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## Civil Registration Month celebration in Aklan kicks off

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*Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Aklan marks the celebration of Civil Registration Month in the province through a motorcade and distribution of flyers to selected individuals*

The month-long celebration of the nationwide Civil Registration Month in Aklan kicked off on February 1 with a motorcade along the major thoroughfares of Kalibo.

This year's activity is anchored on a theme: "PSA@10: 'Providing Efficient and Effective Civil Registration and Vital Statistics through Digital Transformation'".

Spearheaded by the Philippine Statistics Authority-Aklan, the motorcade aims to elicit awareness in the public regarding the importance of civil registration in achieving better lives and fostering development in the community.

During the activity, employees of PSA-Aklan and members of the Aklan Civil Registrars Association distributed civil registration flyers to several individuals containing relevant information about late registration procedures, rectifying errors, and legitimation and acknowledgment of paternity guidelines which gave them so much delight.

A lecture on civil registration was then conducted by Registration Officer Glenda Sampaton at the Serbilis Center-Kalibo to inform the clients regarding the importance of registering vital events, the steps to be undertaken in correcting defects in the documents, requirements in securing



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authentic copies of civil registry documents, PhilSys Birth Registration Assistance Project, and the issuance of a free copy of a birth certificate for first time-jobseekers.

According to Engr. Antonet B. Catubuan, Chief Statistical Specialist, this event is a jumpstart of the series of activities that will be conducted for the month in order to enhance the awareness of the people on civil registration and strengthen the implementation of the program in the community.

“We need to have comprehensive and responsive civil registration systems to attain an inclusive, equitable, and people-centered development,” Engr. Catubuan said.

Other activities slated for this month include the hanging of streamers, symposiums, vital statistics exhibit, civil registration clinic, civil registration quiz bee, mobile registration, and mass weddings to be spearheaded by selected local civil registry offices in the province.

The annual commemoration of Civil Registration Month is conducted pursuant to Proclamation No. 682 declared by former President Corazon C. Aquino on January 28, 1991.

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