

The 2016 Regional Sports Competitions officially opened with a parade which featured the 19 participating divisions in their colors and salute held last February 7, 2016 at the DLSU-Dasmariñas Grandstand.

Regional Director Diosdado San Antonio declared the commencement of all game events encouraging the athletes and the sports officials to showcase their sports prowess and skills; more so, they must value sportsmanship. "CALABARZON this is a region where excellence is a culture and quality is a commitment. Moreover, this coming Palaro 2016, we are one

Team, Team CALABARZON" said Dr. San Antonio.

The regional director further acknowledged the involvement of the local officials of the host division contributing to the success of the 2016 RSC. He also noted the hands-on participation of Dasmariñas City Representative Elpidio Barzaga Jr. and City Mayor Jenny Barzaga. The city government facilitated the grand opening of the RSC where the features of the host division were shown including a taste of Paru-paro Festival and a showcase of talent among Dasmareños.

The Regional Sports Competition is an annual sports activity of RegionIV-A highlighting the sports prowess of the regular students, learners from Alternative Learning System (ALS), and Special Education (SPED). SDS Dr. Manuela S. Tolentino delivered the opening remarks and Congressman Elpidio Barzaga also warmly welcomed the participants of this year's RSC. Both expressed their gratitude and happiness for hosting this year's athletic competition.

Dr. Lualhati O. Cadavedo and Hon. Emmanuel L. Maliksi turnedover the RSC flag to Dr. Manuela S. Tolentino and Congressman Elpidio Barzaga which the two raised with Dir. San Antonio. The heads of each division raised their respective flags.

Kristel Marie Jose and the Dasmariñas Dance Company wowed the crowd with their captivating song and dance number. Afterwards, Suzane Himor, an athlete from the City of Dasmariñas, led the participating players in the pledge of new athletes. The pledge of sports officials was led by Ms. Pacita Q. Lungcay, EPS-QAD.

The symbolic lightning of torch of unity followed quickly which were spearheaded by Jessel Lumapas and Aaliyah Ingram, athletes from

NEDA hosts 1st Quarter Sectoral Meeting; Adopts DepEd CALABARZON TRIP

The National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) organized the 2016 First Quarter Sectoral Committee on Social Development/ Social Protection Meeting in Calamba City on February 11 which highlighted the accomplishments of different sectors/agencies in Region IV-A such as the Department of Education (DepEd); Department of Health (DOH); Philippine National Police (PNP); Philippine Statistics Authority; Pag-IBIG Fund; Southern Luzon State University; Cavite State University and University of Rizal System.

As part of the Ad Hoc Committee on K-12, DepEd CALABARZON's accomplishment presentation centered on the milestones of K-12 like SHS Early Registration; start of hiring process; procurement of Grades 11-12 Learning Resources; and training of identified DepEd teachers with selected TEIs.

Overall, the updates presented reassure the Region that indeed, CALABARZON is ready for implementation of the K-12 program this year.

On the other hand, the adoption of the Three-Year Rolling Investment Program (TRIP) of different agencies was also discussed. The TRIP is a budgetary activity in which an agency presents budget proposals to NEDA for its Programs, Projects and Activities.

Relatively, DepEd CALABARZON presented five TRIP infrastructure projects with an estimated amount of Php 73 million which were later adopted by the committee. Among these projects were LRMDS Innovation and Research Center; Renovation of Two Storey Conference and Dormitory Building to Two Storey Multipurpose Building; Construction of Elevated Parking Area; and Construction of a two-storey dormitory building and training facility of NEAP CALABARZON.

The partnership of DepEd and NEDA through the TRIP Projects aim to improve the delivery of services of all the agencies in CALABARZON to better serve its different stakeholders.

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Dasmariñas City Hosts Regional Committee Meeting



Dr. Manuela S. Tolentino, OIC SDS of DepEd Dasmariñas City Division welcomed DepEd Regional Director Diosdado M. San Antonio and Asst. Regional Director Beatrig. Torno together with eighteen other Schools Division Superintendents, Asst. Schools Division Superintendents and Regional Personnel present to the Regional Program Committee Meeting held last February 9, 2016 at the De La Salle Centennial Hall in Dasmariñas City.

RD San Antonio during his 'RD's Hour' reiterated DepEd Sec. Br. Armin A. Luistro's statement:

"Calabarzon will either make or unmake the implementation of the Senior High School." He also added, "Yes, we don't seem to have any serious problems concerning SHS."

ARD Torno on the other hand told the SDSs present, "Never shall we fail. This is the proper forum for you to ventilate what you have done in your respective divisions (concerning SHS preparations)." She added that the twenty SHS offering TVL (Technical-Vocational-Livelihood) strand have already been identified.

During the meeting the nineteen SDSs present were allotted five minutes each to present their respective accomplishments in line with the SHS registration, teacher hiring, identification of the needed additional tools and equipment for TVL offerings and building/classroom constructions.

Before the meeting ended, SDSs and ASDSs birthday celebrants for the months of January and February were greeted and feted with surprise gifts by the RD and ARD.

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