Kick-off Activity for the 2019 Year-End National Conference

To evaluate the agency's accomplishments for the FY 2019 and to set up plans for FY 2020, the Planning, Management and Information Division (PMID) facilitated the conduct of Year-End National Conference held at the FPA Central Office Function Hall.

The activity kicked-off through the presentation of the Salient Features of Revised Fertilizer Regulatory Policies and Implementing Guidelines by FRD Chief Julieta Lansangan, the presentation of the Salient Features of Revised Pesticide Regulatory Policies and Implementing Guidelines by Deputy Executive Director for Pesticide Eric Divinagracia, and the discussion of the Revised Citizen's Charter by FOCU Supervising Agriculturist Suzette Alcaide.

On the second day, Elizabeth Ramiro, FAD Chief, together with OIC-Budget Officer Genalyn Guardiano, presented the Financial Performance Review and Presentation of the FY 2020 Budget Based on NEP.

Afterwards, all the FPA Regional Offices presented their Physical Performance Review covering January to November 2019.
December 04, 2019

Field inspection training course and knowledge sharing with the industry

As part of the activities for the Year-end National Conference, a field inspection training course and a knowledge sharing with the industry was organized to enable the FPA Regional and Provincial Officers to update their knowledge on the emerging practices for pesticide management.

The training started through discussion of the pesticide regulatory practices in the State of California, United States, by Alexander Lagman, an environmental scientist from the Department of Pesticide Regulation, Central Regional Office of Clovis, California.

Other lectures included Pesticide Residues, Toxicology and Maximum Residue Limits by Eric John Cruz, a licensed chemist and Head of Pesticide Management Division of the National Crop Protection Center – University of the Philippines Los Baños, Occupational Health and Safety by FPA Evaluator Dr. Wernher Bautista, and Product Stewardship Program by Joel Rosario of CropLife.
Briefing on the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery

The FPA employees have undergone orientation on the Implementing Rules and Regulations of RA 11032 otherwise known as Ease on Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery (EODB-EGSD) with ARTA Representative Jalfreed Cabangal serving as the resource person. He shared about the prescribed processing time of government services, automatic approval, reengineering of systems and procedures, accountability of heads of offices/agencies, citizen’s charter, and the penalties under the act.

In the afternoon, a lecture on Basic Photography and Social Media Management was facilitated by the Information Unit.
FPA celebrates 2019 Year-End Program

As a way of celebrating another year filled with lessons, accomplishments and memories shared by every FPA employees, the agency held its Year-End Program which convened all FPA employees from the Central and Regional Office.

In his message, Executive Director Wilfredo Roldan acknowledged the efforts of employees, pesticide and fertilizer industries, and the members the academe for making the FPA deliver its mandate and contribute in the achievement of food security and food sufficiency in the country.

The activity entailed performances by the FPA employees and a best dressed competition focusing on the theme #FPAGens.
Fortifying collaborations with DA through regional meeting

As an attached agency and a member of Regional Management Committee of the Department of Agriculture in CARAGA, Regional Officer Danilo Negre presented FPA CARAGA's 4th Quarter Accomplishment for FY 2019 during the 4th Quarter Regional Management Committee Meeting.
Product quality and adherence to safety

To ensure compliance of the industry with the regulatory requirements for Good Housekeeping and Emergency Preparedness of warehouses, a site audit was initiated by Region XII Regional Officer Alita Bornea in one of the licensed institutional warehouses in Malungon, Saranggani. The activity is conducted before any license/registration is renewed or issued.
Fortifying collaborations with Barangay Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation Team (BPMET)

A Barangay Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation Team (BPMET) Provincial Forum was attended by FPACAR Team headed by Regional Officer Rey Segismundo.

BPMET serves as the body that monitors and evaluates the Second Cordillera Highland Agricultural Resource Management Project (CHARM2) activities and provide the project administration and implementing units with information. They also show how implementation problem could be recognized and reported as quickly as possible to the proper authorities, and thus encouraging solutions.

Various Stakeholders from the Province of Benguet (Barangay, Municipal, Provincial Representatives, DA-CAR Family, Academe, NGO's) participated in the event held at Ben Palispis Hall, Capitol, La Trinidad, Benguet.
Public information

FA CARAGA Regional Officer Danilo Negre facilitated a two-day Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD) training for the 35 beneficiaries of the Convergence on Livelihood Assistance for Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries (CLAAP) Project, a livelihood program being jointly implemented by the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) and Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).

Among the topics discussed include P.D. 1144, general fertilizer and pesticide information, handling and storage, transport and distribution, poisoning and first aid, and other related topics on the regulation of fertilizer and pesticide products.
Enforcing the law and fulfilling the mandates in the field

In line with the implementation of FPA Administrative Order No. 26 s.2007, Alita Bornea, FPA Region XII Regional Officer, along with Provincial Officer Joey Pascua, conducted a site inspection and validation of the waste water facility of the Sarangani Energy Corporation (SEC) located in Barangay Kamanga, Bayan ng Maasim, Sarangani.

The said activity was conducted in response to SEC’s request for the certification of their landscapes to be used for ‘Fertigation’ or the addition of fertilizers to liquid solutions to make soil amendments, water amendments and other water-soluble products into an irrigation system.
Public information

The FPA-Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) headed by Regional Officer Reynaldo Segismundo conducted a training on Accredited Safety Dispenser of Fertilizer and Pesticide (ASD) in Alfonso Lista, Ifugao.

The ASD Training aimed to educate stakeholders on the Presidential Decree 1144; general fertilizer and pesticide information; handling and storage; transport and distribution; poisoning and first aid; and other related topics on the regulation of fertilizer and pesticide.
December 19, 2019

Strengthening partnership with stakeholders for better productivity

To enhance the agricultural production competitiveness of the mango growers/contractors, a Mango Grower/s and Contractor/s Training was conducted last December 19, 2019 at the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist Conference Hall, Bolbok, Batangas City, Batangas.

The activity was organized by the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist – Batangas, the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority Region IV and Batangas Provincial Office and Crop King Chemical Incorporated which was participated by thirty-nine (39) mango growers and contractors from the Batangas and Cavite Provinces.

The training aims to enable the participants gain new knowledge and appropriate skills in mango production especially in planting, harvesting, and marketing.
Briefing on fertilizer product registration

To assist community organizations who are interested to become fertilizer product dealers, Region XII FPA Regional Officer Alita Bornea facilitated a briefing on product registration of the Coco Coir Formulation to Tango Women and Farmers Association at the FPA Regional Office at KL Lucena Reality Bldg. Alunan Avenue, Koronadal City. A DTI Representative also discussed about the Learning Mission on Coir Peat-based Fertilizer Project.