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PROVINCE OF ISABELA

City of Ilagan

PROVINCIAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

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Atty. NOEL MANUEL R. LOPEZ

Provincial Administrator

ISABELA

Dear Sir:

Greetings!

May we respectfully submit the herein attached Annual Accomplishment Report of this office for the year 2023.

For your information.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

EDUARDO R. CABANTAC

Provincial Planning & Development Coordinator

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE PROVINCIAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE FOR THE YEAR 2023

As being stated in the Republic Act 7160 also known as the Local Government Code of the Philippines, the Provincial Planning and Development Office is tasked to be the province's planning arm which is responsible for formulating and updating the development plans and policies of the province.

The year 2023 has brought forth another impressive milestone for the Office in assisting to the province's various programs and in formulating development plans necessary for Isabela's growth, development, and welfare.

1. SEAL OF GOOD LOCAL GOVERNANCE (SGLG)

The Seal of Good Local Governance is a progressive assessment system that gives distinction to remarkable local government performance across several areas, highlights integrity and good governance reforms in the continuing pursuit for meaningful local autonomy and development.

SGLG puts emphasis towards integrity and good performance as pillars of meaningful local autonomy and development.

Just like the previous year, the Office prepared necessary documents together with Means of Verification (MOVs) for the SGLG Regional and National validation and assessment for the performance in the two governance areas namely the Business Friendliness and Competitiveness and Social Protection and Sensitivity.

In like manner, the Executive Order creating the Local Economic Development and Investment Promotions Unit, designating a LEDIP Officer, Local Investment Incentive Code, and other supporting documents (e.g. LDC Functionality with satisfactory participations of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs).



All set for SGLG... photo taken during the assessment of the different governance areas of the province in the SGLG National Validation.

2. COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN (CLUP)

Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) is a document designed to guide future actions and a vision for the future as it has long-range goals and objectives that could affect the local government and the community.

As the Republic Act 7160 provides the creation of Provincial Land Use Committee, the office, being one of the members of the committee is tasked in assessing and reviewing the CLUPs of the different cities and municipalities and ensure its conformity to the Provincial Development and Physical Framework Plan (PDPFP).

To ensure that these mandates were met, the office attended the orientation on Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) formulation and updating.

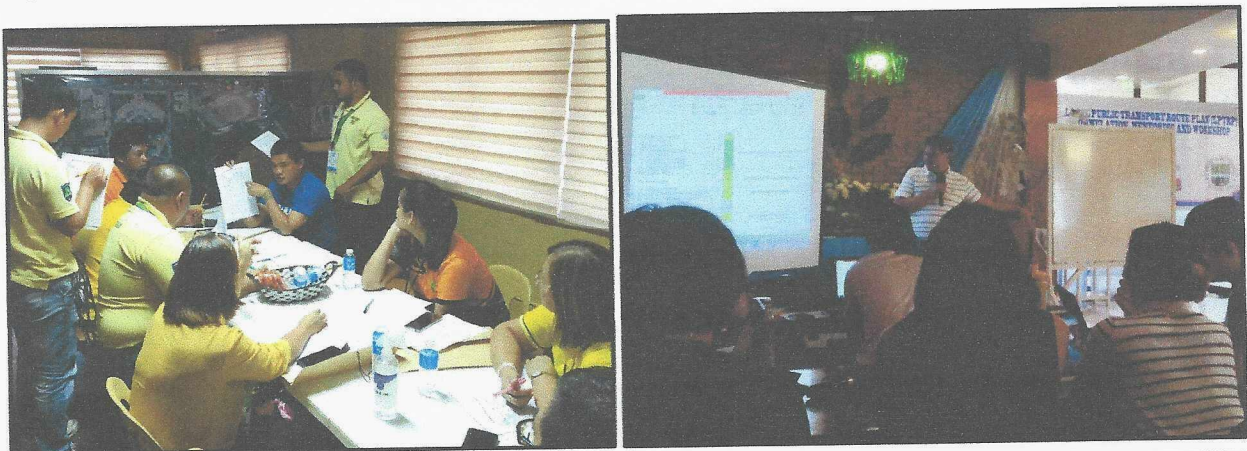
Also, the office conducted the 1st reading on the proposed CLUP of the Municipalities of Maconacon, San Manuel, Alicia, Angadanan and San Isidro. The CLUP of these municipalities will be set for a schedule of their 2nd reading. On the other hand, the proposed CLUP of the Municipality of Sto. Tomas which undergone 2nd reading was endorsed for the approval of Sangguniang Panlalawigan and fortunately, by virtue of SP Resolution No. 2023-37-06 it was approved.



This photo was taken during the Review and Assessment of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) of the Municipality of San Manuel.

3. LOCAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT ROUTE PLAN (LPTRP)

The Local Public Transport Route Plan (LPTRP) Is a plan detailing the route network, mode, and required number of units per mode for delivering land transport service, which shall be the minimum requirement prescribed for the issuance of PUV franchises.



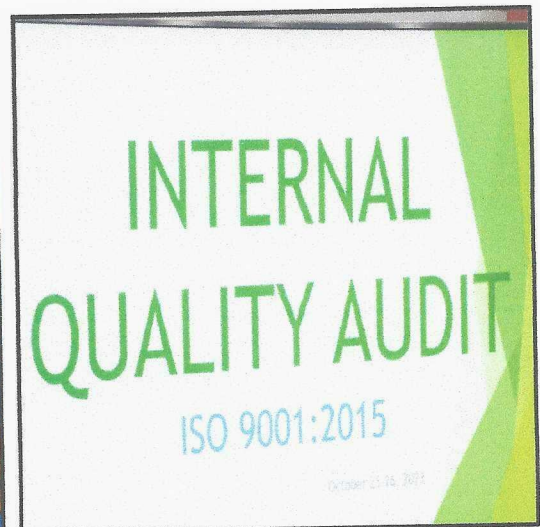
The Provincial Government of Isabela's LPTRP Team during the finalization of survey outputs.

4. INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR STANDARDIZATION (ISO) 9001:2015

The International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 9001 is defined as the international standard that specifies requirements for a quality management system (QMS). Different organizations use the standard to demonstrate the ability to consistently provide products and services that meet customer and regulatory requirements.

In 2022, the Provincial Government of Isabela (PGI) has already gained its ISO 9001:2015 certificate through its efficient and effective operations for organizational quality and its excellent public service. A surveillance audit regarding this matter is conducted every year, and in the year 2023, the provincial government has undergone its first surveillance audit.

In like manner, the office joined various virtual preparatory audits and prepared documents that might be asked to be presented during the actual audit.



Ensuring quality service... Actual photos of the Provincial Planning and Development Office's ISO team taken during the various ISO-related activities.

5. Performance Audit for Conditional Matching Grant to Provinces (CMGP) in the Province of Isabela

The audit evaluated the implementation of the CMGP, a joint initiative of the DILG and Department of Budget and Management (DBM), designed to enhance road construction, repairs, rehabilitation, and overall improvement of the local road network across the nation. As part of the CMGP team, the office attended the performance audit.



Photo of Atty. Eduardo R. Cabantac, the COA auditors and the rest of the CMGP team taken during actual audit proceeding conducted by the Commission on Audit (COA) for the Provincial Government of Isabela (PGI).

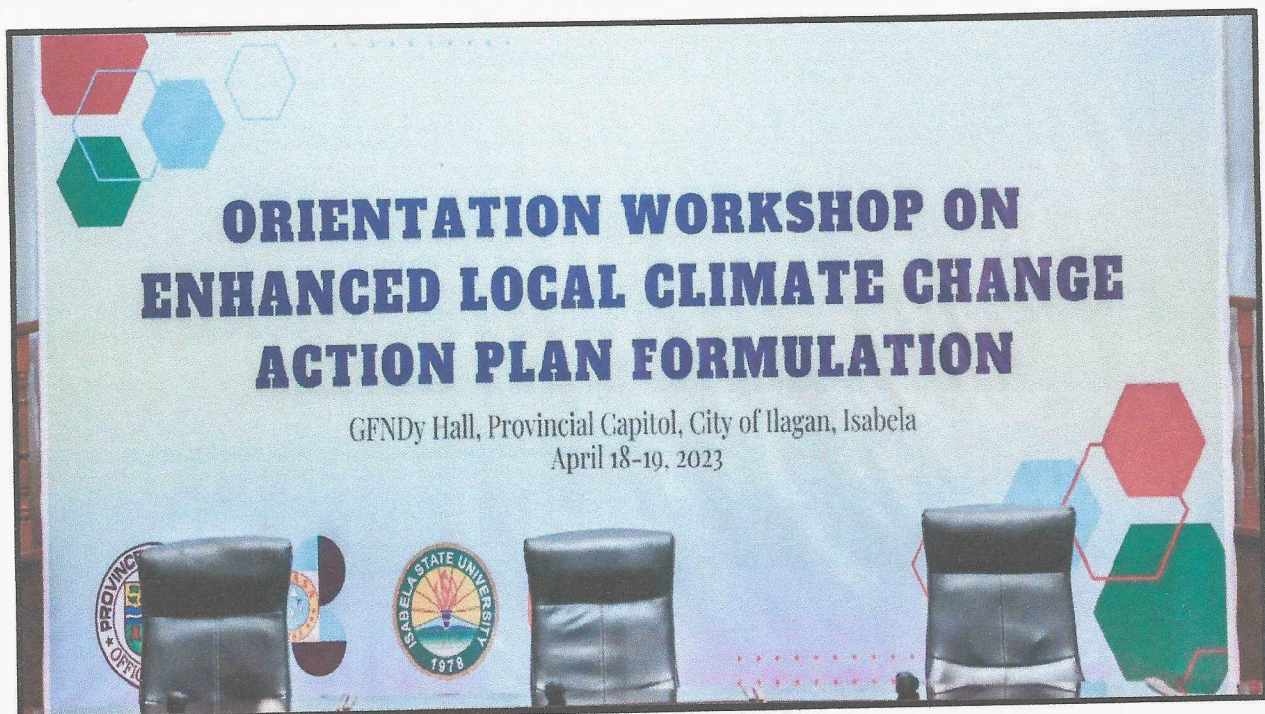
6. SEARCH FOR MOST BUSINESS-FRIENDLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs)

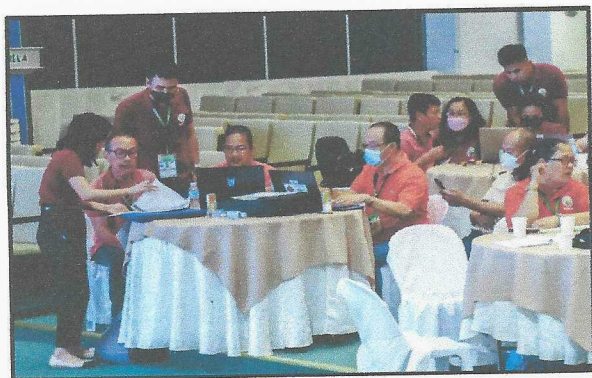
The PCCI annually recognizes LGUs that exhibit outstanding efforts in revitalizing and enhancing business operations within their jurisdiction through significant and sustained innovative actions. The rigorous criteria include fast-tracking local sustainable economic development, implementing ease of doing business initiatives, promoting investments, and enhancing sectoral competitiveness initiatives.

In like manner, the office submitted documentary requirements as an entry for the 2023 Search for Most Business-Friendly LGUs.

7. ORIENTATION ON THE ENHANCED LOCAL CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN (ELCCAP)

The Provincial Planning and Development Office, being one of the member offices responsible in the crafting of the Province's Enhanced Local Climate Change Action Plan, attended a two-day Orientation Workshop which aimed to enhance and further heighten the knowledge of the participants regarding the guidelines in the crafting of such plan. This also sets out a strategic framework or roadmap in building a community that is climate resilient and has an advanced green economy.





Towards a climate resilient province... A photo taken during the two-day orientation workshop on the formulation of the Provincial Government of Isabela's Enhanced Local Climate Change Action Plan.

8. Disaster Resilient PPDO

The Office together with the other departments in the PGI joined the Nationwide Simultaneous Earthquake Drill which was conducted quarterly. This aims to prepare every individual in case of occurrence of sudden earthquake.



Disaster prepared PGI... a photo of the PPDO staff together with the PPDC Atty. Eduardo R. Cabantac (left) and a photo of the Isabela's Provincial Administrator Atty. Noel Manuel R. Lopez together with the PPDO staff (right) taken during the simulation of an earthquake scenario.

9. REGULAR BUSINESS MEETINGS

In the year 2023, the Provincial Planning and Development Office attended various regular business meetings from the different committees and councils. In those meetings, different agenda that are necessary for the province's and region's development were tackled. The committee are enumerated as follows:

- **Regional Development Council (RDC) II** – is the highest planning and policy making body in the region which is a counterpart of the NEDA board in the sub-national level it coordinates and sets the direction of all social and economic development of the region. It also serves as a forum where all local efforts are integrated with regional and national activities.
- **Economic Development Committee (EDC)** – The committee is tasked to integrate sectoral information and statistics in line to the preparation of the annual regional development report assist the RDC in the translation of the national development goals into specific regional sectoral objectives.

- **Infrastructure Development Committee (IDC)** – The committee is tasked to assist the RDC in the translation of the national development goals and policies into specific infrastructure objectives, strategies, and program/project proposals.
- **Social Development Committee (SDC)** – SDC functions as a coordinating unit specifically on planning and programming activities of the Social Development Agencies
- **Committee on Development Administration and Communication (CODAC)** – this committee is tasked to review and endorse programs/projects of national government agencies and LGUs in the region to the Council requiring national government financial exposure which may come in the form of guarantees, national government budget appropriations or subsidies
- **Provincial Development Council (PDC)** – just like the RDC, the council serves as the highest policy making and planning body in the province. PDC sets direction to all provincial development activities.
- **Provincial Statistics Committee (PSC)** – this committee provides direction and guidance to statistical development activities in the province.
- **Regional Research, Development & Innovation Committee (RRDIC)** - this committee sets the regional research and development (R&D) agenda specifically the research priorities addressing the needs of various sectors in the region.
- **Regional Land Use Committee (RLUC)** - the committee deals with land use and physical planning, decides on land use conflicts involving two or more municipalities and provides policy directions in the performance of their physical planning functions.
- **Regional Geographic Information Network (RGIN)** - facilitates and promotes the utilization and application of GIS technology in planning, programming and project development, monitoring and evaluation, consistent with ecologically sound conservation principles.





A better Isabela for Isabeleños... The Provincial Government of Isabela ensures greater development through its membership and participation in different committees in the Regional Development Council.

10. VARIOUS SEMINARS AND CONVENTIONS

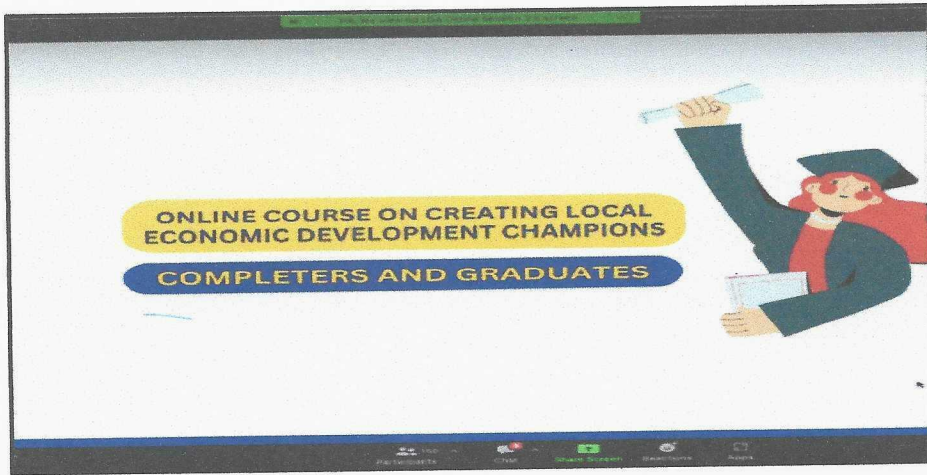
The year 2023 has opened doors for further improvement for the office itself as numerous seminars, trainings and conventions was being attended by the office. These includes the following:

- **PSRTI SDG Sem 4: Data Visualization Using Infographics for Sub-National Agencies (SDG Seminar 4)**
- This activity was held to increase the capacity of the participants in visualizing data in the form of an infographics for the public's easy access. Various staff from this office attended the training.



Strengthening the capacity... A photo taken during the actual training workshop joined by various staff of this office.

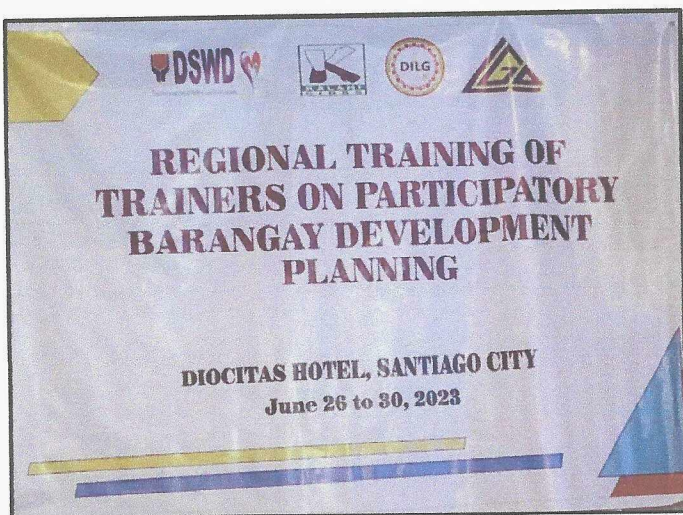
- **Training on Reengineering of LGU Systems and Procedures on Business and Non-Business Related Services**
- A two-day training conducted by the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) Regional Office which aims to help increase the LGU's competitiveness and advance its systems for an improved delivery of services. This activity is in line with the aims of RA 11032 also known as the Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018. This activity equips the participants with knowledge to further improve their respective office system and ensure strict adherence to the EODB Law. Ms. Lalaine C. Delmendo and Mr. Edmar Uyami from the PPDO attended the said undertaking.



A photo taken during the graduation ceremony for the course completers. Delmendo, Uyami, and Saldo staff from this Office were one among the many completers.

▪ **Regional Training of Trainers for Barangay Development Planning**

- The Regional TOT for Participatory Barangay Development Planning aimed to develop and train regional trainers who will be responsible for the conduct of training to the different Kapit-Bisig Laban sa Kahirapan Comprehensive and Integrated Delivery of Social Services (KALAHI-CIDSS) covered municipalities within the region. The event also targets to train various experts on Barangay Development Planning, Local Governance, Management, Planning and the like from various agencies in KALAHI-CIDSS covered municipalities. A staff from this office attended this training and was also invited to train component LGUs of the province regarding Barangay Development Planning.



Equipped with knowledge... A photo of the local planners from all over the region who were trained to facilitate the cascading of knowledge to the Kapit-Bisig Laban sa Kahirapan Comprehensive and Integrated Delivery of Social Services (KALAHI-CIDSS) covered municipalities within the region.

- **Consultation Workshop with Stakeholders and Validation of the Provincial Product Accounts (PPA) Benchmark Estimates**

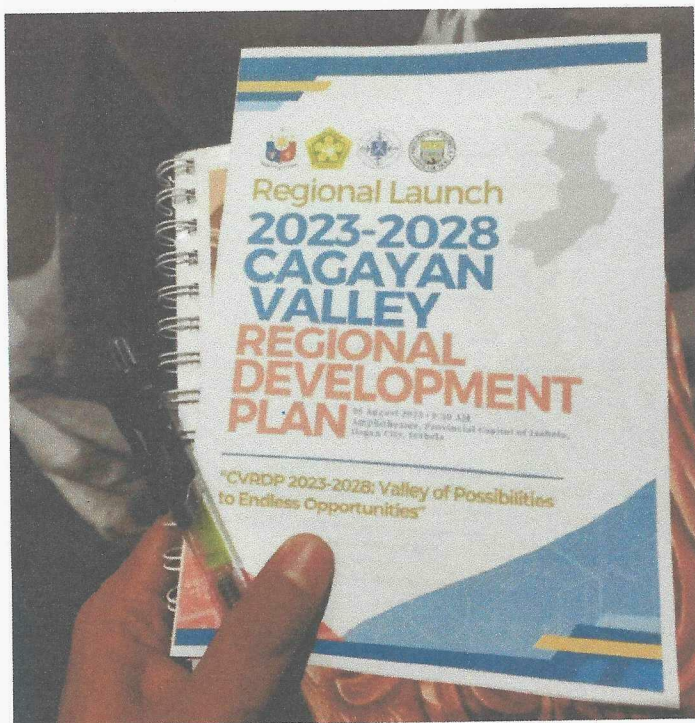
- This activity aims to present the economic structure of the provinces in the region based on the 2018 benchmark PPA estimates, validate the preliminary estimates and solicit feedback from stakeholders, gather record of important news and list of events to validate the estimates, and gather assistance from stakeholders to enhance data support for the completion of PPA. Ms. Lalaine C. Delmendo of this Office attended the benchmarking activity.



Ms. Lalaine C. Delmendo (second from the right) together with other representatives of the province of Isabela.

- **Launching of the 2023-2028 Cagayan Valley Regional Development Plan (CVRDP)**

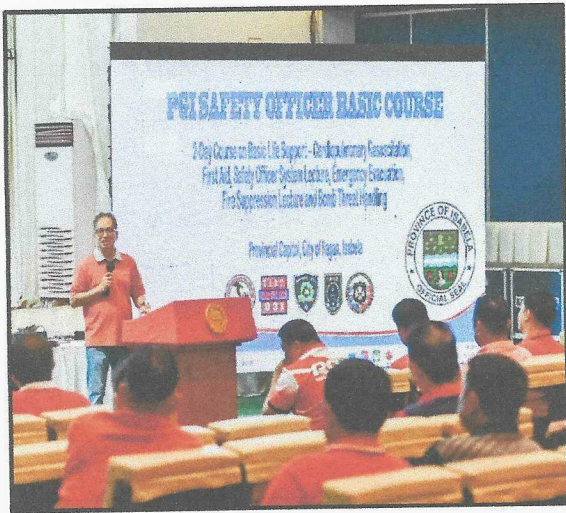
- The Cagayan Valley Regional Development Plan (CVRDP) aims to provide a roadmap for regional development in the entire Cagayan Valley Region. The launching of the said plan aims to inform everyone regarding the goals and aspirations of the region in the next six years. The Office being one of the representatives of the province in the RDC, attended the launching event



Cagayan Valley going forward... a photo taken during the launching of the CVRDP. A photo of the actual invitation (on the right) and the actual photo of Dir. Dionisio C. Ledres Jr. delivering his message to the visitors (on the right).

- **First Responder Refresher Course**

- This activity aimed to reorient and strengthen the muscle memory and the prior schema of the staff in case that there is a sudden occurrence of a disaster. Staff from this office were asked to attend the activity.



Safer workplace... The Provincial Government of Isabela ensures the safety of every employee with these various refresher course for safety officers from all over the PGI.

▪ **The ABCs of B.O.C.s and Other Office Documents**

- Is a forum conducted to help improve the skills of PGI employees in preparing basic office communications and other office documents. A staff from this office is tasked to attend the forum and cascade everything to the Office so everyone would be familiar with the Do's in preparing basic office documents.





A more systematic PGI...the photo was taken during the forum where employees from various departments are attentively listening to various discussion from the distinguished speakers.

▪ **Provincial Tourism Development Plan Workshop**

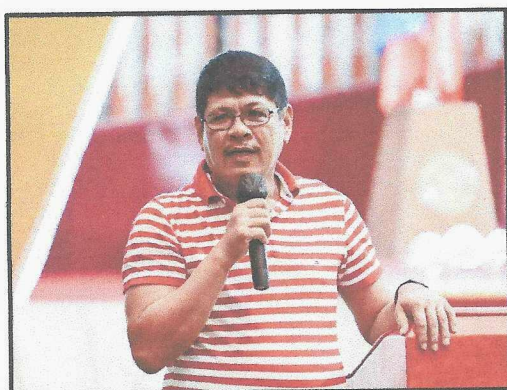
- Is an activity conducted to prepare and formulate the Province's Tourism Development Plan. The said plain aims to provide a roadmap in terms of tourism development in the province and to come up with necessary techniques and strategies to boost the tourism industry in Isabela. The said activity was attended by a staff from this Office.



A photo taken during the conduct of the Provincial Tourism Development Plan Workshop where two staff from this Office were asked to join in the conduct of the said event which aims to come up with a comprehensive TDP that would facilitate progress in the tourism industry of the Province.

▪ **Bagong Pilipinas Serbisyo Fair (BPSF) Coordination Meeting**

- The BPSF Working Committee held a coordination meeting on the biggest caravan in the country that aims to provide major government services to less fortunate Isabeleños. The office, through Atty. Eduardo R. Cabantac (PPDC) and three of the office's staff, attended the event as a member of the working committee.



Bringing quality service closer to people... The photos above are actual clips during the coordination meeting for the BPSF. One of the photos is taken during the talk of Atty. Eduardo R. Cabantac PPDC of the Province of Isabela.