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PSA RSSO VI Civil Registration Activities for August 2024

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Statistical Specialist II Jean Lito N. Esapol discussed the importance and uses of civil registry to the residents of the barangays of Barangay Guzman-Jesena and Barangay Balantang.

ILOILO CITY – PSA RSSO 6, through SS II Jean Lito N. Esapol and Birth Registration Agent Michael Goddard A. Buenaflor, in coordination with the office of City Civil Registrar of Iloilo City headed by CCR Cherie J. Ampig, conducted a mobile registration in Barangay Guzman-Jesena, Mandurriao, Iloilo City on August 2, 2024, and Barangay Balantang, Jaro, Iloilo City on August 30, 2024.

The mobile registration activity in both barangays began with an opening prayer and the national anthem, followed by welcoming remarks from the respective punong barangays. Punong Barangay Roseller J. Paredes of Guzman-Jesena and Punong Barangay Allan S. Jastia of Balantang graciously welcomed the Philippine Statistics Authority team and City Civil Registrar personnel. It was followed by a brief message from PSA RSSO VI Statistical Specialist II Jean Lito N. Esapol, who talked about the importance of Civil Registration, the overview of Republic Act 9048 and its implementing rules and guidelines and other related laws as part of the Civil Registration information campaign. Moreover, City Civil Registrar Cherie J. Ampig also talked about the programs of the city government particularly the free mobile registration as advocacy of city mayor Jerry P. Trenas.

The services provided by the PSA and CCR include assisting clients facing errors in their civil registry documents. They received guidance on correcting clerical mistakes and the steps to file their petitions. Additionally, assistance was offered for the late registration of birth certificates, especially for senior citizens without existing records. The PhilSys team also facilitated the registration of national IDs for those who have not yet registered, particularly targeting children aged one to five years. In total, twenty-five (25) residents from Barangay



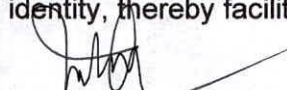
Guzman-Jesena and forty-two (42) residents from Barangay Balantang availed themselves of the civil registration services. By addressing these concerns, the initiative aimed to ensure that no child or citizen in the city is left without the necessary documentation affirming their identity and to foster a legally recognized population in Iloilo City.

To conclude the activity, both Punong Barangays conveyed their appreciation to the PSA and the City Civil Registrar's office for their collaborative efforts in organizing the event and for the assistance provided to their residents.



SS II Jean Lito N. Esapol presented programs and services of PSA RSSO VI during the 2nd Western Visayas Indigenous People's Health Summit on August 8-10, 2024, at Punta Vila Resort, Iloilo City.

PSA RSSO VI also took part in the 2nd Western Visayas Indigenous People's Health Summit, organized by the Department of Health Western Visayas – Center for Health Development, held from August 8 to 10, 2024, at Punta Villa Resort in Arevalo, Iloilo City. The summit with the theme "*Celebrating Indigenous People's cultures, resilience, and contributions to our shared world*" aims to share information on programs and activities for Indigenous Cultural Communities and Indigenous Peoples in the region in pursuit of better health service delivery. This was attended by different national government agencies with their support and contributions in the pursuit of better health service delivery and health outcomes for Indigenous Cultural Communities and Indigenous Peoples of Western Visayas. The Philippine Statistics Authority, as one of the members, presented its participation and contribution to the welfare of the Indigenous People in the community, such as the processing of the free birth certificate through the Birth Assistance Project (BRAP) and mobile registration in collaboration with the civil registrar in the area wherein the Indigenous People reside. The said PSA services are essential for empowering and recognizing Indigenous culture and identity, thereby facilitating their access to rights and opportunities.



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