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Enhancing Verification: PSA Abra Trains CRS and National ID Personnel on Validation of Supporting Documents and IDs

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Photo Opportunity of RO IIs Bermillo and Aveño with the participants

21 February 2025 – BANGUED, ABRA. The integrity and effectiveness of any identification system, particularly those as crucial as a nation's civil registration and national ID systems, hinge significantly on the accuracy and reliability of the data it processes. A cornerstone of ensuring this reliability lies in the rigorous validation of supporting documents and identification presented by individuals. Recognizing this, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Abra Provincial Statistical Office (PSO) Registration Officers II (RO II) Guillermo B. Bermillo and Jonnel P. Aveño conducted a vital training session for personnel from Civil Registration Services and National Identification System Units on February 15, 2025, focusing specifically on the validation of



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supporting documents and IDs. This training represents a proactive step towards bolstering the security and trustworthiness of the agency's mandates.

The training was meticulously designed to equip frontline personnel from the CRS Outlet and National ID Registration Center personnel with the necessary skills and knowledge to effectively scrutinize and verify the authenticity of submitted documents. It addressed several key aspects of document validation, providing a comprehensive understanding of the challenges involved and the best practices to employ. A core component of the training focused on the identification of genuine versus fraudulent documents. RO II Bermillo discussed the security features of the Civil Registration documents, TIN ID, and LTO Driver's License card while RO II Aveño discussed the National ID card, DFA Passport, OSCA card, QCID, and NBI and Police clearances. The RO IIs let the participants learn to discern subtle yet critical differences between legitimate documents and counterfeits, including recognizing security features such as watermarks, microprinting, and holograms, through hands-on exercises. Open Forum was also conducted to address concerns and queries on the topics discussed. This ability to identify fraudulent documents is paramount in preventing identity theft and ensuring the accuracy of records. Beyond simply recognizing fraudulent documents, the training also emphasized standardized verification procedures. By adhering to these, personnel can ensure consistency and accuracy in the verification process, minimizing the risk of errors and inconsistencies. This training signifies the PSA's commitment to continuous improvement and capacity building within its vital systems. By investing in the training of its personnel, the PSA is strengthening the foundation of the civil registration and National ID system. This, in turn, contributes to a more secure and reliable identification framework for the country, benefiting both individuals and the nation as a whole. The training underscores the importance of document validation as a critical component in ensuring the accuracy and trustworthiness of these systems, ultimately fostering greater public trust and confidence.



RO II Bermillo providing the objective of the training



RO II Bermillo discussing the outline on the National ID card validation

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