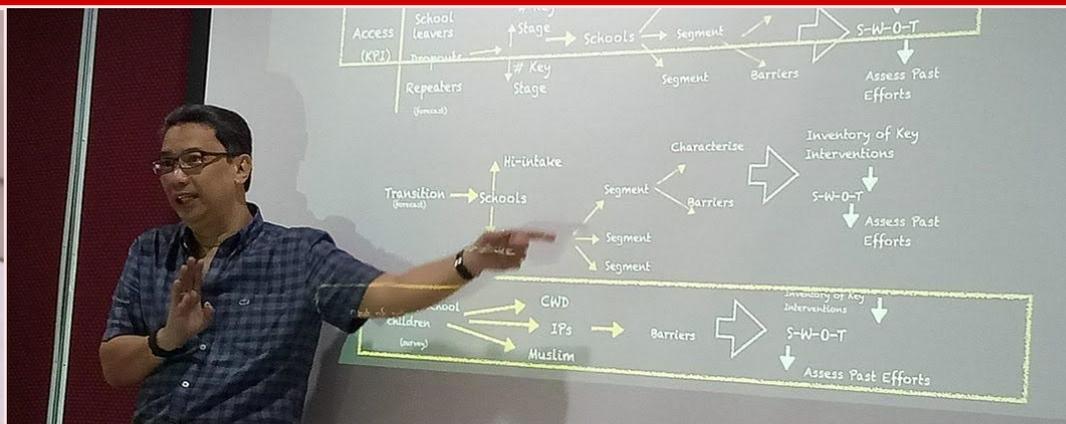




DepEd CALABARZON holds 'Harmonizing the Planning Systems' workshop



RD Diosdado San Antonio opens the third day of the workshop with an inspiring message to SDOs and RO participants.



Mr. Rey Macalindong of BEST discusses the appraisal process and the importance of consistency in developing DEDP.



To assist in the final preparation of the Regional and Division Education Plans, the Policy, Planning and Research Division (PPRD) spearheaded by Dr. Melna R. Albano, Chief Education Program Supervisor, through the technical assistance of the Basic Education Sector Transformation (BEST), organized the last phase of the Harmonizing the Planning System: Strategic Plan/Division Education Development Plan (DEDP) Capacity-Building Workshop at the Tagaytay International Convention Center on January 30 to February 1, 2017.

A total of 114 participants from the Regional Planning Committee (selected Chiefs and Education Program Supervisors) and the Division Planning Committee (ASDS, CID Chief, SGOD Chief, SEPS for Planning and Research and Planning Officer) attended the event. In

his opening remarks, Mr. Edwin Calubag, PDO IV of the Planning and Programming Division of the DepEd Central Office, gave a few reminders. Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Specialists from BEST led by Mr. Rey O. Macalindong, with the assistance of Mr. Clemente Rasul, Mr. Niel Christian Villagonzalo, and Mr. Solitario Discar facilitated the workshop.

The first part was an overview of the topics that were discussed in the previous three workshop series. Mr. Macalindong also discussed the importance of consistency in developing plans, wherein the DEDP must be congruent with the SDO's key performance indicators and strategic directions. After the plenary session, participants were given time to finalize their DEDP presentations in preparation for their defense.

On the 2nd day of the workshop,

participants from the 19 School Division Offices present were divided into four groups. Parallel sessions happened wherein representatives from BEST and the regional office evaluated their DEDP. Comments and suggestions were given to improve the SDO's strategic plans.

The workshop ended with another plenary session, wherein Mr. Macalindong discussed the appraisal process. Through this workshop, the activities of the Regional Office and schools Division Offices were synchronized. Indeed, Region IV-A CALABARZON has achieved another milestone in providing quality education. Kudos to the Regional and Division Planning Committees! (Jumar M. Sadsad-Educ. Program Specialist II and Katrien D.S. Dagmang- Planning Officer III, Policy, Planning and Research Division, PPRD Regional Office)

Continued supremacy.**Five-peat complete as CALABARZON rules NSPC 2017**

HOME OF CHAMPIONS. Team CALABARZON celebrates its fifth straight championship in the 2017 National Schools Press Conference. Photo by Niño Paulo Crispe

Clad in its signature red journalist's vest, CALABARZON snagged a first historic fifth straight championship after it dominated both individual and group events in the elementary and secondary levels in the recently concluded National Schools Press Conference (NSPC) in Pagadian City, Zamboanga del Sur on January 22 to 26.

CALABARZON drew first blood in the school paper contests as it posted the grandest record of claiming nine best school papers both in English and Filipino in Elementary and Secondary levels.

Leading the list of publication winners are The Martyrs (Trece Martires City National High School) and Ang Klaryon (Tanza National Comprehensive High School), hailed as the Best School Papers for English and Filipino category, respectively.

The Volcano from San Nicolas Central School and Paslit sa Bagong Henerasyon of San Miguel Elementary School also showed their dominance after being adjudged as the Most Outstanding School Papers in the Elementary level. Moreover, other Filipino school publications both in Elementary and Secondary from Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, and Quezon also occupied the top

seven spots.

CALABARZON also bagged the Most Outstanding School Paper Advisers (MOSPA) and the Most Outstanding Campus Journalists (MOCJ) through Marivic Climacosa (Tanza National Trade School) and Julie Anne Vertudes (Carmona Elementary School) and Angelica Onsana (Tanza National Comprehensive High School) and Reign Razzyl Maey Abesia (Family Village Resources ES), respectively.

After the grueling four-day competition among the Philippines' best campus journalists, the red vested student-writers proved to be too much for the other regions as they topped the individual and group contests both in elementary and secondary level.

Meanwhile, Region III (Central Luzon) and Region XI (Davao) ranked second and third place, respectively, leaving the perennial bridesmaid, National Capital Region, out of the top three performing regions in this year's NSPC.

Dr. Diosdado M. San Antonio, DepEd-CALABARZON Regional Director, lauded the students and school paper advisers for the record-setting peat, stressing that the win would serve as a reminder of the flare of the journalism in the region.

At the same time, RD San Antonio urged campus journalists to imbibe the lessons they learned during the competition and uphold their responsibility as individuals who use the power of the "fourth estate" to help the country overcome economic, natural, and societal drawbacks and difficulties.

"This five-peat should be taken as a driving force for aspiring media practitioners. Lead the country into enlightenment and awareness. Student journalists and school paper advisers (SPAs), continue the legacy you yourselves started with passion and determination," he said.

Meanwhile, Jennifer Lopez, DepEd-Region 4A Education Program Supervisor in Journalism, echoed the appeal of the keynote speaker Malou Mangahas to the country's campus journalists and news industry aspirants during the opening program of the annual journalism competition.

"Inspiring others is the extension of journalism's reach. I want you to influence change. Be the change. Journalism is more than what we write, deliver, and tell," Lopez said.

Being the head of the first region to accomplish the five-peat in NSPC history, RD San Antonio also called for a more active involvement among Region IV-A's SPAs to ensure the continuity of the winning tradition. He added that SPAs play a crucial role in preparing and honing student writers and broadcasters for future competitions.

"With the win, our teachers and school paper advisers are challenged to share valuable input during journalism trainings and symposiums. They should act as a support force for our young journalists," San Antonio added. (Patrick T. Coquilla, Trece Martires City National HS, Cavite Province)



RD's CHALLENGE. Regional Director Diosdado San Antonio challenges student-journalists to imbibe the lessons they learned at NSPC 2017.



OVERWHELMED. Jennifer Lopez, EPS in Journalism, raises two of the many trophies that Team CALABARZON won in Pagadian City.

Cavite pumps up CALABARZON to conquer NSPC 2017



'C FOR CHAMPIONS'. Team Cavite celebrates the grand slam victory in the secondary school paper contest. Photo by Niño Paulo Crispe

Cavite Province continued to live up to expectations as one of Region IV-A's leaders in campus journalism as CALABARZON marched to a historic fifth straight championship in the recently concluded National Schools Press Conference (NSPC), January 22-26, in Pagadian City, Zamboanga del Sur.

Cavite's The Martyrs (Trece Martires City National High School) and Ang Klaryon (Tanza National Comprehensive High School) were hailed as the Best School Papers in the Philippines in the English and Filipino category, secondary level, along with seven other CALABARZON publications (secondary and elementary level) which found their way to the top seven.

Ang Pandayan (Tanza National Trade School) and Ang Martires (Trece Martires City NHS) were named fourth and sixth best school paper, respectively, for the secondary level Filipino category while The Westernlight (Gov. Ferrer Memorial NHS-Biclatan Annex) placed fifth for the English category.

Moreover, Gintong Butil (Lantic Elementary School) and Tinig Dayalogo (Father Luigi Caburlotto School) placed fourth

and fifth, respectively, for the Elementary Filipino category, while The Dialogue (Father Luigi Caburlotto School) placed fourth for the English category.

Taking their share, the red vested Caviteño writers poured in six first place finishes in individual writing, collaborative publishing, radio broadcasting, and TV broadcasting.

Regina Abegail Llanilo (Krislizz International Academy) dominated the Science and Technology writing event (Secondary-Filipino) while Gianne Pasao (Student Haven Tutorial Learning Center) and Angel Kyla Andres (Trece Martires City ES) conquered the Feature Writing contest for elementary level, English and Filipino category, respectively.

After the grueling four-day competition among the Philippines' best campus journalists, the powerhouse division proved to be too much for the other regions as the Secondary-Filipino Collaborative Publishing team painted the Saint Columbian College stage red during the awarding ceremony.

Members of the winning team are Angelica Onsana, Arlene Turla, Rayanah

Cesa, Kayle Untalan, Gerryboy, Veronica Amparo, and Angelica Barredo.

Meanwhile, the Elementary Filipino broadcasting group composed of Gian Nikole Rivera (1st Place-Best Anchor), Gwyneth Phoebe Ambion (1st Place-Best Presenter and Best Infomercial), Yhinnisse Ocampo (1st Place-Best in Technical Application), John Amiel Dolor (2nd Place-Best Anchor), Mia Isabel Baybay (2nd Place-Best News Presenter), Faith Tricia Bartolome (3rd Place-Best News Presenter), and Roselyn Malabuyo, clinched the championship trophy in Radio Broadcasting and Scriptwriting.

Determined to contribute to the five-peat championship of Region IV-A, the Filipino Secondary TV Broadcasting team including Jhezzarie Donesa (2nd Place - Best Anchor), Jhan Ferdie Hagas (3rd Place - Most Promising Video Journalist), Grace Anne Marie Patricio (6th Place - Best News Presenter), Roxanne Margareth Araracap, Jewel Regine Cervania and Angelique Cerrero, bagged the Best Over-all TV Scriptwriting and Broadcasting award.

The team also finished Best in Scriptwriting and Best in Development Communication.

This year's NSPC results have also proven that the eleven-peat champion division in CALABARZON's Regional Schools Press Conference homes to the best as Marivic Climacosa (Tanza National Trade School) and Julie Anne Vertudes (Carmona Elementary School) netted the 2017 Most Outstanding School Paper Advisers (MOSPA) awards while Angelica Onsana (Tanza National Comprehensive High School) and Reign Razzyl Maey Abesia (Family Village Resources Elementary School) brought home the Most Outstanding Campus Journalists (MOCJ) honors. (Patrick T. Coquilla, Trece Martires City National High School, Cavite Province)



FOUR OUT OF FOUR. The winners of the MOSPA and MOCJ (from left): Angelica Onsana, Marivic Climacosa, Julie Anne Vertudes and Reign Razzyl Maey Abesia. Photo by Carmina D. Rosas

ALS-Tayabas launches Community Caravan

As DepEd Tayabas City advanced towards the fulfillment of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), the Alternative Learning System (ALS) launched a community Caravan at Tayabas East Central School I Covered Court last January 13.

“Education is for all,” said Dr. Catherine P. Talavera, OIC – Schools Division Superintendent, as she encouraged ALS mobile teachers and other literacy volunteers, senior citizen’s representatives, barangay officials, PTA officers and other stakeholders to support ALS Program.

Talavera also discussed, “Ugnayan sa Paaralan/Barangay Tungo sa Matibay na Pagsasamahan” and emphasized the Tayabas-ALS battle cry, “Sa Tayabas, Walang Bata o Kabataang Maiiwan”. She said that all children from ages 5 to 18 should be in school, learning. She also mentioned that there were still youths not yet enrolled in a formal school or in ALS. Thus, she challenged all barangay captains to seek for them.

Meanwhile, Brgy. Captain of Ibabang Ilasan Hannibal Camaligan shared how ALS changed many lives and helped learners in their barangay at the latter part of the program. He, himself, is a living proof of ALS’ success in Tayabas City.

Amidst challenging times, ALS teachers remained steadfast in their hope to give every Tayabense a better life through education. City Councilor – In charge of Education and Gen. PTA Federation President, Tayabas Councilor Wenda S. De Torres, and the Mayor’s representative, Manolo Labitigan, assured the ALS Team the full support of the local government.

To signify their intention to continuously



Barangay Captains, school heads and other stakeholders pledge their continuous support to the ALS Community Caravan for the Out of School Youths.

support the Out of School Youths (OSY) and ALS Crusade, Talavera, De Torres, Barangay Captains, School Heads, and other stakeholders affixed their signatures in the Pledge of Commitment Board.

Other activities in the caravan included a Gallery Walk which showcased a photo exhibit of activities and best practices prepared by the Instructional Managers in the different Community Learning Centers. Moreover, this Advocacy Campaign featured special products made by the learners.

Also present in the affair were SDO Unit

Chiefs, Education Program Specialists, Education Program Supervisors, Special Guests from the local government units, and other division personnel. Graduates of Informal Education – Massage Therapy participated to represent the ALS learners.

The event was made possible through the leadership of Fely Ocumin, Education Program Specialist for ALS and Mildred Galleno, ALS Consultant/ Focal Person. (Richelle F. Quintero, Education Program Supervisor, SDO Tayabas City)



Dr. Catherine Talavera (center), division personnel and school heads assemble for the motorcade.

Santisimo Rosario National High School bags 3rd Place in Dulansangan 2017



MABUHAY ANG SAN PABLO. Performers from Santisimo Rosario wow the audience with their passionate and colorful interpretation of San Pablo City's rich past.

104 students of Santisimo Rosario National High School (SRNHS) and selected performers from the barangay won 3rd place in Dulansangan 2017 during the celebration of Fiesta Republika held at Malolos Sports and Convention Center last January 23.

San Pablo City represented by Santisimo Rosario National High School bagged 3rd place over 9 delegations in the National Category. The group stunned the audience as they grooved to the Coco Festival Song "Mabuhay ang San Pablo" and showcased a glimpse of San Pablo City's rich and colorful history.

SRNHS was chosen as representative of San Pablo City after claiming a Grand Slam victory during the 2017 Coco Festival where they won First Place, Best in Choreography, Liveliest Group and Best in Costume.

Dulansangan at Fiesta Republica

Dulansangan is part of the City of Malolos week-long celebration of the 118th anniversary of the inauguration of the first



Philippine republic called *Fiesta Republica* which began last January 18 and ended on January 23.

The said festival showcased different activities that featured Philippine history through arts, culture, and heritage.

The highpoint of the Fiesta Republica celebration was Dulansangan, a national street dance-drama competition. Different barangays in Malolos sent student representatives to compete in the Local competition. While in the Provincial and National competition, other cities, municipalities, and provinces in the country had their own representatives. These

included Manila, Malabon, Tarlac, Zambales, Bataan, Negros Occidental and Mt. Province, Pampanga, Nueva Ecija and San Pablo City.

The competing teams displayed their costumes, props, and talent in a street parade that ended at the Malolos Sports and Convention Center (MSCC). There, the teams faced off in a striking dramatic showdown, performing the history of their respective homelands.

Dulansangan ended the Fiesta Republica Celebration 2017 with high spirit as it became a great experience for all the contenders. (Cherry May D. Serida, T-I, Santisimo Rosario National High School, San Pablo City)



Lucena City school heads partake in GAD Planning and Budgeting 2018

School heads from the division of Lucena City partook in a seminar-workshop on School GAD Planning & Budgeting 2018 at the Lucena City Teachers and Employees Conference Center (LCTCC) last January 27.

The said program targeted 57 school heads to increase awareness on the utilization of school GAD fund, identify school GAD activities, craft the school Annual GAD Plan and Budget FY 2018, initiate improvement in their school GAD Plan Budget aligned with the Division GAD Plan 2018, and maximize the use of school GAD fund.

SGOD Chief Dr. Epifania Carandang reminded the participants on the utilization of school GAD fund and the formulation of school GAD programs and projects. Meanwhile, SDO Lucena GAD Focal Person Dr. Karina Bautista itemized the Division GAD plan and activities that can be cascaded in schools.

In addition, Budget Officer III Maria Katherine Guillomas guided the participants on how to maximize the budget in the utilization of school GAD fund. While



Rhea Mojica enlightens the participants of the GAD Planning and Budgeting 2018 on the Grant of Honoraria Guidelines.

SGOD Chief Dr. Epifania Carandang reminds participants on the utilization of school GAD fund.

Accountant III Rhea Mojica explained Budget Circular No. 2007 - 1 which are the Guidelines on the Grant of Honoraria to Lecturers, Resource Speakers, Coordinators and Facilitators.

Dr. Karina R. Bautista spearheaded the said training in coordination with the Human Resource Development Section (HRDS), SEPS Rolan Catapang. (Angelo S. Villanueva, EPS II SM (M&E) SDO- Lucena City)

Nasugbu celebrates 118th Anniversary of the Inauguration of the First Philippine Republic

"We cannot free ourselves unless we move forward united in a single desire." — Emilio Aguinaldo



In celebration of the 118th anniversary of the inauguration of the First Philippine Republic last January 23, Nasugbu East District conducted a simple but significant program in order to refresh the minds of the present generation for them to recognize the heroic deeds of their Filipino ancestors who fought for Philippine independence.

The day started with a flag raising



ceremony, followed by a retelling of a brief background of the history and an explanation of the importance of conducting the activity. Through this, pupils were able to realize that Filipinos battled passionately for the love of country which should be emulated by today's youth.

Furthermore, the schools made sure that activities were not just enjoyable for the students but should also nurture their minds. Pupils made miniature Philippine flags which were displayed around the school. Other relevant activities were essay writing, slogan and poster making, history quiz bee, and coloring contest. The said contests were categorized according to the abilities of the participants. Teachers facilitated the events.

Participants who excelled were recognized and awarded certificates during the closing program. The Schools' AP Coordinators thanked everyone who participated and reminded the young ones to always value their beloved country, the Philippines. (Teresa M. Secondez, District Araling Panlipunan Coordinator, Nasugbu, Batangas Province)

Pupils, teachers and staff of Kaylaway II ES, led by Precious M. Motos, AP Coordinator, began the celebration with the flag-raising ceremony. Later on, pupils were given information about the First Republic. As a symbol of celebration, pupils paraded around the campus displaying their handmade flaglets.

SDO Biñan eyes ties with Creotec PH

The Schools Division Office of Biñan City joined the forum on Strengthening High School Competencies with Industry Work Immersion on January 31 with the hope of establishing partnership with Creotec Philippines Incorporated, an electronics manufacturing company in Laguna.

The team, led by Joel Valenzuela, Division Senior High School (SHS) coordinator, was composed of school heads, SHS coordinators, and other division personnel, listened to the presentation on how the company would be of help to the academe in providing hands-on experiences for Grades 11 and 12 students under the Science and Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, Accountancy and Business Management, Humanities and Social Sciences, and General Academic strands.

In an opening statement, Perry A. Ferrer, president of EMS Group of Companies where Creotec Philippines, Inc. is a member, said that the program aims to narrow the gap between the industry and the academe in terms of practices and training.

"It is also our mission to take an active part in educating all Filipino learners... and we assure everyone that we will deliver our programs," Ferrer said.

DepEd Sta. Rosa City Schools Division Superintendent Helen Ramos, in her keynote



HANDS-ON. Learning Technology Consultant of Creotec Philippines, Inc. Mr. Nestor H. Garcia (left) shows the company's equipment that work immersion students can use and explains the processes they have to go through in the program offered by Creotec PH.

speech, emphasized the benefits of the program that the organizer is offering to address issues on the implementation of SHS such as the insufficiency of qualified teachers, scarcity of resources, and provision for work immersion.

"Our students nowadays are given the 3Cs such as Chances, Choices, and Changes for a better life in the 21st century," Ramos explained.

Meanwhile, Julius Ferrer, School Head of Biñan City Senior High School-Timbaog Campus, inquired on the possibility of receiving sponsorship for their financially-challenged yet competent learners to avail of

the program.

Creotec Director Thess P. Bermudez answered that they will offer help especially to public schools in looking for benefactors who will shoulder students' training expenses. She further explained that some non-government organizations and companies have expressed support and participation to their undertaking.

Other pertinent details on the planned partnership will be discussed by DepEd Biñan's SHS team with the Social Mobilization and Networking and Creotec Philippines, Inc. (Jaypee E. Lopo, SEPS-HRD, Division of Biñan City)

ALS graduates attend skills training on Electronic Product Assembly and Servicing

21 fortunate Alternative Learning System (ALS) graduates are now scholars of Technical-Vocational training on EPAS NC II at Barangay Health Workers (BHW) office in San Jose, San Pablo City.

The participants to the 33-day training will receive free transportation and meal allowance for the entire duration of the program.

This training is part of the Sustainable Livelihood Program of the Department of Social Welfare and Development-San Pablo City under the leadership of SWD Officer Grace Adap. The program will be facilitated by Crisanta Rarama, the Project Evaluation Officer. The Service Provider is the Technological Institute.

After acquiring the National Certificate II, participants will undergo a 5-month on-the-job training (OJT) in different companies with documentary assistance, free board and lodging, and transportation allowance.

"This is part of our continuous services and support to our out-of-school youth after



Participants accomplish their registration forms at the start of the training.

guiding them to finish their basic education," added by the Schools Division Superintendent, Susan DL Oribiana. (Renante M. Bonilla, Education Program Specialist II - ALS)



“We make great things happen in DepEd Rizal”

Angono NHS – Senior High School signs MOA for Competency Assessment Partnership with TESDA-Rizal

The Angono National High School – Senior High School through the leadership of Principal Reynante Flandez recently signed a pioneering Memorandum Of Agreement for the Competency Assessment Partnership with the Rizal Provincial Technical Education and Skills Development Center led by Training Center Administrator Maria Roque last January 24.

“The agreement marks the step in the strong cooperation between DepEd and TESDA,” said Flandez.

The MOA aimed to ensure graduates of basic education are ready for employment, entrepreneurship, and higher learning in pursuant to the R.A. 10533 or the Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013.

Through the said MOA, students can exercise their acquired skills, knowledge, and attitude through the national competency assessment by gaining a National Certification (NC) in their fields of expertise that is recognized for employment locally and internationally.

Worth mentioning under the agreement is the supplementing of the formal curriculum of the Senior High School Program with special inputs coming from the experts and practitioners in order to make the program aligned and consistent with work standards.

In attendance during the signing



Copies of the Memorandum Of Agreement are given to Dr. Reynante V. Flandez, Principal IV of Angono National High School and Maria A. Roque, Training Center Administrator of TESDA Rizal together with Mr. Marco L. Lianza – Senior High School Coordinator as witnessed by the Subject Group Heads.



ceremony were SHS Coordinator Marco Lianza, Subject Group Heads composed of Bernard Paul Capistrano for TVL, Dapheen Lamograr for HUMMS, Mona Santos for STEM, and Venru Meneses for ABM. (*Alain F. Razalan, Master Teacher II, Angono National High School, Rizal Province*)



Dr. Reynante V. Flandez, Principal IV of Angono National High School together with Maria A. Roque, Training Center Administrator of TESDA-Rizal, officially sign the MOA.

LRMDS-Tayabas conducts orientation on potential LREs



Imelda Raymundo, CID Chief, promotes the regional project for the selection of potential learning resource evaluators.



Generosa Zubieta, EPS – LRMDS, campaigns to school heads for the development of learning resources in their schools.

To sustain continuous improvement in learning resources, the Division of Tayabas City conducted an orientation meeting on potential Regional Learning Resource Evaluators (LREs) last January 16 at the Division Learning Resources Management and Development System.

Imelda Raymundo, CID Chief and Chairman of the Division Selection and Screening Committee (DSSC), reiterated the significance of the resource evaluators to produce quality learning materials.

“The region is opening more doors to our teachers. Let us not deprive them of this opportunity,” she explained.

Raymundo also emphasized that the said committee will review the authenticity and completeness of the submitted documents of the applicants. They will categorize the potential LREs based on the learning area/key stage as indicated in their Personal Data Sheet, conduct an initial screening and selection rates, and finally, rank the potential LREs. Pertinent papers of potential regional LREs will then be submitted to the Regional Selection and

Screening Committee.

With her strong commitment to provide technical assistance on issues regarding teaching and learning materials, EPS for Learning Resources Generosa Zubieta created a team of 10 DSSC for secondary and another 10 for elementary consisting of school heads and Education Program Supervisors.

“Although the standards are high, they can be met. We shall help DepEd Tayabas City address teachers’ concerns especially on developing and evaluating learning resources,” Zubieta said.

She added that through partnership programs and strong leadership of school heads, Tayabas will have a strong force in the production and evaluation of textbooks, worksheets, Strategic Intervention Materials (SIMs), modules, teachers’ manuals, and other supplementary resources (digital and non-digital) for all learning areas in the following key stages namely, Kindergarten, K-3, G4-6, Junior HS, and Senior HS. (*Richelle F. Quintero, Education Program Supervisor, SDO Tayabas City*)

East-West Seed Foundation trains veggie enthusiasts

East-West Seed Foundation conducted on January 25-27, 2017 a three-day Train the Trainers course to plant seeds of knowledge and skills on school-based vegetable production to 22 vegetable planting enthusiasts in the Division of Biñan City.

Participants to the activity were Edukasyong Pantahanan at Pangkabuhayan (EPP) teachers and Gulayan sa Paaralan teacher-coordinators of the top 10 schools chosen by the foundation based on the technical evaluation they conducted on November 2016 as part of their school-based gardening program dubbed as Oh My Gulay-Tanim Sa Kinabukasan Program (OMG-TSK).

Twenty two other participants from the top 10 schools of the Division of Cabuyao City also joined the program held at Biñan Elementary School.

The three-day Capacity Building Training and Workshop highlighted lectures on the basics of vegetable production through reliable and scientific practices facilitated by Mrs. Mary Joyce V. Gaviola, licensed agriculturist and Program Head of EW Seed Foundation, and program officers Ms. Roselyn Bumanlag, Ms. Michelle Calica, and Ms. Krystyn R. Oreiro.

Training participants also experienced hands-on activities on field preparation, seed sowing in trays, trellising or making support for climbing plants, and sack gardening.

Mr. Ruel Pacao, teacher-participant, shared during the closing program that through the course, he was able to acquire basic skills and proper techniques on vegetable production.

Participating schools will continue to receive technical assistance from the program officers until they reach completion in April 2017. They will also receive 500 pieces of vegetable seedlings, instructional materials, and gardening tools, among others. In addition, a separate training session with the students will be facilitated by EW Seed Foundation during the course of the program.

Gaviola encouraged the participants to share with their school community the knowledge, skills, and appropriate perspective in



HANDS-ON. Participants from the Division of Biñan and Cabuyao Cities experience hands-on activities on field preparation, trellising, and sack gardening. Photo by SGOD.

planting and eating vegetables they acquired after finishing the course.

The activity ended with the presentation of action plans prepared by the attendees. These will serve as guide for the schools' program implementation starting February 2017.

The OMG-TSK program will culminate with a community day to be hosted by the would-be best implementing schools from each Schools Division Office.

EW Seed Foundation is a corporate social responsibility arm of East-West Seed Company Philippines, a distributor of high-quality vegetable seeds in over 60 countries worldwide. (Dionisio T. Pobar III - EPS-II SMN, Division of Biñan City)

Tayabas City conducts 2017 Division ManCom

"A true leader inspires people," said Dr. Catherine P. Talavera, Schools Division Superintendent, during the 2017 Division Management Committee Meeting of the City Schools Division of Tayabas held in Kamayan sa Palaisdaan last January 27.

Translating her vision, "Every Child Deserves to Learn and Thrive" through TEA Governance, Talavera has been consistently leading the division in the realization of DepEd's mission and vision.

"Capacitating the division personnel as well as the school heads will empower them to become responsible and productive leaders and managers that would harvest globally competitive graduates in their respective schools. Let's soar high for a better Tayabas!" the superintendent exclaimed.

The participants of the ManCom were the Unit Personnel from CID, SGOD and Administrative, Finance and Human Resource Departments, and all school heads in the City Schools Division of Tayabas. The unit chiefs refreshed the attendees with milestones needed for the smooth and problem-free school environment.

The meeting started with a short program where the participants learned that the value of love of God equals 101% and positive attitude in all undertakings is 100% through EPS-Learning Resources Generosa Zubieta.

Administrative and Legal matters were taken up by Division Administrative Officer V, Conrado C. Gabarda. He presented the system flowchart to enable things to be done better, faster, and easier when transacting business in the division office. He also reiterated the CSC rules and regulations regarding the proper filing of leave and absences for teachers and school heads. He further emphasized the provisions and penalty for violating the law such as absence without official leave (AWOL) and loafing among teachers and employees. Gabarda also discussed some issues pertaining to settling disputes and resolving related problems in the school level.

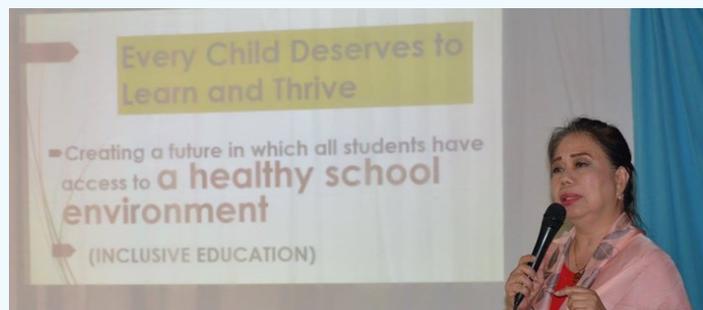
Concerns about budget and finance were explained by Division Budget Officer III Benjamin A. Millares, and Division Accountant III Agnes M. Luzadas. They stressed the system flowchart when liquidating MOOE and the proper utilization of government funds to avoid cases of misspending.

Meanwhile, SGOD Chief Dr. Edwin R. Rodriguez oriented the participants in the latest DepEd Memoranda that needed to be

addressed and given immediate attention and action from the field. He also discussed the programs and projects being undertaken by the division which will further improve school governance. Pertaining to DRRMC, Rodriguez asked DRRMC Coordinator Ermelo Escobinas to give the participants important information on preparing for untoward incidents in their respective schools.

CID Chief Imelda C. Raymundo also took her turn to discuss some issues and concerns to be undertaken for the first quarter of the school year in the implementation of curriculum programs and projects in the division.

Meanwhile, EPS- English Richelle Quintero hosted the program. (Louie Fulleo, Education Program Supervisor- TLE, SDO Tayabas City)



Dr. Catherine P. Talavera, Schools Division Superintendent, inspires the school heads and division personnel during the 2017 Division ManCom.



Division personnel leads the activity in the 2017 Division ManCom.

Lisa Macuja-Elizalde stages Ballet and Ballads Manila in SDO Calamba City

"Our commitment is to bring ballet to the people and people to ballet," an exciting statement of Ms. Lisa Macuja-Elizalde prior to the stunning performance of Ballet and Ballads held last January 27, 2017 at the LLC Auditorium, Calamba City.

Known in the world as the first Filipina Prima Ballerina, Ms Lisa Macuja-Elizalde has directed the Ballet Manila for more than 20 years since its conception in 1995 as the creative director, principal dancer and prima ballerina. Indeed, the big crowd of 1050 student-beneficiaries from eight different public elementary and high schools in Calamba were astonished with her very exquisite rendition of "Dying Swan". "Hard work and discipline," Ms. Macuja said as she shares her secrets of keeping herself vibrant for more than 30 years in the world of ballet.



(L-R) SrEPS Paulino S. Castro, SGOD Chief Dr. Marisa Dedumo and ASDS Dr. Lourdes T. Bermudez join the mesmerized audience.

"I still wake up early and do exercises. I have self-control. I don't have any vices!" she added.

The floor was trembling during the series of presentations. The show featured the fusion of classical dance and pop songs.



STUNNING PERFORMANCE. Cinderella stage play. (Inset) Lisa Macuja-Elizalde

It opened with a Cinderella-inspired act and was followed by some classical numbers and popular songs like *Magandang Gabi, Palasyo, Bukas na Lang Kita Mamahalin, Katawan* and *Can't Hide the Feeling*. They also sang and danced with the heartwarming performances of Luke Mijares, former lead singer of South Border.

"Nakatuwa po. Ang galing-galing po ng mga dancers, lalong -lalo na po si Ms. Liza Macuja, bilang mga Grade 9 students po sa Special Education in the Arts (SPA), we'll follow some of the techniques po na nakita namin at higit po sa lahat yung confidence,"

affirmed by a student from Calamba Bayside National High School after the one and half hour show.

Young and old, rich and poor – Ballet and Ballads Manila was able to prove that indeed, everybody can appreciate the art of ballet dancing. The successful event has been made possible through the cooperation of Manila Broadcasting Company, DZRH, DZRH News Television, *Aksyon Radyo, Radyo Natin* Nationwide, 90.7 Love Radio, Yes FM 101.1 and 96.3 Easy Rock. (Randy D. Punzalan–SrEPS-PRU/DIO and Aura Jean E. Alpajaro -PDO 1, SDO Calamba City)

DepEd Cavite conducts two-day ISO training course; 25 new Internal Auditors, accredited

Equipping its selected personnel with auditing knowledge and skills for the office's ISO implementation, Department of Education-Division of Cavite organized a two-day training course for Internal Auditors last January 30-31 at the Bulwagang Tanglaw, DepEd Compound, Trece Martirez City, Cavite.

Headed by NQA Global Certification Body representative Lorna Valdez, the training certified 25 new Internal Auditors after passing the evaluation examination administered on the last day of training.

Participated by all unit heads, assigned internal auditors, and ISO Team, the training also focused on understanding the needs, purpose, and benefits of preparing and conducting an audit relative to ISO 9001:2015 requirements.

During the first part of the training, Valdez discussed the Terms and Definition,

Principle of Auditing, and Managing of an Audit Program.

On the second part, she taught the participants how to perform an audit and enumerated the competencies required from an auditor and the evaluation they would undergo, as well as the examples of discipline pertaining to ISO 19011:2011.

To highlight the discussion, group workshops on identifying audit program risk, preparing an audit plan, use of turtle diagram, and preparing an audit finding report, were also done. Quality Management principles, which include Customer Focus, Leadership, Engagement of People, Process Approach, Improvement, and Evidence-Based Decision Making, were emphasized.

DepEd Cavite's internal audit will start on February 9 until February 16, 2017. (Leonard Umandap, SDO Division of Cavite Province)

