

PSA-CAR introduces Dir. Villafe Alibuyog as new Regional Director



The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) - Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) introduces Dir. Villafe P. Alibuyog as its new Regional Director starting March 8, 2016. As the new Head of the Regional Office, Dir. Alibuyog will lead the Staff in

pursuing the vision of PSA to be a "solid, responsive, and world-class authority on quality statistics and civil registration" in the region. Her leadership brings with her 26 years of service with the Agency starting as a mere Enumerator/Statistical Researcher in 1989 of the former National Statistics Office (NSO), now Philippine Statistics Authority. She holds a Master's Degree in Development Management from the Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP) and completed a 6 month-long Training Course in Modules on Core Official Statistics in Chiba, Japan under the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) in 2002. Many followed her progress with much interest as she worked hard and faithful resulting to her successive promotions through series of increasing responsible positions.

A woman of integrity and sound ideals as everyone sees her, her enthusiasm, persistence and willingness to work hard and long exemplifies her commitment to the Agency's mission and vision. Her out-and-out experience, in addition to her specialized trainings and education has effectively leveraged her capability and leadership skills - making her fit to take more responsibility as Director of the Regional Office. - JRB

CAR poverty incidence estimated at 26.7% during the first semester of 2015

According to the latest report of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), poverty incidence or the proportion of people below the poverty threshold to the total population of the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) was estimated at 26.7 percent for the first semester of 2015. This is based on the result of the income data from the first visit of the Family Income and Expenditure Survey (FIES) conducted in July 2015. During the same period in 2012, poverty incidence of the region was recorded at 28.7 percent.

Subsistence incidence among Cordillerans, on the other hand was estimated at 12.5 percent in the first half of 2015, 3.5 percentage points lower compared to the recorded 16.0 percent in the first semester of 2012. Subsistence incidence is the proportion of people whose incomes fall below the food threshold. This is often referred to as the proportion of people in extreme or subsistence poverty.

For the whole country, the poverty and subsistence incidences for the first semester of 2015 were estimated at 26.3 percent and 12.1 percent, respectively. Comparing with the same period in 2012, the national poverty incidence decreased by 1.6 percentage points while subsistence poor decreased by 1.3 percentage points.

Food threshold is the minimum income

required to meet basic food needs and satisfy the nutritional requirements set by the Food and Nutrition Research Institute (FNRI) to ensure that one remains economically and socially productive. It is used to measure extreme or subsistence poverty. Poverty threshold or poverty line is a similar concept expanded to include basic non-food needs such as clothing, housing, transportation, health and education expenses.

In the Cordillera region, a family of five needed a monthly average of PhP 6,390 on the minimum to meet the family's basic food needs and a monthly average of PhP 9,181 at the least to meet both basic food and non-food needs. The first semester 2015 regional food and poverty threshold increased by about 13 percent compared to the first semester 2012 thresholds.

The poverty incidence among families in CAR was estimated at 20.6 percent during the first semester of 2015 based on the first visit of 2015 FIES. Compared to the recorded 22.6 percent in the first semester of 2012, the incidence went down by 2 percentage points.

The subsistence incidence among families or families in extreme poverty in the region also went down by 3.1 percentage points, from 12.3 percent in first semester 2012 to 9.2 percent in first semester 2015. - AFRB



Dir. Villafe Alibuyog signs her appointment as new PSA-CAR Regional Director at the PSA Central Office. - psa-car

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A *gangsa* (*gong*) is an indigenous musical instrument of the *Igorots* ("people of the mountain") of the Cordillera region. It is usually played during cultural celebrations, rituals and festivities. It is a cultural symbol of fellowship and unity among the *Igorots*.

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Kankanaey is the dominant ethno-linguistic group in the Cordillera

The 2010 Census of Population and Housing (CPH) revealed that Kankanaey was the dominant ethno-linguistic group in the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) comprising 17.1 percent of the total population in the region. They were mostly found in the province of Benguet with 44.8 percent of the total provincial population. Benguet Kankanaeys made up 11.2 percent of the region's total.

A total of 36,854 Kankanaeys also resided in Baguio City and 48, 857 in Mountain Province, comprising 11.7 and 31.7 percent of their total population, respectively. Kalingas were the second biggest ethnolinguistic group comprising 9.4 percent of the population, followed by the Ibaloy (9.0%) and the Ifugaos (8.7%).

Meanwhile, there were only a handful of Iwaks in the region with a population of only 192. Most of them (166 in number) were found in Benguet, 19 in Baguio City, 4 in Ifugao, 2 in Kalinga and only 1 in Mountain Province.

Almost a third (32.6%) of the region's population was non-indigenous and residing mostly in the highly urbanized city of Baguio.

HOUSEHOLD POPULATION BY ETHNO-LINGUISTIC GROUPS IN CAR, BY PROVINCE/CITY Based on the 2010 Census of Population and Housing

Ethno-Linguistic Group	CAR	Abra	Apayao	Baguio City	Benguet	Ifugao	Kalinga	Mt. Province
Applai	64,271	0	1,379	19,903	10,163	0	4,382	28,444
Balangao 1/	25,486	5	7	1,678	261	724	1,942	20,869
Bontok	51,330	32	145	14,931	8,862	544	5,762	21,054
Ibaloy	145,010	84	1,470	21,292	120,741	431	367	625
Ifugao 2/	140,653	107	101	10,635	7,423	120,874	383	1,130
Isnag	37,399	138	36,406	373	224	21	220	17
Iwak 3/	192	0	0	19	166	4	2	1
Kalanguya 4/	39,412	11	52	1,354	16,470	21,035	30	460
Kalinga	150,808	108	3,765	5,759	5,716	349	132,343	2,768
Kankanaey	276,195	296	4,070	36,854	180,516	1,650	3,952	48,857
Karao	1,681	0	1	17	1,643	0	0	20
Tingguian 5/	26,625	22,934	1,293	1,264	363	97	597	77
Other Indigenous Ethnic Groups 6/	106,768	49,238	8,794	7,027	3,056	18,442	11,225	8,994
Muslim Ethnic Groups 7/	715	98	46	281	101	75	56	58
Non-indigenous Ethnic Groups 8/	526,176	160,725	54,941	190,126	46,710	25,699	39,737	8,230
Other Muslim Ethnic Groups 9/	3,774	148	41	2,864	429	56	177	59
Others not classified above	15,174	76	12	1,423	285	947	31	12,400
TOTAL	1,611,669	234,000	112,523	315,800	403,129	190,948	201,206	154,063

Notes:
 1/ Includes Balangao and Baliwon/Gaddang.
 2/ Includes Ifugao, Ayangan and Tuwali.
 3/ Sometimes known as Iwak, Owak or I-wak.
 4/ Includes Kalanguya and Kianguya/Ikalahan.
 5/ Sometimes known as Itneg.
 6/ As identified by the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP).
 7/ As identified by NCIP and National Commission on Muslim Filipinos (NCMF).
 8/ As listed by the National Statistics Office for the census.
 9/ As identified by NCMF.
 Source: Philippine Statistics Authority (National Statistics Office)

PSA-CAR celebrates National Women's Month



PSA-CAR and Benguet Provincial Staff ended women's month celebration with weeding and clearing activity at the PSA- adopted forest site, Busol Watershed - AMC



"Who says we cannot touch the sky?" - at Mt. Yangbew. - AMC

In honor of women's contribution to all aspects of development in society, and to step-up initiatives on gender equality, women empowerment, and women's rights and welfare, International Women's Month is celebrated every month of March. In the Philippines, March 8 of every year was declared as National Women's Day by virtue of Republic Act No. 6949 issued by then President Corazon Aquino on April 10, 1990. The Act encourages all government agencies, instrumentalities and the private sector to engage and participate in all activities in celebration of women's day.

This year's theme, "Kapakanan ni Juana, Isama sa Agenda!" highlights the importance of incorporating women's concerns in the plans and programs of the government and the private sector. In support of Women's Month and as commitment to gender and development agenda, the regional and Benguet provincial staff of PSA-CAR joined government agencies, the City Government of Baguio, Barangay LGUs and private organizations in the kick-off program held at the Baguio Convention Center, and parade along the City's main thoroughfares last March 8, 2015. Part of the month-long celebration at PSA-CAR was a weeding and clearing activity at the PSA-adopted forest area in Busol Watershed. A health and wellness cum nature trekking to Mt. Yangbew, La Trinidad, Benguet last March 31, 2016 culminated the women's month celebration. - JRB

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Agencies trained on accounting environment & natural resources

Regional staff and Division Chiefs of agencies in the Cordillera which included NEDA, MGB, EMB, and the WWRRRC together with PSA - CAR and Provincial Offices were trained on the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA) 2012 Central Framework last April 6-8, 2016 at the Newtown Plaza Hotel, Baguio City. The SEEA 2012 Central Framework is the international standard for environment-economic accounting adopted by the United Nations Statistics Commission.

The team of trainers came from the PSA Central Office headed by Assistant National Statistician Vivian R. Ilarina, Director Benjamin Arsenio Y. Navarro and Senior Statistician George S. Ngalab of International Cooperation Unit (ICU), and Chief Statistical Specialist Edward P. Lopez-Dee and Senior Statistician Virginia M. Bathan of Environment and Natural Resources Accounts Division (ENRAD).

The participants were familiarized on the concepts of System of National Accounts (SNA) and SEEA 2012 framework, and the new data requirements of the framework for a more systematic environmental and natural resource (ENR) accounting in the region. They were also engaged in skills development through exercises and field visit to the Puguis Communal Forest on the last day of the training.

Further, the result of the asset accounting conducted by the previous ENRA-CAR Project Team, and the plan to revive the project team was raised during the training. PSA-CAR Regional Director Villafe P. Allibuyog advised the group to work together for the success of the project given the committed technical assistance, training and consultation by ANS Ilarina.

The training is part of PSA's initiative to efficiently compile the regional environmental accounts under the Philippine Economic-Environmental and Natural Resource Accounting (PEENRA) Project, and serves as advocacy for partner agencies and data producers to support the environmental and natural resource accounts compilation in the region. - CDK

CAR contributes 78 percent share of PHIL's Cabbage production

Cabbage is a leafy, round and oval-shaped vegetable. It consists of soft, light green or whitish inner leaves covered with hard and dark green outer leaves. It is widely used throughout the world and can be prepared in number of ways, but most commonly, it is included as either cooked or raw part of many salads. Cabbage is also beneficial in curing various health ailments such as Vitamin C and Sulphur deficiency, for cancer prevention, for eye, bone and brain health and many more.

A total of 127,986.50 metric tons of cabbage were produced by farmers in the Philippines for year 2014, where 77.76 percent of this came from Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) with total of 99,520.12 metric tons harvested from an area 3,366.6 hectares. This was followed by Central Visayas and Northern Mindanao with 6.79 percent (8,687.92 metric tons) and 5.24 percent (6,709.74 metric tons), respectively.

Cabbage production in CAR decreased by 0.44% or 437.48 metric tons from the total production of 99,957.60 metric tons in year

2013. Severe weather conditions such as strong rains and typhoons that hit the Cordillera region in 2014 were among the factors that were attributed to the unexpected decrease in production.

Among the provinces, Benguet remain as the highest cabbage producer at 85.55 percent, followed by Mt. Province at 13.91 percent. Ifugao and Kalinga produced only 0.51 percent and 0.03 percent, respectively. - BYM

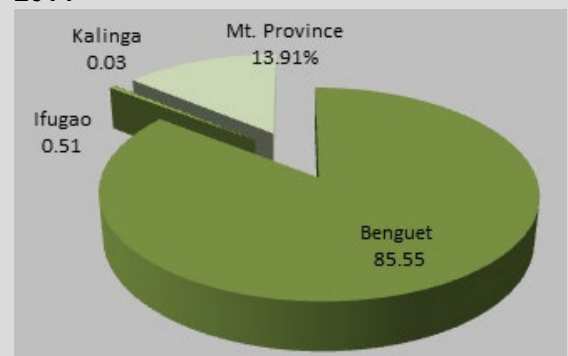
Production Volume (metric tons) of Cabbage, by Region, Philippines: 2014

Region	Production	Percentage
PHILIPPINES	127,986.49	100.00
Cordillera Administrative Region	99,520.12	77.76
Ilocos Region	3,215.06	2.51
Cagayan Valley	1,188.67	0.93
Central Luzon	0.00	0.00
Calabarzon	828.29	0.65
Mimaropa	29.65	0.02
Bicol Region	186.76	0.15
Western Visayas	440.67	0.34
Central Visayas	8,687.92	6.79
Easter Visayas	132.75	0.10
Zamboanga Peninsula	773.03	0.60
Northern Mindanao	6,709.74	5.24
Davao Region	4,246.66	3.32
SOCCSKSARGEN	1,563.68	1.22
CARAGA	3.76	0.00
ARMM	459.73	0.36



Mr. Mateo, the PSA cabbage man carries newly-harvested cabbage to a waiting vegetable truck dealer. - BYM

Percentage Distribution (Production Volume) of Cabbage, by Province, CAR: 2014



Right: Dir. Navarro and DENR Staff illustrate the standard measurement of a tree's diameter, which starts approximately at 1.3 meters from the ground. Left: Dir. Alibuyog presents a token to Ms. Bathan as one of SEEA Training lecturer. - AMC



Request for civil registry documents increased during the first semester of 2016

The Census Serbilis Center – Baguio City processed a total of 82,496 documents with an average of 1,378 daily transactions for the First Quarter of 2016. The Certificate of Live Birth comprised the bulk of documents requested at 74.15 percent followed by the Certificate of Marriage (COM) at 14.26 percent, and Certificate of No Marriage Record (CENOMAR) at 9.74 percent.

Meanwhile, the least requested document was the Certificate of Death

(COD) at 1.84 percent. For the past three months, the average monthly transaction was at 27,500.

When compared to the same period last year, transactions during the 1st quarter of 2015 increased by 8,000 with a daily transaction increase of 150.

The Census Serbilis Center is currently manned by 26 Civil Registration Services (CRS) staff. - JRB



Mr. Accatan distributes civil registry documents to clients at the CRS Releasing Section. - AMC

Type of Documents	Number of Transactions	Percentage (%)
TOTAL	82,496.00	100.00
Certificate of Live Birth	61,171.00	74.15
Certificate of Marriage	11,768.00	14.26
Certificate of No Marriage Record	8,038.00	9.74
Certificate of Death	1,519.00	1.84

Processing of electronic endorsements of civil registry documents has an approval rate of 82%

The Baguio Serbilis outlet facilitates the processing of electronic endorsements of civil registry documents. Requests for e-endorsements of Certificates of Live Birth had an approval rate of 77 percent, while 13 percent for Certificates of Marriage, and 9 percent for Certificates of Death.

The documents undergo verification of contents or entries and approval at the Central Office Facility for a period of ten days.

For the first quarter of the year, a total of 1,171 documents were applied for electronic endorsements. From the requests, 82 percent or 960 were approved, while 18 percent or 211 were disapproved by the central facility. Requests for e-endorsements of Certificates of Live Birth had an approval rate of 77 percent, while 13 percent for Certificates of Marriage, and 9 percent for Certificates of Death. - JRB

Month	Certificate of Live Birth		Certificate of Marriage		Certificate of Death	
	Approved	Disapproved	Approved	Disapproved	Approved	Disapproved
January	207	69	62	3	18	3
February	243	61	36	4	76	1
March	258	65	49	4	11	1
Subtotal	708	195	147	11	105	5
GRANDTOTAL						1,171

Staff search and verify records of civil registry documents at the CRS Database. - AMC

Did you know that.....
your one peso in 2006 is worth 71 centavos today?

In March 2016, the value of peso in the Cordillera decreased to 71 centavos compared to previous year's 72 centavos. This means that the value of the same basket of goods and services that could be bought for 71 pesos in March 2006 is worth 100 pesos in March 2016. - AMC

Census Serbilis Center - Baguio maintains client satisfactory service delivery

Every quarter of the year, a customer satisfaction survey is administered at the Census Serbilis Center to generate the views of clients on the frontline services that the outlet provides. The survey was conducted last February 1-5, 2016 with a total of 100 respondents surveyed per day in the different service areas. Survey questionnaires were collected during the peak hours from 9:00AM to 11:00AM, 1:00PM from to 2:00PM, and from 3:00PM to 4:00PM.

The client satisfaction survey result for the first quarter showed a positive outcome, where 67.4 percent of the clients were satisfied with the services rendered to them. The survey covers four categories which are Service, Employee, Procedures/Posters, and Area/Facilities. On Service delivery, the promptness or queuing time and understanding of clients service needs are rated. On the Employee, the grooming or neatness of the employee, courteousness, and knowledge are assessed. On the posters or procedural materials, the clarity of information and instructions presented

are considered. On the other hand, the cleanliness, safety, ventilation, and comfort of the area, restrooms, and the facilities such as availability of chairs to accommodate clients are rated.

The survey results showed that the Procedures/Posters category got the highest satisfaction rate of 88.8 percent from the clients. This was followed by the Employee category which was rated at 88.2 percent. Area/Facilities category registered at 73.8 percent rating while Service had a score of 72.6 percent. On queuing time, clients who were served within two hours target time was at 82.2 percent.

The most requested document at the Census Serbilis Center was the Certificate of Live Birth, followed by the Certificate of Marriage and the Certificate of No Marriage Record. The least requested document was the Certificate of Death.

The next quarters' client/customer satisfaction surveys are scheduled on the months of May, August and November for the second, third and fourth quarters. - *JRB/JAA*

98 officers registered and authorized to solemnize marriage in CAR

A total of 98 Solemnizing Officers from all over the region were issued Certificates for Registration of the Authority to Solemnize Marriage (CRASM) this first quarter of 2016.

Baguio City had 32 authorized solemnizing officers, while other municipalities of Benguet registered 24 officers. Ifugao had 18 officers issued with CRASM. Abra and Apayao had the least with only 2 and 3 officers authorized to administer marriage in the province. - *AMC*

Number of Approved CRASM

Province	January-March
TOTAL	98
Abra	2
Apayao	3
Benguet	
Baguio City	32
Other Municipalities	24
Ifugao	18

PSA-CAR UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- 2nd Quarter Survey on Agricultural Statistics
 - Crops Production Survey (CrPS)
 - Palay and Corn Production Survey (PCPS)
 - Municipal Aquaculture/Inland Fisheries Survey
 - Backyard/Commercial Livestock & Poultry Survey (BLPS/CLPS)
 - Farm Price Aggregation Survey (FPAS)
- Labor Force Survey
- Capability Building Training for Staff (In Design and CS Pro)
- RA 9255 (An act allowing illegitimate children to use the surname of their father, amending for the purpose article 176 of executive order no. 209, otherwise known as the "Family Code of the Philippines") Training - Luzon Group
- Director's Conference (June)
- 2nd Quarter RSC Meeting (May 13, 2016)

Percentage Distribution of Purpose of Securing Civil Registry Documents

Purpose	%
For Passport	24.60
For Local Employment	22.00
For School Requirement	16.90
For Embassy	7.90
For Marriage	7.50
For GSIS/SSS	6.20
For PRC Requirement	2.40
For BIR/Income Tax	2.30
For Baptism	0.04
For Other Purposes	10.10

Securing of passports and local employment, top clients' reasons in getting civil registry documents

People have various purposes in requesting civil registry documents at the Census Serbilis Center. The main reasons for the request of documents were for securing passports (24.60%), followed by local employment (22%) and for compliance to school requirements (16.90%). Other purposes identified include: for securing driver's license, for general purposes, for filing of PhilHealth applications or claims, and for compliance

to PNP requirements. Of those requesting civil registry documents, 73.20 percent were from the Cordillera Administrative Region. A percentage of 71.80 had College degree or higher education and 62.40 percent were unemployed. Females comprise 65.00 percent of the clients. The age brackets of clients mostly serviced at the outlet which registered at 66.80 percent belong to ages 20 to 34 years old. - *JRB*

PSA-CAR joins Phil-WAVES World Bank Project Lecture



Mr. Bahit, Ms. Villanueva and PSA-CO staff tour the underground mines tunnel of Philex Mines. - BYM

The Philippine Statistics Authority – Cordillera Regional Director Villafe Alibuyog together with OIC Chief of the Statistical Operations and Coordination Division (SOCD) Aldrin Federico Bahit Jr., Stat I Betina Joy Villanueva and Stat I Warren Mamanteo, and the regional staff of the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) – CAR and the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) – CAR gained first hand knowledge on the accounting of mineral resources through the lectures delivered by Mr. Reynaldo F. Fulleros, the Team Leader of the Philippine Wealth Accounting and the Valuation of Ecosystem Services (Phil-WAVES).

The Phil-WAVES is a global partnership project spearheaded by the

Philippine Statistics Authority through technical and financial assistance grant from the World Bank.

The project aims to promote sustainable development where wealth accounting focusing on natural resources is mainstreamed into development planning and policy analysis. Its key objective is to generate data and indicators relevant for development planning and policy analysis on the sustainable use of key natural resources while supporting the Systems of Economic-Environmental Accounting (SEEA) 2012 framework. Meanwhile, the institutionalization of the SEEA 2012 framework ensures the establishment and periodic data generation and dissemination of results of the natural resource accounts (NCA) and ecosystems accounts in the region. Through the project, a timely statistical data on mineral resource accounts in CAR will be institutionalized.

The participants were also oriented on basic metallurgical engineering such as metallurgy, mineral and ore processing by Engr. Juancho Pablo S. Calvez, Chief of the Metallurgical Technology Division, MGB Central Office. The reporting flow of

mining companies in the Cordillera was discussed by Economist II Ms. Vivian T. Romero of MGB-CAR.

A visit to the underground tunnels of Philex Mines Corporation located at Padcal, Tuba, Benguet gave the participants with a brief underground mining experience, and an appreciation of the operations and processes involved in extracting mineral resources and how these are accounted for by the company. The Philex Mines Operations Department also informed the government agencies about the environmental and community relation programs that the mining company is implementing as its corporate social responsibility. - JRB



Philex Mines representative orients participants on mining operations. - BYM

Revitalized CAR statistical development and coordination with RSC's additional members

This year, the Philippine Statistics Authority expects a revitalized statistics coordination and development in the Cordillera region through the additional memberships to the Regional Statistics Committee (RSC) – CAR of the local Planning and Development Coordinators of Baguio City and the six CAR provinces namely, Abra, Apayao, Benguet, Ifugao, Kalinga and Mt. Province, the State Universities (SUCs) - Benguet State University (BSU) and the University of the Philippines Baguio - Cordillera Studies Center (UP-CSC), the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB-CAR) and the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA).

The RSC-CAR is chaired by NEDA-CAR Regional Director Milagros Rimando with PSA-CAR Regional Dir. Villafe Alibuyog as Vice-Chair, and Mr. Aldrin Federico Bahit Jr., PSA-CAR OIC-SOCD as Head of the RSC Secretariat. The committee members are the Regional Staff and Division Heads of BSP, CHED, DENR, DILG, DBM, DA, DepEd, DOH, DOT, DOLE, DTI, MGB, PEZA, PopCoM, TESDA, 7 C/PPDCs, BSU and UP-CSC.

During the first quarter meeting of the committee held last March 21, 2016 at the RDC Conference Hall, NEDA-

CAR Office, Botanical Garden Baguio City, four resolutions that aim to strengthen the regional and local statistical development activities of partner agencies, local government units, and private sectors in CAR were unanimously approved and adopted. These are: RSC Resolution No.1 Re: 2016 Development Agenda of RSC-CAR, RSC Resolution No. 2 Re: Additional Membership of the Committee, RSC Resolution No. 3 Re: Inviting All Public and Private Agencies to Support and Actively Participate in the 27th National Statistics Month (NSM) Celebration and the 13th National Convention on Statistics (NCS) in October 2016, and RSC Resolution No. 4 - Creation of Technical Working Group (TWG) for 27th NSM and 13th NCS.

The RSC and the NSM -TWG are working on for a region-wide coordinated celebration of the 27th National Statistics Month on October. Representatives from the the agencies and SUCs also signified their interests to attend the 13th National Convention on Statistics this coming October 3-4, 2016. - JRB



RSC-CAR Chairperson Dir. Rimando of NEDA-CAR (left) presides over the RSC Meeting with RSC Vice Chair Dir. Alibuyog last March 21, 2016. - BYM



RSC members and the Secretariat pose for a photo after the RSC meeting. - BYM