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**RECOGNITION.** Mayor Nicholas M. Yulo receives a Certificate of Appreciation from US Ambassador Sung Kim in recognition of the City's partnership in the successful implementation of Bago City's Environmental Governance programs./ *Vicente Mesias photo*

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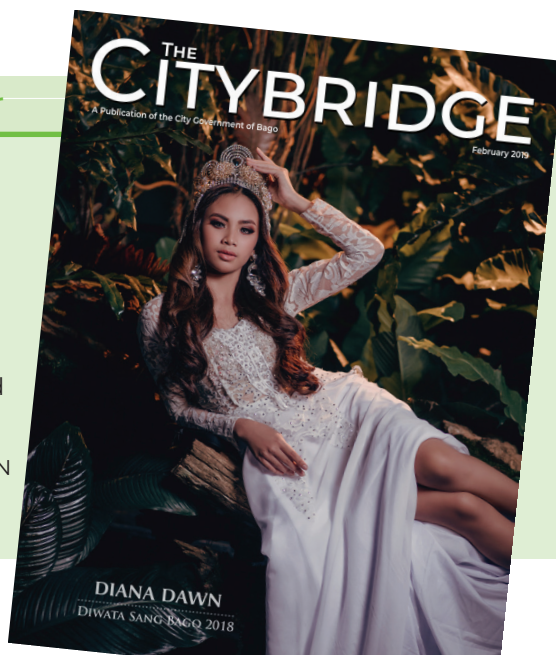
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## About the Cover

Reigning Diwata Sang Bago Diana Dawn Einosas will relinquish her crown to one of the 13 candidates of Diwata Sang Bago 2019 this February 17 at the Manuel Y. Torres Memorial Coliseum and Cultural Center.

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# Message




On this 53rd Charter Anniversary of Bago City, we wish to share with our fellow Bagonhons and other people of good will the joy and pride that we feel over the past year due to the many awards that our City harvested in different aspects of governance and other areas due to the shared efforts of our constituents in the Barangays, the different agencies in our City Government, our counterparts in the national government assigned in our Local Government Unit, and our partner businesses in the City.

We recognize the important contribution of all Bagonhon who are in different fields of endeavor in the local scene, or those who work outside of the City and the Country. We appreciate with gratitude the trust and contribution of those who have chosen to invest in our City and thus become part of our progress. We notice and thank every person and entity that support our resolve and efforts for the continuing progress of Bago City.

Our theme for this celebration, "Strengthening Partnerships for Sustainable Development" expresses our wish to build on the present positive milieu that inspires us to achieve more for the improvement of the quality of life of most Bagonhon. We will work hard so that our present partners, and those to come will understand and feel that it is worthwhile to collaborate with the City and people of Bago because here they are partners- respected, supported, and valued.

Let us be strong partners, let us work for sustainable development, and let us share in the bounty that is sure to come. With our trust and faith in God, we will achieve.

Happy 53rd Charter Celebration to one and all!

  
Nicholas M. Yulo  
City Mayor



# Message



Warmest greetings to everyone who made time and visited the City to witness and be part of various activities on the occasion of our 53rd Charter Anniversary Celebration. Special greetings is likewise extended to the hardworking men and women of the local government, the esteemed barangay officials, and the hospitable and peace-loving Bagonhons for making the celebration a truly memorable one for all.

Bago City today is a product of the hardwork, dedication, idealism and deep sense of patriotism of our predecessors, handed down to our generation of local bureaucracy and people, for us to ensure that the common dream of a better, more progressive and sustainable City will continue to flourish. This year's theme "Strengthening Partnerships for Sustainable Development" aptly describes the mindset of our people, the brand of leadership and governance that made our City abreast with the best in the country, and our concerted efforts of continuously improving the lives and livelihood of our people.

In that context, as our celebration falls within the season of the exercise of our sacred human right of suffrage, I continue to encourage all Bagonhons to be vigilant and conscious in choosing the leaders that will propel the direction and future of our beloved city and country. Altogether, let us implore Divine Providence in our quest for a resilient and progressing community and nation amidst the challenges of our time. Rest assured that your local leaders will continue to be in the forefront in ensuring a united Bagonhon for a sustainable Bago City and do our share in nation-building.

Go, Bago!  
Bago City, Philippines.

  
Rarion D. Torres  
City Vice Mayor

# SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES



## 53<sup>RD</sup> CHARTER ANNIVERSARY & 22<sup>ND</sup> BABAYLAN FESTIVAL

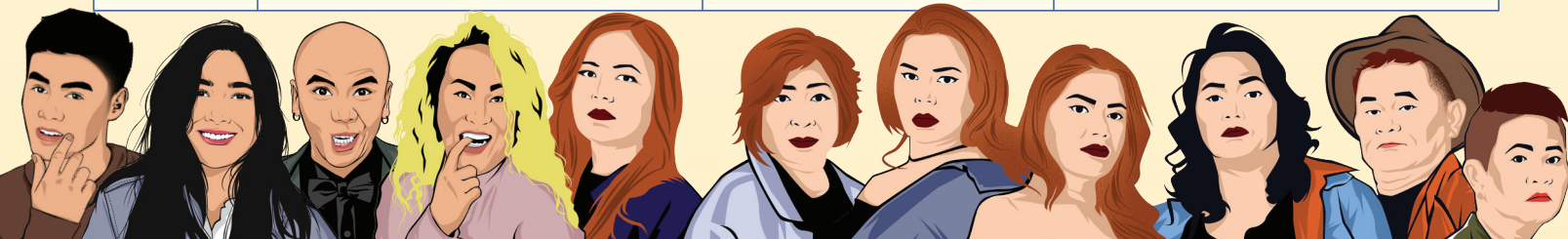
**FEBRUARY 11-19, 2019**

*Theme: "Strengthening Partnerships for Sustainable Development"*

<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Sponsors/Coordinators</b>
<b>February 1 Friday Whole Day</b>	Visayas Launching of National Arts Month	BTJ Museum MYTMCCC	Tourism Affairs Office Mae Ann Furtos Clemente Del Castillo NCCA
10:00 am	Launching of Ayala Foundation, Inc. CENTEX Training Institute	Gen. Juan A. Araneta Elementary School	Bago City Division Office Dr. Neri Anne Alibuyog, CESO V
<b>February 8 Friday Whole Day</b>	Free Medical and Dental Mission	MYTMCCC	CHO Couples For Christ
<b>February 11 Monday Whole Day</b>	DepEd Promenade	MYTMCCC	Bago City Division Office Dr. Neri Anne Alibuyog, CESO V
<b>February 12 Tuesday</b>	Thanksgiving Mass	St. John the Baptist Church	CSWDO Ma. Elena Y. Millevo
Whole Day	2nd Mayor's Sitting Volleyball Cup	St. John the Baptist Church Multi-Purpose Court	Saklay Ko Bago Rey Gumayan
	Acrobatic Show	MYTMCCC	CSWDO Ma. Elena Y. Millevo
4:00 pm	Opening 53rd Charter Anniversary Celebration & Agro-Industrial Cultural and Educational Fair	Bantayan Park	Bago City College Dr. Gorgonio T. Parroco
8:00 pm	Fantasia 2019	MYTMCCC	Kenwee Del Castillo
	Mulatto Band Moira Dela Torre and Band Kreonz Band	Bantayan Park - Stage 1	Jose Mauricio Jumabong Ace A. Balboa
	Live Bands	Bantayan Park - Stage 2	
9:00 pm	Fireworks Display	Bantayan Park	Jose Mauricio Jumabong
<b>February 13 Wednesday</b>	Agro-Industrial Cultural and Educational Fair	Bantayan Park	Bago City College Dr. Gorgonio T. Parroco
	Best Product Search Display	Barangay Booths	TLDC Dr. Felicitas S. Acosido
	Search for Best OBOP Corner	Bantayan Park	Ma. Fe N. Villar
9:00 am	ABC Day	MYTMCCC	Association of Barangay Captains Hon. Sergio T. Piansay
	Lechon Festival	Tourism Office Grounds, Bantayan Park	CSWDO / ERPATS Ma. Elena Y. Millevo
7:00 pm	Patik Baylan Bailes del Fuego	Bantayan Park - Stage 1	Clemente Del Castillo Joseph V. Aunzo Wenceslao Narazo
8:00 pm	Live Bands	Bantayan Park - Stage 1	Jose Mauricio Jumabong
	Live Bands	Bantayan Park - Stage 2	

<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Sponsors/Coordinators</b>
<b>February 14 Thursday Whole Day</b>	Agro-Industrial Cultural and Educational Fair	Bantayan Park	Bago City College Dr. Gorgonio T. Parroco
	Best Product Search Display	Barangay Booths	TLDC Dr. Felicitas S. Acosido
	Search for Best OBOP Corner	Bantayan Park	Ma. Fe N. Villar
	City Government Employees Day with comedians Wacky Kiray and Negi	MYTMCCC	HRMO Tricia Y. Matti, MGS
4:00 pm	Dance Aerobics & Zumba Party	Bantayan Park - Stage 1	Tourism Affairs Office Judee Lynn Lirazan
8:00 pm	Live Bands Valentine Comedy Night at the Park with comedians Wacky Kiray and Negi	Bantayan Park - Stage 1	Jose Mauricio Jumabong Ace A. Balboa
	Live Bands	Bantayan Park - Stage 2	
<b>February 15 Friday Whole Day</b>	Agro-Industrial Cultural and Educational Fair	Bantayan Park	Bago City College Dr. Gorgonio T. Parroco
	Best Product Search Display	Barangay Booths	TLDC Dr. Felicitas S. Acosido
	Search for Best OBOP Corner	Bantayan Park	Ma. Fe N. Villar
	11th Jobs Fair	MYTMCCC	PESO Dr. Felicitas S. Acosido
7:00 pm	HUBIN Festival 2019	MYTMCCC	SK Federation Hon. Carl Benedict Y. Baylon
8:00 pm	Live Bands	Bantayan Park - Stage 1	Jose Mauricio Jumabong
	Live Bands	Bantayan Park - Stage 2	
<b>February 16 Saturday Whole Day</b>	Agro-Industrial Cultural and Educational Fair	Bantayan Park	Bago City College Dr. Gorgonio T. Parroco
	Best Product Search Display	Barangay Booths	TLDC Dr. Felicitas S. Acosido
	Search for Best OBOP Corner	Bantayan Park	Ma. Fe N. Villar
	Skills Olympic	Tourism Office Grounds, Bantayan Park	TLDC Dr. Felicitas S. Acosido
8:00 pm	Live Bands Comedy Night with Diva Aya & Sossy Sylver	Bantayan Park - Stage 1	Jose Mauricio Jumabong
	Live Bands	Bantayan Park - Stage 2	
<b>February 17 Sunday Whole Day</b>	Agro-Industrial Cultural and Educational Fair	Bantayan Park	Bago City College Dr. Gorgonio T. Parroco
	Best Product Search - Judging	Barangay Booths	TLDC Dr. Felicitas S. Acosido
	Search for Best OBOP Corner	Bantayan Park	Ma. Fe N. Villar
7:30 pm	Search for Diwata sang Bago with Celebrity Guest Ronnie Alonte	MYTMCCC	HRMO Tricia Y. Matti, MGS
8:00 pm	Live Bands	Bantayan Park - Stage 1	Jose Mauricio Jumabong
	Live Bands	Bantayan Park - Stage 2	
	Live Bands	Festival Street	

Date/Time	Event	Venue	Sponsors/Coordinators
February 18 Monday Whole Day	Agro-Industrial Cultural and Educational Fair	Bantayan Park	Bago City College Dr. Gorgonio T. Parroco
9:00 am	Best OBOP Corner - Judging	Bantayan Park	Ma. Fe N. Villar
	Paindis-Indis sa mga Pinakamanamit nga Linuto Himu sa Bugas	Tourism Office Grounds, Bantayan Park	TLDC Dr. Felicitas S. Acosido
10:00 am	12th Gawad Bagonhon Awarding Ceremony	MYTMCCC	Tourism Affairs Office Rosseni G. Mina
1:00 pm	RTNHS High School Day	Manuel Y. Torres Sports Center	RTNHS
8:00 pm	Live Bands	Bantayan Park - Stage 1	Jose Mauricio Jumabong
	Live Bands	Bantayan Park - Stage 2	
	Live Bands	Festival Street	
February 19 Tuesday	Agro-Industrial Cultural and Educational Fair	Bantayan Park	Bago City College Dr. Gorgonio T. Parroco
7:30 am	53rd Charter Anniversary Parade	City Streets	Tourism Affairs Office Rosseni G. Mina
	Babaylan Forum	Community Center	Tourism Affairs Office Clemente Del Castillo
	Bata Baylan	MYTMCCC	Tourism Affairs Office Clemente Del Castillo Orlando Cezar
Whole Day	Farmer's Day	Manuel Y. Torres Sports Center	Office of the City Agriculturist Carlito Indencia
	Karabag-O Festival		Office of the Veterinarian Dr. Samuel Manuel Martin E. Torres
1:00 pm	Babaylan Street & Stage Dance Competition	City Streets/MYTMCCC	Tourism Affairs Office Clemente Del Castillo Joseph V. Aunzo
6:00 pm	53rd Charter Anniversary Closing & Awarding Ceremonies	Bantayan Park	Tourism Affairs Office Rosseni G. Mina
8:00 pm	Live Bands DJ Leandro Zayco and the Patiqueros	Bantayan Park - Stage 1	Jose Mauricio Jumabong Ace A. Balboa
	Live Bands	Bantayan Park - Stage 2	
	Live Bands Aegis - The Filipino Pop Rock Band	Festival Street	
	Fireworks Display	Bantayan Park	Jose Mauricio Jumabong



**RONNIE ALONTE, MOIRA DELA TORRE, WACKY KIRAY AND NEGI & AEGIS BAND**

# AFI launches CENTEX, LeadCom programs in Bago

The City Government of Bago and the Ayala Foundation Inc. (AFI) launched on February 1 the Leadership Communities (LeadCom) and CENTEX training programs, that will benefit 30 public elementary school teachers, 10 youth school leaders, and community-based and youth organizations.

The launching was attended by Bago City officials led by Mayor Nicholas Yulo, Joanna Duarte, Ayala Foundation senior director for Operations, and DepEd Bago officials led by SDS Dr. Neri Anne Alibuyog.

It can be recalled that Bago City and Ayala Foundation signed a back-to-back MOA in Makati City on September 26, 2018.

The first one was for the implementation of the Leadership Communities (LeadCom) Project which trains and empower the youth by helping them design and implement relevant projects that address the problems in the community.

The other one is the CENTEX program or the Center of Excellence in Public



**MOA SIGNING.** Bago City Officials led by Mayor Nicholas Yulo and Ayala Foundation, Inc. represented by Senior Director Joanna Maria Duarte, AFI President Ruel Maranan and Visayas Lead Senior Manager Dino Rey Abellanosa ink agreement on youth and educators empowerment in Makati City on September 26.

Elementary Education, a 3- year principal and teachers training module, to assist the Department of Education through its Division of Schools in the development of teacher effectiveness.

Under the CENTEX Training Institute agreement, one public elementary

school with 30 teachers and 10 principals in Bago City will be the beneficiaries of the said program. The total program cost is P3, 300,000 and the AFI shall provide the 60% while the City of Bago will counterpart the remaining 40% of the total cost of the said project. **/AAB**



**MAYORS FORUM.** Mayor Nicholas Yulo and other LCEs with delegation head Speaker Gloria Macapagal Arroyo attended the ASEAN- China Mayors Forum in Nanning City, Guangxi Province in China on September 8-9.

One of the important parts of the gathering was the cooperation covenant signing which signals cross matching of sister cities between Guangxi Province and other cities of ASEAN.

The City of Nanning and Guangxi Province position as the ASEAN gateway to China as it is just 2 hours by land away from Vietnam. Both are most interested in agricultural and food products from their neighbouring ASEAN countries.



**COURTESY VISIT.** The thirteen candidates vying for Diwata sang Bago 2019 with Mayor Nicholas Yulo during their courtesy call. **/Joe Jumabong photo**

## February 19 is special non-working day in Bago- Palace

In light of the 53rd Charter Anniversary of Bago, Malacañan Palace issued Proclamation No. 668 declaring February 19 as a special non-working day in Bago.

Executive Secretary Salvador Medialdea, by authority of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte signed the said proclamation last February 7.

The proclamation was issued so “the people of the City of Bago be given full opportunity to celebrate and participate in the occasion with appropriate ceremonies.”

Mayor Nicholas Yulo thanked the Palace for the issuance of the said proclamation.

Bago became a chartered city by virtue of Republic Act 4382 and was inaugurated on February 19, 1966.

Former Mayor Manuel Y. Torres was the hold-over Mayor along with Juan Y. Araneta as the first City Vice- Mayor. **/AAB**



# Bago hosts 2019 National Arts Month



**RIBBON CUTTING.** Mayor Nicholas Yulo leads the ribbon cutting for the opening of photo exhibit at the Manuel Y. Torres Memorial Coliseum and Cultural Center with NCCA officials and Councilor Marina Javellana- Yao.

Bago City hosted National Commission for Culture and the Arts' (NCCA) opening of the 2019 National Arts Month on February 1.

Dubbed as "Paghabol: Weaving the Arts in the Visayas", and anchored on the national theme "Ani ng Sining", the celebration opened in the morning with an Arts Fair at the Manuel Y. Torres Memorial Coliseum and Cultural Center.

Bagonhon students coming from various schools enjoyed the workshops on Baybayin, calligraphy, photography, and upcycling art, alongside booths featuring hablon and banig weaving, face painting, mask making and henna tattooing which were held in the morning.

Performances on spoken word poetry and dance alongside features on Arts in public spaces were also showcased to the delight of the audience.

The Balay ni Tan Juan Museum hosted an exhibit featuring the photos on the arts, festivals, food, and heritage sites of ace lensman and Bagonhon Ronnie Baldonado,

In the afternoon, the official declaration of the the Arts Month Opening was held in a ceremony set at the MYTMCCC. SP Committee on Culture and Heritage

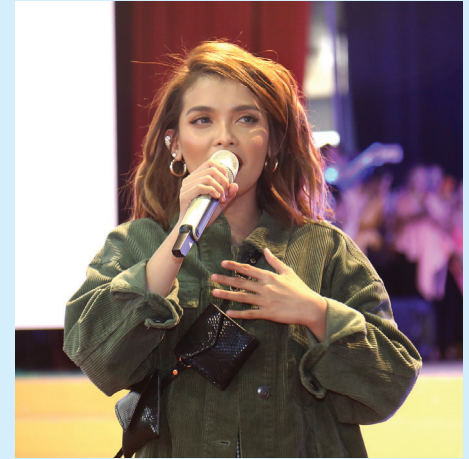
chair, Councilor Marina Javellana- Yao officially opened the festivities together with NCCA officials led by the National Archives of the Philippines Executive Director Victorino Manalo.

In his speech, Mayor Nicholas M. Yulo thanked NCCA for the opportunity to host such prestigious event. He also mentioned the contributions of Bago in the field of arts and culture.

Notable performers and dance groups from all over the country converged at the Coliseum to perform. Singer and ambassador of NCCA KZ Tandingan, also performed.

As the Philippines' leading government agency for arts and culture, the NCCA spearheads the celebration under the theme Ani ng Sining and is conceptualized under the aegis of NCCA's Subcommittee on the Arts (SCA), led by its commissioner Teddy Co. The name emphasizes the richness of artistic endeavors in the Philippines and the passion of Filipino artists and cultural workers.

The month-long Ani ng Sining will offer a wide array of events and activities aim at celebrating a bountiful harvest of Philippine arts as well as inspiring



Singer and NCCA Ambassador KZ Tandingan performs during the opening salvo.

Filipinos to immerse in and appreciate the diversity of cultural expressions, insights and creativity.

Ani ng Sining: Philippine Arts Festival will be composed of the flagship projects of SCA's seven national committees— Architecture, Cinema, Dance, Literary Arts, Music, Dramatic Arts and Visual Arts—which will be held in different venues all over the country.

Apart from the opening in Bago City, NCCA will also hold opening ceremonies for NAM in the National Capital Region (NCR), Luzon, and Mindanao. For NCR, Lucky Chinatown Mall in Binondo, Manila, will host the opening on February 3, while in Luzon, it will be in the municipality of Bagac in Bataan on February 11. Opening ceremonies will also be held in Koronadal City, South Cotabato, on February 15, for Mindanao.

For the whole of February, expect a plethora of activities such as exhibits, workshops, shows, concerts, lectures, tours and others happening in different parts of the country.

The Tourism Affairs Office led by Rosseni Mina and Balay ni Tan Juan curator Clemente del Castillo spearhead the event for the City. /AAB



**OPENING.** Bago City Councilor and Chairperson of the Committee on Culture and Heritage Marina Javellana- Yao together with NCCA representatives open the National Arts Month celebration.

# Bago wins top prize in nat'l street dance contest

The City of Bago was declared champion in the national street dance theater category of the Dulansangan 2019 in Malolos City, Bulacan on January 23.

The competition held at the Malolos Sports and Convention Center was part of the Fiesta Republica 2019 held in commemoration of the 120th anniversary of the First Philippine Republic.

Mayor Nicholas Yulo led city officials in witnessing the presentation of Bago City, which was the lone contingent from the Visayas.

This year, Bago is composed of 130 performers who presented the "Legend of Tan Juan," or General Juan Anacleto Araneta, one of the Negrense revolutionary heroes from Bago.

Dulansangan is a street dance-drama competition showcasing historical vignettes depicting the distinctive heroic event in the respective localities of the performing groups that compete in three levels -- local, provincial and national.

It was on Jan. 23, 1899 when the First Philippine Republic was established, marking the beginning of Filipino democracy.

President Rodrigo Duterte signed into law Republic Act 110141, "An act declaring January 23 of every year a special working holiday in the entire country to commemorate the declaration of the First Philippine Republic". /PNA



**AWARD.** STOO Rosseni Mina and Tourism Officer Mae Ann Furtos present to SP Tourism Chair Ma. Josefa Matti and Mayor Nicholas Yulo the awards during the flag raising program on February 4 at the Coliseum.



**VISIT.** Mayor Yulo and SP members show support to the Bago City contingent at the Dulansangan competition in Malolos, Bulacan.

# City reaps Pagdayaw Regional Excell awards



**AWARDS.** Mayor Yulo, Councilors Marina Javellana- Yao, Ma. Femmy Martir, Cleo Gaudite, and Danilo Famoso together with DILG Officer Stephanie Almira and City department heads pose after the awarding ceremony.

The City of Bago scored major awards during the Pagdayaw 2018 Regional Excellence in Local Governance awarding ceremony by DILG on December 12 in Iloilo City.

Bago was adjudged as Champion in Economic Governance; first runner-up in Environmental Governance, and second runner-up in Excellence in Social Governance.

The said awards committee also recognized Bago and its Rice Development Program as the Most Innovative Best Practice in Economic Governance.

Bago City was evaluated last October 25. City Hall officials and employees presented to the evaluators of Regional Excell Awards pertinent documents to the five areas of governance.

Overall in the City Category, Bago was cited as 2nd best performing city in Western Visayas.

The theme for this year's Excell Awards is "Pagpapaigting sa Kahusayan ng Pamahalaang Lokal, tugon sa Bagong Hamon ng Pagbabago.

Mayor Nicholas Yulo was accompanied by Councilors Cleo Gaudite, Danilo Famoso, Ma. Femmy Martir, Mayette Javellana-Yao, City Budget Officer Ernesto Varrera, Cashier IV Lida Oquiana, Riza Segovia of CPDO, LGOO Stephanie Almira, Regina Lavadia of DILG, Joe Jumabong and Allan Señeres of Mayor's Office in receiving the awards. /AAB

# Lights of Bago wows thousands

The Lights of Bago 2019 fireworks display which lasted for 20-minutes awed about 35,000 spectators at the Manuel Y. Torres Sports Complex on New Year's night.

The colorful, sparkling and lively fireworks display simultaneously grooved to the medley of 80s new wave hits as people from all age groups, in and out of the sports complex

enjoyed the spectacular sight in the sky. "Families look forward to this event every year. It has become a family affair that they can do every January 1," Bago Mayor Nicholas Yulo said.

Mayor Yulo said that LOB is the only event of its kind in Negros Occidental and has put Bago to the tourism map.

He told spectators during the program before the fireworks show to take care of their hearts and spread love in 2019.

The mayor said his vision for 2019 is still to improve the lives of Bagonhons, continue to attract investments to the city to generate more jobs, to train people for micro and small enterprises, and to improve the agriculture sector by farm mechanization to increase production.

Lights of Bago, on its 11th year, was themed, "Beyond a Decade of Symphony and Thanksgiving." /VDS



**MESSAGE.** Mayor Nicholas Yulo delivers his yearly New Year's message during the Lights of Bago musical fireworks show, January 1.

## LOB photo contest winners named



**EXHIBIT.** Mayor Nicholas Yulo, Vice Mayor Ramon D. Torres together with City Councilor Ma. Femmy Martir cut the ribbon to open the 2019 LOB Photo Exhibit in the presence of Councilors Marina Javellana- Yao, Ma. Josefa Matti, Danilo Famoso, and Mark Jozsef Dexter Somcio.

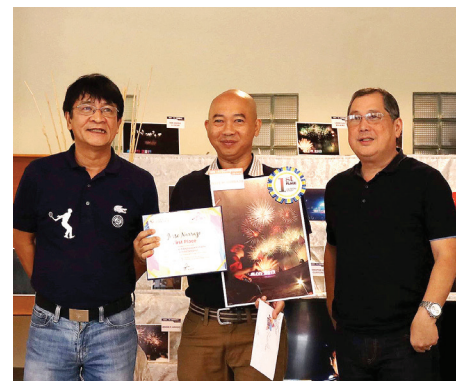
The City Government of Bago awarded the winners of the Photo Contest, held as a highlight of the January 1 Lights of Bago Fireworks Show, on January 18.

The top three photographers in the conventional category are Jesse Narrazo, John Kimwell Laluma, and Romil Bernaje, who received P20,000, P15,000 and P10,000, respectively.

Five others were given P2,000 each as runners-up. They are Florence Nichol Villanueva, Roy Tan, Erwin Lim, Janne Marie Benavente, and Kristopher John Robles.

In the mobile category, the top five winners, who were given P1,000 each are Vanessa Robles, Ruel Cadigal, Krysha Rae Sia, Flozard Gedalanga, and Kyle Allen Villanueva.

The entries of Benavente, Julie Andrew Varrera, and Villanueva were named most popular conventional categories entries with 1.5 thousand, 1.3 thousand and 1.1 thousand Facebook likes, respectively, while in the mobile group, Ian Bel Lacson's photo received 1.7 thousand likes while Janella Mae Baroy's had 1.6 thousand, and Angela Paula



**WINNER.** Jesse Narrazo bested other photographers to be declared the first prize winner of the annual competition.

Peligro's photo had 1.3 thousand likes.

The judges in the photo contest were New York- based Rosalie Quinto-Demigo, a Bago native, whose pictures have been featured by New York City Hubs, NBC, ABC, and Fox New York; Billy Lopue, a multi- awarded photographer and president of the Camera Club of Negros; and Gary Lake Liza, audio-visual professional and owner of Leo Vision, a Bacolod- based photo-video service provider.

A total of 77 photo entries were displayed during a week-long photo exhibit held at the Jubilee Hall of Bago City Hall which opened on January 14.

Mayor Nicholas Yulo, Vice Mayor Ramon Torres, and the City Councilors opened the said exhibit. /AAB

# 120th Al Cinco de Noviembre held

History was relived anew when Bago City held its grandiose history- rooted celebration, Al Cinco de Noviembre, which is on its 120th year.

The event recalled the liberation of Negros from Spanish domination in 1898.

Highlighting the celebration were the Sigabong sang Mga Kanyon and the Fancy Drill Street Parade and Arena Competition, as well as the Civic-Military Parade, a Thanksgiving Mass, Wreath-laying at the statue of Negrense hero Gen. Juan Araneta and a fireworks display.

Participants in the cannon-firing street pageantry were garbed in wartime attire in their re-enactment of the feat of Gen. Araneta and his men.

Barangays Atipulan and Malingin topped the Sigabong sang Mga Kanyon competition.

The Sampinit-Taloc tandem and Barangay Busay-Calumangan were adjudged second and third, respectively. /



**SIGABONG.** The Kanyon of merged barangays of Atipulan and Malingin was adjudged as the Sigabong sang mga Kanyon winner.

# EMEMHS tops 2018 Fancy Drill competition



**CHAMPION.** The Enriqueta Montilla de Esteban Memorial High School of Pulupandan was declared the 2018 Fancy Drill champion.

The Enriqueta Montilla de Esteban Memorial High School was declared the over-all champion during the 10th Invitational Fancy Drill Competition, in celebration of the 120th Al Cinco de Noviembre fiesta of Bago City.

EMEMHS, bested Lopez Jaena National High School of Murcia which settled for first runner-up, Bacolod City National High School) won second runner-up, Southland College-Kabankalan City, Domingo Lacson National High School, Minoyan National High School- Murcia, Ramon Torres National High School- Bago City, STI-West Negros University,

The group from Pulupandan went home with the top prize of P20, 000 in cash and trophy. They were also

adjudged Best in Street Performance, Best in Uniform, and Most Disciplined.

Bacolod City National High School won P15, 000 cash and trophy and the Best Narration and Production Number special awards.

The Platoon Leader of STI- West Negros University, C/Col. Justine Jade Y. Cabalhin won the Best Platoon Leader award.

Each special award has a cash prize of P3, 000 each and a plaque of recognition.

The board of adjudicators from the Philippine Military Academy led by Captain John Russel Lee chose EMEMHS as champion after the said school accumulated the highest score from the different judging areas of the competition which include tactical

inspection and street fancy drill in the morning, problem solving quiz for the platoon leaders, and the arena performance.

Bago Mayor Nicholas Yulo said that the competition was designed to make the ROTC and CAT program in the province alive. He added that the Bago fancy drill tilt is in support of the policy of President Rodrigo Duterte to revive and strengthen the military training program to instill discipline and patriotism among the youth.

Further, in his welcome message, Mayor Yulo thanked the schools, principals and university presidents for joining the competition, and urged more schools to participate next year in the 11th year of the said competition. /

# Bagonhon couples join mass wedding



**TO INFINITY AND BEYOND.** Mayor Nicholas Yulo officiate the wedding of 169 couples at the Manuel Y. Torres Memorial Coliseum and Cultural Center during his birthday.

In celebration of the National Family Week 2018, the Bago City government held a mass wedding ceremony for the 100 couple beneficiaries of the 4Ps, or the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program on September 18 at the Manuel Y. Torres Memorial Coliseum and Cultural Center.

Bago Mayor Nicholas Yulo was the

solemnizing officer, in the presence of Vice Mayor Ramon Torres, city councilors, City Social Welfare and Development officer Ma. Elena Millevo, and Local Civil Registrar Rebecca Espende.

The wedding ceremony included words and blessing from Yulo, exchanging of wedding vows and rings,

pronouncement of marriages, and the first marriage kiss which drew delight and cheers from the couples' family and friends. The City of Bago also prepared wines and cakes for the couples.

As part of Bago's advocacy in environmental conservation, the newlyweds were given seedlings as a token which they will plant and will serve as part of their wedding vows to the environment.

This is the third mass wedding for Pantawid beneficiaries under the administration of Mayor Yulo.

Moreover, 169 couples tied the knot in a ceremony officiated by Mayor Nicholas Yulo on December 6 at the Manuel Y. Torres Memorial Coliseum and Cultural Center.

The ceremony was witnessed by Vice Mayor Ramon Torres, councilors Andrew Martin Torres, Allan Galunan, and Mark Dexter Jozsef Somcio, Local Civil Registrar-Designate Meriam Huerva, Department of Social Services and Development head Ma. Elena Millevo, and Michael Victor Javellana representing Board Member Victor Javellana.

The mass wedding, dubbed "To Infinity and Beyond", by the city government coincided with the 58th birthday of Mayor Yulo. **/AAB**

# OISCA's sunflowers went viral on social media

The Organization for Industrial Spiritual and Cultural Advancement (OISCA) Sunflower Garden in Tabunan has drawn close to 50,000 guests since it opened its Sunflower Garden on September 2018.

It went viral on social media and caught the attention of national television. Thousands of people including Negros Occidental Gov. Alfredo Marañon and his wife, Marilyn visited the sunflowers.

In an interview with Visayan Daily Star, Director Shigemi Watanabe of OISCA Bago Training Center, the sunflower plants which have brought joy to those who visited the farm, were planted to produce sunflower oil that has many health benefits and to provide small farmers with a new source of livelihood.

Sunflower oil has 11 amazing health benefits that include its ability to improve heart health, boost energy, strengthen the immune system, improve skin health, prevent cancer, lower cholesterol, protect against asthma, and reduce inflammation, [www.organicfacts.net](http://www.organicfacts.net) says.



**BLOOMING.** Bago City Senior Tourism Operations Officer Rose Mina pose with rows of sunflowers at the OISCA Sunflower Farm. **/Ann Marie Mina photo**

Sunflower oil is used in cooking and frying, cosmetics like lip balms and skin creams, and as a medicine for the heart as it has low cholesterol, it adds.

Thelma Watanabe said sunflowers

offer a very promising industry that could boost the income of small farmers in Negros Occidental. A Japanese firm has offered to buy the sunflower oil produced by OISCA, she said. /

# Chicken multiplier farm opens in Bago



**LOOK.** City Veterinarian Dr. Martin Torres and staff tend the chickens at the free-range chicken Multiplier Farm.

The Provincial Veterinary Office recently opened a free-range chicken Multiplier Farm in Bago City, Negros Occidental, to boost the production of free-range chicken in the province.

The PVO said the province, in partnership with the local government units, builds multiplier farms through the construction of the building, giving of initial stocks of 150 heads, and putting a brooder for chicks and an incubator, while the LGU will provide the land area, operation and management of the farm.

It also said that the LGU shall undertake a continuing dispersal of chickens to its constituents as its obligation to sustain the province's poultry production effort under both its Animal Genetic Improvement Program for free-range chicken and Animal Livelihood.

The province has established eight multiplier farms for FRC and five for duck production in 13 LGU-partners this year and another eight poultry multipliers are scheduled to be established next year, the PVO also said.

Bago City's FRC multiplier farm has a breeder population of 150 heads, 2.5 months old weighing an average of 1.5-kilograms and expected to produce eggs in a month.

The project is expected to boost chicken production in Bago and nearby areas being the source of good quality chicks and which may be replicated by commercial raisers, the press release added.

The farm is managed by the Bago City Veterinary Office, headed by Dr. Martin Manuel Samuel Espinosa Torres. **/VDS**

# Bago traders, retailers comply rice SRPs

RICE traders and retailers in Bago City are compliant with the suggested retail prices (SRPs) set for milled rice, the Local Price Coordinating Council (LPCC) on November 21, reported.

The council chaired by Mayor Nicholas Yulo has been conducting strict monitoring among markets and other rice-selling outlets in the city, it said.

LPCC, also composed of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) as vice chair and City Agriculture Office, is also closely coordinating with the Joint Inspection and Enforcement Team.

Aside from SRPs, prescribed labeling of rice boxes and price tags were also implemented in the city, it added.

The National Food Authority (NFA) in Negros Occidental earlier said it is also strictly monitoring the compliance on SRPs which took effect on November 11.

This is 15 days after the implementing guidelines were published in a newspaper of general circulation on October 26.

Based on the general guidelines stated on the Memorandum Circular issued by Agriculture Secretary Emmanuel Piñol on October 24, the SRPs set for local rice range from P39 to P47 per kilogram depending on classification.

Regular milled rice costs P39 per kilogram while well-milled and premium



**OCULAR.** Kher Jake Martin Trayco of the Department of Trade and Industry along with other members of the Local Price Coordinating Council checks the SRP compliance of rice retail outlets at the Public Market.

rice cost P44 to P47 per kilogram, respectively.

For imported rice, on the other hand, the SRP for well-milled is P39 per kilogram while those for premium grade one and two are P43 and P40 per kilogram, respectively.

Under the guidelines, special rice such as glutinous, aromatic, pigmented, japonica, and micronutrient-dense rice are not covered by the SRPs.

Aside from the SRPs, the agency also set prescribed standard specifications on the labeling of rice boxes and price tags.

The classification of rice should only

be regular milled, well-milled, premium grade, and special rice.

Also, the classification in rice boxes shall be printed in black bold letters with white background.

In terms of price tags, the circular stated the prescribed information shall be the price per kilogram.

The guidelines further stated that any violation shall be subjected to the penal provisions of existing laws, rules and regulations including but not limited to the Price Act and the Revised Rules and Regulations of the NFA on grains business. **/SunStar Bacolod**

# Bago 263.8% rice sufficient in 2018



**RICE SUFFICIENT.** A typical scenery during palay harvest season in Bago.

Bago City, the rice granary of Negros Occidental, attained a 263-percent rice sufficiency in 2018, City Agriculturist, Carlito Indencia, said yesterday.

Indencia told the DAILY STAR that the rice sufficiency of Bago reached 263.82 percent last year, an increase of about 35 percent compared to 228 percent in 2017.

The current rice sufficiency of Bago translates to 119,528 metric tons of rice production, with an average of 4.43 metric tons yield per hectare.

In 2017, the city produced about 107,000MT of rice with an average of 4.2MT yield per hectare, records show.

Indencia said the increase in

production is attributed to less minimal crop losses due to calamities, more facilities and technology distributed, education given to the farmers, and more support from the city government through allocating a budget to develop agriculture in Bago.

“The Bago City government has been leading the initiative to improve agriculture, especially for rice, by supporting farmers into growing and producing more of this crop,” he said.

Indencia also said that last year, the city had planted more rice areas compared to 2017.

He said the city spent much on distributing quality seeds that are under the hybridization program, that

aims to increase the rice yield in Bago.

The target in 2016 was to increase to at least 500 kilos the yield in 2018. Three years ago, the production was at 3.9MT per hectare and now it has risen to 4.43MT, he added.

Indencia also said he hopes this rice sufficiency rate in Bago will greatly contribute to attaining 100 percent rice sufficiency in the province.

In 2019, the city government aims to reach the 4.5MT per hectare mark, in terms of yield, by pushing Bagonhon farmers to use hybrid rice seeds, he said.

The southern part of Bago is still in the third cropping, and the first cropping for 2019 will start in the northern part in June, he said.

Barangays that are still in third cropping are Lag-asan, Pacol, Bagroy, Caridad, Sagasa, Alianza, and parts of Napoles and Malinging. Rice harvest is expected on the last week of June, Indencia said.

Those that belong to the northern Bago rice areas are barangays Tabunan, Dulao, Taloc, Abuanan, and parts of Antipuluan, Malingin, and Busay. He added that irrigation in the area will open on the last week of May.

**/ Visayan Daily Star**

## Regional Evacuation Center ready for use

The P36 million regional evacuation center in Bago City is now ready for use.

Undersecretary Ricardo Jalad, administrator of the Office of the Civil Defense, said during the blessing and turn-over of the newly-completed regional evacuation center in Brgy. Lag-asan, on November 16, can accommodate as much as 300 families.

The event was attended by Bago City Officials led by Mayor Nicholas Yulo, OCD regional head Jose Roberto Nuñez, DWSO regional director Rebecca Geamala, officials of the Department of Public Works and Highways, and Bago DRRM led by Dr. Merigene Ortizo.

The regional evacuation center is equipped with water, a generator set, lighting, and billeting facilities, a clinic, an isolation room, a mess hall, and washing area with comfort rooms, among others.

Jalad said that the concerned local government unit will maintain the evacuation center.

Bago City Mayor Nicholas Yulo yesterday said that he will enlist the help of neighboring local government units in



**EVACUATION CENTER.** Ribbon cutting of the new Regional Evacuation Center by Mayor Nicholas Yulo and USec Ricardo Jalad of the Office of the Civil Defense.

providing manpower to the evacuation center.

Nuñez, who is the regional director of OCD for Western and Central Visayas, said neighboring towns and cities of Bago may also use the evacuation center during times of disaster and natural calamities.

Geamala also recommended the

putting up of a warehouse, where they can stockpile relief goods.

Jalad said LGUs may also use multi-purpose halls and covered courts as evacuation centers.

He added the evacuation center may also be used as a venue for seminars and trainings as well, if it is not being utilized.

**/ VDS**

# Bago LGU tops Regional Health awards



**AWARDS.** City Health Office personnel and staff led by Dr. Ferdinand Ramon Mayoga present to Mayor Yulo the awards and checks amounting to P700,000 garnered by their office.

The City of Bago reaped various awards during the Department of Health Regional Recognition of Partners and Stakeholders held on December 7 in Iloilo City.

The City thru the Bago City Health Office was awarded as Best Performing

LGU in the 2017 Field Health Services Information System (FHSIS) Reporting in Region VI and took home P.5 million cash.

A Special Award in Health Governance was also given to Bago with a cash prize of P200,000. Other awards include the Plaque of Recognition for Compliance to

National Standards on the Establishment of Adolescent Friendly Health Facilities and the Provision of Adolescent Friendly Services.

Bago was also recognized by the Department of Health Region VI for having a functional local AIDS Council.

The Schools Division of Bago was also given an award for “their efforts and commitment in providing health education and advocacy on the importance of personal hygiene, environmental sanitation, and deworming of school children.”

Chief Nurse Nona Obando of the City Health Office received the awards and the cash prizes for Bago City.

Mayor Nicholas Yulo congratulated the men and women of the City Health Office for these achievements for the City. He said that his administration will continue to support the programs and projects of the CHO for the betterment of the people of Bago. **/AAB**

## Bantayan Park to get P19-M for dev't

A former natural accretion turned into a riverfront park in Bago City will now be developed into a green space with the P19 million funding from the Department of Budget and Management.

Bago City's Bantayan Riverfront Park is one of the projects that will be funded by the DBM through its “Green, Green, Green” program that aims to create green spaces in the 145 cities of the country.

The website of the DBM said that Bago, along with four other cities in the country, will redesign their waterways into parks to engage citizens and rejuvenate the area.

Mayor Nicholas Yulo said yesterday that the improvement of Bantayan Riverfront Park will cost, roughly, P19 million.

He said that Bantayan was just a natural accretion of the Bago River before, but the administration of then Mayor Ramon Torres initiated its development to give Bagonhons space for tourism opportunities.

The “Green, Green, Green” program is funded under the Local Government Support Fund-Assistance to Cities to support the open space development program of the government and was launched 2017.

This is a parallel endeavor to the massive national infrastructure development program “Build, Build, Build”, the DBM said.

The 1-kilometer long Bantayan Park will be developed into a pedestrian and



Bantayan Park

bike-friendly space and its existing road will undergo improvement, in terms of accessibility and lanes for bikers that will be separated by planting a strip for safety.

DBM also said that the project in Bago will have seating areas near the edge of the river and more trees and shrubs will be added for a more pleasant microclimate.

Along with Bago, also to be developed are the river esplanades in the cities of Bacoor, Dasmariñas, Malabon, and Parañaque. The Metro Manila cities will host small river parks, the DBM added.

DBM has conducted technical workshops with the 145 cities involved in the program, focused on the best practices in public space designs and policies and procedures for its implementation.

About 100 cities are now processing

their project proposals that express their interests in availing of the funds.

The open spaces included in the program are 10 new government centers, 20 public squares and plazas, two mangrove areas, 54 parks and waterfronts, and 13 streets, among others.

Yulo also said that Bantayan has about 22 hectares of claimed area and with its development, it is seen to be one of the new tourist destinations in Bago City, with spaces used for commercial, tourism, and relaxation purposes of visitors.

He also said that the fund is expected to be downloaded by the city government within this month as it is targeted to immediately start the bidding and finish the development within 2019. **/Visayan Daily Star**



# Ladon gets hero's welcome

A new boxing hero comes home.

Asian Games silver medalist Rogen Ladon came home to Bago City, Negros Occidental, yesterday with blue and yellow flags raised, and cheers from his fellow Bagonhons as they welcomed him in a motorcade along the major thoroughfares of the city and in the school where he started his dream as a boxer.

Mayor Nicholas Yulo said yesterday that Bago considers Ladon as a "hometown hero" after he brought pride to the city as a boxing medalist in the recent Asian Games in Indonesia.

Ladon, who hails from Brgy. Lag-asan, Bago City, is the lone silver medalist in boxing, after he won against Uzbekistan's Jasurbek Latipov in the flyweight division.

Yulo said that the honor that Bago gave him symbolizes the city's appreciation of Ladon's sacrifice and of his family for him to realize his ambition.

The city government gave him P50,000 incentive and P10,000 to his coach, Boy Velasco, while their Sangguniang Panlungsod also passed a resolution on September 12, congratulating Ladon.

"We want to emphasize to the youth who also aspire to be like him that success is not attained overnight, but it entails lots of sweat, sacrifice, and pain, like what Ladon went through," Yulo added.

Ladon expressed his gratitude to the city government and Bagonhons, and



**HERO.** Asian Games boxing silver medalist Rogen Ladon gets a rock star welcome at Lag-asan Elementary School, his alma mater on September 17.

said he is grateful for their support and prayers throughout his journey at the Asian Games, adding that he gave his all at that time.

"I was just playing my game and I did not expect anything. But my goal was to go to the finals and it was a blessing from God that he gave me that opportunity," he said.

A motorcade was held along the major areas of Bago with Ladon, and he also visited his school, Lag-asan Elementary School, and met his teachers.

He pursued his boxing until he qualified for the Rio Olympics in 2016.

With his win at the Asian Games, Ladon said he is now focused on qualifying for the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo, Japan and hopes to get another medal in the Southeast Asian Games in December, to be hosted by the Philippines.

Ladon also said he received cash incentives from the Asian Games and Malacañang, worth P2.5 million that he plans to invest for the needs of his family and his future. / VDS

# City wins Regional Kalasag awards



**AWARDEES.** Regional Gawad Kalasag winners from Bago City led by DRRMO head Dr. Merijene Ortizo.

The City of Bago was awarded first place in all four categories during the 20th Gawad Kalasag Search for Excellence in Disaster Risk Reduction and Management

and Humanitarian Assistance in rites held in Iloilo City Convention Center.

The Bago City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office bagged the

Best Component City DRRM Council in Western Visayas.

Other winners from Bago include Barangay Busay as Best Barangay DRRM- Rural; Gen. Juan Araneta Elementary School won Best Schools Primary Public Elementary; and City of Bago Emergency Response Team (CBERT) was the Best Local Government Emergency Management.

According to Dr. Merijene Ortizo, DRRM head, each category winner received a plaque and P50, 000 in cash.

Bago Mayor Nicholas Yulo congratulated all the winners and thanked them for their "passion, dedication and contribution to the disaster risk reduction and humanitarian assistance of the city."/>

# Rafael Salas remembered on 90th birth anniversary



**WREATH LAYING.** Mayor Nicholas Yulo together with Commission on Population Executive Director Juan Antonio Perez III led the wreath laying in honor of Rafael M. Salas.

Bagonhons commemorated the 90th birth anniversary of Rafael Montinola Salas, former Executive Secretary to President Marcos and the first head of the United Nations Population Fund on August 7.

The program started with a wreath-laying ceremony at the bust of Rafael Salas in front of the Bago Community Center in the morning. Bago City Youth leaders, Department of Education officials, Rafael

M. Salas (RMS) Library Society, family of RMS, City Officials, and Commission on Population Executive Director Juan Antonio Perez III attended and offered flowers.

It was followed by the opening of a photo exhibit about the life of Rafael Salas since his childhood in Bago, his journey as a student leader in University of the Philippines until he became Executive

Secretary to President Marcos, and his decision to leave the cabinet and began a new work at the United Nations.

The exhibit showcased the love of Salas for Haiku- a short Japanese poem with seventeen syllables and three verses. Testimonials of various personalities about Salas and why they considered him as the best President the country never had will also be on display.

After the opening of the exhibit, a lecture series on Salas was held at the Community Center. Invited speakers were Dr. Juan Antonio Perez of the Commission on Population who talked about the life and works of Salas as development worker in the Philippines and at the UNFPA; Dr. Arnel Genzola discussed about the youth and development as exemplified by Salas; and Atty. Raymundo T. Pandan, Jr. focused on Salas as a literary man including his writings, books, and haikus.

Part of the program also was the blessing and inauguration of the new City Population Office and the City Mayor's Office- Information Center for Environment. /AAB

# Bago City launches community-based rehab for drug surrendererees

The City Government of Bago recently launched the PagBAG-O Wellness Program (PWP) at the Manuel Y. Torres Memorial Coliseum and Cultural Center on August 29, 2018.

PWP is a community-based rehabilitation program for drug personalities of Bago who have surrendered. The activity started with a motorcade along the City streets of Bago.

More than 400 drug victims actively participated during the launching spearheaded by the City headed by Mayor Nicholas M. Yulo.

Also present were Association of Barangay Captains led by ABC President Sergio T. Piansay, Sangguniang Kabataan officials, City and Barangay Anti-Drug Abuse Council, City Health Office, Bago PNP, CSSDO, BJMP, Inter-Faith groups and the "VIP's" of the event-the drug victims who have voluntarily surrendered.

The event was graced by different resource speakers namely DILG Bago head Evelyn Vista; Russel Niebres of PDEA Region 6; Police Chief Superintendent



**LAUNCHING.** The City of Bago customized its community-based rehabilitation program for drug surrendererees by formally launching PagBag-O Wellness Program (PWP).

Carlito Feliciano of PNP Regional Office; P/Supt Adrian Acollador of Negros Occidental Police Office; Dr. Romulo Rhoel Mogul of the Provincial Health Office; Dr. Deborah Singson of Bago City College; and Pastor Renie Fegar of the National Association of Chaplaincy of the Philippines-Bago City Chapter.

The PWP aims to focus on the healing of the body, mind and soul through counseling and other therapeutic sessions, and to restore and reconnect the patients with their family through various interventions as well as empower the community in providing treatment for the said victims. /AAB

# PEMO awards City, schools for good environmental governance

The Negros Occidental provincial government, through the Provincial Environment Management Office, awarded Bago and various elementary schools in the City during the 5th awarding ceremony of the Seal for Good Environmental Governance, August 3 at the SMX Convention Center in Bacolod City.

Platinum awardees in the school category were the Mailum Elementary School, Ramon Torres Dulao National High School, and Lag-asan Elementary School.

In the LGU category, Bago City was given the gold seal along with other local government units.

Bago City Elementary School was one of the silver awardees for the school category. /AAB



**GOLD AWARDEE.** Mayor Nicholas Yulo accepts the gold seal of good environmental governance from PEMO Edgardo Rostata and Dr. Marlin Sanogal of the Provincial Government during the awarding ceremony at SMX Convention Center Bacolod City. He was accompanied by Councilors Cleo Gaudite, Marina Javellana- Yao, Allan Galunan, and Mark Jozsef Dexter Somcio and Supervising Environmental Management Officer Vicente Mesias.

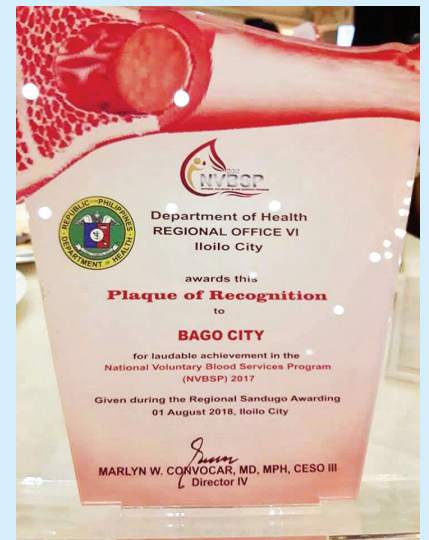


Mayor Nicholas Yulo together with ABC President Sergio Piansay and former OIC PNP chief PCI Joeffer Cabural inspect the newly arrived Toyota Hilux Police Patrol Service donated by Camp Crame for the use of Bago PNP.



Mayor Nicholas Yulo and Vice Mayor Ramon Torres turn-over the brand new 4x4 Toyota Hi-Lux service vehicle to Bago PNP OIC PSupt. Eleuterio Ricardo, Jr in the presence of ABC President Sergio Piansay, Executive Assistant Milko Lirazan, and GSO head Engr. Leo Pahilanga.

## Sandugo Awardee



The City of Bago was recognised as Regional Sandugo Awardee for 2017 for its laudable achievement in the National Volunteer Blood Services Program of the Department of Health.

The awarding was held at Punta Villa, Iloilo City last August 1. The said award was received by the blood letting program team of the Bago City Health Office, Glenly Casona and Dr. Orlando Jorge Gonzaga./

# Farmers get P4.2-M in equipment, livelihood

The City Government of Bago distributed PHP4.2-million worth of farm equipment and livelihood to 14 associations on December 14.

The turn-over ceremony were led by Mayor Nicholas Yulo and City Agriculturist Carlito Indencia at the City Agriculture Office in Barangay Balingasag.

Yulo said the city government recognizes the need to assist the farmers to attain rice industry development. "The distribution of farm machinery has contributed to the improvement (of rice yield)," the mayor said.

As of November, this year, Bago City's average rice yield was pegged at 4.4 metric tons per hectare, higher than the 4.1 metric tons per hectare in 2017.

"By boosting our production, we can also contribute to increasing the province's rice sufficiency level and ensuring food security," Yulo added.

Dubbed as the rice granary of Negros Occidental, Bago City's contribution to the province's total rice production is about 19 percent.

Farm machinery units, including a hand tractor, two thresher, one multi-tilling machine, three rice planting machines, and five pumps with engines, were distributed to 10 farmers association-recipients.

These included the Punta Playa Multi-Purpose Association, Mailum Organic Village Association, Barangay Napoles Women Association for Rural



**DISTRIBUTION.** Mayor Nicholas Yulo and Vice Mayor Ramon Torres talk with the farmers and fisherfolks during the distribution of equipment at the Office of the City Agriculturist.

Improvement, Fermina Small Water Impounding System Association, Bago Integrated Farmers Association, Small Farmers Association of Abuanan, Dulao and Antipuluan, Newton-Camingawan-Para Farmers Association, Barangay Malingin Farmers Association, Association of Rice Farmers of Tabunan, and Sagasa Women's Group.

They also received livelihood projects like "balut" (fertilized duck eggs) making, food processing, salted egg making, and mushroom production.

Four fisherfolk associations, including Taloc Baybay Fisherfolk Association, Calubay Anahaw Small Fishermen Association, Can-itung

Integrated Fisherfolk Association, and Barangay Calumangan Integrated Fisherfolk Association, were provided alternative livelihood projects such as fish vending, rag making as well as cooking equipment and facilities.

Indencia said that the machinery and livelihood projects are funded by the city government through its Agriculture Development Program.

"The program covers the city's measure to develop its rice and fishery sectors," he said, adding that it also aims to provide farmers and fisherfolk alternative sources of income through the livelihood development component.

/ PNA



**ABC ELECTION.** Mayor Nicholas Yulo administers the oath of newly elected Association of Barangay Captains officers at the SP Session Hall on July 16. Elected were- President Sergio T. Piansay (Poblacion); Vice President Eddie C. Roque (Busay); Auditor Roger Kirk C. Torres (Mailum); Board Members- Michael I. Bermudez - Abuanan; Noel L. Montero - Don Jorge Araneta; Roberto C. Saylo - Calumangan; Elvira A. Zulueta - Atipuluan; Janet L. Yasay - Malingin; Fe G. Felix - Alianza, and Fely G. Evangelio - Pacol.



# Maquiling and Valencia lead 10th LnK

The Linggo ng Kabataan (LnK) marked its tenth year of annual activity with Rona P. Maquiling of Ramon Torres Malingin NHS – Atipuluan Extension and Neal M. Valencia of Ramon Torres National High School (Main) as Girl Mayor and Boy Vice Mayor respectively.

Eighty boys and girls representing 9 public and private secondary schools joined the said activity from November 12-16. Fourteen of them were elected as regular SP Members, SP Member representing the Association of Barangay Captains, and SP Member representing the SK Federation. The rest of the Boys and Girls were appointed to the different local departments and a selected National Offices within the city.

For the tenth year of the celebration, the group of youth officials and appointees had a Knowing-My-City Video Show and Walk Tour of the different historical places within the City. Some learning time were dedicated on Mental Health and the Youth by Bebece Orence-Gentilezo and on Growing Up in Commitment with Jeremiah Hatch, Peace Corp Volunteer. As their significant part in promoting the welfare of the environment, an



**LINGGO NG KABATAAN.** Boys and Girls Officials of Bago took their oath of office at the MYTMCCC, November 12.

enthusiastic mangrove planting was effected by the group on November 15 at Sitio Batad, Barangay Sampinit

For the culmination program held on November 16, Dr. Ray Vincent D. Varrera, one of the most active student leaders in Bago City during his time was the guest speaker. DepEd Officials, School Heads, SSG Advisers, and Heads of Offices attended the program. A parade in the morning also highlighted the last day of the celebration.

The LnK complies with the mandate

of Section 439 of Republic Act 7160 or the Local Government Code of 1991. Articles 208 and 209 of the IRR (Implementing Rules and Regulations) of RA 7160 further mention some activities for the celebration. This included such mandated activities as the elections of youth counterparts of the local and national officials within the jurisdiction of the LGU. In 2009, on the second year of the incumbency of then Mayor Ramon D. Torres, this celebration commenced. / **BMS**

Office	Name/School	Name	Position
Office of the City Mayor	Rona P. Maquiling (RTM-Atipuluan Ext.)	Hon. Nicholas M. Yulo	City Mayor
SangguniangPanlungsod	Neal M. Valencia (RTNHS)	Hon. Ramon D. Torres	City Vice Mayor
SangguniangPanlungsod	Joshua Romano D. Gayares (Brookside)	Hon. Josefa Y. Matti	SP Member
SangguniangPanlungsod	Liezl Mae V. Norbe (RT-Louisiana)	Hon. Andrew Martin Y. Torres	SP Member
SangguniangPanlungsod	Tisha Alyanna R. Perocho (OLPA)	Hon. Carlos E. Mondia	SP Member
SangguniangPanlungsod	Mario B. Melliza (RT-Dulao)	Hon. Jorge Agustin A. Araneta	SP Member
SangguniangPanlungsod	Kylene R. Niepes (RT-Louisiana)	Hon. Cleo F. Gaudite	SP Member
SangguniangPanlungsod	Tricia Joy R. Soriano (RT-Dulao)	Hon. Allan C. Galunan	SP Member
SangguniangPanlungsod	Alex G. Baylon (OLPA)	Hon. Danilo U. Famoso	SP Member
SangguniangPanlungsod	Joe Boy E. Ape (RTM-Atipuluan)	Hon. Jozsef Mark Dexter M. Somcio	SP Member
SangguniangPanlungsod	Christy Charm A. Landero (OLPA)	Hon. Femmy A. Martir	SP Member
SangguniangPanlungsod	Kathlene Ann N. Paredes (RT-Taloc)	Hon. Marina J. Yao	SP Member
SangguniangPanlungsod	Michaela L. Advincola (RT-MSD)	Hon. Sergio T. Piansay	ABC President
SangguniangPanlungsod	Charity B. Buenaflor (RT-Louisiana)	Mr. Carl Benedict Y. Baylon	SK Federation President
SangguniangPanlungsod	Kaye Anne O. Macalandong (RT-Louisiana)	Mr. Vicente D. Mesias	SEMS/City Secretary-Designate
Sangguniang Panlungsod	Charity B. Buenaflor(RT-Louisiana)	Mr. Carl Benedict Y. Baylon	SK Federation President
City Planning & Development Office	Ma. Dorie Ann G. Amacio (RT-Taloc)	Engr. Edwin V. De Nicolas	City Planning & Dev't. Coordinator
	Aisha Mae C. Villahermosa (RT-Malingin)	Engr. Ernie Earl D. Baylon	Zoning Officer-Designate
Human Resource Management Office	Rickson John Jayawon (RTNHS)	Ms. Tricia Y. Matti	HRMO IV/City Admin.-Designate
City Treasurer's Office	Skylla Marie M. Moldes (RT-Dulao)	Mr. Caruso T. Villafior, Jr.	Acting City Treasurer
	James Richard R. Dingcong (Brookside)	Ms. Ma. Carmen Y. Lopez	Revenue Coll. Clerk II/Chief License Division)
	Kenneth D. Seloterio (RT-Malingin)	Mr. Ricardo A. Abellar	Local Rev. Coll. Officer IV/Chief Land Tax Div.
	Regine L. Flores (RTL-Bacong Ext.)	Ms. Lida A. Oquiana	Cashier IV/Chief Cash Division
City Budget and Management Office	Myke Lester Y. Alapar (RTL-Bacong Ext.)	Mr. Ernesto E. Varrera	City Budget Officer

# Linggo ng Kabataan

November 12-16, 2018

Office	Name/School	Name	Position
City Legal Office	Enrique O. Servancio, Jr. (KALIPAY)	Atty. Aaron R. Lirazan	City Legal Officer
Office for Veterinary Services	Jaleah Rose F. Flores (RT-MSC)	Dr. Martin Samuel Manuel E. Torres	City Veterinarian
Local Civil Registrar's Office	Mark Jhan F. Raborar (Brookside)	Ms. Rebecca C. Espende	City Civil Registrar
Office of the City Cooperative Officer/ TLDC Manager	Rolando Vargas (KALIPAY)	Dr. Felicitas S. Acosido, Phd.	City Cooperative Officer/TLDC Manager
Office of the City Engineer	Joena Mae L. Quilay (Siloam Faith)	Engr. Joenil B. Lavadia	City Engineer
	Angela N. Catequista (Stand Alone)	Engr. Armando L. Pahilanga	Engineer IV
	Jessabelle V.Lumawag (RT-Malingin)	Engr. Noel P. Makilan	Engineer III
	Aliaza Amor S. Alapar (RTL-Bacong Ext.)	Engr. Asel L. Ganacial	Engineer III
Office of the City Agriculturist	Clint Palpara (Toloc Baptist)	Mr. Carlito D. Indencia	City Agriculturist
Information Center for Environment	Jhamaica S. Espiñe (RT-Taloc)	Mr. Vicente D. Mesias	Supervising Environment Management Specialist
Office of the City Assessor	Christine Janine B. Lachica (RTNHS)	Engr. Ranier Martin G. Villanueva	City Assessor
Office of the City Accountant	Hannah P. Montealegre (Siloam Faith)	Ms. Ruby V. Abellar	City Accountant
	Angel Grace S. Regalado (Toloc Baptist)	Ms. Jacqueline C. Semeña	Management and Audit Analyst III/Brgy.Acct.
General Services Office	Kate A. Odrada (RTNHS)	Engr. Leo L. Pahilanga	City General Services Officer-Designate
Office of the City Social Services and Dev't. Officer	Keziah Mae F. Abeto (RT-Malingin)	Ms. Ma. Elena Y. Millevo	City Social Welfare & Dev't. Officer
	Gladys Mae C. Mariveles (RT-MSC)	Ms. Leah Pilipina B. Canayon	Social Welfare Officer I/PYAP Coordinator
Crisis Center	Bea Jan L. Oviver (Toloc Baptist)	Ms. Lourdes C. Dormido	Social Welfare Officer II/Head Crisis Center
City Population Office	Realyn B. Tizon (RTM-Atipuluan Ext.)	Ms. Yolanda P. Barcenilla	City Population Program Officer
City Health Office	Daryl Ann S. Jamelo (RT-Dulao)	Dr. Ferdinand Ramon M. Mayoga	City Health Officer
	Jorim Joaquin Ili J. Valencia (RTNHS)	Dr. Donna C. Dreyfus	City Dentist
	Zeljohn F. Zambales (Toloc Baptist)	Ms. Nona S. Obando	Public Health Nurse III/Nurse Supervisor
	Jay Ann M. Marcella (RT-Sagasa)	Mr. Joseph V. Aunzo	Public Health Nurse II
	Mark Joshua P. Abendan (RT-Louisiana)	Ms. Angie P. Licañel	Health Education & Promotion Officer II
Bago City Hospital	Kathleen Aime E. Lozada (RTL-Bacong Ext.)	Dr. Allan N. Abayon	Chief of Hospital
	Jessa Marie Derecho (Stand Alone)	Ms. Mayelena M. Pacilan	Administrative Officer, BCH
	Kyla A. Tolentino (Siloam Faith)	Ms. Ana Mercedes M. Lamela	Nurse IV/Head Nurse
Bago City College	Cristina S. Mahumas (KALIPAY)	Dr. Gorgonio T. Parroco	College Administrator
	Althia Sopia D. Alpas (KALIPAY)	Dr. Shemar L. David, PhD.	Chairperson, Technical Dept.
	Jocel M. Loyola (Stand Alone)	Mr. Neri B. De La Cruz	Administrative Officer I
City Tourism Office	Daren E. Sumugat (RT-Taloc)	Ms. Rosseni G. Mina	Senior Tourism Operations Officer
	Jeaziel Ann C. Romero (Siloam)	Ms. Ana Freida C. Mayores	Senior Tourism Operations Officer
Bids and Awards Committee	Kreiss Alyn R. Junio (RT-MSC)	Ms. Ma. Elma P. Alapre	Head, BAC Secretariat
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	Rogelio P. Algara III (RT-Sagasa)	Mr. Allan F. Señeres	Administrative Officer I
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City DRRM (Disaster)	Jocie Mae E. Tongcua (RTL-Bacong Ext.)	Dr. Merijene C. Ortizo	DRRM Officer
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Bureau of Jail Management & Penology	Chery Mae C. Depeñoso (RT-MSC)	S/Insp Jumcarvi I. Rosales	OIC-BJMP
Bago City Library	Jhorge E. Jovero (RT-Sagasa)	Ms. Jasmin A. Mustre	City Librarian
DILG	Joy O. Banhao (RT-Taloc)	Ms. Stephanie O. Almira	CLGOO
Bago City Post Office	Ramie V. Senarosa (RT- Dulao)	Mr. Khem L. Dy	Post Master
CSWDO	Kevin Michael B. Moya (KALIPAY)	Ms. Rhoda Alvarado	Psychologist
Office of the City Agriculturist	Salvador A. Amido (Stand Alone)	Mr. Marvin John Blance	Agricultural Technologist



# *Divata sang Bago 2019*

The Festival Queen Search

7:30PM • February 17, 2019 • MYTMCCC

## *Divata sang Bago 2019 Candidates*



**Maria Ax'l Kyle A. Alvarez**  
Barangay Napoles  
17 years old



**Shaira Mae C. Dela Cruz**  
Barangay Taloc  
20 years old

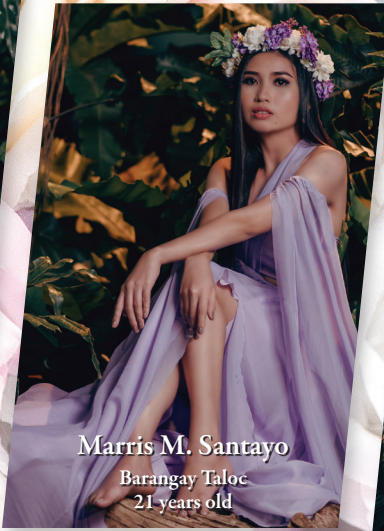


**Ruth Carmela S. Bancog**  
Barangay Calumangan  
20 years old





**Viera Marie P. Amar**  
Barangay Busay  
19 years old



**Marris M. Santayo**  
Barangay Taloc  
21 years old



**Queenie Edessa E. Amarante**  
Barangay Calumangan  
18 years old



**Johanna Alexis P. Supat**  
Barangay Taloc  
19 years old



**Jessa Mae S. Nerio**  
Barangay Don Jorge Araneta  
18 years old



**Leonalyn C. Agonace**  
Barangay Busay  
19 years old



**Kate Danielle E. Tercena**  
Barangay Busay  
18 years old



**Shiela Mae C. Magno**  
Barangay Don Jorge Araneta  
19 years old



**Kryztstar Angel P. Gustilo**  
Barangay Sampinit  
18 years old



**Macy Alaine E. Albarico**  
Barangay Alianza  
17 years old

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# City celebrates 2019 Civil Service anniversary



**SPORTS FEST.** The candidates for Mr. and Ms. Sports Fest with City Officials during the kick-off of the Employees Sports Fest 2019. Nancy Mamon and Ric Donald Vicente of the Blue Braves won.

The 118th Civil Service Month anniversary was celebrated in the City of Bago on September.

The celebration was spearheaded by the Human Resource Management Office led by HRMO IV/ City Administrator-Designate Tricia Y. Matti, which organized various activities provide more opportunities for the continued growth of each employee.

The celebration kicked off with a flag raising ceremony last September 3 followed by the launching of the BP Watch Month was launched with City Health Office personnel visiting different offices to check and monitor vital signs status of the employees.

A one day event dubbed as Bago Worksite Wellness Day was held on September 7. It provided employees with a time to rejuvenate and lessen physical work-related stresses thru a 20-minute foot reflex massage, haircut, facial spa, and foot spa.

On September 12, an orientation

seminars for laborers was held to provide them knowledge on local government laws, rules and policies.

Personnel of GSIS, PAG-IBIG, and PhilHealth were present during a forum organized by the city on September 19 for the employees to personally raise their issue and concerns.

For the second year, in partnership with the City Health Office, a blood-letting activity was organized last September 20. It was a venue for employees to donate blood and help fellow Bagonhons needing blood assistance.

The 5th Bago City Government Sunset Run dubbed as RUnDom was successfully held on September 28. It was a fun run and Zumba activity that involved City Government employees and the members of their families. Also, the Employees Fest was opened on that day.

The theme for this year's CSC anniversary was "Lingkod Bayani: Maka-Diyos, Makatao, Makabayan." /AAB



**AWARD.** Bago City Information Officer Ace Balboa receives the award for Bago's official publication The Citybridge as First Place Best News Magazine in Western Visayas during the Philippine Information Agency 2018 Information Officers' Awards held on December 12 in Iloilo City.



## RUnDom 2018 Results

### Category A - Open (MALE)

- 1st - Rommell Hulleza
- 2nd - John Mark Jacinto
- 3rd - John Elmer Valles
- 4th - Lhen Mark Martir
- 5th - Rusty Concepcion

### Category A - Open (FEMALE)

- 1st - Ann Magdalene Tubal
- 2nd - Camil Joy Ermeo
- 3rd - Jovelyn Viilarbe
- 4th - Geraldine Balboa
- 5th - Janna Christine Gonzales

### Category B - Regular (MALE)

- 1st - Jay Alajar
- 2nd - Ryan Makilan
- 3rd - Zalde Arguelles
- 4th - Leo Pahilanga
- 5th - Sebastian Aunzo

### Category B - Regular (FEMALE)

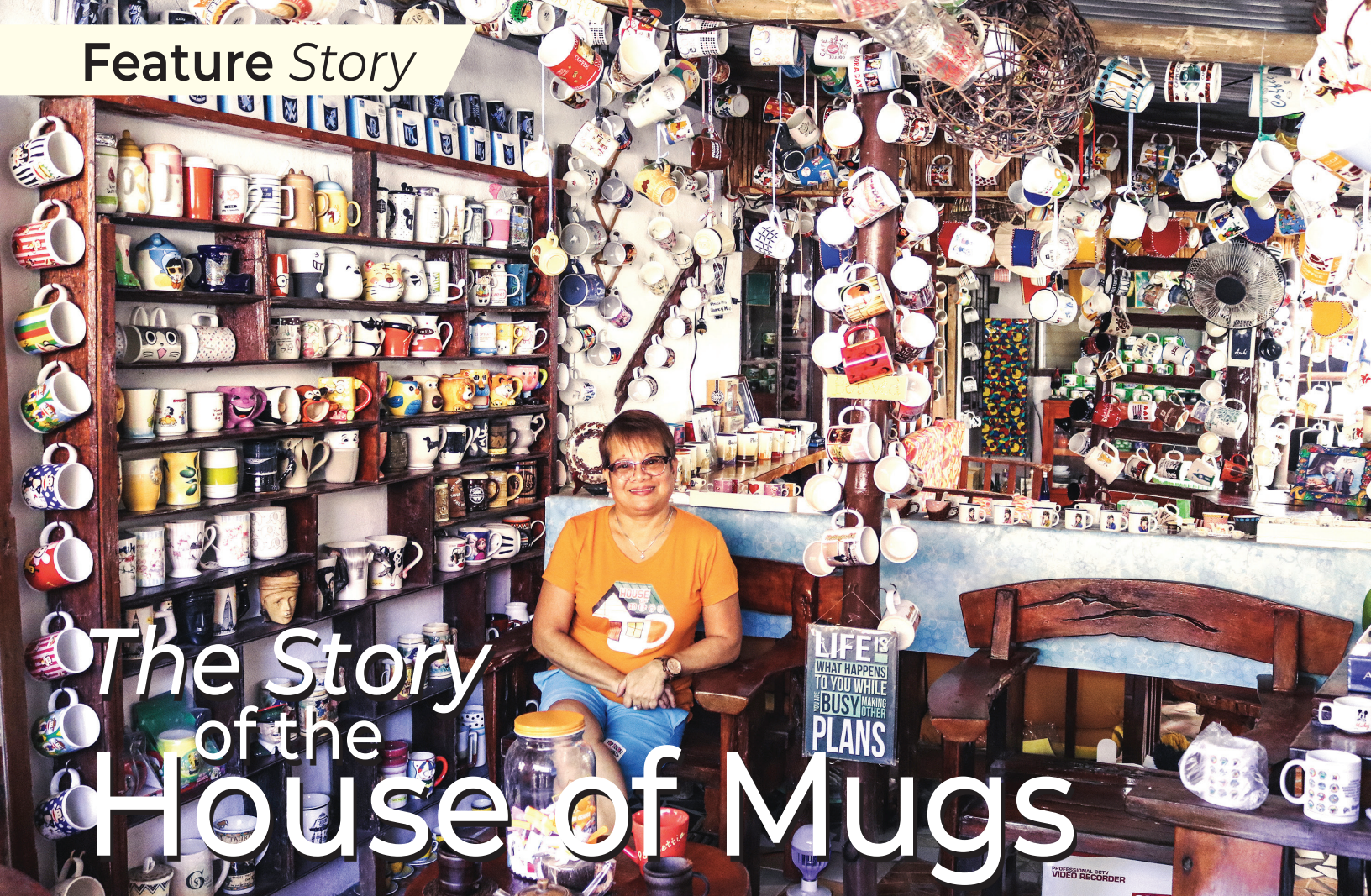
- 1st - Sonny Mie Gallo
- 2nd - Allene Faith Agonaoe
- 3rd - Judee Dionido
- 4th - Elsa Muyco
- 5th - Princess Diane Espada

### Category C - Casual (MALE)

- 1st - Rebbie Rico
- 2nd - Rommel Arquelles
- 3rd - Jaypee Abindan
- 4th - Ramel Arguelles
- 5th - Arthur Abian

### Category C - Casual (FEMALE)

- 1st - Gerty Marie Elefante
- 2nd - Gemma Jaga
- 3rd - Jenelyn Palicte
- 4th - Deniza Shane Liboon
- 5th - Sylvia Kafinan



# The Story of the House of Mugs

*"House of Mugs is a house of simple married couple decorated with mugs that became famous worldwide,"* this is how the owner, Poinsettia Dormido described it, after the U.K. Daily Mail ranked it as one of the 10 most bizarrely niche museums in the world.

Her growing collection of more than 3500 mugs started way back in 1989 when her husband Eduardo, who used to be a seafarer brought her a soup bowl mug as a souvenir. From then on, he would bring her mugs every time he comes home. That also triggered her interest to buy her own until it became a fascination and soon, an entire collection.

Knowing that she collects such stuff, her friends and relatives would always bring her mugs for pasalubong from wherever they are or whenever they travel locally or abroad. Since her first TV appearance in both local and national TV shows, as well as in other famous blogs, many of her kababayans from all over the world contacted her and send her mugs to be added in her collection. "Donations just rush in because for them, this is just the right place," she said.

From ceramics, to porcelain, glass, bamboo, and metal-made mugs, she has it all. She also has fractions for currencies, the alphabet, hello kitty, zodiac signs, Philippine presidents, Philippine symbols and even that of an expensive coffee brand. But she is unselective when it comes to every

*"House of Mugs is a house of simple married couple decorated with mugs that became famous worldwide"*

pieces, "I go for quantity, rather than buying expensive ones," she said. She also has a holiday-themed collection for Christmas and Valentine's Day.

Just like any other collectors, she also have her own favorites, they're the ones with pictures of her family.

When she misses her daughter who works abroad, she would use the mug with her picture. And instead of photo albums, she would showcase their travels in custom-made mugs.

With the fame that her 'house' is getting, "I never expected it to be a hit," she said, "Sometimes I feel ashamed that when I have visitors, they might feel disappointed." So every month, she makes sure that there is something new added to her finds even though it would cost some amount.

"The satisfaction it gives me is priceless," she said. Seeing visitors being amazed upon seeing her display inspires her more. Take note that there's no entrance fee because for her family, the goal is for the collection to be appreciated and not make money from it.

In the future, she plans to enlist her collection with Guinness World Records, "Just before I die, I want to achieve that goal," she shared. So, for those that contributed to her collection, she distributed a Certificate of Appreciation to each one of them as a token of her gratefulness for helping her reach that goal, one mug at a time./

### Pride of Bago

# VADM Joel S. Garcia



*"It takes a great man to be a commandant, armed with integrity and aptitude, Joel Sarsiban Garcia takes on the challenge..."*

Vice Admiral Joel Sarsiban Garcia, another pride of Bago City, is currently the Executive Director of the National Coast Watch Center (NCWC), under the Office of the President, the Deputy Commandant for Administration of the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) and at the same time, the Chairperson of the Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia (ReCAAP) Governing Council, based in Singapore. Prior to these, he was the Officer-in-Charge of the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG). He is the eldest among the two siblings, the younger one is Mary Joy, a nurse in the US. Their father, Joel, is a

retired Commodore of the Philippine Navy and their mother, Hedy, is a former teacher and nurse.

Gemini men, just like VADM Garcia are known to be intelligent, multi-skilled and enthusiastic. And indeed, he embodies all these characteristics backed-up with his long list of awards, citations and contributions in the field he belongs to.

**Intelligent.** He graduated at Bago City Elementary School in 1976 and went to University of Negros Occidental – Recoletos for high school Batch 1980. He was the CAT Corps Commander. Then, he took up Bachelor of Science in Marine Transportation – Major in Navigational Science at Philippine Merchant Marine Academy (PMMA) as a full government scholar and graduated in 1985

He has earned his Master of

Science degree in Maritime Safety Administration from the prestigious World Maritime University (WMU) in Sweden and Master in Shipping Management from PMMA, respectively. He likewise earned his Doctoral degree in Philosophy in Public Administration from the Eulogio Amang Rodriguez Institute of Science and Technology (EARIST), a State University, and was likewise conferred a Doctors degree in Humanities (Honoris Causa) by Sulu State College for his humanitarian services.

**Writer.** Aside from being a leader, he is also into writing. Here are some of his recent works with national and international significance alongside his other published works.

- Principal author of the Maritime Security Law Enforcement Manual (MARSLEN) published in September 2011, a manual used as a reference guide of Law Enforcement Agencies in the Philippines.
- Drafted the Marine Environmental Protection Rules and Regulations (MEPRR) of the Philippines.
- Drafted the course curriculum of the Bachelor of Science in Islamic Studies as a national policy guidelines to all Universities and Colleges in the Philippines.
- Own dissertation is made as reference by government authorities in restructuring the Maritime Administration (MARAD) in the Philippines. Title: "The Proposed Concept of a Department of Maritime Affairs in the Philippines and the Consequent Restructuring of the Maritime Safety Administration."
- Author of numerous Papers on the Law of Sea Convention, Maritime Security, Maritime and Environmental Economics, Public Administration, among others.

**Speaker.** What comes with power is the responsibility to share one's knowledge to others. He is also a lecturer at the Foreign Service Institute (FSI), Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) and Asian Center, University of

the Philippines on the fundamentals of the “United Nation Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)”, from 2011 to present.

**Traveler.** Being a marine man, he travels often. For leisure, sometimes, but most of his trips, especially abroad, are bound for work, trainings and seminars and other delegations. He has been to France, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom, Turkey, USA, Canada, Australia, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, Japan, China, South Korea, Singapore, Thailand, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Iran, United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Tunisia.

**Achiever.** Well, of course, all his hard work pays off. Fully decorated, VADM Garcia received numerous medals, and badges throughout his service in the country. Some of these are the Coast Guard Legion of Honor (Degree of Maginoo), Coast Guard Distinguished Service Medal; Coast Guard Outstanding Achievement Medal, Coast Guard Gawad sa Kaunlaran, Coast Guard Superior Achievement Medals, Military Merit Medals, Disaster, Relief & Rehabilitation and Campaign Ribbons, Combat Badge “KAGITINGAN”, PCG Eligibility Badge, Phil. Navy Surface Warfare Operations Badge for Officers and the MEPCOM MARPOL Inspector’s Eligibility Badge.

With these features, skills, and commendations, he is undoubtedly a great example of a leader, worthy of emulation, a true Bagonhon, indeed. /



Vice Admiral Joel S. Garcia took his oath of office at a newly promoted flag rank officer before the Secretary of Department of Transportation, Atty. Arthur Tugade at Manila International Airport Authority, November 28. / **Tanod Baybayin photo**



Then Vice Mayor Nicholas Yulo awards then Commodore Joel S. Garcia as one of the Outstanding Bagonhons in the field of military service during the 50th Golden Jubilee of Bago last February 18, 2016. / **City Information Office photo**



VADM Garcia gestures to unveil his personal flag during the arrival honors of the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) to its newly promoted flag rank officer as he step his foot for the first time at National Headquarters PCG wearing his new rank on November 28. / **Tanod Baybayin photo**



Little Miss Bago 2018 Arhiana Anika Caspe from ML Araneta Elementary School, Brgy. Busay with celebrity guest Edward Barber who serenaded her on November 4, 2018 at the Manuel Y. Torres Memorial Coliseum and Cultural Center.



Little Miss Bago beauties in their dance number.



The crowning of Arhiana Anika Caspe as Little Miss Bago 2018 by Mayor Nicholas Yulo, Vice Mayor Ramon Torres, Principal Marivic Dormido, Little Miss Bago 2017 Katharine June McOmish and Diwata sang Bago 2018 Diana Dawn Einosas.



The 8 lovely Little Miss Bago on stage.



**BIRTHDAY.** Mayor Nicholas Yulo blows the candle on his birthday cakes. The mayor celebrated his 58th birthday with the employees of the City Mayor's Office last December 6.



**MUSICAL SHOW.** Mayor Yulo delivers his welcome message during the 20th Ibaraki Musical Presentation featuring 1239 players of wind instrument from the different schools of Bago at the MYTMCCC last August 24.



**MICECON.** The City of Bago hosted a luncheon for the Philippine MICE (Meetings, Incentive Travel, Conventions, Exhibition and Events) Conference or MICECON 2018 at the Resorts Negrense on November 28.



**MICECON.** Mayor Yulo delivers his opening remarks at the MICECON 2018.



**HRM PRIME.** The City officials of Bago with the Civil Service Commission Validators led by Atty. Phillip Bernard Capadosa during the PRIME HRM On- Site Assessment of LGU- Bago. According to the CSC, LGU- Bago is compliant with the four (4) core of HR Systems Maturity Level II indicators and lenses namely; Systems, Competencies, and Practices.



**JUBILEE HALL.** Mayor Nicholas Yulo and Vice Mayor Ramon Torres cutting the ribbon during the blessing and inauguration of the Jubilee Hall in the presence of City Councilors and Department Heads, January 11.



Mayor Yulo inspects the newly acquired Rosenbauer fire truck of the BagoFire Station last July 22, 2018.



Mayor Nicholas Yulo lead the dialog between DPWH, DENR, and stakeholders regarding the cutting of acacia trees in Barangay Abuanan for road widening project of the national government last July 12.



Mayor Yulo together with the Task Force Market led by Vicente Mesias and Traffic head Milko Lirazan were present during the destruction of defective weighing scales and illegal mufflers at the Market last January 19.



Opening of the 44th Nutrition Month celebration last July 2 at Coliseum. The said activity was sponsored by the Office of the City Agriculturist and the City Nutrition Council.



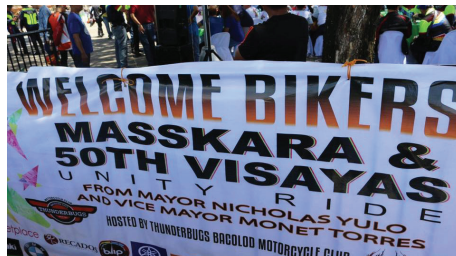
Bago City Government thru the CDRRMC opened the National Disaster Resilience Month 2018, on July 2 at the Coliseum. The theme is "Katatagan sa Kalamidad ay Makakamtan, Kapag Sapat ang Kaalaman sa Kahandaan."



DRRM led by Dr. Merijene Ortizo held the 5th DRRM SUMMIT last July 31. Speakers include Dir. Oscar Tabada of PAGASA, Mari-Andylene Quintia of PhiVolCs and Dr. Emmanuel Galor, Consultant on Emergency Medicine CLMMRH.



CDRRMC in collaboration with the National Telecommunications Commission and the Commission on Higher Education, RO6 held an orientation seminar on Rapid Emergency Telecommunication Cluster, August 3.



The City of Bago welcomes more than 700 Masskara and 50th Unity Ride Bikers at Bantayan Park, 13 October.



Gov. Alfredo Marañon, Jr., Mayor Yulo, Prov'l. Agriculturist Japhet Masculino launched the Focused Agriculture Area for Sustainable Transformation (FAST) to fully mechanize and synchronize a 200-hectare rice area of NECAPA at Brgy. Taloc.



Mayor Nicholas Yulo visited the 24 carabaos at the Bago City Carabao Nucleus Farm funded by BUB. Mayor Yulo was assisted by City Veterinarian Dr. Martin SME Torres and staff of the Office of Veterinary Services.



Mayor Nicholas Yulo together with Vice Mayor Ramon Torres presided the Bago City Peace and Order Council and the City Anti- Drug Abuse Campaign at the Community Center, December 20.



Bago City Employees Year- End Assembly 2018 at the City Coliseum, December 21.



Bago City holds the annual renewal of tricycle franchise and Business One- Stop- Shop which will run until February 28 from Monday until Saturday.



Mayor Yulo together with City Agriculturist Carlito Indencia, Tourism Officers Mae Ann Furtos and Judee Lyn Lirazan held a farm tour to the different organic farms, January 16.



More than 31,000 indigents and 4Ps members in Bago were given PhilHealth Identification Cards (PICs) by the City Government of Bago and Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth).





Mayor Nicholas Yulo joined the 40th National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation Week celebration on July 17 at the MYTMCCC.



Mayor Yulo attended the Orientation seminar on community- based rehabilitation program sponsored by DILG, PNP and the City Health Office on July 23 at the Gender Sensitive Evacuation Center.



Bago City Federation of Senior Citizens Association (FSCAP) received 500 monobloc chairs from Mayor Yulo for their use in their respective barangays.



Orientation Briefing on the Transfer and Utilization of SK Funds and Anti-Drug Clearing Program participated in the Barangay and SK Officials last August 3.



Mayor Yulo and Vice Mayor Torres turn-over financial assistance to the victims of tornado which hit Barangay Caridad last October 15.



Mayor Yulo graced the blessing and inauguration of Barangay Bagroy's newly constructed covered court with perimeter fence last August 16.



BM Victor Javellana turn-over 12 handheld two-way radio to Bago Consultant on Peace and Order PSSupt Milko Lirazan (Ret) in the presence of Mayor Yulo, Vice Mayor Torres, and Councilor Somcio last September 24.



Mayor Yulo turn-over various equipment to Bago Fire Station personnel to be used in connection with the 5 days mandatory fire brigade training for the 24 barangays of Bago last October 1-5.



City officials led by Mayor Yulo and Vice Mayor Torres joined the National Senior Citizens Week at the Coliseum last October 2.



Mayor Yulo, Hon. Stephen Paduano of the ABANG LINGKOD and officials of PCUP, CPDO, Housing and KAOSA during the presentation of FEBCABS and Urban Poor Office last December 2.



DILG led by CLGOO Stephanie Almira lead the Gawad Bagonhon on Good Governance Evaluation. It aim to recognise Barangay officials and workers for their good performance.



Mayor Yulo, Vice Mayor Torres and BM Victor Javellana in support with the Bago City PNP turn-over guns and ammunitions to P/Supt. Eleuterio M. Ricardo, Jr., OIC of Bago City Police Station last 23 November.



Mass graduation ceremony of Season-Long Enhanced Farmers Field School (SL-EnFFS) on Rice and Organic Highland Vegetable Production last 23 November.



School children participated during the staging of Cuerdas sang Paghiliusa show at the MYTMCCC last November 8.



Mayor Yulo and Vice Mayor Torres together with Jessie Bautista of DSSD gave financial assistance to various disaster victims in Bago City last August 3.



Camil Joy Ermeo of Ramon Torres National High School present to Mayor Yulo her plaque as Champion in the Milo Nutri Up 10km Run Women's Division in Iloilo City, October 7.



Gina Guadalupe of Brgy. Atipuluan was adjudged as Regional Outstanding Barangay Nutrition Scholar during the awarding ceremony held in Iloilo City on December 6. She was accompanied by City Health Officer Dr. Ferdinand Ramon Mayoga, Brgy. Captain Elvira Zulueta, and Josephine de la Chica of the City Nutrition Office.



The Citybridge staff led by Tricia Y. Matti, Information Officer Ace Balboa, Jose Mauricio Jumabong, Alvin Faustino, and Relyn Magallanes present to Mayor Nicholas Yulo the trophy and plaque of the Citybridge as Best News Magazine in Western Visayas during the Information Officers' Year-end Conference and Awards in Iloilo City, December 12.



Bago City Elementary School led by Principal Richard Sayco presented to Mayor Nicholas Yulo their plaque of recognition as champion in the Regional Brigada Eskwela 2018 Best Implementing School. The awarding was held in Iloilo City last November 14.



Department of Education Bago City present to Mayor Yulo their trophy as over-all champion both in Elementary and Secondary in the Area Meet held in Valladolid last November 14-16.



Mayor Nicholas Yulo awards Bagonhon UST female trackster Louieliyn Pamatian for her exemplary stint at the UAAP Athletic Tournament.



Flint Jara won gold medal in boxing- 52kg men's junior category during the Batang Pinoy held in Baguio City last September 15-21.



Mayor Yulo awards Reynaldo Arcenal and Joemarson Lobrido for their honesty in returning the lost purse with cellphone and money to the owner during the Lights of Bago show at the Sports Center.



Bago City Boxing Team was declared over-all champion among the 13 participating local government units in the province during the 9th Govern Alfredo G. Marañon Provincial Boxing Championship held in Cadiz City on October 22-27.



City Assessor Engr. Ranier Martin Villanueva was recognized for his best practice entitled Innovations for Security Features by the Bureau of Local Government Finance Region VI in Bacolod City on December 5.



The Bago City Football Club won the championship final round tournament of U15 Negros First Football League held at Ayala North Football Field on October 6. Best Goalkeeper went to Justin Villan; Best Defender was Christian Suarez, and MVP went to Jerome Aligora. Their coach is Rodrigo Sinconiegue.



Bago representatives Mary Jocel Teodoro and Dave Sixto Delgado were the first runner-up in the Halad kay Kang Laon Festival Diwata kag Suta search held in La Castellana on August 9.



Bago City Cooperative Development Council (BCCDC) headed by Hon. Andrew Martin Y. Torres held monthly meetings to discuss issues, concerns and activities for the promotion and growth of the primary cooperatives and the whole cooperative movement in the City.



The 18th City Cooperative Day and 2nd ARB Day, a joint celebration was held last October 30, 2018 participated in by 500 cooperators and ARBs. Vice-Governor Eugenio V. Lacson, Ms. Reysa Jagunap, CDS I of CDA Region VI, and Dr. Enrique Paderes, PARPO II of DAR Negros Occidental together with the City Officials headed by Mayor Nicholas Yulo attended the event.



Bago City Training Center conducts training on Shielded Metal Arc Welding NCI to the 75 Grade 12 SMAW students of Ramon Torres National High School Main. The training was funded under LCPC 2018 programs and projects of the City Government.



Twenty-five beneficiaries availed of the Hilot Wellness Massage NCII at the Technology and Livelihood Development Center on October 1-19, 2018. The training yield 100% passing rate. It was funded by TESDA and conducted by First Academy.



The City Cooperative Office and Bago City Cooperative Development Council members joined in the celebration of the 39th Provincial Cooperative Day Celebration last October 27, 2018 in Sipalay City.



Twenty-five children from Purok Talong, Brgy. Ilijan were given with new pairs of slippers and packs of groceries during the Gift Giving Activity sponsored by the BCCDC.



Drug Awareness Symposium was conducted to the SMAW NCI students by SPO4 Calixto Galido of Bago City PNP Intelligence Unit as part of the PESO Career Guidance Activities, November 28.



TLDC facilitated the conduct of Dressmaking NCII to 50 members of the Federation of Bago City Associations of Basic Sectors (FEBACBS) last May 28-August 31, 2018.

All the 50 trainees passed the assessment which resulted to a 100% passing rate and were able to attend the graduation ceremony on September 4 at the Community Center.

The training was aimed to create economic opportunities, generate income source, and an enhanced entrepreneurial skills for FEBACB members.

This was facilitated by the Presidential Commission on Urban Poor (PCUP) in partnership with the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority, and the LGU of Bago City, through the City Planning and Development Office and Technology and Livelihood Development Center.



The City Cooperative Office facilitated the Lakbay Aral of the members of the Bago City Cooperative Development Council last August 2-4, 2018.

They went to Dumaguete City as part of the continuing education program for the cooperative leaders.

The council visited three large cooperatives, the Dumaguete Cathedral Credit Cooperative, Siliman University Credit Cooperative, and Perpetual Help Community Cooperative.

This activity was organized by the City Cooperative Office for the members of BCCDC to engage the cooperative leaders on a learning mission with successful cooperatives.



A Job Fair was held on November 2, 2018 at the Coliseum as part of the Al Cinco de Noviembre Fiesta. A total of 15 employers participated (4 overseas and 11 local employers) and 116 jobseekers were registered and 27 applicants were hired on the spot. The activity was made in coordination with DOLE and POEA.



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## School Supply Distribution 2018

The Bago City government completed its distribution of school supplies for pupils in the City. The supplies were distributed to about 24,000 schoolchildren enrolled in 36 public elementary schools under the Schools Division of Bago City.

Notebooks given to the schoolchildren were customized by the city for its environment information and education campaign.

Delighting the children was Boom, the official mascot of the city, who joined the distribution activity.

Mayor Nicholas Yulo, Vice Mayor Ramon Torres and the City Council spearheaded the distribution.

Mayor Yulo personally explained in the distribution the content of the environment- focused notebooks.

With the City Officials in the distribution were the Information Center for Environment personnel led Vicente Mesias, who discussed the importance of environmental protection and conservation and the Human Resource Management Office staff who talked about the Bago City Citizen's Charter.

Employees of the City Information Office led games and provided entertainment to the pupils.

The school supply distribution started late August in far-flung schools and ended first week of October in the City proper. /AAB



City Officials led by Mayor Yulo and Vice Mayor Torres join the school supply distribution 2018.



Boom, the official mascot of Bago, entertains schoolchildren.

# Paskwa Sang Pag-asa 2018



Inmates - BJMP



PWD & War Veterans



Brgy. Abuanan



Brgy. Dulao



Brgy. Malingin



Brgy. Napoles



Brgy. Mailum



Brgy. Binubuhan



Brgy. Alianza



Brgy. Caridad



### Jerson L. Lintija

- 11 years old
- Grade VI-3
- RS Abindan Elementary School
- Brgy. Illijan
- Birthdate: July, 24, 2007

Jerson is the eldest in the family of three. He has a cleft palate. His father, Regie was unable to finish elementary level. He works in a construction project near his area and sometimes in the sugarcane field. Jerson's mother, Jessa, left for Bacolod City to find work but never returned since then. Jerson's family is not a beneficiary of 4Ps.



### Ma. Jane S. Ferrer

- 12 years old
- Grade VI-Petuaña
- Abuanan Elementary School
- Brgy. Abuanan
- Birthdate: December 3, 2006

Ma. Jane is the youngest among the three siblings. Her parents are rice farmers. She is a beneficiary of the School-Based Feeding Program. Most of the time, she goes to school on an empty stomach. She has no umbrella nor raincoat to use as protection whenever it rains. She dreams of becoming a nurse someday so she could help other people.



### Abegail S. Sotto

- 13 years old
- Grade VI-Proverbs 2
- I. Lucasan Elementary School
- Brgy. Abuanan
- Birthdate: October 6, 2005

Abegail is the 4th child of Antonio and Gloria Sotto. Her mother is a sugarcane field worker and her father is a fish vendor. She has to cross irrigation canal and sugarcane fields on her way to school. She dreams to become a teacher someday so she could help underprivileged children.



### Kim M. Dolorfo

- 8 years old
- Grade III
- Alianza Elementary School
- Brgy. Alianza
- Birthdate: January 16, 2010

Kim is the youngest of the 4 children. Her father died last year and they haven't seen their mothers since she worked in La Carlota. They were left to the care of their paternal grandparents. Kim is a beneficiary of BLT Feeding program of her school. Her other siblings are 4Ps beneficiaries. She wants to be a doctor someday.



### Ma. Luisa P. Mantos

- 14 years old
- Grade VI-Emerald
- Atipuluan Elementary School
- Brgy. Atipuluan
- Birthdate: November 29, 2004

Ma. Luisa is the younger daughter of Mary Mantos who works as a rice field laborer. The family raises chickens where they get their food sometimes. If the family has no enough supply of food, it resorts to cooking porridge so that everybody could have a share. Her dream is to become a nurse someday.



### Angelo J. Puntal

- 12 year old
- Grade VI-1
- J. Montilla Elementary School
- Brgy. Bacong
- Birthdate: January 14, 2006

Angelo is a kind and industrious student. His mother was a sugarcane field worker but due to health reasons, she is unable to work now. The family's only source of income is from the earnings of the father, Pedro Puntal who is a blacksmith. He might not be an honor student but he is favored by his teachers because he is kind and industrious.





### Rene Boy R. Labañero

- 11 years old
- Grade V-1
- Dr. P. F. Elizalde Elementary School
- Brgy. Bacong
- Birthdate: July 2, 2007

Rene Boy is the 4th among the seven children of Wannie and Geronimo Labañero, Sr. At present, the family is now living together in a tent-shaped house. The family could only afford to have two meals a day which most of the time consist of root crops that grow in the surroundings. He dreams of becoming a policeman someday.



### Raymund J. Amugod

- 9 years old
- Grade IV-Jupiter
- Bagroy Elementary School
- Brgy. Bagroy
- Birthdate: November 15, 2009

Raymund lives with his grandparents along with his two siblings, five cousins and 3 uncles/aunts. The house is in poor condition and too small for all 13 family members to live. Raymund's grandmother, Editha, helps her second husband Ricardo Tenero earn a living for the family by working in the rice field. He wanted to be a policeman just like his TV idol Cardo.



### Allysa Mae L. Pausal

- 10 years old
- Grade IV-1
- L. Dela Rama Elementary School
- Brgy. Balingasag
- Birthdate: February 18, 2008

Allysa Mae is the second among the six children of Aileen and Lucio Pausal. Her mother works as a laundry woman and does household chores for others. Her father is the sole breadwinner of the family who works in a sugarcane field and as a carpenter during off-season. She dreams of finishing her studies and becoming a nurse in the future.



### Daniela Grace B. Perez

- 8 years old
- Grade III-2
- DSB Elementary School
- Brgy. Binubuhan
- Birthdate: March 24, 2010

Daniela is the only girl among the three children of Dante Perez and Jerelyn Perez. Her parents have separated three years ago. She and her siblings are under the care of their grandmother. Daniela and her siblings ride for 2.5 kilometers in a tricycle going to school. Her dream is to become a policewoman. Her grandmother is supportive of her dream.



### Rochell C. Mayola

- 11 years old
- Grade V-Fire
- M.L. Araneta Elementary School
- Brgy. Busay
- Birthdate: October 24, 2007

Rochell is a bright student from Brgy. Busay. Her father is a sugarcane field worker. There are days that Rochell goes to school without an allowance or breakfast. Despite the hardships she encounters daily, she excels in class. Rochell dreams of becoming a teacher someday. She sees herself teaching children how to read and write.



### Renzo Miguel D. Begasa

- 13 years old
- Grade VI-I
- T. Morada Elementary School
- Brgy. Calumangan
- Birthdate: November 24, 2004

Renzo is the 2nd and only boy among the four children of Romulo and Roda Begasa. His mother passed away due to Cancer five years ago. His family now stays at his grandmother's house. The family's own house was damaged by a typhoon just recently. He dreams of going to Manila and becoming a policeman someday.



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### Aleiza P. Estrevecion

- 8 years old
- Grade IV-2
- Caridad Elementary School
- Brgy. Caridad
- Birthdate: August 31, 2009

Aleiza is the 6th of the 7 siblings. Their mother, Raquel, died of birth-related complication when their youngest brother was only 2 months old. Their father, Angelo, left the family a year ago and remarried. The children were left to the care of their maternal grandparents. The family can only buy one kilogram of rice every day. Aleiza wanted to be a teacher someday.



### Ruby Mae M. Vasquez

- 8 years old
- Grade III-1
- Astro Farms Elementary School
- Brgy. Don Jorge L. Araneta
- Birthdate: February 9, 2010

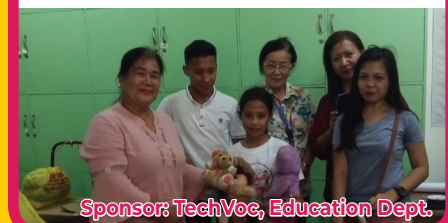
Ruby Mae is the eldest of the two children of Ivy Montiman, a native of Leyte and Ronel Vasquez, a native of Brgy. DJA. At present, her mother has a new family. The responsibility of taking care of the children relies solely on the father. Her dream is to provide for a comfortable life for her family by becoming a teacher someday.



### Alyana E. Escoton

- 9 years old
- Grade IV-Aqua Marine
- Ma-ao Sugar Central Elementary School
- Brgy. Don Jorge L. Araneta
- Birthdate: October 26, 2009

Alyana is among the five children of Helen Escoton and Allan Escobar. Her father works as a carpenter however, it is not every day that he finds work. She ranks 5th in class. She has been taught by her parents to be grateful and be contented for things the family has right now. She dreams a bright future not just for herself but for her siblings.



### Christine Joy M. Bariacto

- 11 years old
- Grade V-Mulave
- AM Espinos Elementary School
- Brgy. Dulao
- Birthdate: June 9, 2007

Christine is the first child of Analyn from her previous marriage to Jessie Dela Torre. Her stepfather, Jerry, works in the rice field to provide for the school expenses of the three children. Despite the hardships Christine encounters in her studies, she belongs to the top in her class. Last year, she ranked 5th. She dreams of becoming a teacher.



### Lin Mark F. Gargoles

- 12 years old
- Grade VI-1
- Guanzon-Balagos Elementary School
- Brgy. Dulao
- Birthdate: December 25, 2006

Lin Mark is the eldest among the five children of Linton and Eva Gargoles. His father is the breadwinner of the family. The family does not have access to electricity, they only use kerosene lamp at night. Fortunately, he is a beneficiary of the School-Based Feeding Program. He dreams of finishing his studies and becoming a policeman.



### Paul Xian M. Villagracia

- 8 years old
- Grade II-2
- Vidal Cautnoy Elementary School
- Brgy. Dulao
- Birthdate: December 3, 2010

Paul Xian lost his father recently. He was hit by a car driven by a student while working as a garbage collector in Bacolod City. He left behind his wife, Lanie, 27 years old. Xian does household chores for his teachers and he is given money in return. He dreams of becoming a seafarer someday.







### Jovylyn A. Castolo

- 10 years old
- Grade IV-3
- Louisiana Elementary School
- Brgy. Ma-ao
- Birthdate: December 5, 2008

Jovylyn is the eldest among the three children of Jovy and Lorena Castolo. Seven years ago, her mother who was pregnant that time died along with the baby in her womb. Later on, their father left them. But despite the difficulties she encounters, she is determined to reach her goal of becoming a teacher.



### Rica Mae P. Mateo

- 15 years old
- Grade IV-6
- Ma-ao Elementary School
- Brgy. Ma-ao
- Birthdate: August 10, 2004

Rica Mae is the 7th among the eight children of Romeo and Roselita Mateo. Her parents separated 12 years ago. Her mother is in Manila with her new family. Her father took the responsibility of taking care of her and her siblings. Rica Mae is willing to endure all hardships in order for her to attain her dream of becoming a teacher someday.



### Crystal Kim S. Campos

- 10 years old
- Grade V-Cattleya
- Mailum Elementary School
- Brgy. Mailum
- Birthdate: April 28, 2007

Crystal's parents separated even before she was born. At two months old, she was left to her grandparents' care. Her grandparents work in a sugar cane field. She walks her way to school from their house which is near the river at Buenos Aires Mountain Resort. She wants to become a teacher someday.



### Judy J. Ginaboga

- 9 years old
- Grade IV-Jupiter
- CA Dormido Elementary School
- Brgy. Mailum
- Birthdate: November 15, 2009

Judy's parents are separated. Her father, Joemarie works in another town as a heavy truck driver. Judy's mother, Janet, went to Manila to work and has her own family there. Her brother Jaylo lives with their grandmother while she lives with their aunt from her father side. She belongs to the top 10 in her class. She dreams of becoming a teacher someday.



### Rey F. Maglic Jr.

- 11 years old
- Grade V-2
- R.M. Araneta Elementary School
- Brgy. Mailum
- Birthdate: May 1, 2007

Rey Jr. is the second among the three siblings. He lives with her father along with his second wife and her children. The family lives in a house that is already old and made of light materials. Rey Jr. and other children walk their way to school. He is determined to become a policeman or serve in the military someday.



### Janray L. Dela Cruz

- 11 years old
- Grade VI-4
- Jalsis Elementary School
- Brgy. Maligin
- Birthdate: January 30, 2007

Janray is the 10th among the 11 children of Armando and Marebel Dela Cruz. Janray is quite small in physique compared to his classmates and because of this he is being bullied sometimes. He has never been able to attend any of his school Christmas parties. He dreams of becoming a policeman someday.





### Justine B. Rizas

- 10 years old
- Grade V-Manga
- B. Araneta Elementary School
- Brgy. Napoles
- Birthdate: July 28, 2008

Justine is the eldest among the two children of Edgar Buenafe and Josseette Rizas. His parents separated and his mother remarried. Justine is a beneficiary of School-Based Feeding Program. He dreams of becoming a chef someday. At his young age, he cooks for his sibling whenever she is sick. Justine eagerly helps his mother.



### Nova Ann S. Arevalo

- 8 years old
- Grade III-1
- Dr. Alfredo Sian Elementary School
- Brgy. Napoles
- Birthdate: September 12, 2010

Nova Ann is the second among the three children of Mary Jane Salazar and Eddie Boy Arevalo. Her father works as a carpenter. At night, he works as a tanod/peace keeper in the barangay. Despite of her family's financial condition, she tries to report for class every day. Her dream is to become a doctor someday.



### Jhon Rey C. Dechilla

- 13 years old
- Grade III-Obedience
- R.M. Salas Elementary School
- Brgy. Pacol
- Birthdate: January 13, 2005

As far as he knew, he is the third child among six siblings. He grew up without his parents. He considered his Aunt Gina as his Nanay. She allows Jhon Rey to help in her barbecue stand after class. Despite all hardships and deprivation, he still manages to top in class. He wanted to be a professional dancer someday.



### Riza C. Salido

- 14 years old
- Grade VI-3
- Sagasa Elementary School
- Brgy. Sagasa
- Birthdate: November 7, 2004

Riza is the 4th child among the five children of Milade and Romeo, a sugarcane and farm laborer. Riza has learning disabilities. Despite her situation, she manages to go to school even if sometimes she is told not to. Riza wants to become a doctor someday so she could help people.



### Richard A. Dorimon

- 8 years old
- Grade III-2
- I. Makilan Elementary School
- Brgy. Tabunan
- Birthdate: March 1, 2010

Richard Jr. is second among the three children of Richard and Ofelia. His father is a farm laborer with no fix income. He always walks his way to school wearing slippers. He has never attended his school Christmas Party because they have no money. However, these do not deter him to reach for his dream of becoming a seafarer someday.



### Michelle T. Ordoño

- 10 years old
- Grade V-Hope
- J.L. Araneta Elementary School
- Brgy. Taloc
- Birthdate: July 6, 2008

Michelle is the 2nd among the five children. Her mother works in Bacolod and since then, she takes the responsibility of taking care of her younger siblings. Michelle from time to time does household chores for her teachers who live nearby. She dreams of finishing her studies and become a teacher someday.





**Rolly Mae P. Cañete**

- 12 years old
- Grade VI-Ruby
- Newton Jison Elementary School
- Brgy. Taloc
- Birthdate: September 19, 2006

Rolly Mae is the 2nd among the four children of Rolly and Ana Mae. Her parents work in a rice field. If she has no money to pay for her fare, she walks for two kilometers to school. Currently, she ranks 2nd in her class. She is also a sprinter and placed 3rd in this year's 2018 Division Meet. She dreams of becoming a policewoman in the future.



**December 17-19, 2018**

Barangays	Date	Time	Target Beneficiaries	Actual Beneficiaries
Paskwa Sang Pag-asa Kids	December 17-19, 2018	3 days	31	31
Inmates - BJMP	Friday - January 04, 2019	11AM	170	170
PWD & War Veterans	Friday - January 04, 2019	3PM (Jubilee Building)	50 + 50	111
Brgy. Abuanan	Tuesday - January 08, 2019	2:00PM	90	100
Brgy. Dulao		3:30PM	90	100
Brgy. Malingin	Wednesday - January 09, 2019	2:00PM	90	110
Brgy. Napoles		3:30PM	90	110
Brgy. Mailum	Thursday - January 10, 2019	9:30AM	90	116
Brgy. Binubuhan		10:30AM	90	114
Brgy. Alianza	Friday - January 11, 2019	9:30AM	90	111
Brgy. Caridad		10:30AM	90	109
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1182</b>



## Report on Utilization of Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund

For the Quarter DECEMBER 31, 2018  
Province/City/Municipality BAGO


Particulars	LDRRMF		NDRRMF (PRIZES-GAWAD KALASAG)	From Other LGUs	From Other Sources	Total
	Quick Response Fund ( QRF ) 30%	Mitigation Fund 70%				
A. Sources of Funds						
Current Appropriations	P 13,233,723.50	P 21,855,306.29				P 35,089,029.79
Continuing Appropriations (CO)		P 21,888,730.61				P 21,888,730.61
Prev. Year's Appropriations transferred to the Special Trust Fund		64,065,630.75	425,000.00			64,490,630.75
Transfers/ Grants				-	-	-
Total Funds Available	P 13,233,723.50	P 107,809,667.65	425,000.00	-	-	P 121,468,391.15
B. Utilization						
Medicines		255,590.00				255,590.00
Food Supplies		-				-
Repair of Evacuation Center		-				-
Travelling Expenses		841,895.00				841,895.00
Other Repair and Maintenance		7,708,840.57				7,708,840.57
Trainings		3,727,677.22				3,727,677.22
Construction of Evacuation Center		-				-
CIP - Artesian Wells, Reservoirs, Pumping Stations & Conduits		-				-
Construction in Progress - Other Public Infrastructures		1,624,210.00				1,624,210.00
Motor Vehicles		15,462,756.00				15,462,756.00
Equipment		9,894,062.78				9,894,062.78
Transfer to Other LGUs		-				-
Total Utilization		P 39,515,031.57				P 39,515,031.57
Unutilized Balance	P 13,233,723.50	P 68,294,636.08	425,000.00			P 81,953,359.58

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### Consolidated Statement of Cash Flow

For the period December 31, 2018  
Province, City or Municipality: BAGO

Cash Flows from Operating Activities	
Cash Inflows:	
Collection from Taxes	P 58,678,879.45
Share from Internal Revenue Collections	189,652,278.00
Receipts from Sale of Goods and Services	18,672,107.06
Interest Income	1,307,819.27
Other Receipts	21,661,541.11
Total Cash Inflows	<u>P 289,972,624.89</u>
Cash Outflows:	
Payments	-
To Suppliers/Creditors	P 4,896,068.83
To Employees	153,804,171.84
Payment of Expenses	67,942,797.23
Other Disbursements	64,018,685.50
Total Cash Outflows	<u>P 290,661,723.40</u>
Net Cash Operating Activities	<u>P (689,098.51)</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities	
Cash Inflows:	
From Sale of Property, Plant and Equipment	-
From Sale of Debt Securities of Other Entities	-
From Collection of Principal on Loans to Other Entities	-
From Proceeds Sale/Disposal of Property, Plant and Equipment	-
Total Cash Inflows	<u>-</u>
Cash Outflows:	
To Purchase/Construction of Property, Plant and Equipment/Infrastructures	P 57,237,910.24
To Purchase of Bearer Biological Assets	932,682.85
To Purchase of Intangible Assets	194,491.06
To Purchase Debt Securities of Other Entities	-
Total Cash Outflows	<u>P 58,365,084.15</u>
Net Cash Investing Activities	<u>P (58,365,084.15)</u>
Cash Flows from Financing Activities	
Cash Inflows:	
From Issuance of Debt Securities	-
From Acquisition of Loan	P 2,840,536.62
Total Cash Inflows	<u>P 2,840,536.62</u>
Cash Outflows:	
Retirement/Redemption of Debt Securities	-
Payment of Loan Amortization	P 310,821.12
Total Cash Outflows	<u>P 310,821.12</u>
Net Cash Financing Activities	<u>P 2,529,715.50</u>
Net Increase in Cash	<u>(56,524,467.16)</u>
Cash at the Beginning of the Period, October 01, 2018	<u>644,891,118.94</u>
Cash at the End of the Period, December 31, 2018	<u>P 588,366,651.78</u>



### REPORT OF SEF UTILIZATION

For the Quarter December 31, 2018  
City of Bago

<b>Receipt from SEF</b>	<b>P 3,473,951.24</b>
Less: DISBURSEMENTS (broken down by expense class and by object of expenditures class and by object of expenditure)	
<b>Personal Services</b>	
Salaries and Wages-Regular	
Personnel Economic Relief Allowance (PERA)	
Clothing/Uniform Allowance	
Productivity Incentive Allowance	
Cash Gift	
Year End Bonus	
Life and Retirement Insurance Contributions	
PAG-IBIG Contributions	
PHILHEALTH Contributions	
ECC Contributions	
Other Personnel Benefits	
Total	<b>P 3,473,951.24</b>
<b>Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses</b>	
Travelling Expenses - Local	P 10,400.00
Training Expenses	-
Office Supplies Expense	-
Gasoline, Oil and Lubricants Expenses	-
Textbooks and Instructional Materials Expenses	-
Other Supplies & Materials Expenses	P 148,500.00
Water Expenses	P 176,891.40
Electricity Expenses	P 2,258,814.56
Telephone Expenses-Landline	-
Telephone Expenses-Mobile	-
General Services	P 3,572,399.95
Janitorial Services	-
Security Expenses	-
Other Professional Services	-
Repairs and Maintenance - School Buildings	-
Repairs and Maintenance - IT Equipment and Software	-
Depreciation Expenses	P 401,291.39
Discount on Special Education Tax	-
Other Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	P 2,637,951.88
Total	<b>P 9,206,249.18</b>
<b>Capital Outlay</b>	-
<b>Financial Expenses</b>	-
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>P 9,206,249.18</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>P (5,732,297.94)</b>



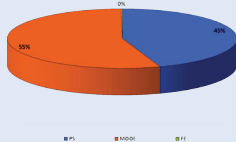
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#### Expenditures By Expense Class

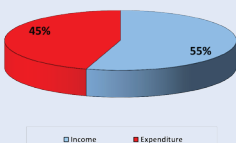
For the period January 1 to December 31, 2018



Expenditure Classification	Amount
Personal Services (PS)	340,790,315.11
Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE)	420,791,195.42
Financial Expenses	1,137,789.52
<b>Total</b>	<b>762,719,300.05</b>

#### Income vs. Expenditures

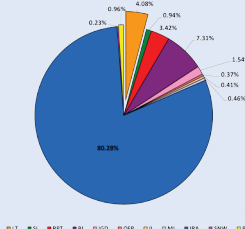
For the period January 1 to December 31, 2018



Classification	Amount
Income	944,928,862.62
Expenditures	762,719,300.05

#### Income by Source

For the period January 1 to December 31, 2018



Income Classification	Amount
Local Taxes (LT)	38,584,106.49
Service Income (SI)	8,861,952.97
Real Property Tax (RPT)	32,333,046.55
Business Income (BI)	69,091,904.90
Income from Grants and Donations (IGD)	14,547,335.13
Other Fines and Penalties (OFP)	3,488,787.18
Interest Income (II)	3,829,291.18
Miscellaneous Income (MI)	4,353,608.38
Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA)	758,609,130.00
Share from National Wealth (SNW)	2,152,620.00
Permit Fees	9,077,079.84
<b>Total</b>	<b>944,928,862.62</b>

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**CONSOLIDATED QUARTERLY REPORT ON GOVERNMENT PROJECTS, PROGRAMS or ACTIVITIES**FOR THE 4TH QUARTER, CY 2018  
Province/City/Municipality BAGO

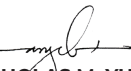
Program or Project	Locations	Total Cost	Date Started	Target Completion Date	Project Status		No. of Extensions, if any	Remarks
					% of Completion	Total Cost Incurred to Date		
SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD PROGRAM (SLP)	BAGO CITY	2,258,705.00	4/11/18					New
BFAR - ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY FISH LANDING CENTER	BAGO CITY	1,200,000.00	5/07/18					New
BFAR - ESTABLISHMENT OF FISH PORT	BAGO CITY	1,500,000.00	5/07/18					New
NATIONAL CHILD DEV'T. CENTER-NCDC (ECCD PROJ.)	BAGO CITY	2,320,000.00	4/06/18					New
IMPLEMENTATION OF SOCIAL PENSION	BAGO CITY	8,406,000.00	4/03/17		100%	8,406,000.00		fully implemented
DA - DIVERSIFIED FARMING THRU ORGANIC AGRICULTURE FOR MARGINALIZED FARMERS	BAGO CITY	1,080,000.00	3/10/17		63%	682,124.00		on - going
TESDA - PAYMENT OF TRAINING COST IN THE CONDUCT OF BUB 2014	BAGO CITY	115,710.00	4/14/16		0%			on - going
LGSF - LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM	BAGO CITY	11,300,000.00	4/12/16		98%	11,090,744.00		on - going
DILG - CONSTRUCTION OF GENDER SENSITIVE EVACUATION CENTER	BAGO CITY	3,000,000.00	10/01/15		81%	2,440,000.00		on - going / addtl. Appro.
DA - KARABAG-O PROJECT	BAGO CITY	1,785,750.00	1/22/15		81.47%	1,454,800.00		on - going / addtl. Appro.
DA - FISH TRADING SUPPORT PROGRAM	BAGO CITY	400,000.00						
LDRRMF - (SPECIAL TRUST FUND)	BAGO CITY	P 74,288,819.50	2/01/13		27%	P 19,701,245.75		on - going

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**MANPOWER COMPLEMENT**Republic of the Philippines  
Budget Year 2018  
4th Quarter  
City of BAGO

Nature of Appointment or Employment	Number	Compensation and Other Benefit		Total
		Salaries and Wages	Other Monetary Benefits	
I. Permanent / Temporary Co - Term./Elective	728/4/3/14	129,318,341.55	61,082,949.75	190,401,291.30
II. Contractual / Casual	9/40	3,691,497.75	2,676,646.70	6,368,144.45
IV. Job Order/Contract of Service	1780 / 189	15,577,200.00		15,577,200.00
Grand Total		148,587,039.30	63,759,596.45	212,346,635.75

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## Schedule of Activities

# 53<sup>rd</sup> Charter Anniversary Celebration

Mayor Nicholas M. Yulo

Vice Mayor Ramon D. Torres



Maira Dela Torre  
February 12

Wacky Kiray and Negi  
February 14

Ronnie Alonte  
February 17

Aegis Band  
February 19

### FEBRUARY 1, Friday

**Whole Day** Visayan Launching of National Arts Month  
BTJ Museum/ MYTMCCC  
**10:00 AM** Launching of Ayala Foundation, Inc.  
CENTEX Training Institute  
Gen. Juan A. Araneta Elementary School

### FEBRUARY 11, Monday

**Whole Day** DepEd Promenade MYTMCCC

### FEBRUARY 12, Tuesday

**Whole Day** **Thanksgiving Mass** St. John the Baptist Church  
**2nd Mayor's Sitting Volleyball Cup**  
St. John the Baptist Church Multi-Purpose Court  
**Whole Day** **Acrobatic Show** MYTMCCC  
**4:00 PM** **Opening 53rd Charter Anniversary Celebration & Agro-Industrial Cultural and Educational Fair** Bantayan Park  
**8:00 PM** **Fantasia 2019** MYTMCCC  
**8:00 PM** **Mulatto Band, Maira Dela Torre and Band and Kreonz Band** Bantayan Park - Stage 1  
**8:00 PM** **Live Bands** Bantayan Park - Stage 2  
**9:00 PM** **Fireworks Display** Bantayan Park

### FEBRUARY 13, Wednesday

**Whole Day** **Agro-Industrial Cultural and Educational Fair** Bantayan Park  
**Whole Day** **Search for Barangay Best Product and Search for Best OBOP Corner** Bantayan Park  
**9:00 AM** **ABC Day** MYTMCCC  
**9:00 AM** **Lechon Festival**  
Tourism Office Grounds, Bantayan Park  
**7:00 PM** **Patik Baylan and Bailes del Fuego**  
Bantayan Park - Stage 2  
**8:00 PM** **Live Bands** Bantayan Park - Stage 1  
**Live Bands** Bantayan Park - Stage 2

### FEBRUARY 14, Thursday

**Whole Day** **Agro-Industrial Cultural and Educational Fair** Bantayan Park  
**Whole Day** **Search for Barangay Best Product and Search for Best OBOP Corner** Bantayan Park  
**Whole Day** **City Government Employees Day with Wacky Kiray and Negi** MYTMCCC  
**4:00 PM** **Dance Aerobics & Zumba Party**  
Bantayan Park - Stage 1  
**8:00 PM** **Local Bands/ Valentine Comedy Night at the Park with comedians Wacky Kiray and Negi**  
Bantayan Park - Stage 1  
**Live Bands** Bantayan Park - Stage 2

### FEBRUARY 15, Friday

**Whole Day** **Agro-Industrial Cultural and Educational Fair** Bantayan Park  
**Whole Day** **Search for Barangay Best Product and Search for Best OBOP Corner** Bantayan Park  
**Whole Day** **11th Job Fair** MYTMCCC  
**7:00 PM** **HUBIN Festival 2019** MYTMCCC  
**8:00 PM** **Live Bands** Bantayan Park - Stage 1  
**Live Bands** Bantayan Park - Stage 2

### FEBRUARY 16, Saturday

**Whole Day** **Agro-Industrial Cultural and Educational Fair** Bantayan Park  
**Whole Day** **Search for Barangay Best Product and Search for Best OBOP Corner** Bantayan Park  
**Whole Day** **Skills Olympic** Tourism Office Grounds, Bantayan Park  
**8:00 PM** **Live Bands** Bantayan Park - Stage 1  
**Live Bands** Bantayan Park - Stage 2

### FEBRUARY 17, Sunday

**Whole Day** **Agro-Industrial Cultural and Educational Fair** Bantayan Park  
**Whole Day** **Search for Barangay Best Product and Search for Best OBOP Corner** Bantayan Park  
**7:00 PM** **Search for Diwata sang Bago 2019**  
**Celebrity Guest: Ronnie Alonte** MYTMCCC  
**8:00 PM** **Live Bands** Bantayan Park - Stage 1  
**Live Bands** Bantayan Park - Stage 2  
**Live Bands** Festival Street

### FEBRUARY 18, Monday

**Whole Day** **Agro-Industrial Cultural and Educational Fair** Bantayan Park  
**Whole Day** **Search for Barangay Best Product and Search for Best OBOP Corner** Bantayan Park  
**9:00 AM** **Paindis-Indis sa mga Pinakamanamit nga Linuto Himu sa Bugas**  
Tourism Office Grounds, Bantayan Park  
**10:00 AM** **12th Gawad Bagonhon Awarding Ceremony**  
MYTMCCC  
**8:00 PM** **Live Bands** Bantayan Park - Stage 1  
**Live Bands** Bantayan Park - Stage 2  
**Live Bands** Festival Street

### FEBRUARY 19, Tuesday

**Whole Day** **Agro-Industrial Cultural and Educational Fair** Bantayan Park  
**7:30 AM** **53rd Charter Anniversary Parade** City Streets  
**9:00 AM** **Judging of Barangay Best Product and Best OBOP Corner** Bantayan Park  
**Babaylan Forum** Community Center  
**Bata Baylan** MYTMCCC  
**Whole Day** **Farmer's Day and Karabag-O Festival**  
Manuel Y. Torres Sports Center  
**1:00 PM** **Babaylan Street & Stage Dance Competition**  
City Streets/ MYTMCCC  
**6:00 PM** **53rd Charter Anniversary Closing & Awarding Ceremonies** Bantayan Park  
**8:00 PM** **Live Bands** Bantayan Park - Stage 1  
**Live Bands** Bantayan Park - Stage 2  
**Live Bands/ Aegis** Festival Street  
**Fireworks Display** Bantayan Park





**JESSE NARRAZO**  
First Place Winner  
Lights of Bago Photo Contest 2019