

NARRATIVE REPORT

FY 2013

ARMM Cabinet Strategic Planning Workshop

The Regional Economic Zone Authority (REZA) Executive Director Atty. Loren Hallilah I. Lao attended the ARMM Cabinet Strategic planning Workshop conducted by the ARMM government on July 19-21, 2013 at DAP Training Center in Tagaytay Center.

It was facilitated by the Development Academy in the Philippines. The said workshop was being attended by the ARMM Regional Executives to craft the ARMM action plan for the next two years in the mission of the present regional Governor to come up with the Reform agenda in preparation for the Bangsamoro Transition Government.

Visit to the Subic Oil Depot with RBOI and FPEZ

REZA – ED Atty. Lao together with RBOI Chair ATTY. Ishak Mastura and FPEZ Administrator Atty. Mimbawag Mangutara made an ocular visit of the oil Depot on July 28-30, 2013 at Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA) to know how the said depot was being operated and or the Iron Blaze locator future operation at the Freeport of Polloc and Economic Zone (FPEZ).

National Workshop on Research Guidance Paper on Women's Access to justice in the Plural Legal Systems in Southeast Asia

ED Atty. Lao attended the national workshop on Research Guidance Paper on Women's Access to Justice in the plural Legal Systems in Southeast Asia as one of the panel discussant on August 19-22, 2013.

This was also attended by Atty. Evalyn Ursua, a Consultant of United Nation (UN).

Meeting with Iron Blaze

ED Atty. Lao attended a meeting with Mr. Sam Mora, Liaison officer of Iron Blaze on Project Description, SEC Registration and other Business requirement for the company operation at FPEZ on September 16, 2013 at the RBOI-ARMM Bldg, ORG Compound, Cotabato City.

Coordinative Meeting

ED Atty. Lao met with RBOI Atty. Ishak Mastura and Atty. Naguib Sinarimbo, former chairman of the REZA Management Committee to discuss the operation of REZA and confer with the previous agency operation under the former administration on September 20, 2013 at the FPEZ, Parang, Maguindanao.

Meeting with Atty. Naguib Sinarimbo and FPEZ Deputy Administrator Eshan Mabang

Executive Director Atty. Lao met with Atty. Sinarimbo and Mr. Mabang on September 22, 2013 at Parang, Maguindanao. The meeting was held to discuss the Security climate, infrastructures in the freeport, competitive advantage of ARMM , limited incentives and Manual of Operations.

Orientation- Workshop on Local Fund Budget Preparation and Monitoring Systems in ARMM

REZA Admin Officer Fawziah Arumpac and Planning Officer Amnah Masbud attended an Orientation-Workshop on Local Fund Budget Preparation and Monitoring System in ARMM on October 8, 2013 at the Pagana Restaurant, Cotabato City.

During the said program, budget preparation for the fiscal year 2014 and its guidelines and procedure was discussed. Workshop also for budget preparation took place. Right after that, orientation on the preparation of work and financial plan was given to the participants from different agencies of ARMM.

National workshop on Improving Women's Human Rights in Mindanao

ED Atty. Lao attended a workshop together with other ARMM Women Executives on National workshop on Improving Women's Human Rights in Mindanao on October 17-18, 2013 at the UN Women Center, Davao City.

The workshop tackled the conflict Cultural Diversity and Plural Legal System in Mindanao: Challenges and Opportunities in Advancing Women's Human Rights in Mindanao by Irene Santiago. Women's Human Rights in Mindanao: gains, Gaps and Ways Forward by Atty. Laisa Alamia, Emerging Challenges and Good Practices, CEDAW and Women's Human Rights (WHR) in Law and Policy Making. Emmeline Verzosa, Dr. Socorro Reyes, and TBD, UN Women CEDAW Team of Laos were the panellists of the event.

Meeting with Iron Blaze Lawyer and President, RG Hataman

The Regional Economic Zone Authority (REZA) Executive Director Atty. Loren Hallilah I. Lao attended a meeting with the Regional Governor Mujiv Hataman and Regional Board of Investment (RBOI) Chairman Atty. Ishak Mastura and Mr. Junie Santos on September 21, 2013 at the EDSA Shangrila, Mandaluyong City.

Atty. Mastura gave briefing to Atty. Lao on the Iron Blaze Petroleum Business Operation. Then, Joint Venture set-up with Iron Blaze Petroleum Inc. was also discussed with Mr. Junie Santos for their interest on investing in the ARMM.

DTI Annual Anniversary Celebration

The Regional Economic Zone Authority (REZA) Executive Director Atty. Loren Hallilah I. Lao attended the DTI-ARM Anniversary Celebration on October 24, 2013 at the DTI Office, ORG Compound, Cotabato City.

Atty. Lao had round table discussion with DTI Sec. Hajan and the former REZA Executive Director Roslainie Alonto on the Inter Agency operation between DTI and REZA. RBOI Chair Atty. Mastura and Ms. Alonto named best Ecozone to link with by the REZA.

Forum on Fair Trade Laws, Products Standards & Consumer Rights & Responsibilities

The Regional Economic Zone Authority (REZA) attended a Forum on Fair Trade Laws, Products Standards and Consumer Rights & Responsibilities on October 24, 2013 at the Elmanor Hotel, Diamond City, Convention Center.

Consumer Rights and Responsibilities, Health Product, Quality, Efficacy and safety (essential and Non-Essential Drugs) and Fair Trade Laws and Update on Products Standards were the discussion during the said forum.

Course on knowledge Management

ED Atty. Lao and Finance Officer Ms. Arumpac presented the agency Budget proposal for Fiscal Year 2014 to the Regional Budget Coordinating Committee for its fusion on the General Budget allocation for ARMM on October 29-30, 2013 at the CSC, Batasan Quezon City.

The program underscored the value of identifying and analyzing knowledge and knowledge related processes as strategic assets that need to be developed and utilized to facilitate problem-solving and decision making for the achievement of organizational objectives. It provided techniques through which organizations can generate value from their intellectual and knowledge-based assets.

Coordinating meeting with Polloc Officials

The Regional Economic Zone Authority (REZA) had coordinating meeting with Polloc Officials on November 8, 2013 at the Golden Lace Restaurant, Cotabato City.

FPEZ Deputy Administrator Eshan Mabang presented the Operation flow of the Freeport of Polloc and Economic Zone to REZA and the Polloc Freeport Development Project Proposed expansion, presentation of Fort Polloc police Division Strategic Plan and also on the Port Services division operation during the meeting.

Agency Budget Proposal Presentation

ED Atty. Lao and Finance Officer Ms. Arumpac presented again the agency Budget proposal for Fiscal Year 2014 on November 12, 2013 at the Astana Conference Room, ARMM Compound.

Annual Regional Council of Personnel Officers

Administrative Officer Fawziah Arumpac and IsnihayaBarodi attended the Annual Regional Council of Personnel Officers on November 14-15, 2015 at the El Bajada Hotel, Davao City.

Prospect in Human Resources Development and Personnel Administration in ARMM, FAQs on the BAngsamoro Framework Agreement, Competency-Based Recruitment and Public Sector Unionism (PSU) were discussed.

Free Legal Counseling Service with the Office of the Attorney General

The Regional Economic Zone Authority (REZA) joined the Free Legal Counseling Service with the Office of the Attorney General on November 20, 2013 at the Shariff Kabunsuan Complex, ORG Compound Cotabato City.

Inter-Agency leveling –off Meeting

The Regional Economic Zone Authority (REZA) conducted Inter-Agency leveling –off Meeting on 2 December 2013 at the Golden Lace Restaurant, Cotabato City. It was attended by the representatives from DTI-ARMM, FPEZ, RBOI and RPDO.

It aimed to discuss the preparation for the REZA Strategic Plan, 2014 to 2016.

11th ARMM Expanded Cabinet Meeting and Year-End Activity

The Regional Economic Zone Authority (REZA) attended the 11th ARMM Expanded Cabinet Meeting and Year-End Activity on December 20-21, 2013 at the Waterfront Insular Hotel, Davao City.

The first day of the program started with the preliminaries of the adoption of the minutes of the previous 10th Expanded Cabinet Meeting held last November 27, 2013 and the 3rd Executive Session last December 12, 2013.

Executive Secretary Atty. Laisa M. Alamia presented the performance informed budget in which she talked on all agency capital and travel expenditure in 2013. Engr. Baintan Ampatuan gave updates on ARMM Regional Development Plan Midterm.

Fourteen (14) out of Thirty Nine (39) Regional Line Agencies presented their comprehensive accomplishment report for the fiscal year 2013 on its second day.

Team Building was held on the third day of the program at Paradise Beach Resort, Samal Island, Davao. Outdoor activities were being played among ARMM Executives to foster camaraderie and confidence to unite the bond as one-team for the struggle in bringing changes in ARMM and the future challenges that lies ahead towards its transition to Bangsamoro Government.

Benchmarking with Mactan Economic Zone (MEZ) and Site Visit

The Regional Economic Zone Authority (REZA) underwent benchmarking with Mactan Economic Zone I and site visit on December 23, 2013 at the Mactan Zone I, Mactan, Cebu. The said visit was part of the REZA institutional Building Program.

They met the Ecozone Operation Zone Administrator Sansaluna Pinagayao and the Chief of Enterprise Promotion Division Mr. Raymond Java. Mr. Java made presentation on the Operation of MEZ as an industrial Ecozone operating under the PEZA during the visit.

Mr. Pinagayao made strong recommendations to REZA on (1) FPEZ shall sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Bureau of Customs and DENR for its ECC Certification, (2) REZA shall initiate setting up building structure and full serviceable facilities to entice locators to locate at FPEZ, (3) Mr. Pinagayao welcomes REZA personnel to take on-the-job training program for immersion at the MEZ-I ecozone operation, (4) Site visit to selected industries in the ecozone at TIMEX, KOR landa jewelries and

(5) MEZ-I Administrations offered personnel immersion/apprenticeship to REZA employees for ecozone operation.

REZA Team Building Held

The Regional Economic Zone Authority (REZA) conducted Team Building on December 23-26, 2013 at the park Lane International Hotel, Cebu City.

It aimed to foster better and open communication between the employees themselves as well as between the employees and the higher management and promote camaraderie and trust among the REZA personnel that could help the self-esteem of the personnel and also for the smooth operation of REZA.

On its first day, all REZA employees with Executive Director Loren Halillah I. Lao went to Mactan Economic Zone (MEZ) for benchmarking. Thus, the program proper for the team building formally started on its second day.

All personnel were grouped on the third day to do the SWOT Analysis. Right after that, each group presented the external threats in the operation of REZA, strength/competitive advantage of REZA, the challenges and weaknesses of REZA, and the economical, political, technological, social, environmental and legal opportunities of the REZA.