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Isa ka mahamungayaon nga pagtamyaw halin sa inyo kapitolyo probinsiyal. Mainit nga pagpangabi-abi sa aton mga halangdon nga bisita, opisyal, empleyado kag mga tumandok.

Today is our 1,246th day in service. We celebrate, begin and prolong our cooperative and harmonizing efforts to discharge government's sworn responsibility for a better and brighter Guimaras!

In three years, we have progressively reengineered our system by integrating the principles of good governance, full public accountability and in support to the international pact of Sustainable Development Goals.

This we thank to the majority of the electorate who entrusted our administration the leadership to continue what we have started – to sustain the good start and better the new governance paradigm.

Our island-province is now on the cusp of a speeded progress and unyielding in the toil of stronger

economic drivers for a competitive and sustained Guimaras economy.

In the process, we have made our approaches objective, integrated, demand driven, participatory, time bound and widely shared Para sa Masanag nga Palaabuton.

Guimaras is emergent and growing. Now, we are six months closer to our Silver Year, the 25th Provincehood Anniversary Celebration on May 22, next year.

And as we prepare for this gleaming celebration and revelry, let us quickly trace the development of our island in this QuickStat.

From a population of 118,000 in 1990, we proliferated by 48% and reached 174,613 in the 2015 Census of Population by the Philippine Statistics Authority.

For the past years, we have ensured that the public needs of our people shall be provided and taken care of through the judicious and responsive use of resources.

In 2015, the Provincial Government of Guimaras had a total

gross income of 514.2 million pesos reflecting an increase of almost 21 percent from the 2014 total gross income of 426.8 million pesos.

These incomes derived from Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) of the national government, local and other sources primarily support the need of the different plans,

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programs and activities of the province towards attaining our vision of 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.

This is our direction. This is our blueprint. The genesis of Guimaras and the birth of a bigger world ahead of us -- to improve the quality of life Guimarasnons through responsive and participatory governance.

We see how far and fast our province has grown. We have been witnesses to these developments and challenges.

Sin-o ang magabenepesyo sining progreso? Kita. Ikaw. Ako. Ang bilog nga katawhan kag pumuluyo sa probinsiya sang Guimaras.

Today, in my third State of the Province Address, let me share how our province fared for the past year.

This annual development report is a summary of our achievements in 2015, some milestones this year and our key plans next year. All of these will be used for decision-making as we gear up in our resolute efforts to become a major agri-eco tourism destination in the

country.

Our accomplishments on economic, infrastructure, environmental, social development and development administration reflect our commitment in having concerted actions from our local communities to the policymakers.

As a result, we have been successful in alleviating poverty in the province as poverty incidence among population decreased significantly by 16.4% from 37.2% in 2012 first semester to 20.8% in the first half of 2015. This means that 16 of every 100 Guimarasnons were lifted out of poverty.

A Guimarasnon family of five members needs a monthly income of PhP 6,634.00 to meet their basic food needs and PhP9, 501 to stay out of poverty.

Notably, among the data from years 2006, 2009, 2012 and to present, 2015 has the least poverty incidence.

Meanwhile, as this gathering celebrates our partnership and convergence, this has a more transcendent meaning.

For it also begins our first year of the second term of office diri sa aton Kapitolyo Probinsiya.

And it cannot be avoided to expand our horizon as we survey the state of the province.

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We have continued to propel the momentum of our province's economic growth so that we may contribute to fulfilling our roles in the region and in nation-building by strengthening our economic drivers which are agriculture, fisheries, tourism and services.

On agriculture, our national crop and banner fruit, the famous Guimaras mango increased production to 11,840 metric tons (MT) resulting to 18% increase from 10,026 MT in 2014.

Some 7,200 mango growers are expected to benefit once we resume our export of Guimaras Mango which was temporarily stopped years back.

A delegation from the European Union led by Ambassador Franz Jessen met with the mango industry stakeholders during their two-day visit on April, 2015. Being a recipient of the Trade Related Technical Assistance Programme 3, this will lead to increased marketability and improved access to international markets through the Geographical Indication (GI) as they create value for local communities through products that are deeply rooted in tradition, culture and geography. As explained, GI commodities have



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higher market price 2.5% over than common products without GI.

Other fruit crops also registered slight increase in production: Cashew with 5%, Coconut 6.09%, Cacao with 5.53% and Vegetables with 20.59%. Cassava production remarkably increased by 131.17%.

However, rice production in 2015 totaled to 40,154 MT which is 21.58% lower compared to year 2014 production of 51,202 MT. Corn production also decreased by 30.99% in 2015, compared to year 2014.

Decrease in production figures of these cereals can be attributed mainly to the occurrence of El Niño phenomenon which started in the 4th quarter of 2014 and the whole year of 2015 which consequently reduced the harvested areas to about 21.19% lower compared from the previous year's data.

In the provincial level, the State

of Calamity was declared by the Honorable Sangguniang Panlalawigan through Resolution No. 40 Series of 2016 based on the damage report in which initially 2,540 farmers were affected with initial 90.9 million pesos worth of damage in both rice and other crops.

The damaging effects of the El Niño phenomenon were effectively mitigated through the introduction of high yield technology adaptation, distribution of hybrid seeds with commercial fertilizer and the availability of certified seeds for the farmers.

Relatedly, to partly alleviate the losses incurred by our farmers, fisherfolks, other workers and micro/small entrepreneurs, 10,123 disadvantaged persons were provided short-term employment in community works with the assistance through the

Tulong Panghanapbuhay Sa Ating Displaced/Disadvantaged (TUPAD) Workers Program of our partner, the Department of Labor and Employment in the first quarter of 2016.

On the other hand, the total fish production surged up by almost 20% from 7,039 MT in 2014 to 8,421.

Seaweeds is one of our priority commodities along with mango, coconut, native chicken, cattle, coffee/cacao, banana, cashew, and sweet potato to be assisted by the Provincial Rural Development Project (PRDP) which is mainly funded by the World Bank with National/DA and provincial counterparts for identified interventions in the Provincial Commodity Investment

will benefit from the 8 million pesos assistance for 2 Small Livelihood Projects on Seaweed Production and Marketing of Sibunag and Panobolon, Nueva Valencia.

Different activities have been effected to help advance 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.

Also, as a result of our strategies for competitiveness and investment friendliness, a total of 602 new businesses were registered in the five municipalities, reflecting a 17% increase compared to the 513 new business registrants in 2014.

We have been concretizing the efforts of our Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) through the increase of market exposure of Guimaras processed products.

Showcasing locally made products, our local entrepreneurs were assisted to participate in eight (8) regional and national trade fairs and generated total sales of Php 15.9M.

Our mini-galleons, products of our Community-Based Rural Tourism (CBRT) Program, are recognized by Export Management Bureau as sunrise industry for export and now eyed

for export market.

Remarkably, the total gross sales of the businesses renewals in 2015 reached Php628.22 million with 46.5% increase against the 2014 figure of Php428.77 million

Guimaras tourism industry is now on the upswing by resolving to sustain our progress by pursuing with vigor our tourism related programs and projects and global market exposure.

Through our Guimaras Tourism Development Program, we had a remarkable upturn in tourist arrivals from 73,833 in 2014 to 94,315 reflecting almost 30% increase. This is much higher than our expected target of 20%. Our total visitors arrivals including tourists and excursionists or same day visitors reached 512,184 in 2015, with 29% leap compared to 396,663 in 2014.

This record likewise generated total tourism receipts of Php1.7 B in 2015 or a huge increase of 28% compared to the previous year.

We align our plans and programs to reinforce our economic drivers. Our tourism industry in Guimaras was further enhanced with the implementation of other major tourism related

interventions.

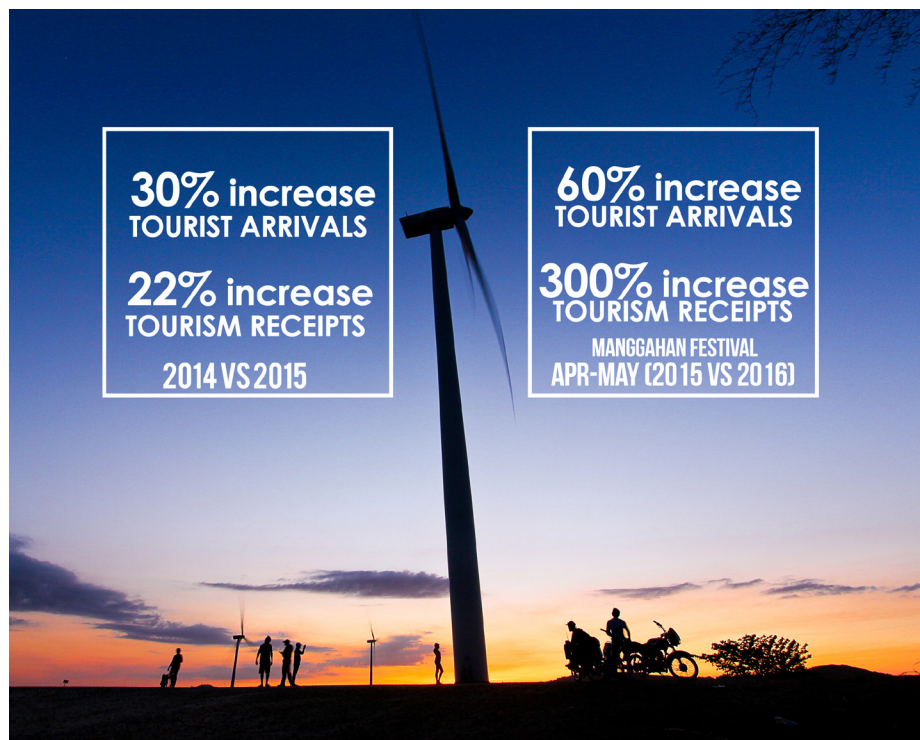
The Province of Guimaras can be now considered as one of the bike paradises in the country. In 2015, we conducted three (3) padyak events.

Padyak Kaligtasan with First Aid and Safety Orientation. Padyak Kalusugan with Medical and Dental Mission. Padyak Kalikasan with Coastal Clean-Up and Mangrove Planting.

With our only accredited tour operator, MG Travel and Tours, we have expanded our market in the Southeast Asian Region through the Business to Business Mission of the Department of Tourism in Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and Bangkok, Thailand last August 2016.

In the said business mission, the team that represented our province had an outstanding performance by having one of most number of contracts of agreement signed and sealed on-the-spot and agreed to market Guimaras internationally: 4 in Singapore, 4 in Malaysia, and 11 in Thailand.

We aim to further strengthen our communities through the Community-Based Rural Tourism Program (CBRT).





For the second year in a row, our very own Suba-Malawig Eco-Tour of Barangay San Roque in Nueva Valencia has bagged 1st runner-up of the DOT-ATOP Pearl Awards 2016.

From a single accredited island resort in 2012, it skyrocketed to a total of 15 hotels and resorts accredited by the Department of Tourism (DOT) in 2015.

Forward We Go. Together We Grow. Padayon Guimaras. The theme that marked the success of this Manggahan Festival 2016 and the 24th Guimaras Provincehood Anniversary Celebration.

During the festival in April and May, our visitors' arrival surprisingly doubled to almost 60% from 55, 029 in 2015 and 87, 172 in 2016.

This titanic surge generated 27.5M tourist receipts in 2015 and 114.3M in 2016 elevating to 300% increase.

This exceptional performance is attributed to the partnership, the extensive planning and innovations and most definitely the birth of Manggahan sa Kabanwahan which paved the way for our five beautiful towns to participate and showcase their unique selling points.

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Our social sector is getting stronger.

In sustaining our child-friendly movement, we can see advances on the situation of our children.

Reflecting the status of our children in terms of enjoying their survival rights, the health condition of our children improved as our underweights decreased to 3.69% in 2015 from 3.72% in 2014.

Similarly, our under-five mortality rate or death among children below five (5) years old also decreased to 13.5 per 1000 livebirths in 2015 from 15.43 in 2014. Assured that they would be able to care for their newborns, our pregnant mothers' survival in 2015 is 100% as we did not have any maternal death or 0 maternal mortality rate.

On the development rights of our children, there were more children who enrolled in our secondary schools as the Net Enrolment Rate increased to 69% in school year (SY) 2014 from 66.64% in the previous school year.

Furthermore, almost all of our elementary pupils enrolled four years ago completed and graduated in 2014 compared to 95.61% in 2013. The same is true for our high school level where

the completion rate increased to 82.49% from 80.72% the previous school year.

Through the activation of the Local School Board and vibrant partnership with the Department of Education, we continued the provision of free miscellaneous fees to 38, 293 students this year through an allocation of Php 3.5M. We have also continued providing educational assistance in strong partnership with our honorable Representative in the Congress, Congresswoman Ma. Lucile Nava, support to the Alternative Learning System of DepEd and Provincial Technical Education and Skills Development Authority.

The Comprehensive Sports Development Program of the Province of Guimaras is now operating. We have allotted 4.7M for this development program to provide better platforms, trainings and improved skills.

The protection interventions for our children from abuse have also effected as our children in need of special protection (CNSP) dramatically decreased by 34%, from 113 in 2014 to 75 in 2015. The same positive result to our women as the reported cases of abuse on them decreased by 54%,



from 123 in 2014 to 56 in 2015.

These accomplishments can be largely attributed to our functional Local Councils for the Protection of Children. The Guimaras Provincial Council for the Protection of Children (PCPC) and the five (5) Municipal Councils for the Protection of Children (MCPCs) are all active and functional. Three (3) MCPCs were rated as ideal (80-100%) while 2 were mature (51-79%). The Municipality of Buenavista received its award in Malacañan Palace on September 26, 2016 as the national winner in the Presidential Award for Child-Friendly Municipalities for the 1st to 3rd class municipalities.

Our Ideal BCPCs also increased from 27 in 2014 to 47 in 2015. Furthermore, the total number of our barangays assessed as child-friendly garnering two or three (the highest) stars rating in the assessment tool increased to 91. There were 53 barangays nominated by their respective municipality for evaluation in the Seal of Child-Friendly Governance. Out of 53 barangays assessed, 44 garnered the 56 passing score and were recognized and given award during our Children's Day Celebration on November 27, 2015.

On our Aid to Individuals in Crisis Situation, there were 1,877 individuals who availed

of hospitalization assistance, 1,655 persons/families who were provided with burial assistance, 61 clients were given counselling services, and 76 typhoon stranded passengers were provided with food assistance

The Buenavista Emergency Hospital (BEH) and Dr. Catalino Gallego Nava Provincial Hospital (DCGNPH) are both recipients of EMERALD Award from the Department of Health for High Number of Notifies and Referred Cases for Treatment.

Our Provincial Health Office was also recognized for being the Most Improved Provincial Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit in Region 6.

We have also sustained our Rabies-Free Declaration by the Department of Health on September 28, 2013 and received recognition for passing the Ordinance for Road Traffic Accident Prevention and Road Safety Awareness.

In 2012, the operating loss of the three (3) hospitals - 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 10.2 M as of August 31, 2016 despite a substantial reduction of the provincial subsidy.

By the year ends this 2016, the hospital will earn a projected income of Php 12.1M following the trend that it now shows or an increase of 727% over its 2015 income.

These are credits for the sound management of our hospital and improved procurement of all the medicines.

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 2014, there are 1,737 members for the Old Scheme and 5,528 for the New Scheme with a total of 155 claimants. As of third quarter this year alone, we have provided assistance to 183 claims amounting to Php 744, 218.00

Guimaras is a champion for War on Worms as pronounced by the Department of Health and University of the Philippines Manila through the best practices and our exemplary performance in the program implementation.

With this, we became the very first province in the Philippines to implement the Child Development Center-Mass Deworming with over 5,000 pre-school aged children



were simultaneously dewormed on July 15, 2016.

On highlighting the role of Filipino families as the core in support to building stronger foundation of our nation, our very own Tacda family from Barangay Panobolon, Nueva Valencia won 1st runner-up in this year's National Search for Huwarang Pantawid Pamilya held on October 1st of this year in Quezon City.

In our plan to assist our migrants and overseas workers, together with our MLGUs, we just had a survey or profile of them and their families. We are assisting in organizing them at the municipal and provincial levels as well as in crafting their strategic plan based on the survey results and their own experiences. Their plan outputs will be integrated in our being updated Provincial Development and Physical Framework Plan (PDPFP) for 2017-2022.

With our initiatives to protect and secure every Guimarasnon Families, we sustained our strong campaign to Disaster Risk Reduction and Management. We have been recently conferred the Gawad KALASAG, 2nd Place Best Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council in the Regional Search for Excellence in Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Humanitarian Assistance with 91.31% rating.



On peace and order, we have a total allocation of Php 12.6M to strengthen our police force, law enforcement and public safety and intergovernmental relations from the national government agencies, municipalities and barangays.

Through this firm collaboration, Guimaras Police Provincial Office has been conferred Silver Eagle Award for the effective implementation of the Philippine National Police Peace and Order Agenda for Transformation; August 26, 2014 for passing the Initiation Stage and May 23rd this year for the Compliance Stage.

We are also very glad to announce that four (4) units received the Silver Eagle Award: Jordan, Nueva Valencia, Buenavista and Guimaras Provincial Public Safety Platoon.

This is recognition for the "outstanding commitment and unwavering support in the effective implementation of PNP Patrol Plan 2030 for the attainment of Highly Capable, Effective and Credible Police Service".

In support to the national thrust of the President, His Excellency Rodrigo Duterte, to put an end to illegal drug use and trade in the country, we have launched the Community Based Substance Abuse Treatment and Rehabilitation Program.

This is a multi-sectoral initiative

of the Provincial Government to address the pervasive issue on the increasing number of drug users, dependents and pushers who surrendered and seek for social interventions.

And last month, we have launched it to some 600 drug surrenderers.

In 2015, Total Crime Volume both on Index and Non-Index Crimes in the Province decreased by almost 12% with 3,126 in 2014 to 2,757 in 2015.

Our Crime Rate is likewise down by 18% from 151.09 in 2014 to 128.34 in 2015.

Crime Clearance and Crime Solution Efficiency both improved during the preceding years.

Crime Clearance shot up from 42.52% in 2013 to 54.39% in 2015, much higher than our target of 45.45%.

Crime Solution Efficiency similarly surged up from 38.38% in 2014 to 52.54% in last year. This is almost double the increase of our target which is 33.71%.

These are good indicators of social development in our province for this opens more investments as these reflect a stable peace and order situation in the province.



To improve connectivity, accessibility and give comfort to our drivers and commuters, 99.90% of our national roads are now fully concreted.

With the help of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and the Office of the Congressman of the Lone District of Guimaras, we have expanded and widened from two (2) lanes to four lanes our national roads in selected urban and rural areas.

As of September 2016, 45% of our 120.808 km provincial roads or a total of 53.7 km have also been paved. It is expected that it will increase to 80% by the end of 2018 based on the Three Year Road Investment Program.

For us to be able to reach this target, we will be needing 700 million pesos total budget that will come from the consolidated sources of funds of our 20% Development Fund, DPWH Infrastructure Support to Provincial Roads, DPWH-DOT Convergence Funds for Tourism Roads, and KALSADA Program of Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) and PRDP Farm to Market Roads.

Under the KALSADA Program,

we have started this May the rehabilitation of 8 km long three provincial road sections, namely Salvacion-Zaldivar-Dagsaan, East Valencia-Gaban, and Lapaz-Lusong. These projects worth Php96.4 million including our 10% equity are expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2017.

Our PRDP funded FMRs Projects are moving forward. The feasibility study for the rehabilitation or concreting of the 10.8 km Bugnay-Sapal-Maabay FMR has been approved and issued No Objection Letter

1 by the National Project Coordination Office of DA-PRDP. The construction will start once we receive No Objection Letter 2 which is scheduled early next year.

We are preparing the completion of the FS for six (6) FMRs worth 518 million pesos that support our priority crops such as mango and seaweeds, for funding next year.

Still funded by the PRDP, our ten units seaweeds dryers cum storage to support our seaweeds production in Sabang, San Isidro and Sebaste in Sibunag and in Panobolon, Nueva Valencia will be for bidding this December.

To address the decade old transportation issues and concerns, we have called a land and sea transportation workshop to provide a platform for our transport sector to identify the roots of the problems and empower them to determine the appropriate solutions.

Later, with the help of Land Transportation Office (LTO) and Land Transportation and Franchising Regulatory Board (LTFRB), it led to the conduct of the very first Land Transportation Summit on participated by more than 200 drivers. The next group will undergo the same activity in the next months.

We have enhanced the implementation of our Water Supply Sector Program. In 2015 we have expanded/constructed four (4) Level III Water Supply Facilities (WSFs) and seven (7) Level I WSFs, rehabilitated 51 deepwells and improved 11 shallow deep wells.

This year, we completed the construction of Level III water supply system in Agsanayan, Buenavista, expansion of a Level III WSF in Sitio Kahil, Sta. Teresa, Jordan, construction of six (6)



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Level 1 WSF, rehabilitation of 62 deepwells and improvement of 39 shallow wells. We still have one on-going construction of Level III WSF and one deepwell in Jordan.

We will construct/improve and make operational three (3) piped water supply systems in Nueva Valencia and Jordan. We will continue to construct level I water supply facilities and rehabilitate/improve more provincewide for purposes of consumption and other uses and to mitigate water shortages especially during lean months or drought. Thus, we have allotted this year almost 11 million pesos for these projects.

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

Php 70M for hospital equipment. Phase 1 of the project is now 75% completed and is expected to be finished by the end of this year.

The leadership and benefits of power distribution is now shared by our consumers. GUIMELCO is now under the Cooperative Development Authority. This will spread not only lights and hopes to our people but also the duty as responsible Guimarasnons.

Finally, Iloilo-Guimaras Bridge will be a reality. It is part of President Duterte's Infrastructure Plan amounting \$1-billion connecting the other islands in the Visayas including Negros and Cebu, and is expected to be completed within the term.

While we strive to build an interconnected and inclusive global economy and injecting impetus to energize progress on all levels of society, we always uphold the principles of sustainable development in all of our plans and programs.

We have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Guimaras State College, ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation, Inc. and Lopez Incorporated for the establishment of Guimaras Environment and Development Fellowship second quarter last year.

The Province of Guimaras qualified for the Level 1 requirement of the Integrated Coastal Management (ICM) Program and was recognized during the East Asian Seas Congress on November 16-21, 2015 at Danang, Vietnam.

Guimaras ICM underwent the first three levels of Certification Audit that evaluated the conformance of Guimaras ICM System with Level 1 requirements of ICM Code on May 6-7, 2015.

Guimaras is one of the only four (4) local government units in the country that is a regular member

of Partnerships in Environmental Management for Seas of East Asia (PEMSEA) Network of Local Governments (PNLG).

Thus, to help facilitate the 'sustainable development and environmental conservation of marine and coastal resources of East Asian Region', we actively participated in the 2016 PEMSEA Network of Local Governments (PNLG) Forum on September 4-7, 2016 in Ansan City, Korea together with the members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan.

Last month, we have also hosted the visit with a purpose of Ms. Earth candidates to provide support in their international environmental advocacy.

Our partners from Yeosu Korea Foundation, Korea Institute of Ocean Science and Technology (KIOST), and Ministry of Ocean Science joined in the inauguration ceremony of Tumulintinan Fish Point Marine Protected Area in Barangay Suclaran, San Lorenzo and Pamanculan Fish Sanctuary in Baranagy San Isidro, Sibunag on August 17, 2016.

This activity is a result of the Yeosu Project which we are collaborating with our Korean partners.

This international pact of sustainable development must be visible on the local level. This will help guard our environment and mitigate the risks of natural resources depletion.

To address the ill effects of El Niño phenomenon, we have held the very first Water Summit on March 3, 2016 and prior the said activity, we came up with workshop as a preparation and defense for its deluge.

To integrate policy and functional procedures across sectors, the following projects and activities were implemented through its pillars.

For Natural and Man-made Hazard Prevention and Management, we have undertaken

coordination for the Riverbank Stabilization Activity and planted 12,000 pieces of nipa seedlings at the riverbank with the active involvement of the Barangay Council and fisherfolk of Barangay Alegria; and regularly monitored project to determine the survival rate.

For Habitat Protection, Restoration and Management, we continued the development of our Tree Park and Nursery by propagating 32,724 and distributed 9,018 forest and fruit trees seedlings to different landowners for tree planting and establishing fire lines to prevent occurrence of accidental bush fires.

Financial assistance of P100,000.00 each was provided to the five (5) MLGUs in the to support their Municipal Nurseries and Arbor Day tree planting activities.

Other activities were conducted such as Coastal Habitat Assessment, Earth Day Celebration through Mangrove Planting, Mangrove Rehabilitation, Establishment of Coral Demonstration Garden at TANLUC MPA, Rapid Assessment and Classification of Caves in Guimaras Island, and Financial and Technical Support to the Implementation of Jordan Marine

Turtle Sanctuary.

For Water Use and Supply Management, we conducted Watershed Profiling Activity in Barangay Buluangan, Jordan through the Hydrology Survey to determine the water yield of Buluangan River for adoption of the municipality of Jordan.

For Food Security and Livelihood Management, three sites are now eyed for agro-forestry development in which a site development plan was prepared which entailed vermin composting, livestock fattening, poultry raising, vegetable production, among others.

For Pollution Reduction and Waste Management, we organized a provincewide coastal clean up to create awareness among coastal residents on the importance of cleaning up the marine and coastal areas of the province.

Consolidated reports showed that 16.36 kms area/distance were covered by coastal clean-up.

Twelve sampling stations were monitored quarterly to determine the status, changes and trends in the marine environment of Guimaras.

On Solid Waste Management, orientations on Republic Act 9003 otherwise known as Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of





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2000 were conducted with IEC campaigns supported by the Anti-Plastic Ordinance of 2014.

The Provincial Ten (10) Year Solid Waste Management Plan was already submitted to the National Solid Waste Management Commission (NSWMC) on November 27, 2015 for approval.

We are pursuing the adoption of ICM principle as the overall environmental management framework of Guimaras in updating our PDPFP.

Now, we are working with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to identify direction for us to be declared 'carbon neutral' and integrate Gross National Happiness as an index for prosperity.

We need to be one and stand strong on the solid platform of good governance and effective leadership.

This firm commitment to good governance will allow us to contribute vastly in the economic transformation by firstly enabling our team, the employees of the provincial government.

In the 2016 Civil Service Commission Government Chorale Competition, our very own Capitol Chorale has been qualified in the national level and has been cited as Best Visayas Entry in their recent performance at the Cultural Center of the Philippines.

Another first in Guimaras. Our Public Information and Relations Division was awarded the Best Agency Publication in the whole

Western Visayas having the best IEC Program and Publications in the whole region.

On the same month of the awarding ceremony held in Roxas City, we have released Butlak Guimaras, the Official Newsletter of the Provincial Government which aims to document developmental news in the province and provide intergovernmental information to all employees and stakeholders.

Our Provincial Assessment Office was awarded 2nd Most Outstanding Assessment Office having obtained the evaluation rating of 88.92% among provincial offices in the region. It is also awarded as one of the best 5S implementers in the region.

The Province's local special bodies have been functional. We

have a total of 56 Executive Orders and 140 Memorandum Orders in 2015.

We are updating our Provincial Development and Physical Framework Plan (PDPFP) for 2017-2022 to ensure responsive, relevant and effective direction and interventions for the development of Guimaras. Part of inputs for the PDPFP, Municipal and Barangay Development Plans are the results of our on-going updating our Community Based Monitoring System (CBMS). Our partner five (5) MLGUs' technical working group together with their hired enumerators have been trained and they have been conducting households survey using computer tablets which is targeted to be completed in January 2017. Next activities will be survey outputs processing, analysis and application of the results especially in barangay planning.

For CY 2015, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan (SP) has approved seven (7) ordinances and 264 resolutions as well as appropriated funds for the general welfare of the people of the Province.

To improve the competencies of the employees, we have upgraded our capacity development interventions through different trainings and seminars.

Sound fiscal management in the provincial government has become one potent instrument to achieve our long term goals and with the judicious use and management of resources, all the aspects of development are well considered and prioritized.

For FY 2017, Total Available Resources is PhP 539.7 M increased by 12.55% or PhP 60.2M over the previous year's amount of PhP 479.5.

Contributory to the increase come from the rise of internal revenue allotment amounting to PhP 57.9 M and the intensification of local tax revenue generation target with increment of PhP 2.2 M

for 2017.

This is the total resources available for this administration to fund its various programs, projects and activities to spur all efforts to deliver the basic services and other developmental mechanisms to improve the quality of life of each and every Guimarasnon.

And with all the support from all sectors, we will continue making the right choices for our future generation to inherit a healthy and progressive Guimaras.

CLOSING

We have achieved so much but our battle is not yet over. Guimaras will be bigger. Guimarasnons will be greater.

On our Silver Year, let us go forward and grow together as proud Guimarasnons and high spirited Filipinos.

This is just the start of another history that Guimaras will unveil and witness.

The stories and successes of the great people of Guimaras.

And the stories and successes we are yet to achieve.

Masanag nga Palaabuton, aton lambuton. Forward we go. Together we grow. Padayon, Guimaras.

Madamo gid nga salamat kag maayong adlaw sa inyo tanan.



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