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Isa ka mahamungayaon nga pagtamyaw halin sa inyo alagad. Halin sa aton kapitolyo probinsiyal, gina-abi abi ko ang tanan ilabi na gid ang aton mga kaupod sa paghatag serbisiyo publiko.

Karon nga adlaw, aton pagabalikan ang Guimaras sadtong tuig dos mil dose, bag-o sang aton pagdumala, kag ang Guimaras subong nga dos mil kinse, sa aton padayon nga paghili-ugyon kag paghiliusa tanan para sa masanag nga palaabuton.

We have resolved to advance our progress for the last year's developmental achievements while trailblazing the principles of sustainable development and inclusive growth. Of how our island province fared in the preceding year is but a continued challenge for each of our stakeholders to even maximize oneness and reap shared success.

And now we are on our 862nd day of our public service and we continue our efforts to improve the lives of every Guimarasnon.

Allow me to report the appraisal of what transpired during the previous year and of how these will reflect the milestones – significant points in development – that will guide us to go on the right direction and serve as the blueprint to better decision-making processes primarily for public service and the common good.

Focusing on economic, infrastructure, environmental and social development, and development administration as the core leadership mechanism, our direction implements programs and projects that will be pillars to nation-building and to more of our citizenry. The accomplishments of this report are manifestations of our collective hardwork and common toil towards becoming the agri-tourism capital of the region with empowered, self-reliant and healthy families enjoying a progressive economy which is anchored on the principles of

sustainable development.

With our initiatives to protect and secure every Guimarasnon Family, we sustained our strong campaign to Disaster Risk Reduction and Management. We have been recently conferred the Gawad KALASAG, 1st Place Best Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council in the Regional Search for Excellence in Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Humanitarian Assistance with 92.30% rating.

With our vision of becoming the agri-tourism capital of the Region, our Php 6M budget in 2014 for the Guimaras Tourism Development Program resulted to 15.51% increase of tourism arrivals with Php 1.2B income which is spread among tourism stakeholders such as transportation sectors, accommodation establishment operators, tour guides and other business establishments.

Our 2015 Manggahan Festival and the 2nd year of the Manggahan sa Kabanwahan recorded a total of 55,029 visitors' arrival bringing in tourism receipts of Php 27.5M from April 10 to May 22 and with a total gross sales of Php 10.7M from the Agri-Trade and Tourism Fair.

From one (1) accredited island resort in 2012 to seven (7) hotels and resorts accredited by the Department of Tourism (DOT) this 2015. And recently, we were awarded 1st Runners-Up in the National ATOP-DOT Pearl Awards 2015; the Guimaras: Bike Paradise of the Philippines Project for Best Tourism Event (Adventure Category) and Brgy. San Roque Suba Malawig Eco-Tour for Best Community-Based Responsible Tourism (Enterprise Category).

Together with our efforts to realize our vision, our island is declared as a Labor Law Compliant Tourist Destination by the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) in 2014.

And with the equally strong leadership of our voice in Congress, Congressman JC Rahman Nava, through the Department of Public Works and Highways, most of our national road is now concretely paved and will be 100% functional by 2016.

For the total of 120.80 kilometer (km) provincial road with twenty-four (24) road sections province wide which need repairs and maintenance and 42% is expected to be done in 2016. The remaining will be accomplished in 2017 through the National Government initiatives under the Department of Public Works and Highways, the Department of Agriculture - Philippine Rural Development Project (PRDP) and the Department of Interior and Local Government - KALSADA Program.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



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To preserve peace and order in the island is on top of our priorities when we took oath last July 2013 and with this initiative, we have activated the Provincial Peace and Order Council (PPOC). With the help of the Guimaras Provincial Police Office, our operations on maintaining an insurgent-free province was heightened and thus resulted to the turn-over of the Internal Peace and Security Operations from the Armed Forces of the Philippines in 2014.

With our outstanding accomplishment in the field of peace and order and police operations, we have been awarded the Silver Eagle Award for the significant decrease in index crimes, crime clearance and crime solution efficiency in 2014. It resulted to a decrease in the total crime volume of 3,660 in 2013 to 3,122 in 2014.

The recent distribution of miscellaneous fees amounting to Php 3.1M for all the public school students has made Guimaras rank number one in the registration of the Boy Scout of the Philippines in the whole Western Visayas.

With the continued help of our Provincial and Municipal Offices, the National Government Agencies, Non-Government Organizations, Civil Society Organizations, People's Organizations, Stakeholders and Private Partners, ladies and gentlemen, let us watch the humble accomplishment of our dear island-province.

AVP

Anchored on Guimaras' development vision to be the agri-tourism capital of the region, we have worked hard to improve our tourism industry as one of our major economic drivers.

In the 3rd Quarter of this year, seven (7) hotels and resorts were accredited by the DOT. Neptune Pittman's Garden Resort and Spa, Cabugan Adventure Resort, Zemkamps Chalet, Magic Island Resort, Jannah Glycel Beach House, Costa Aguada Island Resort, and Raymen Beach Resort.

During the month-long Manggahan Festival in 2014 with the theme "Maximizing Involvement: Spreading Socio-Cultural Economic Gains, we have launched the first Manggahan sa Kabanwahanan.

This year, the 2015 Manggahan Festival and the 23rd Guimaras Foundation Day was double-the-fun. With the theme, "Mag-isa kag Mag-ugyon. Kauswagan Padayunon," we have improved the second year of our Manggahan sa Kabanwahanan and lined-up more participatory events and activities. We have soared with the progress of our Festival and Foundation Day which recorded a total of 55,029 visitors' arrival bringing in tourism receipts of Php 27.5M from April 10 to May 22.

A notable increase in the total gross sales of the Manggahan Agri-trade and Tourism Fair was recorded with Php 7.3M in 2014 and Php 10.7M this year, as compared to the Php 6.9M in 2012 and Php 4.7M in 2013.

The province joined the celebration of the Harvest Festival in the Municipality of San Lorenzo in 2014 and allotted the activity with Php 35,000.00 financial assistance and continued its support this 2015 with a total assistance of Php 63,000.00.

Our visitors' arrival including foreign and local tourists and excursionists increased by 15.51% from 63,921 in 2013 to 73,833 in 2014.

101 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) delegates and 55 APEC Organizing Committee Members were assisted by the Guimaras APEC Off-Site Tours Task Force during the Ministerial Meeting last September 19 to October 6, 2015 in Iloilo City.

Different activities have been implemented to help improve the competitiveness and sustainability of Guimaras economy through the Guimaras Investment Code, its Implementing Rules and Regulation (IRR), technical assistance and capacity enhancement, and scaled up market linkages which resulted to more than 600% increase from the 2013 recorded investments.

The primary investors were the Trans Asia Renewable Energy Corporation (TAREC) with their wind farm in San Lorenzo and the gasoline stations in the five (5) municipalities. There were also 2,182 registered businesses including the 329 new enterprises.

Showcasing locally made products, Guimaras local entrepreneurs were helped to participate in thirteen (13) Trade Fairs nationwide which generated total gross sales of Php 2.8M.

With our strong commitment to a holistic economic development, we have been declared as a Labor Law Compliant Tourist Destination by DOLE Secretary Rosalinda Dimapilis-Baldoz. The five (5) municipalities were likewise awarded with Certificates of Compliance on Labor Standards and Occupational Safety and Health Services (OSHS).



Our Provincial Training and Enterprise Development Center (PTEDC) had 1,405 enrollees mostly out-of-school youth and displaced workers for different vocational courses that would enhance their entrepreneurial skills. A total of 1,399 graduated, reflecting a 99.6% completion or graduation rate. With this, there is a rise in the number of graduates employed from 59% (440) in 2012 to 84% (776) in 2013 and 85% in 2014 (1,189).

We have been self-sufficient in rice reflecting 106%. From a total harvested area of 19,669 hectares in 2014, we produced 51,162 metric tons (MT). For our other crops, we maintained our mango production in 2014 at 10,000 MT. Our cashew nut production increased by 9.4% from

542 MT in 2013 to 593 MT in 2014. Similarly, there was a 7% increase in coconut production in 2014 at 28,052 MT from 26,312 MT in 2013. Our sweet potato/camote production increased by almost 9% in 2014 at 2,733 MT compared with 2,510 MT in the previous year.

Our corn production (total for both yellow and white varieties) increased by 50.57% from 613 MT in 2013 to 923 MT in 2014. Similarly, the total production for various fruit crops ballooned to 493.26% from 46,681.4 MT to 276,492.6 MT.

The total fish production in 2014 was 7,039 MT that is 110% of the targeted production. Seaweeds produced from the 52.56 hectares coastal water production area was 748.93 MT.

The Philippine Rural Development Project (PRDP) has started in Guimaras. It is a six (6) year (2013-2016) special project implemented nationwide by the Department of Agriculture (DA) and funded by the World Bank which aims at increasing by at least 5% the annual real incomes of PRDP households, increasing by 7% the value of annual marketed output, and increasing by 20% the number of farmers and fishers with improved access to DA services.

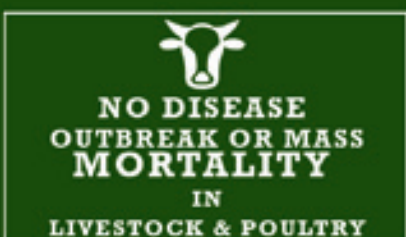
To provide more opportunities for our farmers and fisherfolk and to increase their productivity and income, we have prepared the necessary plan, value-chain analysis, feasibility studies, Detailed Engineering Design

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and Program of Works. One of the Farm to Market Roads (FMR), and part of the province's road central spine, proposed is the Bugnay-Sapal-Maabay Farm to Market Road worth Php129 million which has been approved by the Regional Project Coordination Office and hopefully be implemented next year. We are preparing more FMRs that support our priority crops such as mango and seaweeds, for funding by the PRDP until its end in 2019.

We have sustained our Rabies-Free Declaration by the Department of Health on September 28, 2013 through some of our best practices such as the management of the Dog Wellness Center, Bayanihan Dog vaccination and elimination, dog castration and spaying activities, collaboration with line agencies and animal rights advocate groups, and extensive information dissemination campaign.

In 2014, there was no disease outbreak or mass mortality of livestock and poultry of more than 5% of the total population. For animal breeding project, a total of 860 offspring was produced through Artificial Insemination, specifically, 18 heads of Cattle, 22 heads of Carabao, and 820 heads of Swine.



INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

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We have also improved 1 km part of the Piña-Suclaran road using the recycler machine. This road section is a major access road leading to the ports going to Negros and is a recipient of the research funded by the Provincial Road Management Facility (PRMF) for Cement Stabilized Aggregate Base (CSAB) using local resources.

Roads leading to the recognized tourism sites were also improved through the installation of 500 linear meter (lm) guardrail at Jordan-Hoskyn for road safety and the improvement of 452.5 lm at Supang-Navalas road. From 2014, two (2) road packages were bid and awarded under the PRMF funded by the Australian Government and was accomplished last June 30, 2015.

Before the PRMF ended, they have officially handed over all the necessary files and documents and equipment to the Province of Guimaras on October 14, 2015.

And with the equally strong leadership of our voice in Congress, Congressman JC Rahman Nava, through the DPWH, most of our national road is now concretely paved and 100% functional by 2016 and likewise our provincial roads namely, San Miguel-Sebaste (Php222 M), Oracon –Botconaway (Php 110M) and

Piña-Suclaran (Php 70M) will also be accomplished next year.

Our new hospital building has already started with Php 160M budget for the construction and Php 70M for hospital equipment.

Funded under the 20% Development Fund we have lined up the following road sections:

- Mclain-Nazaret (Php 3M)
- Sta. Teresa-Sinapsapan (Php 3M)
- Poblacion-Mura-Daragan (Php 1.5M)
- Crossing Toring-Lanipe (Php 3M)
- Bacjao Road (Php 1.5M)
- Daliran-Old Poblacion (Php1.5M)
- Lusong-Sumirib (Php 3M)

The Provincial Capitol Complex project as visible now has a new look. This includes the improvement and upgrading of the Provincial Gym, the construction of 268 square meters (sq. m) extended concrete pavement on the left side access road of the capitol building with 119.55 lm of concrete drainage with steel covering, construction of 97.68 lm concrete drainage with partial concrete cover located at the right side of the provincial gym. We administered the renovation and improvement of the Provincial Capitol Canopy, COA and the Guimaras Police Provincial Office buildings.

We have also expanded the PGSO warehouse building to increase its storage capacity and improved the electrical system of the capitol main and the adjacent buildings. We have also installed additional lightings at the selected areas of the capitol compound.

With the mandate of creating the Provincial Team for the construction and operationalization of Tourism Infrastructure Projects, the construction of the Tourism Signage, Tourism Map, Brgy. Hoskyn Display Center and Directional Signage with warning signs were accomplished and are now functional.



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- Guimaras Signage / Landmark
- Sibunag River Development Project
- Green Restrooms
- Sapal Community Based Rural Tourism (CBRT) Kitchen and Food Processing Center
- Viewing Decks
- Completion of Coffee Shop Phase II (Cafeteria)
- Tourism Express Vehicles



ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT



On environmental development, we have allotted Php 1.5M to strengthen our Integrated Coastal Management (ICM) Program; a natural resource and environmental management framework that employs an integrative, holistic planning process that would respond to various intricate and complicated management issues in the coastal area.

For the Coastal Resource Management, we have assessed five (5) marine habitats, namely, Balcon Melliza Marine Protected Area (MPA) in Jordan, Tando-Lucmayan (TAN-LUC) MPA in Nueva Valencia, Barangay Getulio in Buenavista specifically in the proposed Dolphin sanctuary site, Pamanculan Fish Sanctuary in San Isidro, Sibunag, and Tumulintinan Point Fish Sanctuary in Suclaran, San Lorenzo.



We have also planted 3,000 mangrove propagules in the coastal area of Barangay Sebario in San Lorenzo with a total survival rate of 67.76% and we have conducted coastal clean-ups on 10 barangays covering an estimated coastline length of 10.25 kms and collected a total trash volume of 1,619 kgs.

And to support livelihood, we have conducted a community consultation dialogue at Barangay La Paz, Nueva Valencia to augment the income of the fisherfolk who have been affected by the strict implementation of this MPA.

For Forest Management, we have propagated a total of 47,245 pieces of

assorted species of forest and fruit tree seedlings and were distributed to thirty three (33) landowners for tree planting. 4,000 mahogany and acacia auri seedlings were likewise planted along the nursery boundaries. To improve water shed development, we have conducted riverbank tree planting at Sitio Casilian, Oracon Norte in Sibunag with 6,000 seedlings planted in 1.3 hectare land area.

During the Environment Month celebration and the Kasadyahan sa Kabukiran Activity at Barangay Dasal, Sibunag, we have planted 2,500 forest and fruit tree seedlings in a 2-hectare lot area with an 80% survival rate.

In the monitoring of the Coastal Water Quality, a total of forty-eight (48) coastal water samples were collected from twelve (12) sampling stations for on-site parameters (Dissolved Oxygen), pH and Temperature and analyzed at the EMB Laboratory for Oil and Grease, Total Coliform, and Fecal Coliform parameters.

To sustain effective Solid Waste

Management, we have released financial assistance to the Municipality of Buenavista and Supang Central School for the establishment of Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), conducted 12 information campaign sessions and issued policies on the observance of proper waste segregation.



SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT



Guimaras has been advocating and working for a child-friendly province, reflecting the status of our children in terms of enjoying their survival rights, the health condition of our children improved as our well-nourished children aged below six (6) years old increased to 95.71% in 2014 from 94.87% in 2013.

Likewise, the incidence of low birthweight among our newborn babies decreased to 13.05% in 2014 from 15.44% in 2013. Coherently, our neonatal death decreased to 6.67 per 1000 livebirths in 2014 from 8.1 in 2013. Similarly, our infant mortality rate decreased to 12.9 per 1000 livebirths in 2014 from 13.37 in 2013. Our under-five mortality rate or death among children below five (5) years old decreased to 15.43 per 1000 livebirths in 2014 from 18.23 in 2013.

In 2013, we have faced an Php 18M debt in Philhealth Premium and we have already paid Php 3M and we will continue paying the arrears for 10 years, Php 1.5M per year for the first 9 years and Php 2.5M on the 10th year.

In 2012, the operating loss of the three (3) hospitals -the Dr. Catalino G. Nava Provincial Hospital (DCGNPH),

the Nueva Valencia District Hospital and the Buenavista Emergency Hospital is Php 41.2M. Even with the subsidy of Php 40M from the Provincial Government, the three hospitals incurred a

Php 1.2 M net loss.

In general, the financial picture of DCGNPH from the time we assumed office in July 1, 2013 to present shows an increasing income which amounted to Php 4.6M as of August 31, 2015 despite a substantial reduction of the provincial subsidy from Php 36M in 2013 to Php 22M at present or a decrease of Php 14.5M.

By the year ends this 2015, the hospital will earn an income of Php 7-8M following the trend that shows an increase of 400% over its 2014 income. These are credits for the sound management of our hospital and improved procurement of all the medicines.

In support of our mission to improve the quality of life of Guimarasnons, we have implemented 13 projects such as Rabies Free Guimaras, TB Prevention and Control, STI, HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control, Immunization, Prevention of Malnutrition, Family Planning,

Maternal and Child Health Care, Dental Health, Integrated Prevention, Control and Management of Lifestyle Related Conditions, Access to Safe Water, Zero Open Defecation, Surveillance and Epidemic Management, and Health Planning with an average accomplishment rate of 93%.

Under the 20% DF of 2012 and 2013, the Water Supply Sector Program (WSSP) repaired and rehabilitated 23 deep wells and constructed one (1) unit deep well at Sitio Buhang, Morobuan, Jordan in 2014.

This 2015, the WSSP accomplished the following:

2013 20% DF

- Construction of Level 1 Water Supply Facility an alternate water source for the Nueva Valencia District Hospital, Lanipe, Nueva Valencia.

2014 20% DF

- Expansion of Level 3 Water Supply System at BLISS – Sitio Capitongan with 35 household beneficiaries, Expansion of Level 3 Water Supply System at First Street – Sitio Odiong, San Miguel, Jordan with 30 household beneficiaries



- Construction of Level 3 Water Supply System at Sitio Carig-on to Agsanayan Proper, Buenavista with more or less 80 household beneficiaries

- Improvement/Upgrading of Lanipe-Salvacion Water Supply System at Lanipe, Nueva Valencia with more or less 300 household beneficiaries

2015 20% DF

- Improvement/Upgrading of Lanipe-Salvacion Water Supply System at Lanipe to Salvacion, Nueva Valencia

- Construction of Level 1 Water Supply Facility (Deep Well) at Sitio Balabag-Mura, Poblacion, Jordan with 18 household beneficiaries

- Construction of Level 1 Water Supply Facility (Dug Well) at Sitio Dasan, Lanipe, Nueva Valencia with the Parole & Probation Admin and its neighboring households as the recipient

- Construction of Level 3 Water Supply System (Construction of water reservoir and Procurement of water tanks) at Sitio Carig-on to Agsanayan Proper, Buenavista



- Province wide Rehabilitation of non-functioning Level 1 Water Supply Facilities

To subsidize the hospital bills of our informal sectors we have allocated with Php 2.5 million yearly through our Guimaras Health Insurance Project (GHIP). In 2013, there are 2,020 members with 457



claimants and due to the new scheme in 2014 the membership decreased to 1,737 with 309 claims. However, it tripled in 2015 with 5,528 members and 75 claims as of October 2015.

Without outstanding accomplishment in the field of peace and order and police operations, we have been awarded the Silver Eagle Award for the significant decrease in index crimes, crime clearance and crime solution efficiency in 2014. It resulted to a decreased total crime volume of 15% from 3660 in 2013 to 3122 in 2014.

We have sustained zero insurgency since 2008 as evident in the hand-over of Internal Peace and Security Operations by the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

To address the drug related issues, we have activated and revitalized our Barangay Anti-Drug Abuse Council through a series of Drug Clearing Operations in 2014 and 2015. This strategy resulted to an increased number of apprehended drug personalities with eight (8) persons arrested in 2013, 18 in 2014, and as of October 2015, the number of persons arrested doubled to 30.

We have enhanced our capabilities to address critical incidents and criminalities through the establishment of SWAT Unit with allocation of Php 987,130.00.

For CY 2014, Children and Senior Citizens (SC) were given a bigger budget at PhP 500,000.00 for SC and PhP 980,000.00 for children. The allocated amount for SC was utilized for the conduct various activities such as the Site Guide Training. Older persons (OPs) were also provided the opportunity for agri-tourism familiarization tour and disaster management orientation.

On Children and Women Protection, we have sustained the conduct of annual search on Child Friendly barangays, and the Advocacy on Child Rights

through the conduct of Children's Month Celebration that highlighted the annual State of the Children's Report.

Promoting the physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual and social well-being of the youth, various activities were conducted with the participation of the indigenous people youth, youth with disability, out-of-school and in-school youth.

Full scholarship was granted to 40 college students in 2014 and 46 in 2015. Likewise, Php 3000.00 worth of educational assistance was provided to 185 students for the first semester of the SY 2015-2016.

Our Indigenous People were likewise provided education on various topics (parenting, health and sanitation, nutrition, life skills and positive lifestyle promotion).

The Commission on Population (POPCOM) funded Php 273,360.00 for the implementation of the Family Development Sessions, conducted to 81 barangays and attended by 2,162 Pantawid Pamilya couples.

To measure the impact of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program, we facilitated the Search for Huwarang Pantawid Pamilya.

The Province of Guimaras is a beneficiary of the KALAHI-CIDSS project of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) with a total fund of PhP 86M. Meanwhile, Php 2M financial support from our 20% DF was given to the municipality of Sibunag to augment on their counterpart for the said project.

We are now in our 3rd Cycle for the Bottom-Up Budgeting (BUB) and this 2015, we have a total of 29 BUB Projects with a total project cost of PhP 22M. Php 160,000.00 is the counterpart of the PGG for the five (5) projects in Sibunag and Nueva Valencia.



DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION



To increase productivity, Time Management System or BIOMETRICS was installed and the Human Resource Information System was organized.

In 2014, we have issued 68 Executive Orders and chaired the local special bodies and task force. The first State of the Province Address and second State of the Children Report were also delivered.

To strengthen the PGG's partnership with the barangays in development and to recognize and award their performance, the search for excellence in barangay governance award was scaled up to Guimaras Good Governance Seal for the Barangays or 3GSB.

The 44 qualifying barangays were conferred the good governance seal and awarded Php 100,000.00 each during the LGU Night of the 2015 Manggahan Festival.



Under the General Fund for this year, Php 5M is allotted for the Barangays' performance through the 3GSB and for the continuous improvement of our barangays, another Php 5M is budgeted for Barangay Infrastructure Support Development Program.

On our 3rd year, we have continuously activated our local special bodies.

- Provincial Development Council (PDC) including its four (4) sectoral committees like the Social Development, Economic Development, Infrastructure Development, and Development Administration. Local School Board (LSB)
- Local Health Board (LSB)
- Peace and Order Council (PPOC)
- Provincial Bids and Awards Committee
- Provincial Council for the Protection of Children (PCPC)
- Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (PDRRMC).

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In 2014, Guimaras PDRRMC was conferred Gawad KALASAG 2nd Best PDRRMC in the region and placed 2nd in the national level. With our unwavering commitment to proactive disaster management, we won 1st place in 2015 Gawad KALASAG Best PDRRMC in Region 6.

Through the Php 7M Local School Board budget, educational activities, teachers incentives, Western Visayas Regional Meet and Infrastructure Projects were supported. Medals and Cash Incentives were also awarded to the outstanding pupils last March 2014.

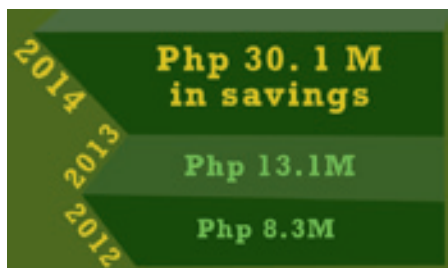
Distribution of miscellaneous fees amounting to Php 3.1M for all the public school students has made Guimaras rank number 1 in the registration of the Boy Scout of the Philippines in the whole Western Visayas.

We have conducted free legal clinic to the constituents of the five (5) municipalities of Guimaras. 790 fisher folks were able to claim Php1.7M on the damages brought about by the oil spill caused by the sunken MV Sportivo on January 19, 2014.

Together with our Office of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan (OSP) we have passed and approved thirteen (13) Provincial Ordinances, 44 appropriation ordinances and 287 resolutions. Some of which are the Anti-Plastic Ordinance, Curfew on Minors Ordinance and Anti-Minor on Wheels.

We have also maintained the paperless strategy through the computer-based legislative tracking system.

On fiscal management and budget performance, the revenue of the PGG increased 33% from Php 344.2M in 2013 to Php 458M in 2014.



There is a noticeable increasing trend in the savings of the province.

In 2012, the savings is Php 8.3M. In 2013, Php 13.1M and the 2014 savings reached Php 30.1M.

With the increase in savings, we have raised our cash incentives from Php 5,000.00 in 2013 to Php 11,500.00 in 2014. In addition, we had sufficient fund to provide one month basic pay as Performance Enhancement Incentive (PEI) in 2015.



Our accomplishments in serving the Guimarasnons will not be possible without the help of our partners in the National Government Agencies, and as a counterpart for their support we have allocated budget for their respective offices:

1. Bureau of Jail Management and Penology – Php 140,000.00 for Operational Expenses and Septic Tank
2. Civil Service Commission – Php 73,920.00 for General Services
3. Commission on Audit – Php 720,000.00 for General Services, Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses and Capital Outlay

4. Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Guimaras – Php 420,000.00 for TINMAR signage

5. Department of Education Division of Guimaras – Php 7M the Local School Board Special Education Fund and Php 1.7M for Guimaras Sports Council

6. Department of Trade and Industry – Php 50,000.00 assistance for exhibits

7. Guimaras Provincial Police Office – Php 500,000.00 for Provincial Peace and Order Council, Php 1.5 million for support to Municipal and other Peace and Order Agencies, and Php 750,000.00 assistance to the Guimaras Provincial Police

8. Guimaras State College – Php 1M for 2014 General Services, Php 66,000.00 for the Medals of the Athletes, Php 725,410.00 for the scholars of SY 2015-2016 and Php 20,000.00 for the Kampo Kalikasan Activity

9. Regional Trial Court and Prosecutors Office – Php 437,535.00 for the General Services, Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses and Capital Outlay

10. Philippine Coconut Authority – Php 28,950.00 for the Kalubihan Festival

11. Boy Scout of the Philippines – Php 53,000.00 assistance for the Delegation of BSP to National Jamboree and Php 1.1M for the Registration of the 19,340 students to Boy Scout of the Philippines

12. Red Cross of the Philippines Guimaras Chapter – Php 45,500.00 for the acquisition of Insurance for the Barangay Tanod and Php 711,780.00 for the insurance of 11,863 high school students

13. Provincial Training and Enterprise Development Center Program – Php 1.3 million for the General Services, Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses and Capital Outlay

14. Philippine Rural Development Project (PRDP) – Php20M for IBUILD and IREAP Subprojects for 2016

PLANS & PROGRAMS FOR 2015

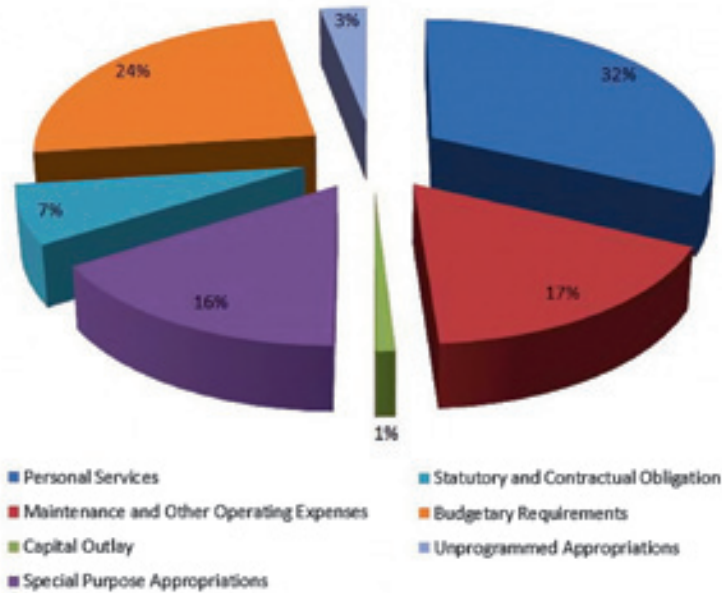
These are our plans and programs for 2015.

The approved annual budget for 2015 is Php 438.6 million.

This is comprised of PhP 68.5 million or 16% for Special Purpose Appropriations (SPA), PhP140.2 million or 32% for Personal Services, PhP73.5 million or 17% for MOOE, PhP29.9 million or 7% for Statutory & Contractual Obligation, PhP106.4 million or 24% for Budgetary Requirements including the 20% Development Fund, and PhP15.96 million or 4% as unprogrammed appropriation.

These resources are all aligned for the good governance and interventions to realize our vision and mission. The following are the projects to be implemented and funded summing up to Php84 million out of the 20% Development Fund in 2015:

DISTRIBUTION OF APPROPRIATION



1. Rural Water Supply Sector Program

2. Improvement of Water Supply System (Capitol)

3. Farm Mechanization

4. Improvement of Capitol Complex

5. Improvement of Nueva Valencia District Hospital

6. Counterpart to PRMF

7. Construction of School Toilets

8. Improvement of Provincial Museum

9. Construction of Multi-Purpose Building (Food Court) Phase 1

10. Counterpart to Phil. Rural Development Project (PRDP)

11. Guimaras Tourism Development Program

12. Improvement of Guiwanon Day Care Center

13. Counterpart to Comprehensive and Integrated Delivery of Social Services (CIDDS)

14. Improvement of Buenavista Emergency Hospital (Purchase of Generator and Medical Equipment)

15. Integrated Coastal Management Program

16. Amortizations to various loans on equipment, hospital, water supply system and farm to market road



It is unfortunate that before this year ends, a mishap has challenged us – the MBCA Tawash Tragedy took nine (9) lives on October 18, 2015. To immediately help the casualties and survivors, we provided financial assistance through our Local Disaster Risk Reduction Management (LDRRM) fund. Php 25,000.00 was given to each to the nine (9) casualties and Php 5,000 each for the thirty two (32) survivors. Stress debriefing and counselling were provided.



With the continued development that we now enjoy, it is also fitting that we recognize exemplary Guimarasnons that have become an inspiration to all of us.

First, she is the community relations officer of the Buenavista Police Station-Guimaras Police Provincial Office. She spearheaded the advocacy Pulisya at Barangay Aktibong Lumalaban sa Karahasan Hangad ay Kaayusan ng Sambayanan or P.A.B.A.L.H.A.S. sang Banwa sang Buenavista. It drove her in the service of building bridges and breaking barriers towards community empowerment and because of her advocacy, she is named one of the Country's Outstanding Police Officers in Service or COPS 2015. Ladies and gentlemen let's give a round of applause for **PO2 Mary Cateherine B. Demontaño**.

Second, he is a Provincial Government of Guimaras (PGG) employee for 13 years working for the Office for Agricultural Services (POAS). He is a resident of Brgy. Igang in Nueva Valencia. He ranked 6th place during the Agriculturist Licensure Examination in the Philippines on June 2015. Let us give a big hand for **Mr. Alvin Lising Nava**.

Thirdly, she is a resident of Brgy. San Miguel, Jordan and a graduate of the University of San Agustin. She took the Medical Technologist Licensure Exam on September 2015 and landed 7th place. Please give a round of applause for the exemplary, **Ms. Alyssa Joy Samorro Dema-ala**.

And representing our Indigenous People, the Ati Communities in the province of Guimaras, we are very

proud to have with us the very first Registered Aeta Nurse in the history, **Ms. Evem Z. Ganila, RN**.

Ladies and gentlemen, our pace in taking the lead will neither be slackened today nor at any time in the future because these achievements are just but a fraction of the efforts that we still have to employ and do. We will do more because we have more. *Ini umpisa pa lang para malab-ot naton ang padayon nga pag-uswag sang probinsya sang Guimaras.*

Upod kita tanan maglakat para sa masanag nga palaabuton. Let us altogether walk hand in hand in upholding our core values for an equitably progressive Guimaras and a more spirited Philippines.

Padayon, Guimaras! Para sa Masanag nga Palaabuton!

Madamo gid nga salamat!



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