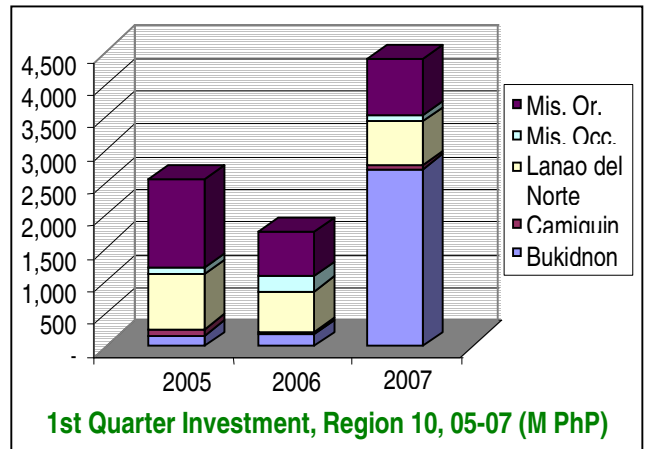


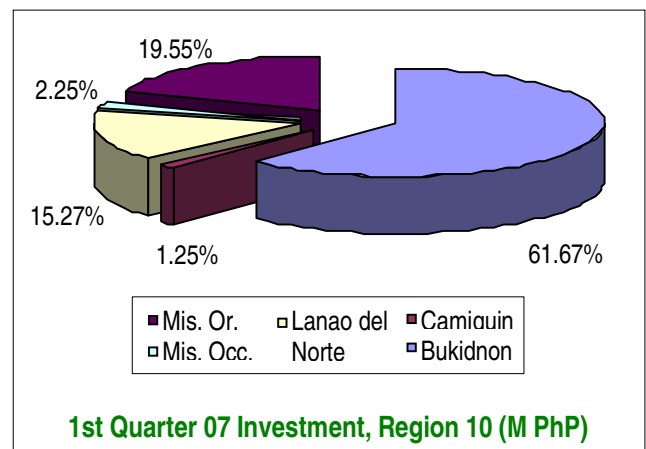


Investments Doubled for the First Quarter; Bukidnon Holds More Than Half

Investments in the region for the 1st quarter of 2007 reached PhP 4,390.65 million, attaining a 152.09% increase compared to last year's 1st quarter investments of PhP 1,741.67 million, based on DTI-monitored investments. Of the PhP 4,390.65 million total investment, 53 % or PhP 2,324.01 million of which was invested in the infrastructure sector, which is 352% higher than that of the last year's 1st quarter infrastructure investment of PhP 514 million. Business Name Registrations, one of the indicators for new investments increased only by 7.69% from PhP 1.04 billion during the 1st quarter 2006 to PhP 1.12 billion on the 1st quarter of 2007.



The province of Bukidnon incurred the highest share, amounting to PhP 2,707.83 million, comprising 61.67% of the total regional investment for the first quarter of 2007. The said amount is 1,418.01% higher than that of the previous year's investment of PhP 178.38 million, and contributed 95.49% of the total regional growth or 145.23 percentage points of the 152.09% total regional growth. 52% of its total investments, or PhP 1.4 billion, was invested under the infrastructure and services sector, which includes the construction of an additional water distribution facilities.



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