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PSA Conducts First LCRO Random Check and Audit in Kalinga



Philippine Statistics Authority conducted a courtesy visit at the Office of the City Mayor of Tabuk prior to the random check and audit of City Civil Registry – Tabuk on April 3, 2025.

Tabuk City, Kalinga – On April 3, 2025, OIC-Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Gerard A. Tolito of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Regional Statistical Services Office - Cordillera Administrative Region (RSSO-CAR), together with the PSA Kalinga Provincial Statistical Office headed by Chief Statistical Specialist (CSS) Maribel M. Dalayday, conducted a random check and audit at the City Civil Registry Office - Tabuk.

The random check and audit were conducted pursuant to the inspection and visitorial function of the National Statistician and Civil Registrar General, in line with Section 11 of Republic Act No. 10625. This section grants the National Statistician and Civil Registrar General (NSCRG) the authority to conduct inspections and audits over the Local Civil Registry Offices (LCROs) to ensure compliance with civil registration laws and maintain the integrity and accuracy of civil registry documents.

The primary objective of the random check and audit is to verify the proper maintenance and safeguarding of civil registry documents, assess compliance with existing laws, policies, and procedures, and identify areas for improvement in LCRO operations. These checks are crucial in ensuring that civil registration practices uphold the highest standards of accuracy and efficiency.

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During the activity, OIC-CAO Tolito and CSS Dalayday, together with their respective teams, thoroughly examined the records and processes at the City Civil Registry Office - Tabuk. The audit aimed to evaluate the proper handling and documentation of civil registry files and assess the office's adherence to standardized protocols.

The PSA will also conduct the similar random check and audit in other municipalities within the province to ensure consistent compliance and accuracy in civil registration practices.

The PSA RSSO-CAR remains committed to upholding the accuracy and reliability of civil registry documents through continuous monitoring and evaluation. These efforts are part of the PSA's ongoing initiative to enhance the efficiency of local civil registration processes and ensure that all records are maintained according to legal standards.



CSS Maribel M. Dalayday during the LCRO Tabuk Random Check and Audit, meticulously reviewing the Certificate of Live Birth (COLB) filing to ensure accuracy and compliance with civil registration standards.



RO2 Jefelyn L. Dalingay, OIC-CAO Gerard A. Tolito, and CSS Maribel M. Dalayday conducted a thorough review of civil registry documents during the LCRO Tabuk Random Check and Audit.

BFP-Tabuk Conducts Fire Safety Inspection and Drill at PSA Kalinga



SSS Randolph M. Laderas presents a token of appreciation to BFP Tabuk personnel in recognition of their valuable support during the fire safety activity at PSA Kalinga.

In a proactive move to strengthen workplace safety, the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) – Tabuk partnered with the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) – Kalinga Provincial Statistical Office to conduct a fire safety activity aimed at improving fire prevention awareness and emergency preparedness.

The event began with a comprehensive fire safety inspection of the PSA Kalinga office premises. BFP personnel evaluated potential fire hazards and provided expert recommendations to ensure compliance with fire safety standards. The inspection underscored the importance of maintaining a safe and hazard-free working environment, especially in public service institutions.

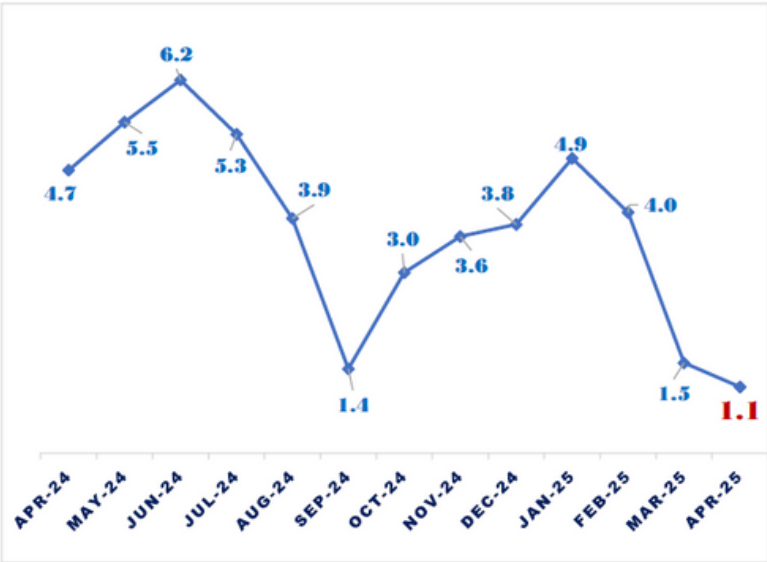
Following the inspection, PSA employees participated in a brief but informative orientation on basic fire prevention measures. The BFP team discussed crucial safety tips, proper use of fire extinguishers, and essential dos and don'ts during fire emergencies. This orientation aimed to equip staff with the knowledge necessary to prevent fire-related incidents and respond effectively should they occur.

The activity concluded with a hands-on fire drill, where employees practiced emergency evacuation procedures and the use of fire extinguishers. This practical exercise not only reinforced the day's lessons but also tested the staff's readiness in handling real-life emergency scenarios.

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Kalinga’s headline inflation or overall inflation goes down to 1.1 percent in April 2025 from 1.5 percent in March 2025. Inflation in April 2024 was at 4.7 percent.

Figure 1. Year-on-Year Inflation Rates (%) in Kalinga, All Items: April 2024 to April 2025 (2018=100)



The decrease in the province’s inflation was brought about by the lower monthly decrease in the Consumer Price Index of the following items:

- 1. Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Fuels at -0.3 percentage point (April 2024 110.5 to April 2025 108.5) and;
- 2. Transportation at - 4.4 percentage point (April 2024 127.6 to April 2025 117.2).

On the other hand, there is an increase in the following items,

- a. Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages with 3.6 percentage point (April 2024 127.0 to April 2025 131.1),
- b. Education with 1.9 percentage point (April 2024 127.7 to April 2025 130.1),
- c. Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance with 1.7 percentage point (April 2024 134.9 to April 2025 137.2),
- d. Personal Care Goods and Miscellaneous Services with 1.5 percentage point (April 2024 122.8 to April 2025 124.7),
- e. Clothing and Footwear with 1.3 percentage point (April 2024 129.1 to April 2025 130.8);

- f. Recreation and Culture with 1.3 percentage point (April 2024 118.8 to April 2025 120.4),
- g. Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco at 1.0 percentage point (April 2024 184.5 to April 2025 186.4),
- h. Health with 0.7 percentage point (April 2024 139.7 to April 2025 140.7),
- i. Restaurant, Miscellaneous Goods and Services with 0.6 percentage point (April 2024 147.7 to 148.6), and
- j. Information and Communication with 0.5 percentage point (April 2024 103.2 to April 2025 103.7).

Meanwhile, there is no change in the commodity group of Financial Services.

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“Awong” is a Kalinga term that means a resonating sound of the gong, symbolizing unity and cultural identity. Similar to the rhythmic beat of the gong that gathers the community, Awong delivers timely updates, statistical insights, and essential information on PSA Kalinga’s programs and initiatives, ensuring that every message reaches the people.

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