



Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority



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FEBRUARY 1, 2017

*Fortifying collaborations
and immersing in the field*



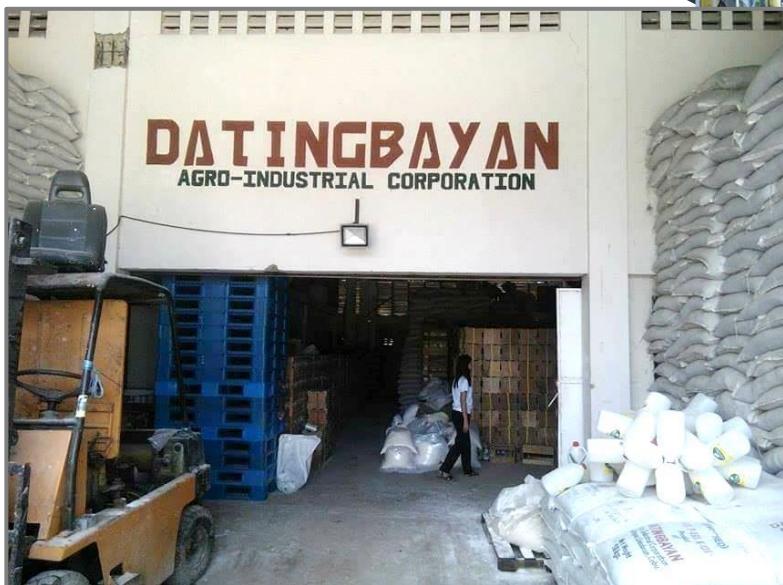
The FPA Executive Director Wilfredo C. Roldan and Atty. Francis Romulo I. Badilla, Jr., FPA Legal Officer, visited the FPA-Regional Office 3 headed by Supervising Agriculturist Mr. Antonio G. Cruz, Jr. in San Fernando City, Pampanga. Upon meeting the FPA field staff, Dir. Roldan encouraged them to work efficiently as they perform the monitoring and enforcement mandates of the FPA in the field-level. Afterwards, Dir. Roldan had a courtesy call with Bataan Provincial Agriculturist Ms. Imelda Nieto and extended his appreciation for the continuous support and collaboration with the FPA in Region 3.



FEBRUARY 2, 2017



*Enforcing the law and fulfilling
the mandates in the field*



As part of the regular monitoring and enforcement activities of the FPA in the field, the FPA-Regional Office 7 headed by Supervising Agriculturist Mr. Arnulfo L. Arausa, Jr. visited the DATINGBAYAN Agro-Industrial Corporation in Consolacion, Cebu to monitor and inspect its warehouse facilities and other related activities. DATINGBAYAN operates and produces 200,000 to 300,000 liters of fertilizer every month and exports its products to Australia, Indonesia, Japan, China and Germany.



FEBRUARY 6-10, 2017



*Gearing towards
international standards and
global competitiveness*

The FPA-Laboratory Services Division (LSD) headed by Ms. Jerolet C. Sahagun together with chemists Mr. Angelo S. Bugarin and Ms. Sharmaine D. Tecson participated in the "International Workshop to Promote the Harmonization of Maximum Residue Limits (MRL) Setting Process in the Asian Region" held in ANA InterContinental Hotel, Akasaka, Tokyo, Japan. "This workshop aims to increase the capacity of participants particularly in terms of knowledge and skills in evaluating pesticide residues based on good agricultural practices (GAP) data for estimation of MRL and in understanding of dietary risk and exposure assessment of pesticide residues and to enable the participants to make science-based decisions through internationally accepted procedures, scientific principles and evidences," as stated in their report.

FEBRUARY 8, 2017

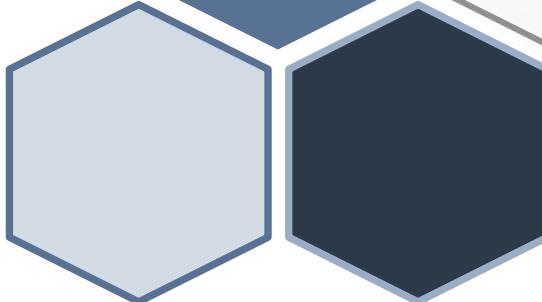
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The FPA-Regional Office 12 headed by Supervising Agriculturist Ms. Alita C. Bornea visited the Sumifru Corporation in South Cotabato to monitor its banana plantation facilities and aerial spraying activities. "For the FPA to be sure that policies on aerial application of fungicides are being strictly followed, the field officers had to be in the area just in time for the actual pesticide application, which usually begins at five o'clock in the morning," reported Ms. Bornea. Other activities such as mixing of fungicides, spills, disposal of rinsate, and use of personal protective equipment (PPE) were observed and inspected during the visit.



FEBRUARY 8, 2017



*Enforcing the law and
fulfilling the mandates
in the field*



The FPA-Regional Office 7 represented by Agriculturist II Mr. Noel V. Negre and other provincial staff went to the Nocnoca Island in Bien Unido, Bohol to inspect the recently sunken MV Meridian Tres vessel, which contained hazardous chemicals including pesticide products. "The residents claimed that they sold P24,000-worth assorted chemicals directly to farmers. Those are pesticides that had no damage or had labels that are still in good condition. We requested them for samples for our verification," Mr. Negre stated in a report.

FEBRUARY 10, 2017



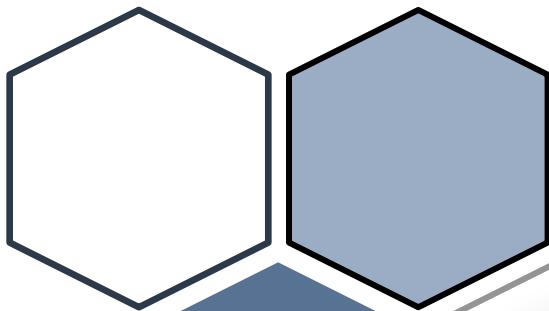
*Strengthening the
FPA expertise and
manpower*

In the interest of the service and to strengthen the decision-making and implementation of the FPA's policies and regulations relative to fertilizer, Atty. Francis Romulo I. Badilla, Jr., FPA Legal Officer, is the Acting Deputy Executive Director (DED) for Fertilizer effective on February 16, 2017. His oath-taking was led by FPA Executive Director Wilfredo C. Roldan and witnessed by FPA-Fertilizer Regulations Division (FRD) Chief Ms. Julieta B. Lansangan.



FEBRUARY 10, 2017

Collaborating with the industry to promote effective product stewardship



The FPA-Regional Office 4 headed by Supervising Agriculturist Ms. Leticia R. Hernandez convened a meeting with the Bayer Cropscience technical staff Mr. Dave Cristobal and Mr. Makee Barrameda to talk about the product stewardship program schedules for the year. Afterwards, Mr. Barrameda interviewed Agriculturist II Mr. Romulo N. Crucillo relative to the information and education campaign on pesticide safety.



FEBRUARY 10, 2017



*Celebrating the success of
the fertilizer and pesticide
industry*



The FPA Executive Director Wilfredo C. Roldan attended the 20th anniversary celebration of the Leads Agricultural Products Corporation at the Conrad Hotel Manila in Pasay City. "It is really inspiring to know that you have been true to your tagline "Masaganang Ani, Masaganang Buhay" since day one. I salute you for being a successful 100% Filipino-owned corporation amidst the strong competition in the industry dominated by big international conglomerates," he said in his congratulatory remarks.



FEBRUARY 14, 2017



*Enforcing the law and
fulfilling the mandates
in the field*

The FPA-Regional Office 8 led by OIC-Supervising Agriculturist Mr. Francis B. Costas visited the Philippine Phosphate Fertilizer Corporation and conducted a monitoring and inspection activity in their manufacturing/processing plant located at Isabel, Leyte. The PHILPHOS is the country's leading producer of phosphatic fertilizer and has one of the largest processing capacities in the ASEAN region with a rated capacity of approximately 1.17 million metric tons per annum.



FEBRUARY 14-18, 2017



*Enforcing the law and fulfilling
the mandates in the field*



As part of the regular monitoring and enforcement activities of the FPA in the field, the FPA-Regional Office 8 led by OIC-Supervising Agriculturist Mr. Francis B. Costas conducted a clean-up drive operation among the fertilizer and pesticide handlers in Southern Leyte. Through this activity, products that are unregistered, adulterated, smuggled, mislabelled, or bears any other violations against the law will be apprehended and penalized.



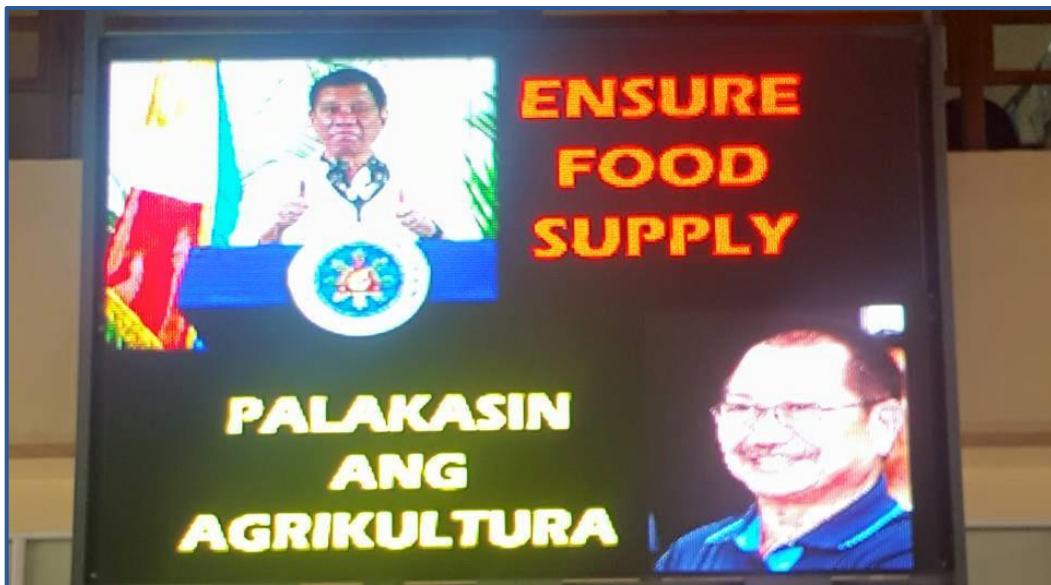
FEBRUARY 15-16, 2017

*Boosting the
knowledge and
skills of industry
professionals*



The FPA-Regional Office 4 headed by Supervising Agriculturist Ms. Leticia R. Hernandez conducted a training on Accredited Safety Dispenser of Fertilizer and Pesticide (ASD) in Lipa City, Batangas. 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.

FEBRUARY 16, 2017



*Expression of support
in ensuring food safety
and security*



The FPA-Regional Office Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) headed by Supervising Agriculturist Mr. Reynaldo Q. Segismundo visited the strawberry farms in La Trinidad, Benguet in support to the program of the Department of Agriculture (DA) on ensuring food supply and strengthening Philippine agriculture.



FEBRUARY 16-17, 2017



*Supporting the endeavors of
industry partners and stakeholders*



The FPA Deputy Executive Director for Fertilizer Atty. Francis Romulo I. Badilla, Jr. and FPA-Pesticide Regulations Division (PRD) Chief Ms. Aida V. Ordas participated in the "Integrated Chemists of the Philippines (ICP) Symposium: Compliance to R.A. 10657 – Certificate to Operate for Chemical Laboratories" and gave inspirational remarks on how significant chemistry is in today's age of fast-paced development.



FEBRUARY 20, 2017



*Enforcing the law and fulfilling
the mandates in the field*

As part of the regular monitoring and enforcement activities of the FPA in the field, the FPA-Regional Office 4 led by Supervising Agriculturist Ms. Leticia R. Hernandez conducted an orientation training at the Plant Care warehouse in Inosluban, Lipa City for the completion of their requirements.



FEBRUARY 21, 2017

*Enforcing the law and
fulfilling the mandates
in the field*



The FPA-Regional Office 4 led by Supervising Agriculturist Ms. Leticia R. Hernandez conducted a plantation safety audit activity at the DOLE Banana Plantation in Sta. Cruz, Laguna to ensure that all FPA rules and regulations are being complied with at all times. During the tour around the plantation, DOLE technical experts were interviewed regarding their aerial spraying practices, which could pose health and environmental threats if not executed properly.



FEBRUARY 21-24, 2017



Enforcing the law and fulfilling the mandates in the field

To protect the interest of the farmers, the FPA-Regional Office 8 led by OIC-Supervising Agriculturist Mr. Francis B. Costas together with the DA-Regional Field Unit 8 conducted a pre-evaluation of fertilizer products of Modern Time Entomologists, Inc. Other activities held were collection of samples, random weighing and site inspection to assure quality, quantity and exact analyses of fertilizers to be delivered in Region 8.

FEBRUARY 22, 2017



*Fortifying
collaborations
and immersing in
the field*



The FPA-Regional Office 7 represented by Agriculturist II Mr. Noel V. Negre participated in the signing of Memorandum of Understanding with the DA-Regional Field Unit 7, national line agencies, local government units, state universities and colleges, private sector and non-government organizations. Collaborated through the Regional Agriculture and Fisheries Extension Network (RAFEN) and the Agricultural Training Institute-7, the activity was held to strengthen alliances towards agricultural productivity and food security.



FEBRUARY 22-24, 2017

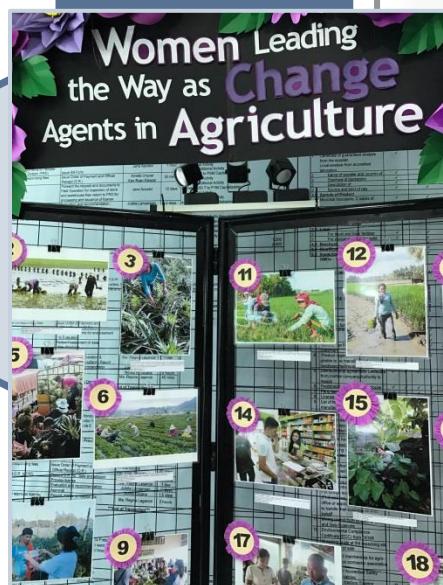
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The FPA Executive Director Wilfredo C. Roldan visited the FPA-Regional Office 12 headed by Supervising Agriculturist Ms. Alita C. Bornea to meet and collaborate with stakeholders in the SOCCSKSARGEN Region. After holding dialogues with partners, Dir. Roldan together with the FPA field staff met with CropLife Philippines, Regional and Provincial Agriculture and Fisheries Councils, DA-Regional Field Unit 12 and Provincial Agriculture Offices to talk about the issue on glyphosate which allegedly causes erosion in sloping areas. Towards the end of the visit, Dir. Roldan went to the plantation and warehouse of Dolefil in Polomolok, South Cotabato.



FEBRUARY 27, 2017



Empowering women through equal opportunities

In celebration of the upcoming International Women's Month on March, the FPA officially announced the National Women's Month Celebration - Gender and Development during its flag raising ceremony and featured the Lupang Hinirang All Women Cast Video and a short presentation of the objectives and themes of this year's celebration. "Nais ng GAD na mabigyang halaga ang papel ng mga kababaihan sa opisina, lalong lalo sa tahanan at sa lipunan... Tunay na napakahalaga ng inyong parte sa aming buhay," said FPA Executive Director Wilfredo C. Roldan in his inspirational speech. Other activities such as the FPA-GAD Photo Contest and the Freedom Wall: #BilangBabae I am a #PartnerForChange were opened.



FEBRUARY 28, 2017



*Fortifying collaborations and
immersing in the field*

The Fertilizer Pesticide Authority led by Executive Director Wilfredo C. Roldan visited the Boton Wharf Sentry-Subic Seaport Terminals Inc. (SSTI) and viewed the unloading of fertilizer from the vessel, bagging and packing and other related operations of the Agrotech Agricultural Products, Inc. Welcoming the FPA Family and leading the tour was Mr. Daniel Oñate, Vice President for Marketing and National Sales Manager of Agrotech. This visit was held in line with the FPA National Planning Workshop.



FEBRUARY 28, 2017



Fortifying collaborations and immersing in the field

The Fertilizer Pesticide Authority led by Executive Director Wilfredo C. Roldan and Deputy Executive Director for Fertilizer Atty. Francis Romulo I. Badilla, Jr. visited the dragonfruit plantation and microbial inoculant manufacturing plant (Sonusyon) of the Richfield Agrifarms Incorporated in Mabalacat City, Pampanga. The tour was organized by Mr. Darwin Paul Pecjo and Mr. Marcos Reyes III of Richfield. This visit was held in line with the FPA National Planning Workshop.



FEBRUARY 28 – March 1, 2017

Unifying the FPA workforce towards a better future



The Fertilizer Pesticide Authority held its National Planning Workshop cum Standardization of Field Monitoring and Enforcement Procedures at the Lohas Hotel in Clark, Pampanga City. The following are the topics tackled during the workshop: 2016 Budget Utilization and Income Collection; 2016 Accomplishments; 2018 Budget Proposals and 2018-2020 Physical and Income Targets; Freedom of Information (FOI); Online Database of Handlers with Hands-on Exercise; and Establishment/Streamlining/Standardization of Field Monitoring and Enforcement Procedures.