project (5 islands Land Reclamation Project). DTI-Cavite Provincial Director Noly Guevara presented the 2019 Cities and Municipalities Competitiveness Index and encouraged the local chief executives to enhance data collection and submission in order to improve their performance.

Highlight of the event was the awarding ceremony of the 2018 Seal of Good Financial Housekeeping and the top performing LGUs on the Manila Bay Rehabilitation Program. All the 23 cities and municipalities as well as the province of Cavite passed SGFH while twelve LGUs passed for the Manila Bay rehabilitation program. These include Magalanes, Maragondon, Bacoar City, Carmona, Imus City, City of Gen. Trias, Gen. Mariano Alvarez, Tagaytay City, Rosario, Mendez, Naic and Noveleta. The award was conferred by DILG IV-A Regional Director Manuel Gotis and Governor Remulla. Likewise, Local Government Operations Officers were recognized for their performance. -- (PICAD)



SENIOR CITIZENS SUPPORT PGC'S KALINGA SA KALIKASAN: Age did not stop the senior citizens of Naic from taking part in saving the environment for future generations as they joined the Kalinga sa Kalikasan program initiated by the Provincial Government of Cavite held on March 13, 2019 at the municipal covered court. Governor Boying Remulla was represented by his brother, Governor Jonvic Remulla together with Vice Governor Jolo Revilla who delivered words of encouragement to maintain a clean and green environment and always practice proper waste management that will contribute to the prevention of global warming. They were also joined by 7th District Board Member Rainier Ambion, Alfonso Mayor Virgilio Varias and warmly welcomed by Municipal Mayor Junio Dualan, Vice Mayor Rogelio Pangilinan and councilors. -- (PICAD)



"TRUE LOVE WAITS" BY KARITON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL: The Kariton Senior High School founded and established by the Dynamic Teen Company (DTC) headed by 2009 CNN Hero Mr. Efren Peñaflorida, recently held its 5th True Love Waits program on March 8, 2019 at the Municipal Covered Court in Amadeo, Cavite. Among the activities during the program were the poster-making contest, spoken poetry competition and the musical/theatrical play participated by the Kariton High School students. The event was also in collaboration with key school personnel from Amadeo National High School, Pangil National High School and Halang Banay-banay National High School to promote abstinence and encourage the youth to focus first on their education for a better future. Similarly, the "True Love Waits" advocacy helps develop a positive behavior support plan that bridges home and school for parents to see how their children perform and behave in school. Every year, Mr. Peñaflorida supports such project to inspire the youth to achieve their dreams. DTC is a youth-development, non-profit organization founded in 1997, made up of mostly teen-aged volunteers that helps educate the less-privileged children mainly from the marginalized sector of society. (PICAD)