

NNC Holds the 2019 CaLaBaRZon Regional Nutrition Awarding Ceremony

The National Nutrition Council and Department of Health in collaboration with the member agencies of the CaLaBaRZon Regional Sub-Committee on Nutrition held the 2019 CaLaBaRZon Regional Nutrition Awarding Ceremony on October 23, 2019 at Acacia Hotel Manila, Alabang, Muntinlupa City.

The annual event spearheaded by the NNC not only honors outstanding performance of Local Government Units and individuals in the field of nutrition program management and delivery of basic nutrition services but also recognizes partners supporting the cause of nutrition in the region.

Dr. Paula Paz Sydiongco gave the welcome remarks on behalf of Regional Director Eduardo C. Janairo of DOH-CALABARZON, Regional Sub-Committee on Nutrition Chair. She welcomed all the participants and cited that the region is facing triple burden of malnutrition and the need to intensify the nutrition programs in the area. NNC-CALABARZON Regional Nutrition Program Coordinator Ms. Carina Z. Santiago likewise welcomed and thanked the awardees for fulfilling their mission to ensure good nutrition of the citizenry.

The first award that was given was the Certificate of Quality Nutrition Program – the new “Green Banner Award”. Cavite LGUs were recipient of the award including the City of Bacoor with Mayor Lani Mercado-Revilla and CNAO Ms. Cristina Elalto receiving the

award, the Cities of Dasmariñas and Gen. Trias, Tagaytay City, and the municipalities of Carmo-na and Tanza. Other awardees were the Province of Quezon and eight of its municipalities, as well as the cities of Sta. Rosa and Cabuyao in Laguna. Outstanding Barangay Nutrition Scholars were also awarded with Ms. Hazelaine D Quiambao of Brgy. Aniban II, Bacoor City bagging the first place while Ms. Josephine F. Guardo of Brgy. Patutong Malaki South, Tagaytay City and Ms. Armalyn J. Sabino of Brgy. Marinig, Cabuyao City won the 2nd and 3rd places, respectively. Several finalists were also awarded and were given plaques.

The other awards presented were the Search for the 2018 Regional Outstanding Barangay Nutrition Committee (BNC) in which Barangay San Jose, Tagaytay City was the winner; Regional Outstanding Provincial Nutrition Action Officer (PNAO) in which Cavite Provincial Action Officer Ms. Angeles Peñalba was a finalist; and Regional Outstanding District/City Nutrition Program Coordinator (D/CNPC) bagged by Ms. Dessa May R. Alibangbang of the Province of Cavite. Special citations were given for the Regional Nutrition Evaluation Team while certificates of appreciation were given to Nutrition Supporters and Partners. Award of Merit were given to the two (2) Local Nutrition Committee for giving the region honor and pride as Consistent Regional Outstanding Winner in

Nutrition (CROWN): 2nd Year CROWN Maintenance for Kalayaan, Laguna and 1st Year CROWN Maintenance for the City of Biñan. Nutrition Champion Award was given to Congressman David “Jayjay” C. Suarez of Quezon Province.

Dr. Azucena M. Dayanghirang, NNC Executive Director expressed elation and honor in recognizing the new batch of champions in her keynote message. She thanked everyone for their effort in scaling up their coverage and effort to reduce the problem of malnutrition in their respective LGUs. She challenged Mayor Lani Mercado to surpass Kalayaan and Biñan in Laguna. She told everyone to use the opportunity to do more for nutrition and to surpass the topline and ended by congratulating all the winners.

Responses from the awardees were heard from a representative of Gov. Danilo Suarez, Mayor Lani Mercado-Revilla, Punong Barangay Jojit S. Desingañon and Ms. Hazelaine D. Quiambao thanking the NNC for the great opportunity to do more and for the recognition that will inspire them to do better. DSWD Regional Director Annie I. Mendoza formally closed the program by congratulating all the winners. The program was hosted by Mr. Red C. Alano, Dasmariñas City Information Officer and President of CNN-4A and Ms. Ma. Janet G. Buelo, PIO, Quezon Province and CNN-4A Chartered President.

PGC JOINS 2019 CALABARZON MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT FORUM

Cavite Provincial Government and members of different Overseas Filipino organizations joined in the 2019 CALABARZON Migration and Development Forum with its primary theme “Migranteng Pilipino: Kaagapay sa Pag-unlad ng Bayan” organized by Regional Development Council – National Economic Development Authority Region IV-A on October 22, 2019 at Santa Rosa City Sports Complex, Sta. Rosa City, Laguna. Hundreds of overseas Filipinos together with their families from CALABARZON (Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, Quezon) attended the forum.

Several topics of interest to migrants were discussed in the forum. Among the speakers was Director Ma. Luisa S. Reyes, Overseas Workers Welfare Administration CALABARZON, who discussed the Economic Opportunities for OFWs and their families. She also enumerated several programs of OWWA like the Balik Pinas Balik Hanapbuhay. Other speakers were Ms. Kathlene

Diane T. Amoyan, of the Cooperative Development Authority CALABARZON, who tackled the role of cooperatives in migration and development and Mr. Jorge Noel Y. Wieneke III, President of the Association of Filipino Franchisers, Inc. who shared valuable inputs on franchising.

Also highlighted in a talk show were the success stories of individuals in the field of cooperative and online selling to encourage participants to start up their own business. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry and Rhosielyn Pangilinan, the power couple behind Skin Magical Cosmetics, imparted how they started a small business and made it big in the cosmetics industry. In the field of cooperatives, Mr. Bonlan Dela Roca of Soro-soro Iba-ba Development Cooperative, told his version of success and the obstacles they surpassed. Another featured guest was Mr. Paulo Velasco, Head of Santa Rosa City Cooperative Development Office who shared how cooperatives helped the people of Santa Rosa City.

Signing of Memorandum of Agreement between the City Government of Santa Rosa and the Commission on Filipinos Overseas to implement the BalinkBayan project – a one stop online portal for OFs was also done during the program.

The second part of the forum was the opening of the exhibit led by Santa Rosa City Mayor Arlene Arcillas, Director Luis G. Banua, City Administrator Atty. Leonardo Ragaza, Jr. and Atikha Director Estrella Mai Añonuevo. At the exhibit, various migrant-serving agencies such as OWWA, Home Development Mutual Fund (Pag-ibig), Commission on Filipino Overseas and civil society groups set up booths to offer their services to the participants. MS-MEs from the region also showcased their locally-made products in the exhibit.

In the afternoon, health and wellness services which include manicure and pedicure, massage and haircut were provided to the participants for free.--PICAD



SKIN DISEASE DETECTION AND PREVENTION CONTINUES IN BARANGAY CABUCO: In its effort to raise awareness on different skin diseases, the Provincial Health Office in cooperation with Trece Martires City Health Office continues the Skin Disease Detection and Prevention Caravan, this time, in Barangay Cabuco on October 24, 2019. Medical staff from PHO and TMCHO treated hundreds of patients with skin imperfections. Likewise, patients were given free vitamins to boost their immune system, prescribed medicines and insect repellent lotion. A short lecture about leprosy and other skin disease was also done. Barangay Cabuco health workers assisted the medical staff during the health event.--PICAD



HEALTHCARE SERVICES FOR RESIDENTS OF GMA CAVITE: Hundreds of residents in General Mariano Alvarez, Cavite received free healthcare services during the medical and dental mission conducted by the Provincial Government of Cavite thru the Office of the Provincial Governor-Extension at Barangay Gregoria de Jesus, Covered Court, GMA Cavite on October 23, 2019. Doctors, dentists and other volunteers from General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital served 64 senior citizens, 191 adults, 215 children and 43 dental patients. Punong Barangay Gerardo Gosar of Barangay Gregoria de Jesus and Punong Barangay Roger Llamas of Barangay Francisco Reyes sincerely welcomed the medical team and expressed their gratitude for providing free health services for their constituents.--PICAD

