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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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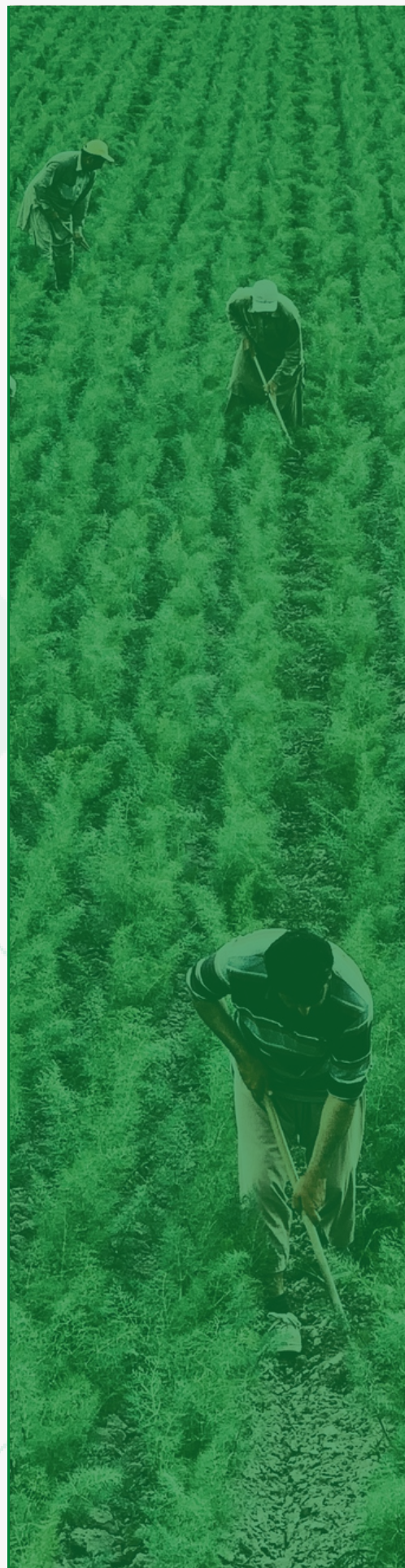
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ENFORCING FPA'S MANDATE IN THE FIELD

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

WESTERN VISAYAS REGION



FPA RFU VI - OCTOBER 19, 2023

The FPA Region VI inspected the shipment of Urea Fertilizer at the Iloilo city port last October 19, 2023. A team from the agency conducted validation of shipments based on the Fertilizer import certification as a basis during inspection, random sampling for the quality confirmatory analysis, and random weighing.



FPA RFU VI - OCTOBER 24 2023

The FPA Region VI conducted a surprise inspection of fertilizers and pesticide dealers at the province of Guimaras last October 24, 2023. The team checked the validity of the dealer's product registration to determine their updated registration from the PRD list of registered pesticide products. They also checked the expiry date and label to see its consistency with the actual market and legitimacy of the sources.

The team visited eleven (11) dealers. Five (5) fertilizer and pesticide products will undergo a verification process

The said province has twenty-two (22) FPA licensed to operate as dealers of fertilizer and pesticide and one (1) licensed to operate as a manufacturer of foliar fertilizer.

The agency advises the general public to purchase only at FPA licensed establishments with FPA registered products.

DAVAO REGION

FPA RFU XI OCTOBER 3, 2023

FPA Davao conducted a field inspection of different f/p handlers and banana plantations on October 3, 2023, at Tagum City, Davao Oriental.

Regional Officer (RO) Marrisa G. Napalit spearheaded the inspection together with Provincial Officer (PO) Cheery B. Agrade.



FPA RFU XI OCTOBER 5, 2023

To check compliance on good standard bagging procedures of bulk fertilizers, Provincial Officer (PO) Mr. Louie Palarao conducted an ocular inspection at Sasa Port, Sasa, Davao City, on October 05, 2023.

A total of 4,000 metric tons of urea fertilizers arrived in Davao City.



FPA RFU XI OCTOBER 20, 2023

The FPA Davao Region checked the inventory of pulled out items and sampling of products for analysis of a pesticide product at the Diversion Road, Matina, Davao City last October 20, 2023.

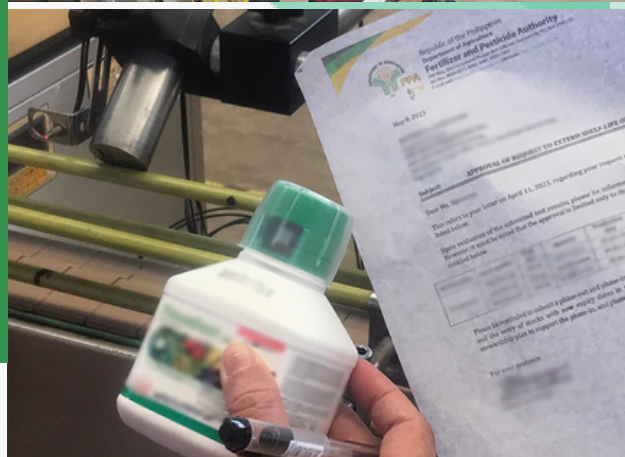
A total of 3,402 containers of pesticide were monitored and checked



FPA RFU XI OCTOBER 25, 2023

The FPA Davao Region witnessed the reprinting of a new expiry date of a pesticide which passed the stability test in accordance with FPA supporting documents at the Mahayag, Bunawan District, Davao City last October 25, 2023.

A total of 6,640 containers of pesticide were reprinted.



SOCCSKSARGEN



FPA RFU XII OCTOBER 10, 2023

Regional Officer (RO) Ms. Alita C. Bornea and Provincial Officer (PO) Jennie M. Basilio conducted an ocular inspection of the wastewater treatment facility and disposal of treated wastewater through fertigation last October 10, 2023 at A.C. Garcia Palm Oil Mill Corporation, Brgy. EJC Montilla, Tacurong City, Sultan Kudarat.



ACCREDITATION TRAININGS AND SYMPOSIA

Accounts on:

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

CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION



FPA RFU CAR - OCTOBER 12, 2023

Provincial Officer (PO) Ms. Rowena Billig discussed the safe handling and effective use of fertilizers and pesticides cum FPA rules and regulations on agricultural inputs last October 12, 2023, at Sab-atan Hall, ATI-RTC-CAR, Balili, La Trinidad, Benguet.

Twenty-four (24) participants, composed of Agricultural Extension Workers (AEWs) and farmers attended the training.

FPA RFU CAR - OCTOBER 19, 2023

FPA-CAR Regional Officer Rogelio B. Tanguid and Provincial Officer Rowena F. Billig discussed the safe handling and effective use of fertilizers and pesticides cum FPA rules and regulations, including balanced fertilization strategy at the MDRMO Building, Pico, La Trinidad, Benguet last October 18-20, 2023.

Thirteen (13) participants, composed of vegetable producers from La Trinidad, Benguet attended the training.

The activity is a package of Technology Training on Good Agricultural Practices for highland vegetables and was organized by the High Value Crops Development Program (HVCDP), DA-RFO-CAR, and the Office of the Municipal Agriculture Office of La Trinidad, Benguet.



FPA RFU CAR OCTOBER 24-25, 2023

Regional Officer Rogelio B. Tanguid and Provincial Officer Rowena F. Billig discussed the regulations and safe and effective use of fertilizers and pesticides in the Philippines on September 14, 2023, at Aspulan Hall, ATI-RTC-CAR, BSU Compound, Balili, La Trinidad, Benguet.

The activity is a 10-day training (Sept. 11-20, 2023) organized by ATI-RTC-CAR as requested by the Japan Agricultural Exchange Council (JAEC).

Other topics discussed during the training were the overview of JAEC and its activities, wood vinegar, Safe Vegetable from Rich Soil (SAVERS) technology, food safety, Good Agricultural Practices (GAP), organic agriculture, forest law and regulations on cutting trees, soil sampling analysis and fertilizer computation.

A total of 25 farm leaders and Agricultural Extension Workers (AEWs) from different regions attended the activity.



FPA RFU CAR - OCTOBER 26, 2023

Regional Officer (RO) Rogelio B. Tanguid and Provincial Officer (PO) Rowena F. Billig discussed the FPA rules and regulations on licensing and product registration during the Good Agriculture Practices (GAP) training conducted last October 26, 2023, at Oval Sports Complex Gymnasium, Bangued, Abra.

The activity aimed to orient the farmers of Abra on good agricultural practices, such as the safe handling and effective use of fertilizers and pesticides. A total of 99 farmers participated in the training.

ILOCOS REGION



FPA RFU I

OCTOBER 18-19, 2023

The FPA-Region I conducted its Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD) Training at the Hotel Ariana and Restaurant, Brgy. Paringao, Bauang, La Union last October 18-19, 2023.

The team discussed the recently approved agency briefer, the basic fertilizer and pesticide information, judicious use of fertilizers, and pesticide safe handling, proper storage and good housekeeping. In addition to these topics, the basic management on pesticide poisoning and the balanced fertilization strategy protocols was also discussed.

One of the resource speakers, Ms. Catherine Palomo from the Syngenta Philippines Inc., discussed their Balik Basyo Program in compliance with the EPR Act of 2022 or the Extended Producer Responsibility Act of 2022, whereas, Companies are required to adopt and implement the policies for the proper management of plastic packaging wastes. She emphasized the importance of their said project to reduce plastic wastes and protect the environment by properly collecting/retrieving or recovering these plastics wastes for proper disposal.

The activity is a 2-day mandatory training being implemented by the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority in which the store owners/representatives have to undergo before applying for a license to operate as a dealer of fertilizers and pesticides.



CALABARZON-MIMAROPA



FPA RFU IV - OCTOBER 16-17, 2023

The Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority RFU-IV conducted its third Accredited Safety Dispenser Training (ASD) last October 16-17, 2023 at Argosino Hall, DA LARES Compound, Maraouy, Lipa City, Batangas.

DA CALABARZON Regional Technical Director Fidel Libao graced the training expressing his appreciation towards all the participants and urged them to be partners in protecting our farmers by guaranteeing that only registered FPA products are being circulated in the market.

The agency conducts ASD training to ensure that only quality and registered fertilizer and pesticide products are being dispensed in the market. It is one of the prerequisites in securing a License to Operate (LTO) as dealer/dealer-repacker of fertilizer and pesticide products. Participants who completed the training as well as the pre and post examinations shall be given a certificate of attendance.

A total of sixty-four (64) aspiring dispensers from different provinces in Region IV attended the training.

WESTERN VISAYAS REGION



FPA RFU VI OCTOBER 20, 2023

Provincial Officers (PO's) Ryan Gelladula, Raymund Alfor, and Emanuel Barrida discussed the safe handling and storage of pesticide products while also emphasizing the first aid and recognition of pesticide poisoning at the Iloilo State University of Fisheries Science and Technology Dingle Campus last October 20, 2023.

A total of Thirty-five (35) farm workers of the said campus attended the training.

The training is required to apply for a certification for Good Agricultural Practices for fruits and vegetables.

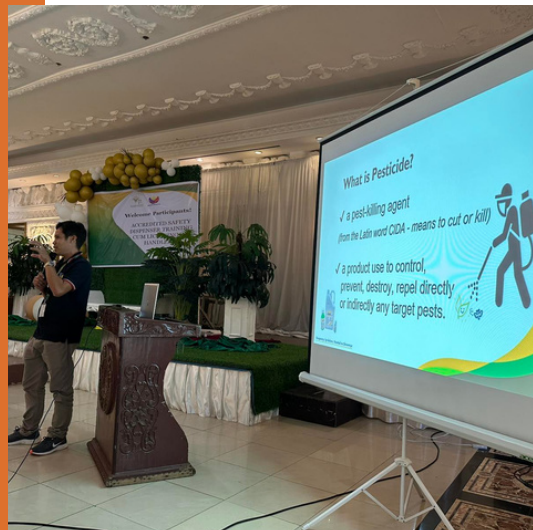
FPA RFU VI OCTOBER 25-26, 2023

The FPA Region VI conducted the Accredited Safety Dispenser Training cum Licensing of Handlers held at the Punta Villa Resort, Avacena Street, Arevalo, Iloilo City, Iloilo last October 25-26, 2023.

Regional Officer (RO) Mr. Noel Negre discussed the online transmission of applications and the fertilizer and pesticide (FP) product validation and authenticity while Provincial Officer (PO) Mr. Francis Villamon discussed the creation of the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority as an attached agency of the Department of Agriculture (PD 1144) during the first day of the training. In addition, Provincial Officer (PO) Mr. Debdeb Deimos presented the FPA primary services and familiarization of the FPA's Facebook pages and website.

On the other hand, Provincial Officer's (PO's) Mr. Ryan Gelladula, Mr. Raymond Alfor, and Mr. Emmanuel Barrida conducted the second day of the Accredited Safety Dispenser Training cum Licensing of Handlers held at the Punta Villa Resort, Avacena Street, Arevalo, Iloilo City, Iloilo last October 26, 2023. PO Gelladula presented the fertilizer labeling, fertilizer proper storage and handling while PO Alfor discussed the General information of pesticide, good warehouse keeping, along with the proper storage and handling. Additionally, PO Barrida introduced the recognition of pesticide poisoning and management of first aid.

A total of one hundred thirty-two (132) participants attended the training.



NORTHERN MINDANAO REGION



FPA RFU X - OCTOBER 16, 2023

The FPA Northern Mindanao discussed the strategies for safe, efficient and effective use of pesticide at the training on Philippine Good Agricultural practices (PHILGAP) Certification Guidelines and Inspection Protocols held at the Teiza-Garden of Malasag Eco-tourism Village, Cagayan de Oro City last October 16, 2023.

The agency emphasized the importance of reading the label of the pesticides and reiterated the impact of knowing the Pre-Harvest Interval (PHI) and Re-entry period of the pesticide in relation to the food safety act of 2013.

A total of thirty (30) participants, composed of fruit and vegetable farmers from the province of Misamis Oriental, attended the training.

The activity is a requirement for acquiring a farm PHILGAP certification.



FPA RFU X - OCTOBER 18, 2023

The FPA Northern Mindanao discussed the basic information of pesticide at the training on Philippine Good Agricultural practices (PHILGAP) Certification Guidelines and Inspection Protocols held at the Farmers Training Center, Central Mindanao University, Musuan, Maramag, Bukidnon last October 18, 2023.

The agency focused on discussing the classification of pesticides to give the participants ideas about the suitable management concepts to pests and diseases on the farm. They also emphasized the proper disposal of empty pesticide containers to avoid its possible contamination to the environment. Additionally, to maintain the quality fertilizers applied to their crop, fertilizer storage requirements were also tackled as well as the stewardship program and responsible care.

A total of thirty-six (36) farmers within the province of Bukidnon, some of which are PhilGAP certified farms while the others are aiming for PhilGAP certification, attended the training

DAVAO REGION



FPA RFU XI OCTOBER 23, 2023

Provincial Officer (PO) Mr. Rustom Gain Tanduyan discussed the two (2) modules of the Philippine Good Agricultural Practices for Durian, focusing on environmental management along with worker's health, safety, and welfare, at Brgy. Araibo, Pantukan, Davao de Oro last October 23, 2023.

A total of fifty (50) participants attended.

FPA RFU XI OCTOBER 24, 2023

The FPA Region XI discussed the safe and judicious use of Crop Protection Products and the FPA briefer at the ABC Gym, Malita, Davao Occidental last October 24, 2023.

A total of one hundred (100) participants, composed of farmers in Davao occidental, attended.

FPA Brochures were also given out during the activity.



SOCCSKSARGEN REGION



FPA RFU XII - OCTOBER 4, 2023

FPA Region XII, headed by Regional Officer (RO) Alita C. Bornea, together with the Provincial Officers (PO) Joey B. Pascua, Maricel P. Tabigue, and Jennie M. Basilio, attended the National Philippine Good Agricultural Practice (PhilGAP) symposium organized and hosted by the Bureau of Plant Industry and Department of Agriculture Regional Field Unit XII last October 04, 2023 at The Farm at Carpenter Hill, Koronadal City, South Cotabato.

During the program, RO Bornea discussed the safe use and management of pesticides. Her discussion also emphasized the importance of wearing proper protective clothing when handling pesticides and proper disposal management for pesticide containers.

The team also distributed Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) materials, such as gabay sa tamang paggamit ng abono at pestisidyo, mode of action, triple rinsing, and list of banned and restricted pesticides, to the participants.

The symposium was attended by PhilGAP-certified farmers, DA Officials, and private chemical and fertilizer companies from all over the Philippines.



FPA RFU XII OCTOBER 19, 2023

Provincial Officer Maricel Tabigue discussed the safe and judicious use in handling of pesticide at the Hof Mansion Inn, Kidapawan, North Cotabato last October 19, 2023.

Seventy-five (75) participants, composed of big vegetables and mango farmers, attended the training.

The activity is a training on Philippine Good Agricultural Practices with the aim of equipping the big farm owners of North Cotabato with knowledge and skills on proper handling of pesticides.

CARAGA



FPA RFU CARAGA - OCTOBER 2-3, 2023

FPA Caraga conducted an Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD) Training, which is a requirement for attaining a dealership license from FPA, last October 2-3, 2023 at the Crop Protection Agriventures, Inc. in Baan, Butuan City. The training highlighted the proper, efficient use, and handling of fertilizers and pesticide products.

A total of eight (8) participants underwent the training.

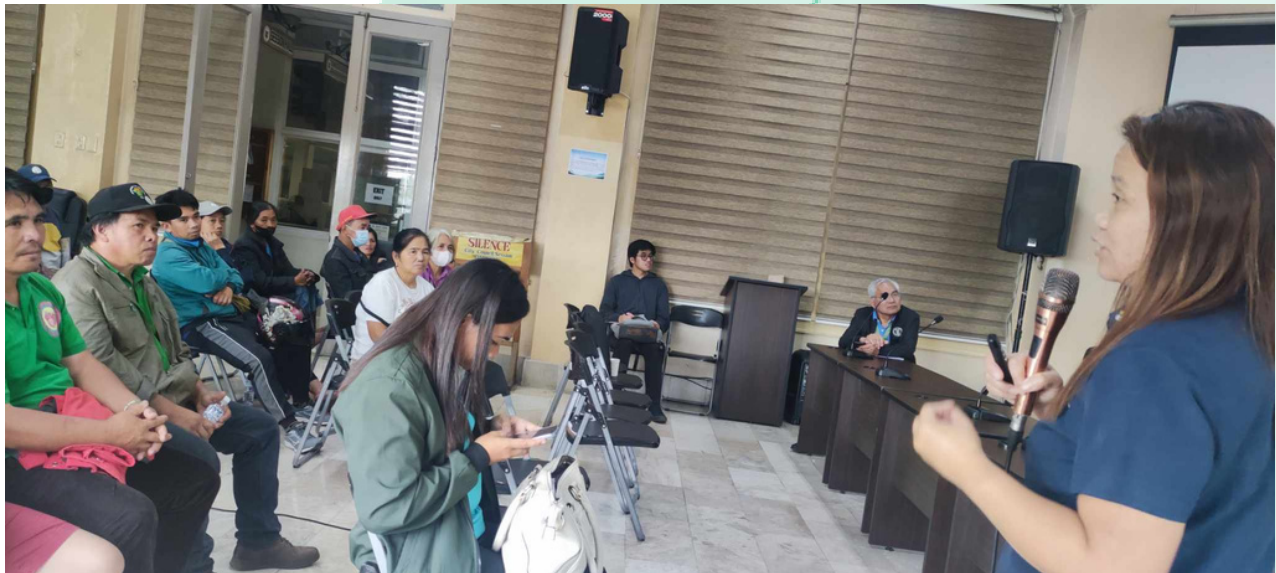


PUBLIC INFORMATION

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

CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION



FPA RFU CAR - OCTOBER 4, 2023

FPA CAR presented the Agency's mandate and the list of fertilizers and pesticide handlers during the Baguio City Coordination Meeting held last October 04, 2023, at SP Hall, Baguio City Hall.

Moreover, issues on the unauthorized repacking of fertilizers and pesticides on some stalls selling potted plants or flowers in Baguio City were also discussed. The issue was reported to the proper office and conducting a joint inspection between FPA CAR and the City Veterinary and Agriculture Office (CVAO) was recommended.

The Baguio City Coordination Meeting is done regularly and is being spearheaded by the DA-RFO-CAR. This activity is also an opportunity for all DA agencies to present their targets, accomplishments, and challenges and to strengthen coordination among various agricultural sectors.



FPA RFU CAR - OCTOBER 18, 2023

The FPA-CAR discussed the FPA mandates, rules, and regulations concerning fertilizers and pesticides, particularly on product registration and licensing of handlers, to agriculture students last October 18, 2023 at the Benguet State University (BSU), Balili, La Trinidad, Benguet.

Two hundred eight (208) students attended the seminar. The activity is a joint effort of the FPA-CAR, Syngenta Phils., and BSU-College of Agriculture, along with its Student Government.

The Dean of the College of Agriculture is expecting more educational activities from FPA and other partners from the government and private sectors to further enrich the knowledge and skills of the students.

The agency also judged the "Smart Farmer" Poster Making Contest

BICOL REGION



FPA RFU V OCTOBER 25, 2023

Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA) Regional Officer Gabriel B. Atole discussed the roles of FPA Bicol in the implementation of the Food Safety Act on Idol 89.1 FM last October 25, 2023, during the DA-RFO5 Dapat Agri, Agri Dapat Program.

SOCCSKSARGEN

FPA RFU XII OCTOBER 5, 2023

FPA SOCCSKSARGEN conducted a lecture on the safe and judicious use of pesticides last October 05, 2023, at Brgy. Teresita, Sto Niño, South Cotabato.

Provincial Officer (PO) Jennie Basilio discussed the roles and functions of FPA, the safe and judicious use of pesticides, and the importance of Pre-Harvest Interval (PHI) and PPEs.

Meanwhile, Mr. Allen Abarro, CB Andrew Philippines Inc. representative, discussed Insect Resistance Management (IRM), and Mr. Diosdado Obut, National Irrigation Administration representative, explained the proper water management for irrigated rice and the importance of the organic matter in managing soil quality.

The activity is a collaborative effort among FPA, CB Andrew Philippines Inc., and NIA.



FPA RFU XII OCTOBER 19, 2023

Provincial Officer (PO) Jennie M. Basilio shared practices of emptying pesticide containers such as the Balik Basyo Program of Benguet and Iloilo during a meeting with Sangguniang Bayan Office of Norala, South Cotabato last October 19, 2023 at Session Hall, Legislative Bldg., Norala, South Cotabato.



OTHER ACTIVITIES

Accounts on:

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



CENTRAL OFFICE OCTOBER 9-10, 2023

The FPA conducted its Institutional Strengthening and Productivity Improvement for Regulatory Efficiency/Effectiveness (INSPIRE) Workshop and Updating of Citizens Charter at Ninong's Hotel, Legaspi City, which started on October 9 and will end on October 10, 2023.

FPA Executive Director Julieta Lansangan leads the activity together with OIC Deputy Executive Director for Pesticide Maribel Querijero. Representatives from the different operating Divisions and Units of the Agency presented their proposed organizational shifts and staffing patterns and improvements to their external and internal services.

The event also serves as venue for the assessment of the project implementation of the acceptance of donated urea fertilizers from the People's Republic of China.



CENTRAL OFFICE - OCTOBER 10, 2023

The FPA Project Management Committee (PMC) on the Acceptance of Fertilizer Donation from People's Republic of China, in coordination with the City Government of Legaspi and DA Regional Field Office V, recently facilitated an assessment of the impacts of the donated inputs to farmer recipients in Legaspi City.

Positive feedbacks were so far expressed by the recipients as the delivery of inputs was in time for their planting season and growth of their crops showed promising performance.



CENTRAL OFFICE - OCTOBER 12, 2023

To assess the contributions of the donated fertilizers from China, the FPA in partnership with the City Government of Legaspi, the Department of Agriculture- Bicol and DA National Rice Program (NRP), recently conducted a community consultation with the farmer recipients of the donated inputs.

Executive Director Julieta Lansangan expressed her gratitude to the City Government of Legaspi for ensuring that the inputs will be distributed to the farmers.

"We intend to hear your [farmers] feedback and comments regarding the fertilizers you have received for us to be guided in the formulation of related policies," Director Lansangan said during her opening remarks.

Likewise, the event included the donation of farming tools, seedlings and personal protective equipment (PPE).

CENTRAL OFFICE OCTOBER 16, 2023

The Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA) strongly supported the Department of Agriculture's annual World Food Day Celebration held on October 16, 2023, at Liwasang Aurora, Quezon City Circle.

The Agency participated in the parade of colors led by the Executive Director, Ms. Julieta B. Lansangan. Meanwhile, Mr. Ronald Ponce from the Finance and Administrative Division (FAD) proudly carried the Agency's flag during the parade, symbolizing the Agency's commitment to the cause.

This year's theme - "Water is Life, Water is Food. Leave No One Behind," emphasized the role of water in agriculture and the mission to ensure that everyone has access to sufficient and nutritious food.

The FPA's enthusiastic involvement illustrated its dedication to these principles and the global effort to achieve food security.

A total of fifty (50) employees from FPA attended the said event.



CENTRAL OFFICE OCTOBER 23, 2023

The FPA recently joined the kick off activity of the Food Safety Awareness Week thru a ribbon-cutting of exhibits at the DA Central Office lobby showcasing various food safety publications and reading materials and an Audio-Visual Presentation (AVP) highlighting food safety-related activities being done by the Food Safety Regulatory Agencies (FSRAs and Food Safety Support Agencies (FSSAs).

The event was spearheaded by the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Regulations through the Department of Agriculture's Food Safety Focal Group.

This year's theme is "Pagkaing Ligat, Masustansya at Sapat, Susi sa Magandang Kalusugan ng Lahat", anchored on DA's continuing commitment to promote and advocate the concept of food safety alongside food security as mandated under the Food Safety Act of 2013.





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