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DOST-1, PARTNER AGENCIES, INK MOU FOR 2024 HANDA PILIPINAS LUZON LEG

In a significant step towards enhancing disaster resilience and preparedness in the Philippines, the Department of Science and Technology Office Regional Office I (DOST-1) held the Signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Project Implementers of the 2024 HANDA Pilipinas Luzon Leg on March 7, 2024, at the DOST-1 Multi-Purpose Hall, City of San Fernando, La Union. The event brought together regional heads with the shared vision of creating safer and more resilient communities in the nation.

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DOST-1 CONDUCTS GEORISK PH PLATFORM TRAINING; FACILITATES MOA BETWEEN PGIS AND DOST-PHIVOLCS

To ensure preparedness for natural disaster and create a safer and more resilient province, the Department of Science and Technology Regional Office No.1 (DOST-1) facilitated the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the adoption of the GeoRiskPH Platform developed by the Department of Science and Technology – Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (DOST-PHIVOLCS) for deployment to the Provincial Government of Ilocos Sur (PGIS) and conducted a training on the use of GeoRiskPH Platforms for the Province of Ilocos Sur on March 12-13, 2024, at the Provincial Farmers and Livelihood Development Center, Vigan City, Ilocos Sur.

132 participants from the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Offices (PDRMO) and Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (LDRMO)

representatives, Municipal Engineers, and Planning Officers from all 34 Local Government Units (LGU) witnessed the ceremonial MOA Signing and participated in the training.

"These initiatives align with our vision of building a safer and more resilient Ilocos Sur because we all know that our province has consistently faced the challenges posed by natural disasters and impacts of climate change. By investing in this training and forging partnership, we are taking a pro-active stand towards disaster risk reduction and climate change adoption. These GeoRiskPH Platform will empower us to make informed decisions that can save lives, properties, and ensure sustainable development," said Hon. Jeremias "Jerry" Singson, Provincial Governor, in his welcome remarks.

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PGIN GEARS UP FOR SMART TRANSFORMATION WITH DOST 1



The Department of Science and Technology Region 1 (DOST 1), led by Dr. Teresita A. Tabaog, through its Provincial Science and Technology Office-Ilocos Norte (PSTO-IN), advances smart and sustainable communities in Ilocos Norte. The recent Participatory Planning and Roadmap Development event, held on March 12-13, 2024, aimed to evaluate smart solutions in service delivery, identify areas for improvement, and foster smart growth within the province.

Vice Governor Hon. Cecilia Araneta Marcos emphasized the

government's commitment to smart and sustainable development, urging cooperation and investment. Various sectors within the provincial government of Ilocos Norte attended the workshop, showcasing engagement in smart and sustainable initiatives across institutional, economic, legislative, and environmental domains.

Atty. Reina Santos, Smart City Focal Person of the City Government of Cauayan, Ms. Racquel B. Santos, DOST Region 2 Smart City Focal Person, and

Dr. Betchie Aguinaldo, BIRDC Director of Isabela State University enriched discussions, covering topics from smart community fundamentals to roadmap development. Dr. Tabaog presented the roadmap development timeline, emphasizing partnership importance in realizing the vision.

During the closing ceremony, gratitude was expressed to participants, stressing the significance of partnerships. Mr. Wilfredo Lorenzo, Jr., IT head of PGIN, thanked DOST 1, emphasizing commitment to leveraging partnerships for Ilocos Norte's smarter, sustainable transformation.

The Smart and Sustainable Communities Program, a core DOST initiative, aims for smart, resilient, technology-driven communities. DOST 1, through PSTO-IN, commits to extending this initiative across all local governments in Ilocos Norte.



DOST-1 RD Tabaog delivering an inspiring message to our esteemed partner agencies.

Dr. Teresita A. Tabaog, DOST-1 Regional Director, welcomed the participants with a message highlighting the significance of collaboration and partnership between DOST-1 and different agencies. She also underscored the shared goal of enhancing community resilience, echoing the call of Philippine President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. and DOST Secretary Renato U. Solidum Jr. to harness science, technology, and innovation (STI) for preparedness against all hazards. 2024 Handa Pilipinas Luzon Leg is set to take place on June 19-21, 2024, at the Plaza del Norte, Paoay, Ilocos Norte reinforcing the commitment to disaster readiness and resilience.

The overview of the 2024 HANDA Pilipinas Luzon Leg was

presented by Mr. Michael John C. Maquiling, Supervising SRS and the DRRM Head of DOST 1, where he emphasized the role of the event to showcase and adapt different DRRM technologies that will strengthen disaster risk reduction management efforts. Subsequently, the MOU Presentation was led by DOST Assistant Regional Director for Finance and Administrative Services (FAS), Atty. Jasmin C. Banez.

Representatives from various departments and organizations, including the Department of Science and Technology Region 1, the Office of Civil Defense Region 1, the Department of Interior and Local Government, the Department of Information and Communications Technology Region 1, the DENR-Mines and Geosciences



Official signing ceremony of the MOA with project implementers for the 2024 HANDA Pilipinas Luzon Leg.



Bureau Region 1, the Commission on Higher Education Region 1, the Department of Education Region 1, the Philippine Information Agency Region 1, and the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry Region 1, expressed their commitment to the Handa Pilipinas initiative. Agency heads and representatives expressed their full commitment to the goals of Handa Pilipinas. They pledged not only to participate in the event but also to support DOST's objectives through their respective mandates, contributing to a brighter and more resilient Philippines.

With the display of camaraderie and synergy, DOST 1 and its partner agencies reaffirm their commitment to enhancing disaster resilience and preparedness in the nation.

DOST 1 JOINS REGION 1 ADVOCATE FOR GENDER EQUALITY IN WOMEN'S MONTH KICK-OFF ACTIVITY

In celebration of the 2024 National Women's Month, themed "WE for Gender Equality and Inclusive Society," with the sub-theme "Lipunang Patas sa Bagong Pilipinas, Kakayahan ng Kababaihan, Patutunayan!", the Department of Science and Technology Regional Office 1 (DOST 1) proudly participated in the Women's Month Kick-Off Activity organized by the Region 1 Advocate for Gender Equality (RAGE 1) on March 8, 2024, at Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University – Mid La Union Campus (DMMMSU-MLUC), City of San Fernando, La Union.

With a firm commitment to promoting gender equality and women's empowerment, DOST 1 staff members actively engaged in various initiatives including the Walk

for GAD, a Thanksgiving Mass, a lively Zumba session, and the GAD Booth Exhibit. Participants also had the opportunity to hear an inspirational message from Former City Mayor and now Private Sector Representative of the Regional Development Council (RDC), Hon. Mary Jane C. Ortega, a dedicated GAD Advocate, further reinforcing the importance of gender equality advocacy.

In addition to participating in the event's activities, DOST 1 showcased its flagship programs, projects, and activities (PPAs) at the RAGE-1 GAD Best Booth 2024. Emphasizing the significance of gender perspectives in science, technology, and innovation, DOST 1 highlighted its commitment to promoting gender equality in all aspects of its work.

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DOST-1 team gathers for a group photo at their Science and Technology booth.



Participants from DOST-1 actively participating and enjoying the Walk for GAD activity.



Mr. Edrusell Castillo of PSTO-La Union presenting the DOST booth to attendees.

Congratulations!

DR. TERESITA A. TABAOG

Regional Director, DOST-1

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