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This showcases the different activities of FPA in implementing its core mandates as provided for under Presidential Decree 1144.



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ENFORCING FPA'S MANDATE IN THE FIELD

Accounts on:

- Ensuring the quality and safety of products
- Monitoring handlers, products, and programs related to fertilizer and pesticide
- Collaborating with other agencies to provide better service to the people

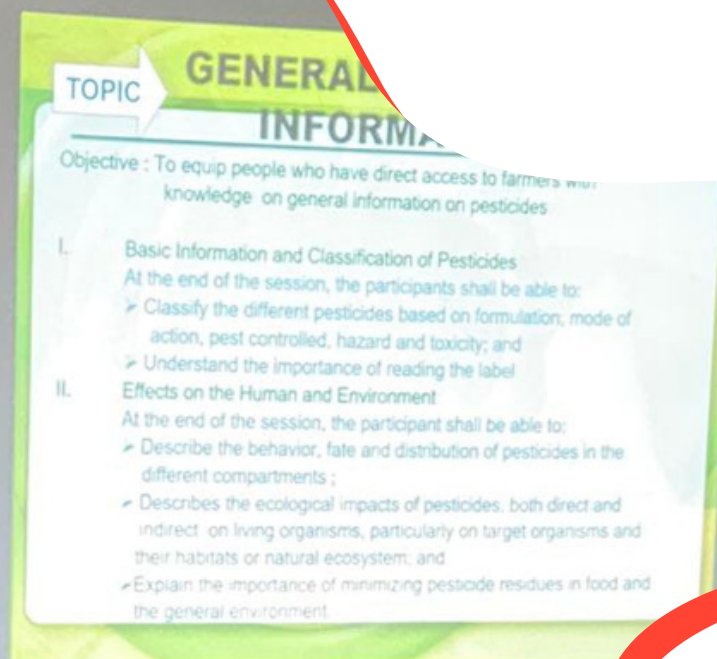
CARAGA REGION



FPA RFU XIII - DECEMBER 14, 2023

FPA Caraga Regional Officer (RO) Danilo S. Negre conducted an inspection at Tagbina, Surigao del Sur on December 14, 2023.

RO Negre inspected the facilities of SUMIFRU PHILS. CORP. including its warehouse to check the compliance of the banana plantation with PD1144 and its IRR.



ACCREDITATION TRAININGS AND SYMPOSIA

Accounts on:

- Trainings, workshops, and other learning activities initiated by FPA
- Trainings with FPA Accredited Training Association (FATA)

CAGAYAN VALLEY REGION



FPA RFU II - DECEMBER 6, 2023

FPA Cagayan Valley conducted the Accredited Safety Dispenser's training and retooling of Fertilizer and Pesticide handlers at Nueva Vizcaya Agricultural Terminal (NVAT), Bambang, Nueva Vizcaya on December 6, 2023.

The rules and regulations of the FPA, new directives and updates, safe handling of pesticides and fertilizers, first aid management and general information of pesticides were discussed. In addition, the fake, unregistered and smuggled fertilizers and pesticides circulating in the region were presented to the participants, emphasizing the importance of being vigilant in purchasing stocks particularly this time as the peak season for planting is ongoing.

Mr. Leonardo A. Bangad, Regional Officer (RO) of the FPA Cagayan Valley, highlighted the importance of the handlers in bringing new technologies and agricultural development to the farmers..

"You are their guidance in producing safe foods from their farm to our table", RO Bangad added.

A total of 25 participants, consisting of new and existing dealers from different municipalities of Nueva Vizcaya, attended the training.



PUBLIC INFORMATION

Accounts on:

- Interactions of FPA Officials with farming communities
- Informing the public of FPA activities and the regulations on fertilizer, pesticide, and other agri-chemicals

DAVAO REGION



FPA RFU XI - DECEMBER 7, 2023

FPA Davao Region conducted a lecture on basic pesticide information and management during the product stewardship of Agway Chemicals at Mati City, Davao Oriental on December 7, 2023.

A total of thirty-four participants, composed of Davao Oriental Fertilizer and Pesticide Dealers Association Inc. members, attended the said activity.



OTHER ACTIVITIES

Accounts on:

- affairs and activities of the FPA Central Office
- meetings with other DA agencies



CENTRAL OFFICE DECEMBER 4-6 , 2023

To enhance the Authority's service delivery mechanisms for the satisfaction of citizens and clients, the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA) conducted a three-day Seminar-Workshop on the Review and Revision of its Citizen's Charter on December 4-6, 2023.

As a key regulatory body overseeing the country's fertilizer and pesticide industry, the agency recognized the importance of refining its Citizen's Charter in addressing the evolving needs of stakeholders. In the pursuit of this objective, the activity was conducted to align the Authority's internal and external processes with the principles outlined in the Anti-Red Tape Act (ARTA) reengineering manual.

Executive Director Julieta B. Lansangan shared that the workshop will allow the agency to craft a simpler and more responsive Citizen's Charter in line with the clients' feedback and observations from the in-house experts.

"Let us set aside first our point of view and focus on the needs of our clients and what would make their transaction with us easier and faster." Dir. Lansangan said.

Atty. May Angeli M. Estolas and Mr. Joshua T. Bruno, from the Compliance Monitoring and Evaluation Office (CMEO) of the Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA), shared their evaluation of the existing FPA Citizen's Charter and emphasized on the areas needing improvements.

Following the discussion, the various divisions/units engaged in in-depth discussions, knowledge sharing, and collaboration, focusing on process optimization, adopting best practices, and refining process flows, to foster a culture of efficiency and citizen-centric service delivery.

Meanwhile, the activity was held while consciously following ARTA's Memorandum Circular No. 2019-002 or the Guidelines on the Implementation of the Citizen's Charter.



FPA RFU CAR DECEMBER 15 , 2023

Regional Officer (RO) Rogelio B. Tanguid and Provincial Officer (PO) Rowena F. Billig conducted a meeting with Syngenta Stewardship Officer, Ms. Catherine P. Sumagaysay, DENR-EMB, BPI, Baguio City, DA-CAR, BENRO, Benguet State University (BSU) - College of Agriculture, and some municipal offices in Benguet regarding the Empty Pesticides Container (EPC) management on December 15, 2023, at ATI-RTC-CAR Canteen, BSU Compound, Balili, La Trinidad, Benguet.

With the initial commitment of the stakeholders, the forum was set to establish the support system for EPC management. FPA-CAR presented the lessons and insights from the EPC management pilot project, while DENR-EMB discussed the law governing EPC management. Further, Syngenta Philippines shared their experiences on similar projects in Region I, while the rest shared their opinions regarding the topics presented.

As a result of the discussion, Benguet Province, particularly BENRO, will spearhead the requirements for special permits for a one-time collection and transport in 2024. While other agrochemical companies will participate in the collection of EPCs.

Meanwhile, each municipality will identify a temporary collection point for the one-time activity. At the same time, all other stakeholders shall continue to disseminate triple rinsing and EPC segregation during activities with the farmers. While the one-time collection is being prepared, the province and the municipalities should look into establishing their temporary storage disposal facility for EPCs in compliance with RA 6969.

A total of 47 participants attended the said meeting.





FPA RFU IV DECEMBER 7, 2023

FPA RFU IV Regional Officer (RO) Ms. Suzettie M. Alcaide together with Batangas Provincial Officer (PO) Georlene P. Orbista attended the 4th Quarter Regional Management Committee (RMC) meeting last December 7, 2023 at Argosino Hall, Department of Agriculture RFO IV-A, LARES, Marauy, Lipa City, Batangas.

DA CALABARZON Regional Executive Director Milo D. Delos Reyes presided over the quarterly meeting which mainly focused on topics such as cascading of the DA Secretary's directive to the RMC members, output of the joint planning activity which aims to solicit inputs to from the key stakeholders to address issues on the agriculture and fisheries sector, reporting of the Regional Development Plan targets for 2023 to 2028 or the implementation strategies for modernizing agriculture, and the presentation of the quarantine protocol/ processes of the Bureau of Plant Industry and Bureau of Animal Industry particularly on the movement of agricultural inputs and animals.

Member agencies such as BFAR, ATI, BSWM, FPA, PCA, PhilRice, PFDA, NIA, PSA, BAI, PhilMech, BPI, SRA, NDA, NMIS, ACPC, NFA-NCR, and RAFC and representatives from DA-4A, attended the meeting.





FPA RFU XI DECEMBER 7, 2023

FPA Davao Region and the Davao Oriental Fertilizer and Pesticide Dealers Association Inc. (DOFPDA Inc.) conducted the 5th Year-end General Assembly and Christmas Party 2023 at the Masao Spa Resort, Brgy. Tamisan, City of Mati, Davao Oriental on December 7, 2023.

The aim of this activity is to inform all Dealer members on the FPA's update and reminders, initiate plans/targets for the Dealers Association for the year 2024 with FPA, and to elect a new set of officers.

FPA RFU XI DECEMBER 9, 2023

FPA Davao Region attended the reimagining food and future without toxics meeting at the Ateneo de Davao University, Davao City on December 9, 2023.

The effects of pesticides in the community and pesticides that are already banned in some countries across the world was discussed and the participants were reminded to always practice safe use. In addition, Mr. Eric Divinagracia expressed his appreciation to the NGO's effort to raise awareness.



FPA RFU XI DECEMBER 14, 2023

The FPA RFU XI and Fertilizer and Pesticide Dealers Association of Davao Inc. (FAPDADI) conducted its 25th Year-end General Assembly and Christmas Party 2023 at the Heroben Hometel, Tagum City on December 14, 2023.

The activity was conducted to inform all dealer members on the update and reminders of FPA, initiate plans/targets for the Dealers Association for year 2024 with FPA, and to elect a new set of officers.





FPA RFU XII DECEMBER 7, 2023

The Province of Cotabato Fertilizer And Pesticide Handlers Association (POCOTFAPHA), in collaboration with FPA RFU XII, conducted a community outreach program at Sitio Campo 10, Brgy. Rangayen, Alamada, North Cotabato on December 7, 2023.

The said association gave gifts and shared foods to twenty-seven (27) daycare pupils and fifty-five (55) household families. They also planted fifty (50) acacia seedlings in the same barangay.

The association aims to promote a harmonious relationship with its members, easily address the concerns of the handlers, and be compliant to the rules and regulations mandated by the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority.



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