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35th National Statistics Month Celebration

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The National Statistics Month (NSM) was established in 1990 by Presidential Proclamation No. 647, signed by President Corazon C. Aquino on September 20, 1990, designating October as a month to raise awareness of the importance of statistics. The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) leads this annual celebration to highlight the role of statistics in public policy and foster collaboration to improve data quality across sectors.

In celebration of the 35th NSM this October 2024, themed "Advancing Data and Statistics Through Digital Transformation: A Road to an Empowered Nation," the PSA-Ifugao, along with other agencies, displayed themed streamers. Out of 24 agencies, ten (41.67%) participated, each following the official template to raise awareness about the transformative role of digital technology in statistics.

On October 3, 2024, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) – Ifugao staff joined a motorcade to launch the 35th National Statistics Month (NSM), traveling from the Ifugao Provincial Capitol in Lagawe to Lamut's Municipal Gymnasium and back to promote the significance of statistics in community development. The NSM was officially launched on October 7 with a flag-raising ceremony led by PSC Vice Chairperson Delano C. Bolislis. Filling in for PSC Chairperson Carmelita B. Buyuccan, who was attending a meeting with Municipal Planning and Development Coordinators (MPDCs) from across Ifugao, Vice Chair Bolislis introduced this year's NSM theme, provided context for the annual celebration, and encouraged enthusiastic participation in the month's activities. PSC Secretariat Felicitas Hampuy also outlined the upcoming events for the NSM, setting the stage for an engaging and informative month.



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35th National Statistics Month Celebration: Kapehan & Chikahan

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As part of the 35th National Statistics Month celebration, a "Kapehan and Chikahan" event was held at the Lagawe Central School Gymnasium in Ifugao on October 7, 2024, immediately following the official launching of Provincial Statistics Month at the Provincial Capitol in Lagawe. The event brought together various stakeholders, including PLGU and NGA staff, consumer organizations, indigenous peoples' representatives, and MSMEs. Engr. Francisco D. Pacio from DTI led a discussion on sustainable consumption practices, followed by a presentation from DTI Ifugao CPD staff on minimizing plastic waste. The event culminated in a workshop where participants identified solutions to reduce solid waste through sustainable consumerism. Their feedback was shared, and a commitment to sustainability was symbolized through the Signature Wall. The event also featured insights on consumer rights presented by DTI, with PSC Vice Chairperson Delano C. Bolislis joining the discussions.

PSA Ifugao joined the 35th NSM: Tree Parenting Activity

On October 18, a tree planting and weeding activity took place in a one-hectare government-designated area in Sanafe, Lamut, Ifugao, with the support of DENR. PSC members planted 100 rubber tree seedlings, showcasing strong collaboration among the participating agencies.



3rd Binakle ad Capitol

The PSA-Ifugao staff joined the "3rd Bakle Ad Kapitol" on October 30, 2024, themed "Sustaining Cultural Heritage in the Digital Age." Mr. Roscoe L. Kalaw highlighted the importance of preserving Ifugao's heritage through digital platforms. The event included a "bakle" making competition organized by PGI-Tourism, where various offices showcased the traditional process.



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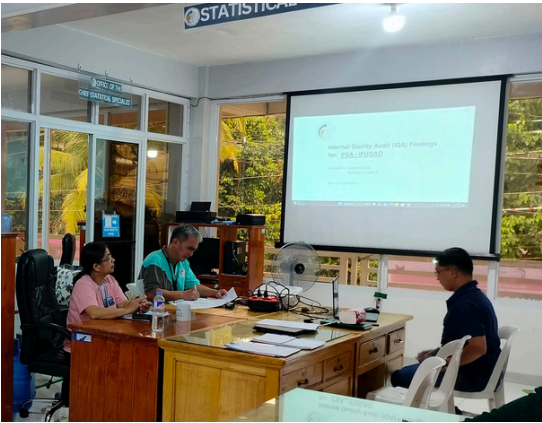
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Lagawe, Ifugao – The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)–Ifugao highlighted its unwavering commitment to quality and operational excellence through the successful conduct of the ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System (QMS) Internal Audit on October 11, 2024. Held at the RTK Building in Poblacion South, Lagawe, Ifugao, the audit emphasized the agency's dedication to upholding international standards and optimizing its processes to better serve the public.

The internal audit was led by auditors Ms. Caridad M. Dulay of PSA-CAR and Mr. Bonifacio G. Calizar Jr. of PSA-Kalinga. During the audit, they meticulously evaluated PSA-Ifugao's adherence to QMS principles, visiting all areas of the office to assess operations and identify opportunities for improvement. Findings were presented in the afternoon, spotlighting the agency's strengths and providing actionable recommendations for further growth. CSS Delano C. Bolislis, Jr. actively addressed all confirmations and queries raised by the auditors, reinforcing PSA-Ifugao's commitment to continuous improvement and transparency.

Kicking off the event, Ms. Lorille Jean O. Talin of PSA-Ifugao presented a detailed report on the agency's accomplished clauses, highlighting its compliance with QMS requirements. Her presentation set a foundation for a productive audit session. The event's completion reaffirmed PSA-Ifugao's dedication to operational efficiency and stakeholder satisfaction, ensuring its processes remain aligned with ISO standards and its commitment to service excellence unwavering.



2024 State of the Province Address

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The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)–Ifugao, represented by Supervising Statistical Specialist Jocelyn O. Tayaban, actively participated in the 2024 State of the Province Address (SOPA) delivered by Ifugao Provincial Governor Jerry U. Dalipog. Held at the Provincial Capitol in Poblacion South, Lagawe, the event echoed the “Bagong Pilipinas” vision of President Ferdinand Marcos Jr., which emphasizes inclusivity, unity, and collaborative governance. PSA–Ifugao’s presence highlighted its critical role in supporting the province’s development through reliable data and evidence-based policy guidance.

Governor Dalipog’s address underscored the importance of collaboration and community-driven progress in achieving sustainable development for the province. He encouraged stakeholders to embrace shared responsibility for Ifugao’s growth, emphasizing the power of collective efforts. “Let our successes and victories be our motivation to move forward,” he remarked, inspiring optimism and a forward-looking approach to governance and community involvement.

Central to the governor’s vision was the commitment to improving the quality of life for every Ifugao. He described an ideal eco-community where families thrive in safe and comfortable environments, with access to clean living conditions and essential services. Governor Dalipog highlighted the need to empower individuals to pursue their dreams and become productive members of society, calling on citizens to contribute actively to the province’s growth rather than relying solely on external support.

Education emerged as a cornerstone of the administration’s priorities, particularly in addressing the needs of marginalized communities. Initiatives like the Tertiary Education Assistance Program, Educational Assistance for Persons with Disabilities, and Educational Assistance for Children of Solo Parents aim to foster inclusivity and opportunity. These programs are designed to break barriers for indigenous and economically disadvantaged families, enabling holistic development and upward mobility.

The SOPA also highlighted advancements in peace and order, with a 14.63% decline in crime incidents from 2022 to 2023, thanks to enhanced safety measures. On the economic front, Ifugao demonstrated resilience, achieving a 6.7% growth in 2022. The province’s Gross Provincial Domestic Product (GPDP) rose to ₱25.7 billion, surpassing pre-pandemic levels of ₱24.5 billion in 2019, while employment rates reached 96%. PSA–Ifugao’s contributions to these achievements reaffirm its pivotal role in steering the province toward a progressive, inclusive, and sustainable future for all its citizens.

