

National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation Week Celebration

The Provincial Government of Isabela through the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office steered the 36th National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation (NDPR) Week with the theme: ***“Talino at Paninindigan ng Taong may Kapansanan: Pasaporte sa Kaunlaran”***, which aims to promote and advocate the capabilities, skills and talents of persons with disability (PWDs) as means of improving their lives and economic status and to mainstream and include disability agenda in the programs of various government agencies and non-government organizations in order to fulfill their obligations as duty bearers to PWDs.

In celebration of the National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation (NDPR) Week the federation prepared several events to drumbeat the weeklong celebration such as the hanging of streamers, Inauguration and blessing of the newly constructed Isabela Federation of Persons with Disability Affairs Office, Launching of Orthopedic Shop, Painting contest and presentation and awarding of assistive devices on July 24, 2014.



The culminating program started with the blessing and inauguration of the Isabela Federation of Persons with Disability Hall located at Capitol compound, Alibagu, City of Ilagan, Isabela officiated by Fr. Alden Zulueta, attended by the Hon. Faustino ‘Bojie’ G. Dy III, Provincial Governor of Isabela; Regional Director Remia T. Tapisipan, DSWD Field Office 02 together with her staff; Mr. Andres Rhudy Ravelo, Jr., Chief Administrative Officer, National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA); the different partner agencies from Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Commission on Human Rights (CHR), Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA); NGOs such as Handicapables Association of Tuguegarao City, University of Saint Louis Tuguegarao; representatives from the Provinces of Cagayan and Quirino; Provincial Director Elpidio A. Durwin, DILG-Isabela; Department Heads of the Provincial Government of Isabela headed by Atty. Noel Manuel R. Lopez, Provincial Administrator; and PWD focal persons and Association officers from the different municipalities of the province.



The honorable Faustino G. Dy III gave his full support to the programs and services of persons with disability for the fulfillment of their goals. The Orthopedic Shop under the Cooperative of PWDs is on now its full operation with the One Million (P1,000,000.00) loan grant from the Provincial Government of Isabela through the BRO Livelihood Assistance Program.





Simultaneously, the painting contest was participated by 12 municipalities and 2 from the Isabela School for the Deaf where Mr. Melvin Robles from the municipality of Jones bagged the first prize, Mr. Roderick Colantes from Ramon got the 2nd prize and Mr. Roderick Bilog awarded as third prize who is a student of Isabela School for the Deaf. The generous Gov. Bojie Dy gave five hundred (P500.00) as consolation prize to non-winners and the same amount was given to 10 persons with disability who showcased their talents during the program.

The program ended at around 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon. To sum up there were more or less 250 participants in the one-day activity at the Balai, capitol compound, Alibagu, City of Ilagan, Isabela.

