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## PSA RSSO VI witness hundreds of couple exchange wedding vows

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**Iloilo City** - Philippine Statistics Authority Regional Statistical Services Office VI (PSA RSSO VI) witnessed various mass weddings organized by different Local Government Units (LGUs) in the province of Iloilo. This activity was conducted in line with the 32nd celebration of the Civil Registration Month (CRM) with the theme "*Improving Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Implementation Strategies through Digital Transformation*", this month of February 2022.

On 10 February 2022, Civil Registration and Administrative Support Division (CRASD) Chief William G. Jaro attended mass civil wedding ceremony at Municipality of Cabatuan, Iloilo which was participated by twenty-four (24) couples. Mayor Ronilo O. Caspe officiated the ceremony. CRASD Chief Jaro delivered in his inspirational message the key to a happy and successful marriage which is communication between husband and wife is important. To learn to forgive each other and putting Jesus Christ in the center of their life lead to a happy marriage. He also expressed his heartfelt appreciation to the LGU of Cabatuan and the initiative of Municipal Civil Registrar Elsa Assesor for the success of this activity.



*CRASD Chief William G. Jaro delivers his inspirational message to the twenty-four (24) couples in the Municipality of Cabatuan, Iloilo.*





*Newly wedded couples with their family and friends as witnesses at the Municipality of Balasan, Iloilo.*

On 14 and 16 February 2022, Officer-in-Charge Nelida C. Amolar served as guest speaker at the mass wedding organized by Municipalities of Balasan and Concepcion, respectively. During the speech of OIC Amolar, she congratulated the newly wedded couples and thanked the LGU and everyone for creating a sense of normalcy and bringing the

community together with the successful celebration despite the lingering threat of pandemic. Also, OIC emphasized on the importance of marriage as it is the beginning of the family and is a life-long commitment. Further, she highlighted that for children born prior to this marriage, couples should visit the office of the Municipal Civil Registrar for processing of legitimation for those parents who have no legal impediment or previous marriage for either of the father or mother.

On 14 February 2022, the city government of Passi City, Iloilo headed by Mayor Stephen A. Palmares held a Solemn Mass Wedding entitled, “Mansibado sa Pagbag-o” held at Barangay Sablogon. The mass wedding was in collaboration with the City Civil Registrar, Mr. Salome E. Arevalo as the head of office and participated by seventeen (17) couples. The activity was intended for couples who are cohabitating for several years without the blessings of marriage. Hon. Palmares officiated the ceremony with the advocacy to give opportunity to the couples to avail of the legitimation process for their children.



*Statistical Specialist II Jean Lito N. Esapol delivers his inspirational message to newly wedded couples of Barangay Sablogon, Passi City, Iloilo.*

During the ceremony, Statistical Specialist II Jean Lito N. Esapol, of PSA RSSO VI, imparted his words of wisdom to the newlywed couples on how to strengthen their bonds in married life. He advised the couples who already have children to apply for legitimation at the office of city

civil registrar and comply all necessary requirements to legitimize their children. In his message, he emphasized the importance of marriage and stressed out that couples should be sympathetic to each other because life is not always bed of roses. Problems and trials certainly come. But with the strong relationship and love for each other, challenges will be overcome. He ended his message by inspiring the couples to put Christ at the center of their life and always ask for guidance and blessings to keep their marriage long-lasting.

Meanwhile, on the same date, the Municipality of Guimbal also conducted civil mass wedding and was participated by one hundred seventeen (117) couples, this was officiated by Hon. Janette G. Collada. The support of Municipal Civil Registrar headed by Percylette G. Quidato lead to the success of the event.



*CRASD Chief, William G. Jaro receives certificate of appreciation from Hon. Janette G. Collada of Guimbal, Iloilo.*



*Registration Officer IV Mary Grace D. Dorilag expresses her thanks to the Municipality of Buenavista, Guimaras for conducting a civil mass wedding that benefited many couples.*

Ms. Mary Grace D. Dorilag, Registration Officer IV attended the mass civil wedding at municipality of Jordan, Guimaras on 14 February 2022 that was participated by twenty-five (25) couples and officiated by Municipal Mayor Ruben B. Corpuz. Ms. Dorilag delivered her inspiring message to the couple. She pointed out that marriage is a sentence, a life sentence for that matter; a happy wife is a happy life; and a happy spouse is a happy house. She also thanked the

collaborative effort of Municipal Civil Registrar Jesusa M. Millondaga to the success of the activity.

Municipality of Buenavista, Guimaras, celebrated a mass civil wedding that was participated by twenty (20) couples and was officiated by Mayor Eugenio G. Reyes. This activity was successful as initiated by Municipal Civil Registrar Elma F. Zaldivar.

On 16 February 2022, Municipality of Oton, Iloilo conducted a civil mass wedding spearheaded by the Municipal Civil Registrar Josefina C. Domingo. The said ceremony was officiated by Mayor Carina V. Flores.

Twenty-five (25) couples got the blessing of marriage. The said activity was done for majority of the couples that were already cohabitating for several years and now have decided to get married to legalize their union and legitimize their children.

Barangay Lanipe, Nueva Valencia, Guimaras held a mass wedding on 24 February 2022. Mayor Emmanuel C. Galila officiated the ceremony with the support of Municipal Civil Registrar Mary Jane G. Piosca. Twenty-seven (27) couples participated in the activity. Also, Municipality of Estancia, Iloilo organized a civil mass wedding on 28 February 2022. Municipal



*SS II Jean Lito N. Esapol gives marital advice to the newly wedded couples at Barangay Lanipe, Nueva Valencia, Guimaras.*

Mayor, Hon. Melina D. Requinto officiated the ceremony. The activity was in collaboration with the Office of Municipal Civil Registrar headed by Ma. Lourdes Gana. The said rites were participated by twenty-eight (28) couples. Mr. Esapol gave his inspirational message during those activities.

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