

## **NSM Closes with Awarding Ceremonies**

The 16<sup>th</sup> NSM celebration culminated with the awarding of winners for Best Statistical Activity during the Closing Program and Awarding Ceremonies held last October 28, 2005 at the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) Regional Office 8. The program was hosted by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas.



The Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Regional Office 8, for the second straight year won the Best Statistical Exhibit Award. The Best Statistical Forum went to the Province of Leyte for its "Orientation and Consultative Workshop on Agriculture Statistics", and the Best Statistical Advocacy was awarded to the National Statistics Office for its "Free Publication of the 16<sup>th</sup> NSM Trivia at the Leyte Samar Daily Express".

Added highlights of the activity were presentations on Abaca and Coconut Industry Profile of Eastern Visayas, including a documentary on Coco-Diesel Industry. These were presented by Dir. Bonifacio P. Cipriano, OIC-Regional Director of FIDA and Engr. Joel O. Pilapil, Asst. Regional Manager of PCA.

Other distinguished guests were Dir. Buenaventura C. Go-Soco, Jr., RSCC Chair and NEDA Director, Hon. Oscar D. Francisco, Vice-Chair of NAPC and IDPG Managing Trustee, Dr. Jenny Lyn R. Almeria, Chief Administrative Officer of DA, and Dir. Jose P. Yee, Provincial Director of DILG-Leyte.