



# Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority



## Journal of Activities

NOVEMBER 2017

NOVEMBER 2, 2017



*Strengthening collaboration  
with industry players and  
stakeholders*

The FPA-Regional Office 11 led by Regional Officer Ms. Estrella Laquinta together with FPA Executive Director Wilfredo C. Roldan, Acting Deputy Executive Director for Fertilizer Francis Romulo I. Badilla, Jr., and Deputy Executive Director for Pesticide Eric C. Divinagracia met with the Pilipino Banana Growers and Exporters Association (PBGEA) Technical Committee in Davao City to talk about the significance of the banana export industry in the Philippine agriculture sector; the practice of aerial spraying, its operation and compliance to policy regulations; and banana production and packaging.



NOVEMBER 3-4, 2017



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

The FPA-Regional Office 11 headed by Regional Officer Ms. Estrella Laquinta together with the FPA Executive Committee viewed an aerial spraying demonstration in Tagum Agricultural Development Company, Inc (TADECO) and visited an extrusion plant in Panabo City. This is in line with the FPA's function to strengthen collaboration with industry stakeholders and to monitor the operations of f/p plants, warehouses and other establishments all over the country.



NOVEMBER 6, 2017

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



The FPA-Regional Office 7 led by Regional Officer Mr. Arnulfo Arausa conducted quality and quantity monitoring of fertilizer products and random inspection of area distributors and store dealers in Cebu City. This is in fulfillment of the FPA's mandate to regularly hold monitoring and enforcement activities in the field to assure compliance with the Law.



NOVEMBER 6-7, 2017



*Gearing towards an ISO-certified FPA*

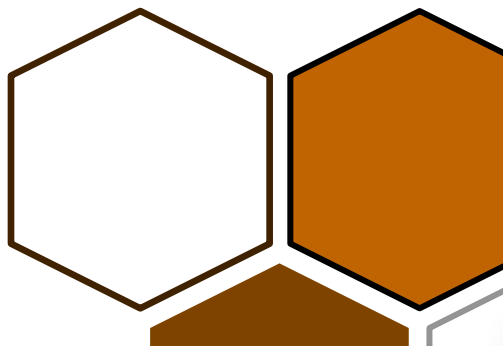


The Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA), specifically the Central Office Divisions, had been undergoing pre-certification activities to the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 9001:2015 Quality Management System (QMS) to become a continually-improving and customer satisfaction-driven government body. After the conduct of training sessions on awareness; documentation and records management; good housekeeping; and risk management last October, the FPA held another ISO training on internal audit to gauge and develop the knowledge and skills of the FPA staff in auditing its own frontline service processes particularly on licensing, registration and permits.





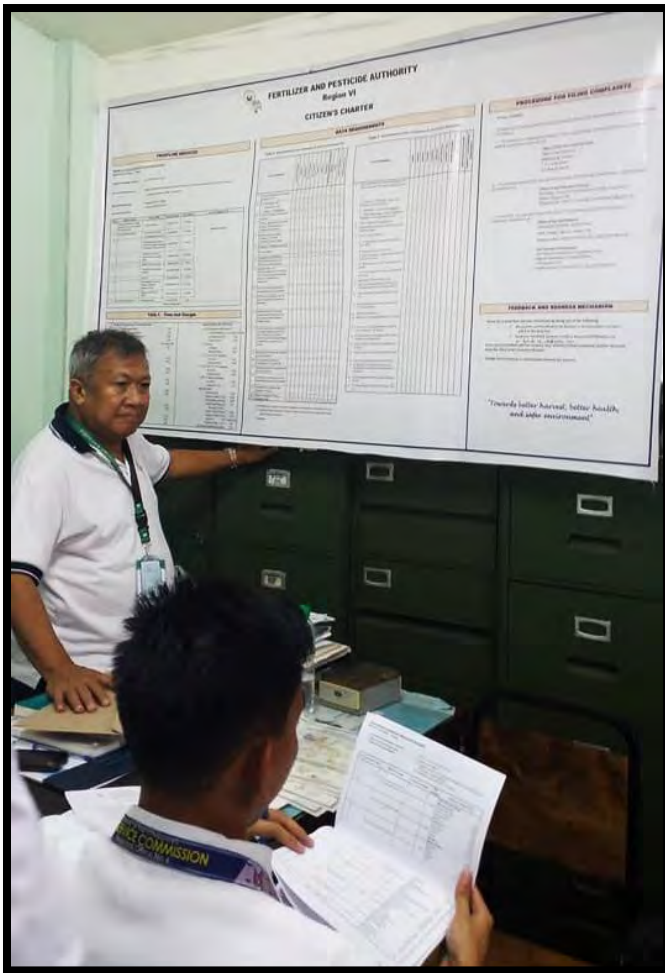
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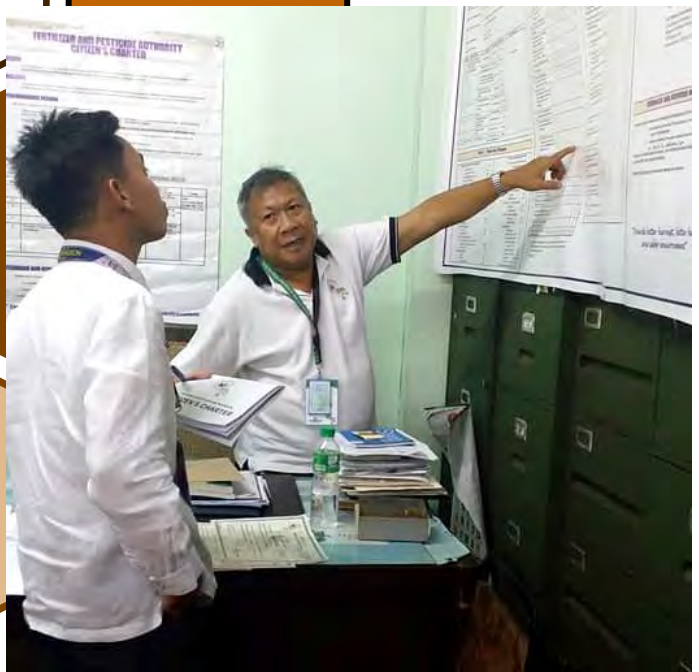
*Enhancing the  
knowledge and skills  
of the FPA personnel*

In the interest of continually improving its regulatory services, the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA) organized a training titled "Orientation/Re-orientation on FPA Implementing Policies for Registration and Licensing (P.D. 1144)". Spearheaded by the FPA-Field Operations Coordinating Unit (FOCU), the training was participated in by FPA staff from the Regional and Provincial Offices as well as the Central Office and it aimed to improve the implementation of FPA functions through intensifying the know-how and understanding of the new and existing FPA personnel.

NOVEMBER 13, 2017



*Committed to providing effective and transparent public service*



The FPA-Regional Office 6 headed by Regional Officer Mr. Rone Sangatanan had undergone a monitoring and validation activity by the Civil Service Commission (CSC) to know if the FPA in the field complies with civil service rules and requirements and to monitor the implementation of its Citizen's Charter in compliance with the Anti-Red Tape Act (ARTA). After the said activity, the FPA-Regional Office 6 was validated compliant by the CSC.



NOVEMBER 13, 2017

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



The FPA-Regional Office 12 led by Ms. Alita Bornea conducted an inspection activity in the Lapanday Foods Corporation (LFC) in Lambayong, Maguindanao. This is in line with the FPA's function to strengthen collaboration with industry stakeholders and to monitor the operations of f/p plants, warehouses and other establishments all over the country.



NOVEMBER 14, 2017



*Strengthening  
collaboration with  
industry players and  
stakeholders*



The FPA-Regional Office 12 headed by Ms. Alita Bornea together with FPA Deputy Executive Director Eric C. Divinagracia visited the Dole Philippines Pineapple Plantation in Polomoloc, South Cotabato. A meeting was convened to discuss the issue on the post-harvest challenges in pineapple which concerns the export industry of the said crop sector.

NOVEMBER 15, 2017

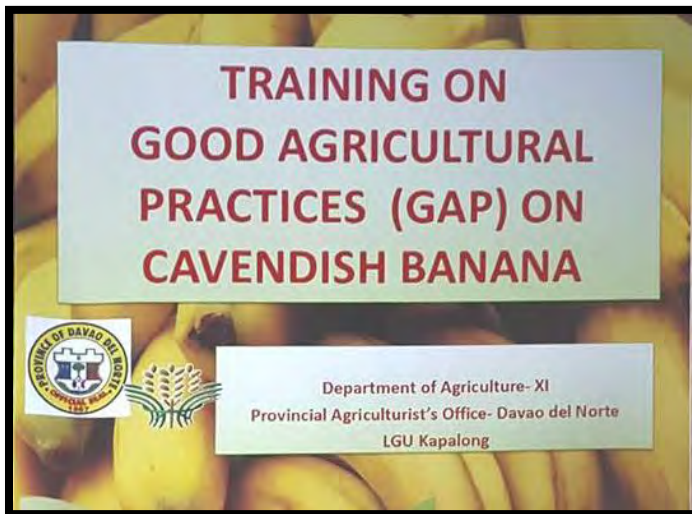
*Boosting the knowledge  
and skills of industry  
manpower*



The FPA-Regional Office 12 led by Regional Officer Ms. Alita Bornea organized a training on Accredited Safety Dispenser of Fertilizer and Pesticide (ASD) in Tacurong City, which 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.



NOVEMBER 16, 2017



*Strengthening connections and alliances for safer food and quality products*



The FPA-Regional Office 11 led by Regional Officer Ms. Estrella Laquinta participated in the Training on Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) on Cavendish Banana. Through GAP, farmers are empowered to employ agricultural practices and strategies that integrate systematic processes on safety, pest management, waste disposal and other vital farming activities.



NOVEMBER 16, 2017

*Participating in IEC activities on  
technology and productivity*



The FPA-Regional Office 12 headed by Regional Officer Ms. Alita Bornea took part in the Training on Package of Technology on Banana Production held in Sarangani Highlands. This is in the interest of the FPA's mandate to educate the agriculture sector on the safe and judicious use of fertilizers and pesticides to improve farm productivity and profit.

NOVEMBER 20, 2017



*Strengthening  
collaboration with  
industry players and  
stakeholders*



The FPA-Regional Office 8 led by Regional Officer Mr. Francis Costas convened in a meeting with clients and industry stakeholders in Palo, Leyte to cascade and discuss the existing and new FPA Memorandum Circulars. This is to enhance the implementation of and compliance with the Law and to strengthen collaboration with the pillars of the fertilizer and pesticide industry.





NOVEMBER 20-24, 2017



*Gearing towards global competitiveness and harmonization with Asia and Pacific*



The Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority, as the technical regulatory agency on fertilizers and pesticides, was invited to participate in the 30th Session of the Asia and Pacific Plant Protection Commission (APPPC) in Rotorua, New Zealand. The FPA Executive Director Wilfredo C. Roldan, assisted by Ms. Leila Denisse Padilla of the FPA-Office of the Executive Director, represented the country together with the Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI) Director George Y. Culaste and Mr. Andres Aleman of the BPI-National Plant Quarantine Services Division (NPQSD). The APPPC is coordinating and supporting plant protection activities in the region with a strong information exchange programs, a regional standard development programs, inputs into international standard setting and regional pesticide programs. It also takes a leadership role in integrated pest management (IPM) programs and builds local capacities in member countries.





NOVEMBER 20-28, 2017



*Participating in international trainings  
for regulations improvement*



The FPA, represented by Mr. Angelo Bugarin, Acting Chief, Ms. Kriz Anne Joi Minguez, Chemist II and Ms. Jessica Kay Puno, Chemist I, all from the Pesticide Regulations Division, participated in the Training Workshop on Pesticide Management Technology, Policy and Regulation for the Countries Along the Belt and Road together with other participants from Cambodia, Malaysia and Vietnam. This was held in China with the aim of strengthening cooperation of China with these countries through sharing of information and best practices to further improve pesticide policies and regulations and promoting China's pesticide industry as one of the major producers of high quality pesticide products worldwide.

NOVEMBER 21, 2017

*Strengthening collaboration with industry stakeholders, LGU and other government agencies*



The FPA-Regional Office 2 led by Regional Officer Mr. Henry Fronda organized a joint committee meeting with Sangguniang Bayan Jones, Isabela; Municipal Agricultural Office (MAO); and Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) to discuss and uphold good housekeeping practices of fertilizer and pesticide dealers in the region.



NOVEMBER 21, 2017



*Boosting the  
knowledge and  
skills of industry  
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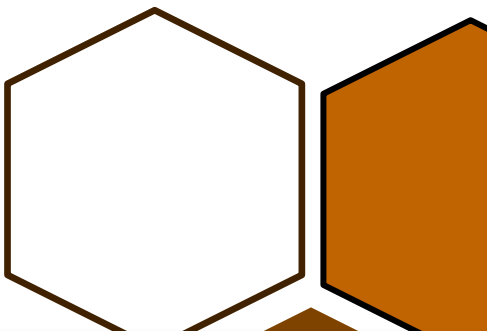


The FPA-Regional Office 6 led by Regional Officer Mr. Rone Sangatanan organized a training on Accredited Safety Dispenser of Fertilizer and Pesticide (ASD), which aimed to educate stakeholders on the Presidential Decree 1144; general fertilizer and pesticide information; handling and storage; transport and distribution; poisoning and first aid; and other related topics on the regulation of fertilizer and pesticide.





NOVEMBER 21-22, 2017



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

The FPA-Regional Office 12 headed by Regional Officer Ms. Alita Bornea conducted an awareness drive on product expiration and clean-up drive operation among dealers and handlers in the region. This is among the vital operations of the FPA relative to the monitoring and enforcement of the Law.

NOVEMBER 22, 2017



*Committed to providing  
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public service*

The FPA-Regional Office 11 headed by Regional Officer Ms. Estrella Laquinta had undergone a monitoring and validation activity by the Civil Service Commission (CSC) to know if the FPA in the field complies with civil service rules and requirements and to monitor the implementation of its Citizen's Charter in compliance with the Anti-Red Tape Act (ARTA). After the said activity, the FPA-Regional Office 11 was validated compliant by the CSC.



NOVEMBER 23, 2017



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



The FPA-Regional Office 12 headed by Regional Officer Ms. Alita Bornea conducted a clean-up drive operation among dealers and handlers in General Santos City. This is in the interest of fulfilling the FPA mandates in the field specifically on monitoring and enforcement of the Law.



NOVEMBER 23, 2017



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

The FPA-Regional Office 6 led by Regional Officer Mr. Rone Sangatanan conducted a clean-up drive operation among dealers and handlers in San Jose, Antique. This is among the vital operations of the FPA relative to the monitoring and enforcement of the Law. A preparation for the seminar on good housekeeping to be organized in cooperation with the Crop Protection Association of the Philippines (CPAP) was also held.

NOVEMBER 24, 2017



*Participating in IEC activities on safe and judicious use of farm inputs*



The FPA-Regional Office 6 headed by Regional Officer Mr. Rone Sangatanan in collaboration with the Crop Protection Association of the Philippines (CPAP) spearheaded a seminar on good housekeeping of fertilizers and pesticides among dealers and handlers in the region in order to promote safe and proper handling, usage and storage of these farm inputs.



NOVEMBER 25, 2017

*Strengthening collaboration  
with industry players and  
stakeholders*



The FPA-Regional Office 5 led by Regional Officer Ms. Lilia Latumbo together with FPA Acting Deputy Executive Director for Fertilizer Atty. Francis Romulo I. Badilla, Jr. convened in a consultation meeting with industry stakeholders and company representatives in Naga City, Bicol. Regulatory policies, industry operations and other relevant matters were discussed to foster unity among the pillars of the fertilizer and pesticide industry.

NOVEMBER 27, 2017

## *Campaigning against violence on women and children*



As part of the Philippine government, the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA) is one with the Philippine Commission on Women's (PCW) campaign to end violence against women (VAW) and children. In light of this, the FPA has conducted its own campaign to raise awareness among the FPA staff that VAW is a public issue of national concern. Led by the FPA Gender and Development - Focal Point System (GAD-FPS), the campaign held activities on 1) unveiling of the "well of inspiration"; 2) VAW: The Unspoken Words Series; and 3) film showing.



NOVEMBER 30, 2017



*Boosting the knowledge  
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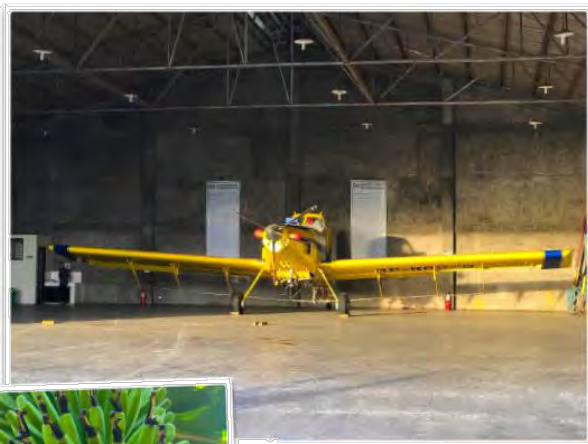
The FPA-Regional Office 2 led by Regional Officer Mr. Henry Fronda organized a training in Villa Blanca Hotel on Accredited Safety Dispenser of Fertilizer and Pesticide (ASD), which aimed to educate stakeholders on the Presidential Decree 1144; general fertilizer and pesticide information; handling and storage; transport and distribution; poisoning and first aid; and other related topics on the regulation of fertilizer and pesticide.





NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 2, 2017

*Immersing in the field and strengthening collaboration with the industry*



To provide a first-hand experience to the staff from the FPA Central Office Divisions, an observation of aerial spraying and a technology-demonstration of drone spraying were conducted in Tagum Agricultural Development Company, Inc. (TADECO). This activity was led by Deputy Executive Director for Pesticide Eric C. Divinagracia and the FPA Regional Office 11 together with FarmFix Solutions, Inc. and TADECO. Moreover, an immersion in the TADECO banana plantation from production to packaging was held to raise awareness and appreciation for the banana export industry. A visit in the f/p dealer Agway Chemicals Corporation was also conducted.