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Scrapbook

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Theme:

"Empowering Consumers Through Responsive Energy Statistics"

"Pagbibigay-Kapangyarihan sa mga Konsumers
sa Tulong ng Makabuluhang Estadistikang Pang-Enerhiya"



THE 17TH NATIONAL STATISTICS MONTH THEME

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The theme of this year's National Statistics Month is "Empowering Consumers through Responsive Energy Statistics". The two key phrases are "empowering consumers" and "responsive energy statistics".

Empowerment of consumers can come from being well informed. Proper education, information and communication can produce knowledgeable and conscientious energy-users capable of making informed and intelligent choices.

This is where responsive energy statistics come in. The government can help empower consumers by providing them reliable, up-to-date, high standard and quality energy statistics that can help mold public opinion and foster independent and sound decision-making. Highly advanced information technology, internet and e-commerce play an important role, as they allow consumers to better understand energy prices, the electricity market, suppliers of energy, energy-related service providers and a whole lot more information vital to exercising consumer choices.

As the Department of Energy pursues consumer empowerment by providing relevant and responsive energy statistics, consumers will need to exercise more openness and greater understanding of these statistics. In an environment where vast amounts of information are available and competition among various alternatives are prevalent, government transparency and consumer vigilance are indeed important ingredients in promoting consumer protection.

Indeed, a vibrant energy industry can only truly prosper when consumers and the government work together towards achieving a transparent and market-based industry characterized by a level playing field, fair market prices and efficient service.

Empowering consumers through responsive energy statistics is a step in this direction.

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Republic of the Philippines
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Message

A pleasant morning to all of us.

On behalf of Director Casimira V. Balandra, Chair of the Regional Statistical Coordinating Committee, it is my pleasure to formally open our month-long celebration of the 17th National Statistics Month.

Let us thank the National Transmission Corporation for having us here and for hosting this program of the 17th National Statistics Month regional celebration. It is actually the Department of Energy that was designated to host the opening activity in the regions. Since there is no DOE presence in our region, TransCo has gladly accepted this task.

Thank you also to those who took part in the preparations for our outstanding NSM celebration last year - that is, we won the Search for the Best Regional 16th NSM Celebration. We hope to hold another meaningful set of activities this year as we do our utmost to make a big impact and garner another victory.

This year's NSM theme is "Empowering Consumers Through Responsive Energy Statistics" or, in its official Filipino translation, "Pagbibigay-Kapangyarihan sa mga Konsumer sa Tulong ng Makabuluhang Estadistikang Pang-Enerhiya." The choice of energy statistics is meant to underscore the importance of consumer empowerment through energy statistics amidst the continuously increasing cost of energy, the depletion and depreciation of sources of energy and the national goal of energy independence. Moreover, through this theme, the celebration will highlight the importance of energy statistics in our country's development.

We have lined up a number of activities. Our exhibit, which is housed here in TransCo, will be open for public viewing throughout October. Other major activities include the launching of DOST's Alternative Energy Sources Research and Development Contest; the information dissemination forum on the four MPSC energy research projects to the local government units, which will be led by CHED to conduct; of the Regional Research Utilization Forum on Energy and Research Agenda Setting, which will be organized by the NSO. There will also be Media Guestings which will be arranged by the PIA and other members of the RSCC.

As we will once again join the Search for the Best NSM Regional Celebration, we request that the organizers prepare a complete documentation of the activities undertaken and submit this to the RSCC Secretariat, which is now the National Statistical Coordination Board - Regional Office X (NSCB-RUX), for inclusion in the document to be submitted for the search.

Let us have a successful NSM celebration this year... and also let us conserve energy!

Dir. Ro-ann P. Bacal,
Assistant Regional Director,
National Economic and Development Authority, Region X



Republic of the Philippines
National Statistics Office, Region X
Pride Rock Business Park, Gusa., Cagayan de Oro City 9000

Good morning! My due respect to our regional directors, guests and fellow government workers.

Once again we will be celebrating the national statistics month with the theme “empowering consumers through responsive energy statistics. This celebration will highlight the importance of energy statistics in development. Perhaps many would ask, why celebrate the national statistics month? What is its importance to our daily lives? Perhaps others would say “ah statistics, census yan! Ihap na sila kanunay ug tawo! Maybe it would be wrong if we misjudged them because they themselves do not know the importance of statistics. And perhaps even from some of this group. Whether we like it or not statistics are included in our everyday routine,. How can we use statistics to benefit our future success and how we can better trust & understand these predictions of our future. Any sales, marketing or industry driven business can tell us that statistics are what determine the direction and survivability of a certain product. If statistics shows that consumers are not happy with a certain product, that product ceases to exist.

Our theme for this month long celebration, implies that we consumers should have that authority to be conscious on how the government is doing with regards to our energy outlook. How much oil and gas do we need in a certain period. The energy demand and supply trends for the entire region, the implications of these trends for our energy markets including oil, gas prices and energy security. The government needs economic indicators on energy production, , electricity and heat production, electricity consumption, trade, stock, transformation, as well as prices for electricity and taxes paid on fuel and other related products. This will help policy makers in the promulgation of laws that concerns common technology issues and crafting of sustainable solutions to the present energy requirements of our country. This will also provide a strong foundation for policy and market analysis, which in turn can better inform the policy decision process toward selecting policy instruments best suited to meet domestic objectives.

In line with this, i wish to congratulate all of us for making this undertaking very meaningful because we all knew that success and development lies on our commitment to serve this country. As the saying goes. If you could kick the person responsible for most of your problems, you could not be able to sit down for weeks. The truth is..... We can build our future and change our present circumstances by the choices we make today. God bless us all!!!

Mrs. Malou B. Igdon,
Administrative Officer V,
National Statistics Office, Region X



Republic of the Philippines
National Statistical Coordination Board, Region X
POPCOM Comp., Carmen, Cagayan de Oro City 9000

Distinguished Directors and Directresses, Heads of Agencies, and respective representatives, Our stakeholders in the private sector, especially the electric cooperatives. Fellow Government Workers, Good morning. It is indeed my greatest privilege to be standing here in front of you.

To give an overview of the National Statistics Month Celebration, Presidential Proclamation No. 647, signed by President Corazon C. Aquino last September 20, 1990, declared the month of October of every year as the National Statistics Month under the auspices of the National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB), the highest coordinating and policy-making body of the Philippine Statistical System, composed of the representatives from the various government agencies. Under the said proclamation, all departments, agencies and instrumentalities of the national government, local government units, government owned or controlled corporations, the private sector, and the public at large are enjoined to actively support the activities and programs for the National Statistics Month.

The National Statistics Month celebration, as cited in the premises of the said proclamation, is a step towards promoting, enhancing and instilling nation-wide awareness and appreciation of the importance and value that statistics provide to the different sectors of our society, while at the same time insuring the support of the public at large in improving and enhancing the quality and standard of statistics in the country, giving statistics the official recognition it rightfully deserves as it play a pivotal and crucial role in policy formulation, planning and decision making in both the government and the private sectors.

However, how pivotal and how crucial statistics is to each and every one of us depends on our individual perspective. To most of us, we may define statistics as a branch of applied mathematics concerned with the collection and interpretation of quantitative data and the use of probability theory to estimate population parameters... a definition based on the language of the mathematicians, making it quite incomprehensible to some... resulting to us shunning away from it and leaving statistics solely to the statisticians. Yet I believe, that regardless of our profession, we all are statisticians in our own respect. In our day-to-day lives we make decisions based on information that we deem to have certain degree of correctness --- in which case we involve error and probabilities, and degrees of confidence. When we go the fashion of clothing and accessories, we are merely abiding with what we call in statistics as "mode averages". When we choose to play it safe in a certain issue and stay at the middle of things, we have chosen what we termed as "median average"... and from time to time we cannot help but compare ourselves with others, and at times we evaluate where we are now and what we have achieved relative to where we have been in the distant past... in which case we concern ourselves with "differences and levels of significance".

Thus, considering that we do involve statistics in our everyday activities, don't you deem it just and proper to give it its due importance through this celebration?

This year, the NSM celebration goes with the theme "Empowering Consumers Through Responsive Energy Statistics", highlighting the importance of energy statistics, and the vital role of the Department of Energy with its attached agencies, especially the National Transmission Corporation (TransCo), and those in the electric cooperatives, in our country's development. This theme is indeed of utmost relevance to our region since it is Northern Mindanao that serves as the main power house of the Mindanao grid. To cite some facts or statistics: based on the data from the Department of Energy (1) Northern Mindanao holds 11 of the 25 power plants listed under the roster of existing power plants as of December 2005, contributing 59.52% of the total dependable capacity of the Mindanao Grid; Moreover, (2) Northern Mindanao's Hydro-electricity alone, which comprises 91.09% of the region's electricity, contributes 54% of the total dependable capacity of the Mindanao Grid; In addition (3) Region provides the highest Gross Value Added to the Electricity, Gas and Water (EGW) sub-sector of Mindanao's Gross Domestic Production for the last 3 consecutive years, with electricity comprising most of the gross value in the said sub-sector.

Electricity/Power is indeed a vital commodity of the region as it fuels the region's manufacturing sub-sector, and the rest of the region's economy, making it the largest economy in Mindanao in terms of Gross Regional Domestic Production, and the highest per capita GRDP in the Visayas and Mindanao. The aforementioned premises more than justifies the importance of this year's NSM celebration, and the importance of statistics towards national development.

Historians have always classified the past according to certain eras and ages, from the age of antiquity, to the middle ages, then progressing to the early modern, and finally to what we currently refer as the modern age. Yet across the ages, the importance of numbers, and that of statistics, has always been indispensable. To recall, even creation (genesis) highlights the significant differences, and trends, across time which the bible referred to as days. And as early as the time of Moses, a census was implemented.

In is in this light that we must always be aware how vital statistics is, not only to our nation's development, but also to humanity itself.

Thus I continually urge my colleagues in the government, as well as in those in the private sector, in behalf of the Philippine Statistical System, to uphold our joint appreciation for statistics... for all of us have vital information to share.

Thank you for you time, and good morning.

Mr. Linnito M. Pascual
Regional Head,
National Statistical Coordination Board, Region X

NSM IN RETROSPECT

Year	Theme	Host Agency: Opening Ceremony	Host Agency: Closing Ceremony
1990	(No theme yet)	NSCB	No Closing Ceremony
1991	"Statistics in Support of Decentralization" (Estadistika Bilang Suporta sa Disentralisasyon)	NSCB	No Closing Ceremony
1992	"Statistics in Support of People Empowerment" (Estadistika Tungo sa Pagbibigay ng Kapangyarihan sa Taong-Bayan)	BLES	No Closing Ceremony
1993	"Philippines 2000; Government-Private Sector Partnership in Statistics" (Pilipinas 2000: Tambalan ng Pamahalaan at Pribadong Sektor sa Estadistika)	NSO	PCCI & NSCB
1994	"Reaching Out Through Statistics" (Pagpapalawak sa Pamamagitan ng Estadistika)	BSP	BAS
1995	"Statistics Towards Sustainable Development: Focus on Environment" (Estadistika Tungo sa Tuloy-tuloy na Pag-unlad at di Mapangwasak sa Kapaligiran)	DENR	PSA
1996	"Statistics Towards Excellence in Education" (Estadistikang Makabuluhang Tungo sa Edukasyong Mahusay)	DepEd, CHED & TESDA	PSA
1997	"Accurate Statistics in the Advancement of Science and Technology - Foundation of a Strong Nation" (Wastong Estadistika sa Pagsulong ng Siyensiya at Teknolohiya- Haligi ng Matatag na Bansa)	DOST	PSA
1998	"Statistics in the 100th Year of Independence: Towards a Meaningful Governance, Health and Peace in the Community" (Estadistika sa Ika-100 Taon ng Kasarinlan: Tungo sa Higit na Makabuluhang Pamamahala, Kalusugan at Kapayapaan ng Pamayanan)	DOH & DILG	PSA & DOH
1999	"Statistical Research, Training and Education: Charting the Course for the New Millennium" (Pananaliksik, Pagsasanay at Edukasyon sa Estadistika: Kaagapay sa Pagsulong sa Bagong Milenyo)	SRTC	PSA
2000	"Empowering Filipino Women through Gender Statistics" (No tagalog translation)	NCRFW	NCRFW
2001	"The Role of Statistics in a Knowledge-Based Economy" (No tagalog translation)	NSCB	BSP
2002	"Responsive Statistics for Good Governance" (Estadistikang Tumutugon sa Mahusay na Pamamahala)	NSO	BSP
2003	"Sustaining Tourism's Competitive Edge Through Statistics" (No tagalog translation)	DOT	BSP
2004	"Rising Beyond Global Challenges Through Quality Philippine Statistics" (Pananagumpay sa mga Pandaigdigang Hamon sa Pamamagitan ng Mahusay na Estadistika ng Pilipinas)	NEDA	BSP
2005	Modernizing Agriculture and Fishery Through Quality Statistics (Makabuluhang Estadistika – Gabay sa Pagpapalawak ng Makabagong Agrikultura at Pangangisda)	DA/BAS	BSP

Highlights of the 17th NSM

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Hanging of 17th NSM Streamers

October 1-31, 2006



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Opening of the 17th NSM

October 3, 2006



6:30 AM Opening Mass at the San Agustin Cathedral



Citywide Motorcade

Route: Gaston Park (Start) – Fernandez St. – Velez St. – Recto Ave. – Pelaez Blvd. – Calamansi St. – TRANSCO Office (End)



Opening Program at TRANSCO Office



Opening of the month-long Exhibit at TRANSCO Office



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Press Releases

October 4, 2006

Northern Mindanao Celebrates 17th National Statistics Month

Date of posting: 04 October 2006

http://www.nscb.gov.ph/ru10/pr_0001.html

Energy Statistics Highlights The 17th NSM Celebration

Date of posting: 15 August 2006

http://www.nscb.gov.ph/pressreleases/2006/15Aug12006_PR-200608-NS1-06_17nsm.asp

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Media Guestings

DXIM 936 Khz "Radyo ng Bayan" & PIA 10 TV Program

October 23: "Mindanaoscope" Radio Program



Participants: Mercedes Gualberto (DXIM Anchor), Ruchie Aguhob (PIA 10), & Linnito Pascual of (NSCB 10).

October 27: "Ang Rehiyon Karon" TV & Radio Program



Participants: Connie del Castillo (NEDA 10), Jake Apellado (NSO 10), Brent (PIA 10 Anchor), & Linnito Pascual (NSCB 10).

October 30: "Mindanaoscope" Radio Program



Participants: Mercedes Gualberto (DXIM Anchor), Ruchie Aguhob, Jacinto Taran, Sr. (DOST 10) & Raffy Magbanua (TRANSCO).

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Regional Research Utilization & Technology Symposium on Energy

October 25-26, 2006

Day 1 (AM/PM)

Opening Program, Energy Sector Presentation, Presentation of Project Experiences & Completed Researches, Open Forum



Day 2 (AM)

Research Agenda-Setting on Energy, Open Forums, Next Steps.



Mini-exhibits



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17th NSM Culmination Program

October 26, 2006 (PM)



Presentation of Plaques and Certificates of Appreciation, Closing Remarks

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REGION 10 EXTENDS ITS UTMOST
GRATITUDE TO ALL PARTICIPATING
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AND COOPERATION IN REALIZING
THE CELEBRATION OF THE 17TH
NATIONAL STATISTICS MONTH.**

**THROUGH THEIR CONCERTED EFFORTS
THE SUCCESSFUL OBSERVANCE OF
THE NATIONAL STATISTICS MONTH
WAS MADE POSSIBLE.**



Each of the body parts of STATMAN, the mascot, represents a statistical symbol that is commonly used in statistical theory and its applications. To explain:

The Head symbolizes the sign 'Sigma (σ)' which is used to denote standard deviation or variations in human endeavors.

The Right Arm symbolizes the sign 'Sigma (Σ)' which is used to denote summation of society's dreams and aspirations.

The Left Arm and Torso, taken altogether, symbolizes the sign 'Chi Square (χ^2)' and is used to denote independence and objectivity of one's views and decisions while maintaining harmony with the government.

The use of the symbols as the body parts of STATMAN signifies coherence and unity between statistical theory and their various applications which include, among others, the generation, analysis and interpretation of data.

The Picture depicted of the STATMAN in motion signifies the vision for and mission of the Philippine Statistical System, that is, 'Statistics in Action' which simply means a system that is proactive and responsive to developments affecting the country and its products, in terms of statistical data series, used in governance, and in the conduct of our daily lives.



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