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SPECIAL FEATURE

**PFDA PORTAL MAKING WORK EASIER
AMID COVID-19 PANDEMIC**



ABOUT THE COVER



Vintas are traditional outrigger boats popularly known in Mindanao, particularly in Zamboanga where the name 'vinta' is predominantly used. The stylish and imaginative design of these boats made by the Baja and Moros peoples aims to signify the rich history and culture of the Muslim heritage. In addition, these style boats are made for speed and stability to easily navigate the ever-changing waters in the islands of Mindanao.

The province of Zamboanga is home to PFDA - Zamboanga Fish Port Complex (PFDA - ZFPC), which is considered the largest marine products processing center in Region 9. The diverse and high-quality marine products that are produced at the port led to the restrengthening of trade

links in Western Mindanao and their neighboring towns and provinces, a trading partnership that has existed since the 17th century.

Notably, the establishment of the Zamboanga Fish Port Complex (ZFPC) in Western Mindanao further strengthened these linkages by providing the fishing industry in the region with a systematized fish marketing and distribution system.

Just like all the vivid colors of Zamboanga's vinta, this issue features the vibrance and tenacity of PFDA Regional Fish Ports during the April to June 2021 quarter amidst all the adversaries brought by the COVID-19 pandemic and onset of the rainy season.

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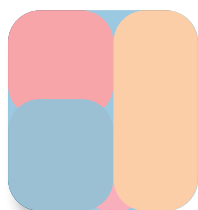
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EDITOR'S NOTE

Watering the grass around you

I lost count on all the instances I attempted to look for a greener pasture to explore. Some filed vacation leaves were actually excuse to attend to an interview for a potential post I thought I could excel better. Or where the paycheck could be bigger. Or at least get a new reason to wake up excitedly.

I'm not the biggest fan of the term "millennial" due to the attached generational divide it creates. It is also funny and a little unfair that some people perceive millennials as too impatient, too sensitive, and too ambitious with our career choices.

The idea of finding happiness while making a living can be a strange combination for some people ahead of us. They think we are too idealistic.

During my probably fifth attempt to get to another possible new post in a different agency with similarly banal position title, a good friend asked me a thought provoking question. If everyone keeps on leaving, who will water the grass on that side?

That conversation shifted my perspective. It is an interesting and probably unpopular way to see things. ***We should proactively water the grass where we are standing.*** Moreover, the greener pasture from afar that we eagerly wanted to explore may be once a dry and ugly piece of land. But someone stayed, took time to nurture that once useless area, and actually watered the grass.

After more than seven years, I'm glad I still carry that cliché idealism that I can, even for a tiny bit, offer something that may bring change. I may help carry one of the hundred buckets of water needed to make the place greener, so less and less people will look somewhere else.

The stereotypes on millennials are probably true and are not really bad after all. We are impatient because a conducive and healthy working environment should be really the minimum standard. We are sensitive because we are passionate and we really care. ***We are ambitious because no one, regardless of generational label, should settle for anything less.***

◆ *Mc Christian Julius A. Macaranas II*



PFDA - Zamboanga Fish Port Complex

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PFDA COVID-19 RESPONSE



7K essential workers in PFDA-NFPC receive COVID-19 jabs

Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA), in cooperation with the Navotas City Local Government Unit (LGU), has already inoculated COVID-19 vaccine to 7,030 economic frontline workers or members of the A4 priority group working inside PFDA – Navotas Fish Port Complex (PFDA-NFPC) as of June 30, 2021.

Since PFDA-NFPC began the rollout of the COVID-19 vaccination program for the A4 priority group on June 7, almost 37% of the approximately 19,000 personnel from PFDA-NFPC, stakeholders and port clients transacting inside the port have already received their vaccination. Some members of the fish port who are under the A2 category or senior citizens and A3 category of people with comorbidities have already received their COVID-19 jab before the said date.

According to PFDA General Manager Atty. Glen A. Pangapalan, this initiative between PFDA and Navotas LGU is a very important step towards a continuous and safer port operations as they fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Sa ating mga kasama sa PFDA, mga kliyente, at mga stakeholders, tayo po ay bahagi ng A4 economic frontliners. Hindi po nakakatakot ang magpabakuna. Ito ay kailangan natin para tuloy tuloy ang ating pagtatrabaho at protektado rin ang ating mga pamilya. Ipatatulong din po natin ang ating pag-iingat at pagsunod sa health protocols. Sana po ay sa lalong madaling panahon, tayo pong lahat sa PFDA ay mabakunahan na,” GM Pangapalan said.

On the other hand, Navotas City Representative Cong. John Rey M. Tiangco expressed his appreciation towards the efforts of GM Pangapalan and Mayor Toby to rollout this vaccination program for the A4 priority group in PFDA-NFPC.

“Napakaimportante po nito dahil main industry natin ang pangangisdaan at libo-libong tao po ang pumupunta rito araw-araw. Malaking bagay po kung mapapabakunahan kung maaari ang lahat ng pumapasok sa PFDA-NFPC. Atin pong i-take advantage ang pagkakataon na ito upang makita natin ang tuloy-tuloy na pagbabago,” Cong. Tiangco said.

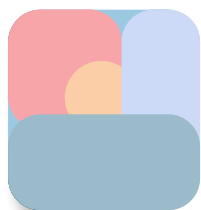
In addition, Navotas City Health Officer Dr. Christia S. Padolina, encouraged everyone to have their vaccines not only for their own safety, but also for the safety of their families and a way towards a better economy.

“Napakahalaga na bigyan ng atensyon ang ating A4 dito sa Navotas dahil sila ang ating main source of industry bilang ang Navotas ay ang Fishing Capital of the Philippines kaya naman napaka-importante na lahat ng nagtatrabaho sa PFDA-NFPC ay bakunado. Huwag po tayong mag-alala dahil kapag tayo ay bakunado, tayo ay protektado,” Dr. Padolina explained.

Through this COVID-19 vaccination initiative by PFDA and Navotas City LGU, PFDA-NFPC is taking another step closer towards herd immunity inside the fish port. This will help empower the sector towards stronger and more efficient port operations and ensure the safety of everyone in the port against the COVID-19 virus.

Starting July 5, A4 category vaccine beneficiaries in PFDA-NFPC will receive the second dose of their COVID-19 vaccine.

◆ Mark Angelo N. Perez



PFDA PRESS RELEASE

PFDA operating income jumps 9% in 2020

Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA), a government instrumentality with corporate powers attached to the Department of Agriculture, registered significant growth in operating income year-on-year in 2020 despite the economic challenges brought by the emergence of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic early in the year.

The agency closed the year 2020 with an operating income of P198.05 million, a 9.32 percent increase from P181.16 million in 2019.

On the other hand, its Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation, and Amortization (EBIDTA) climbed by 14.5 percent to P265.2 million in 2020 from P231.4 million in 2019. This record successfully surpassed the Governance Commission for GOCCs (GCG)-approved EBIDTA target of P143 million.

Based on the record, the PFDA's FY 2020 total assets increased by 37.34 percent, equivalent to P4.7 billion, easily outperforming 2019's P3.4 billion.

PFDA showed that it remained financially fit in providing public service amid the severe socioeconomic impacts caused by COVID-19. Throughout one of the most challenging years in history, the agency persevered to promote and develop the fishing industry, as well as contribute to the nation's food security.

Starting the new year strong, PFDA already reached a P71.65 million operating income during the first quarter of 2021, surpassing half of last year's total.

As the economy recovers from the pandemic, the agency is confident and eager to maintain this upward trend in the succeeding years.

◆ *Mark Angelo N. Perez*

 **PFDA - Zamboanga Fish Port Complex**
New Market Hall

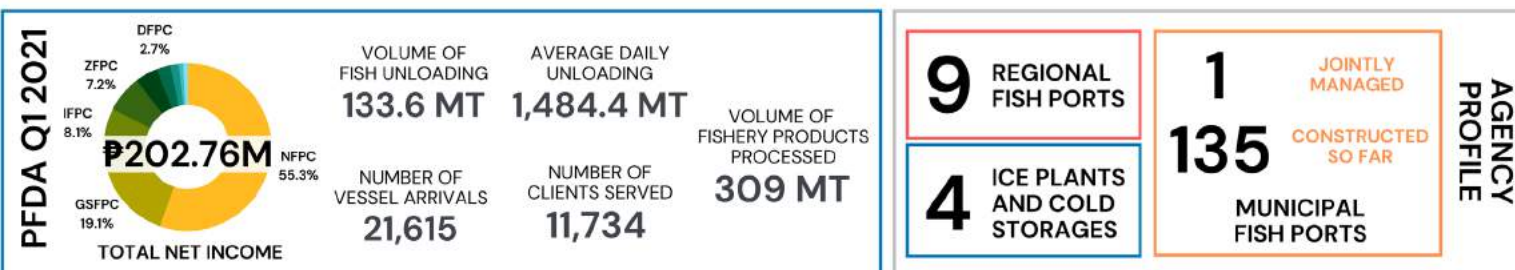




PFDA HIGHLIGHTS

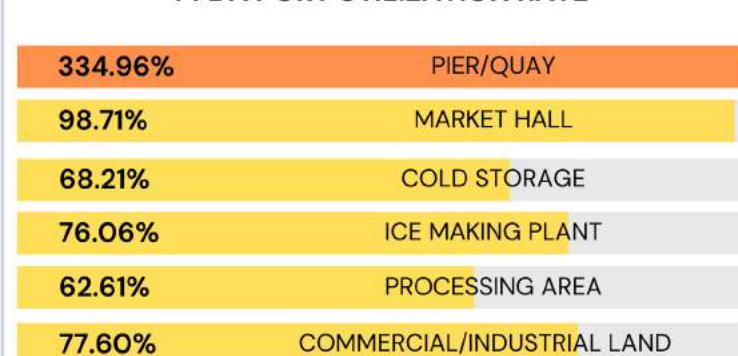
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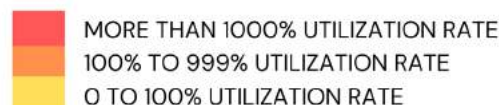


Q2 2021 PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW

PFDA PORT UTILIZATION RATE



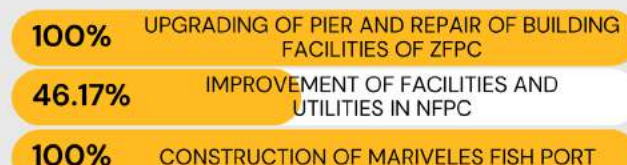
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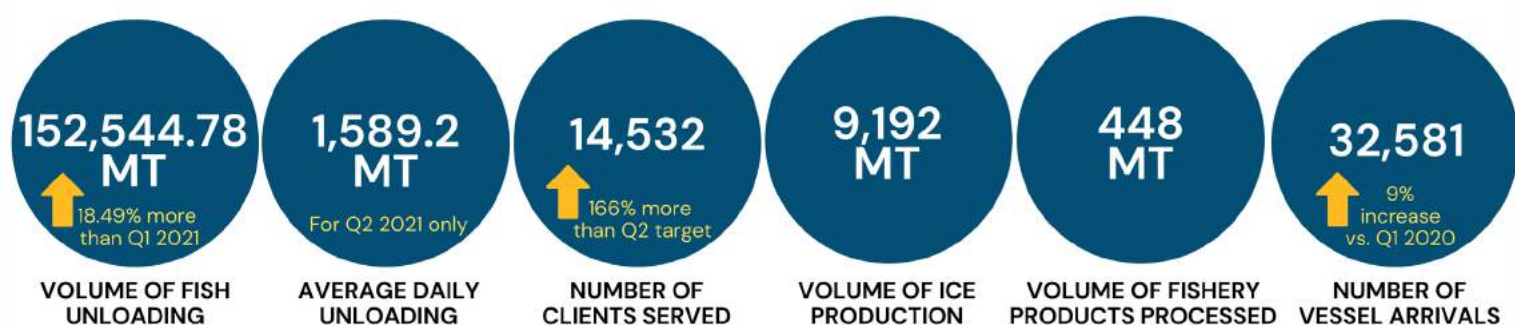
STATUS OF PFDA FLAGSHIP PROJECTS (as of June 30, 2021)



DEVELOPMENT OF OTHER INFRA PROJECTS



PFDA Q2 2021 IN NUMBERS



The Flagship CSR Project of PFDA



Data from Mar 16, 2020 to June 16, 2021

MODALITIES

- Walter Mart and Fisher Mall
- KADIWA on Wheels (PFDA-NFPC and Central Office)
- Direct sales / Private retailers
- Market on Wheels - partnership with LGU, AFPES

CELEBRATING SUCCESS IN Q2 WITH RECORD-BREAKING NUMBERS

PFDA provides continuous assistance through regular unloading, CSR, Flagship projects

After several months of shifting COVID-19 quarantine protocols and unprecedented weather disturbances which significantly affected operations in all Regional Fish Ports (RFP), Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA) is proud to announce substantial performance increase during the second quarter of 2021.

On Fish Unloading and Handling

During the April to June 2021 period, PFDA has unloaded a total of 152,544.78 metric tons (MT) of fish, or an average daily unloading of 1,589.2 MT. On the other hand, PFDA had also processed 448 MT of fishery products and produced 9,192 MT of ice for its frozen fish supply.

On Serving Port Clients

Amid some travel restrictions and heightened protocols brought by the COVID-19 pandemic, there had been 32,581 vessels who arrived in RFPs to unload much-needed fish supply. This record is a 9% increase from last year's first quarter arrival. Subsequently, PFDA was able to surpass its quarterly target by 166% after serving 14,532 clients with quality and adequate fishery and non-fishery products.

On PFDA's CSR

Also, PFDA continues to deliver low-cost fresh-frozen fish supply and other fishery products to its consumers within Metro Manila and selected areas in Luzon through the isDA ON THE GO (iOTG) Project.

As of June 16, 2021, the iOTG initiative has sold a total of 117,183.02 kilograms of budget-friendly fishery products and has served at least 1.9 million

individuals since the beginning of the pandemic last March 2020.

PFDA's iOTG stores are located at Fisher Mall in Quezon City. Last February, PFDA signed a memorandum with the local government unit (LGU) of Sorsogon regarding the establishment of iOTG in the province.

Aside from that, the iOTG also sells low-priced fish through the Department of Agriculture's KADIWA on Wheels program. There is also Market on Wheels in partnership with LGUs and the AFPES.

On Flagship Projects and Rehabilitation Initiatives

As days go by, the rehabilitation and development of RFPs under PFDA's Flagship Projects are taking bigger steps towards completion.

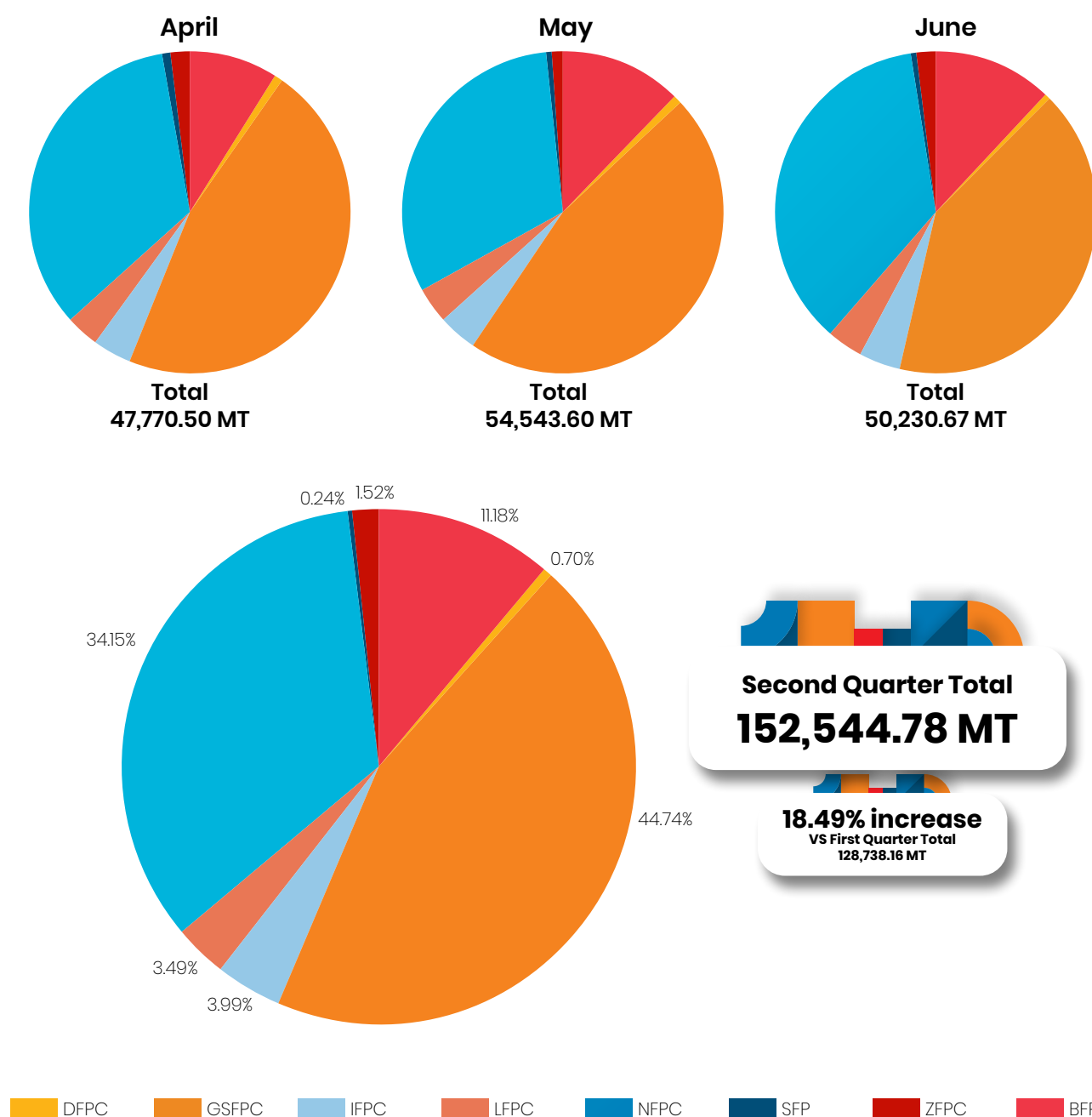
As of June 30, construction and renovation of some facilities and establishments in Lucena Fish Port Complex (LFPC), Davao Fish Port Complex (DFPC), and Iloilo Fish Port Complex (IFPC) are midway through the completion at 70.12%, 60.14%, and 45.06%, respectively.

Subsequently, Zamboanga Fish Port Complex (ZFPC) is already through the Detailed Engineering (DE) process. ZFPC was also the first port to finish the upgrading of its pier and the repair of building facilities in the port.

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PFDA RFPs Q2 FISH UNLOADINGS



SECOND QUARTER 2021: PFDA posts 18% growth in fish unloading volume

Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA), through its Regional Fish Ports (RFP), continues to break boundaries and achieve new heights during the second quarter of 2021.

According to a report from the Operations Services Division, PFDA RFPs posted an 18.49% increase in the volume of unloaded fishery products, or equivalent to a total of **152,544.78 metric tons (MT)** of fish, during the grueling months of April to May.

This hard-earned achievement was attained by the agency despite the presence of tougher COVID-19 restrictions and occasional moderate to heavy rainfalls which affected various port operations and activities.

Based on record, PFDA – General Santos Fish Port Complex (PFDA-GSFPC) maintained its position as the top performing fish port with 68,244.27 MT of unloaded fish, a 3.45% increase from its previous quarter record.

Not far behind, PFDA – Navotas Fish Port Complex (PFDA-NFPC) has broken last quarter's record with 52,092.09 MT (20.18% increase) of fishery products delivered to all clients and stakeholders.

In terms of percentage increase, no port can compare to PFDA – Sual Fish Port which registered a whopping 4740.73% increase (360.15 MT) during the April-June unloading period.

Subsequently, PFDA – Zamboanga Fish Port Complex (PFDA-ZFPC) logged a 252.92% increase (2,317.04 MT), making it one of the top fish ports with the highest percentage increase. Surprisingly, PFDA-ZFPC managed to achieve this remarkable feat despite the re-implementation of MECQ,

the second-most stringent COVID-19 quarantine protocol, to combat the increasing spread of the virus during the month of June.

Likewise, PFDA – Davao Fish Port Complex (PFDA-DFPC) which was also put under MECQ during the second quarter of the month continued their port operations with extra caution. Despite the hindrances caused by the strict quarantine protocol, the port managed to unload 1,073.87 MT (20.14% increase) of fish to all its clients and stakeholders.

Meanwhile, fish unloading in PFDA – Buluan Fish Port Complex (PFDA-BFPC) almost doubled the volume this quarter at 92.30% or equal to 17,053.24M MT compared to last quarter's unloaded fish supply.

On the other hand, PFDA – Iloilo Fish Port Complex (PFDA-IFPC) and PFDA – Lucena Fish Port Complex (PFDA-LFPC) also performed really well during the April-June quarter with 6,087.65 MT (31.52% increase) and 5,316.48 MT (21.69%), respectively

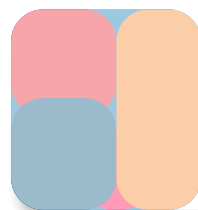
With more ongoing construction and rehabilitation in all PFDA RFPs, the agency is looking forward to more developed fish port facilities in the succeeding months. These ongoing plans and projects can help further improve fish unloading volume in the country.

Armed with grit and perseverance, PFDA will continue to go beyond and work towards food sufficiency in the country through an empowered fisheries sector.

◆ Mark Angelo N. Perez

PFDA - General Santos Fish Port Complex





PFDA FLAGSHIP PROJECTS



PFDA - LUCENA FISH PORT COMPLEX

Under the “Build, Build, Build Program” funded by the national government, the ongoing rehabilitation and development of Philippine Fisheries Development Authority – Lucena Fish Port Complex (PFDA-LFPC) is already at **70.12%** into completion as of June 2021. In the next few years, unloading and post-production of various fishery and non-fishery products will be delivered to all consumers at their best quality.



PFDA - ILOILO FISH PORT COMPLEX

Padayon, Iloilo! Philippine Fisheries Development Authority – Iloilo Fish Port Complex (PFDA-IFPC) takes another step closer towards an improved and expanded fish port. As of June 2021, PFDA-IFPC has already completed **45.06%** of the construction. By 2023, a revitalized PFDA-IFPC will be able to cater to more and more clients and stakeholders.



PFDA - DAVAO FISH PORT COMPLEX

Busier days are ahead in Philippine Fisheries Development Authority – Davao Fish Port Complex as the construction of several facilities and establishments in the port continue to go in full swing. As of June 2021, PFDA-DFPC goes ahead of schedule after completing **60.14%** of the project. Once the project is complete and operational, the port is expected to be more resilient and adaptive to any obstacle along the way.

'KAKA-KOMPYUTER MO 'YAN!'

*PFDA Portal making work easier
amid COVID-19 pandemic*

Have you ever heard of the condescending expression “kaka-kompyuter mo ‘yan!” that easily suggests negative consequences of computer usage, or technology per se, in our daily lives?

It has been perceived with a chock-full of disdain and snide remarks while on the contrary, the utilization of modern technology has significantly helped in the different aspects of life during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In the **Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA)**, the longstanding plans towards the complete automation of the agency's services have been considerably accelerated due to the ongoing pandemic. Prior to this, the **PFDA Corporate Information Systems Portal** was already an integral part of the workforce since the adoption of the PFDA Computerized Systems was put into effect by PFDA Office Order No. 11 (s. 2019) in 2019.

Ironically, the COVID-19 pandemic caused a sudden shift to recalibrate strategies to achieve organizational excellence and empower efficient collaboration across all units of PFDA as we settle on a sustainable new normal. As the agency find ways to make work easier for its stakeholders during the pandemic, this technological shift has proved itself to be an effective and practical step towards that goal.

Led by the Corporate Planning and Management Information Services Department – Information Technology Division (CPMISD-ITD), the establishment of the portal is in line with the agency's commitment to develop the automation of various internal services that will provide better services to its employees, clients, stakeholders, and the public.

As of this year, there are a total of 14 computerized services included in the PFDA Portal.



Firstly, the **Modified Integrated Corporate Reporting System (MICRS)** was established to achieve uniformity and consistency in generating statistics on fish unloading using common system, to standardize definitions of certain terminologies, and to establish an official policy uniform cut-off time for daily accounting or entry of fish unloading.

In addition, the **Client and Visitor Entry System (CVES)** was created pursuant to enhance PFDA operational processes and align its systems with the current situation and to strictly monitor and document basic information of all individuals entering PFDA's premises. The information found in this system may be used to support the requirements of concerned government agencies as required by existing laws such as Contact Tracing, among others.

Meanwhile, in 2020, there have been four new additional systems put into effect by PFDA Office Order No. 22 (s. 2020), which is an addendum to PFDA Office Order No. 11 (s. 2019) on the adoption of the PFDA Computerized Systems.

Among the new systems is the **Online Planning and Accomplishment Reporting System (OPARS)**, which is under the **Administrative Management Information System (AMIS)**, is an application designed to allow online preparation and submission of plans and programs, budget proposals, and monthly accomplishment reports based on the agency's vision and geared towards the direction and priorities of top management.

Moreover, the **Human Resources Information System (HRIS)**, also under AMIS, is an online solution that collects, stores, and transforms employee personal data into useful information needed for timely and efficient decision-making for management.

An addition to the list is the **Vehicle Dispatch System (VDS)** which is a web-based application that aims to improve delivery of service, increase efficiency in the scheduling of vehicles and drivers, facilitate vehicle monitoring, and provide an efficient and effective reporting system.

Subsequently, the **Online Leave and Pass Slip Application System (OLAPAS)** automates the stages involved in leave application and pass slip requests, from filing the requests to approval or rejection.

Also, included on the list of services available in the PFDA Portal are **Preventive Maintenance System, Daily Time Record System, Document Tracking System, IT Support Ticketing System, Acknowledgement Receipt for Equipment System, Integrated Corporate Reporting System, Online Contract Monitoring System with Client Mapping, Project Monitoring System, and Key Performance Indicator.**

There is a common saying “**Technology is the future**” and with all these technological improvements and advancements that significantly helps everyone working with the PFDA, the formerly undesirable phrase “kaka-kompyuter mo ‘yan” can be translated into a positive and innovative mindset towards achieving one goal– to have a more efficient and meaningful life at work.

With PFDA's “kaka-kompyuter”, the agency has partnered and shared some of these automated IT systems with several government agencies including the Philippine Fiber Industry Development Authority, National Dairy Authority, and Philippine Coconut Authority.

By far, all PFDA Regional Fish Ports have already installed these computerized services in order to continuously improve work in a more efficient and organized way.

◆ Miguel M. Pilarta and Mark Angelo N. Perez
of Public Information Division





PFDA SPECIAL COVERAGE



PFDA, Batangas discuss future development collaboration

In the pursuit of boosting economic activities in the province, Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA), headed by General Manager Atty. Glen A. Pangapalan, met with the Batangas Provincial Government to discuss possible collaboration on the establishment of an Agri-Industrial Business Corridors (ABCs) project, June 18, 2021.

The development of ABCs is one of Department of Agriculture (DA) Secretary Dr. William Dar's reformed 18 Key Strategies dubbed as "One DA" holistic approach strategies towards a modern and industrialized agriculture and fisheries sector.

Dubbed as the Batangas Access Zone Project, the PFDA team and Batangas LGU visited and went around the target development site, particularly in Brgy. Sta Rita, Batangas City, where a fish port complex may be potentially established based on the project overview.

Once the project is realized, this improvement plan can help accommodate more vessels to dock in the Batangas International Port and may help surpass Port Manila's cargo handling statistics. In addition, this project is set to provide more business prospects for investors and create more job opportunities brought about by the development in the area.

◆ Mark Angelo N. Perez



Expanded PFDA-SFP soon to rise under 'Build' program

As one of the agency's ongoing flagship projects, Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA) visited the site where an improved and developed PFDA-Sual Fish Port (PFDA-SFP) is soon to rise under the national government's "Build, Build, Build" program on June 22, 2021.

Led by PFDA General Manager Atty. Glen A. Pangapalan, the PFDA visiting was joined by the Department of Agriculture (DA) Undersecretary for Agri-Industrialization and for Fisheries Cheryl Marie Natividad-Caballero as they go around the only Regional Fish Port (RFP) in Northern Luzon.

According to PFDA Technical Services Department (TSD), the rehabilitation of PFDA-SFP is expected to go under the procurement process this month. Once this process is done and construction goes on full swing, clients and stakeholders can soon unload and avail various fishery and non-fishery products in the next few years.

Along with GM Pangapalan, Acting Assistant General Manager Ms. Iris De Vera, Engrs. Eduardo Manalo and Tito Rodriguez of TSD, Corporate Board Secretary Atty. Jose Ruiz III and Public Information Division OIC Mr. Mc Christian Julius Macaranas II were also part of PFDA's visiting team.

Sual Mayor Hon. Liseldo Calugay and Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) Region I OIC Dr. Rosario Segundina Gaerlan also toured the site.

Port clients including Association of Fresh Fish Traders of the Philippines President Roderic C. Santos and representatives from Unicrest Philippines, Inc. were also present during the ocular inspection.

In addition, film actor Robin Padilla covered the activity as part of his West Philippine Sea series featuring local fisherfolk in Sual.

◆ Mark Angelo N. Perez

PFDA REGIONAL FISH PORT BEATS

PFDA - NFPC opens first-ever GAD Center

In support of gender sensitivity and equality in the workplace, Philippine Fisheries Development Authority – Navotas Fish Port Complex (PFDA-NFPC) has conducted the blessing of the agency's first-ever Gender and Development (GAD) building on May 11, 2021.

The newly constructed building is the first facility established by the agency for GAD-related events, activities, and programs for its employees, stakeholders, and clients. This development is another step closer towards a more GAD-responsive PFDA.

Representatives from the Office of the Port Manager, NFPC – GAD Technical Working Group, and other port staff witnessed the blessing ceremony of the building.

◆ Mark Angelo N. Perez with reports from
Cerespink A. Aguila – PFDA-NFPC



NATIONAL FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



Presented by:

PEARL C. GULIMAN

PFDA-NFPC attends GAD forum on supporting women frontline workers during COVID-19

BFAR-Mina Gulim... Vivian G. Casuga

In a bid to empower women working as economic frontline workers, Philippine Fisheries Development Authority – Navotas Fish Port Complex (PFDA-NFPC) participated in a Gender and Development (GAD) stakeholders' consultation on strengthening economic support to rural women during the COVID-19 pandemic spearheaded by the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW) via teleconference on June 18, 2021.

As part of the GAD agenda, the Department of Agriculture (DA) and Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) presented their ongoing lending programs and livelihood interventions for economic frontline workers during the pandemic.

In addition, several challenges encountered by women working in the fishing industry during the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed in the forum, while some recommendations were put forward to combat these constraints.

Moreover, the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR), together with other key implementing agencies in coordination with local government units (LGU), presented how they are continuously working to help improve the condition of women fisherfolks through the implementation of various projects and activities in support of the government's National Fisheries Development Program.

Ms. Cerespink Aguila of PFDA-NFPC Technical Working Group for GAD and Ms. Araceli Andaya-Representative of NFPC Eco Friendly Women took part in the online discussion. Various women's fisherfolk associations also attended the meeting.

◆ Mark Angelo N. Perez with reports and
photos from Kristine Joy S. Tuazon – PFDA-
NFPC

PFDA REGIONAL FISH PORT BEATS

PFDA meets with Therma Mobile to discuss plans for NFPC

Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA), led by General Manager Atty. Glen A. Pangapalan, met with officials from AboitizPower subsidiary Therma Mobile, Inc. (TMO) to discuss future collaboration plans with PFDA – Navotas Fish Port Complex (PFDA-NFPC), held at NFPC Administration Building, Navotas City on June 17, 2021.

During the meeting, TMO went through their project proposal regarding the company's direct connection to the new National Grid Power Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP) substation within PFDA-NFPC. In addition, TMO reps also presented upcoming plans and potential collaboration opportunities related to the port's rehabilitation project.

Furthermore, TMO discussed the company's request for renewal of its Contract of Lease with PFDA-NFPC.

GM Pangapalan, PFDA-NFPC Acting Assistant Port Manager Mr. Arfilo Catipay, NFPC-PMD Chief Engr. Romeo S. Dabu, and NFPC-PMD Engr. Adren A. Tamayo attended the meeting for PFDA. On the side of TMO, Vice President for Corporate Services Mr. Jokin Aboitiz, Aboitiz Power Oil Business Unit President and Chief Operating Officer Mr. Ronaldo Ramos, and AVP for Operations Engr. Zyrel Jumalon were present in the discussion.

◆ Mark Angelo N. Perez with reports and photos from Kristine Joy S. Tuazon – PFDA-NFPC



NFA chief visits PFDA-ZFPC to discuss port's upcoming flagship project

National Food Authority (NFA) Administrator and Vice-Chairperson of the Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA) Board of Directors Atty. Judy Carol L. Dansal met with PFDA – Zamboanga Fish Port Complex (PFDA-ZFPC) Port Manager Mr. Ignacio M. Yao to discuss the port's upcoming rehabilitation and improvement, held on June 22, 2021.

Under the national government's Build, Build, Build Program, the development of PFDA-ZFPC is one of the various flagship projects of the agency in the pipeline for 2021.

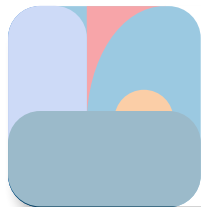
According to PFDA Technical Services Department (TSD), the detailed engineering design for PFDA-ZFPC has already been completed under Consultancy Service and the procurement for the construction of this project is already ongoing. As soon as the pre-development requirements are completed, port clients and stakeholders will soon make the best of a refurbished PFDA-ZFPC in at least 36 months.

During the tour, Atty. Dansal and PM Yao also visited the newly constructed Market Hall and inspected the Cold Storage facility located in the Port Maintenance & Refrigeration Division (PMRD).

NFA Assistant Administrator for Operations Engr. Lemuel Pagayunan, Special Assistant to the Administrator Atty. Angelica Krystle L. Dansal, Executive Assistant Atty. Inna Therese F. Gutierrez and other NFA Region IX staff and personnel were also part of the visiting team.

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PFDA ONLINE ACTIVITY NEWS

PFDA conducts webinar addressing COVID-19 vaccination queries

In a bid to further intensify information campaigns on COVID-19 protocols and vaccination concerns, Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA) conducted a one-day webinar via the PFDA Facebook page entitled “Bakuna Kontra Corona: A Webinar on COVID-19 Vaccine Misinformation and Hesitancy” on May 26, 2021.

For the third episode of the PFDA Bulletin organized by the Public Information Division (PID) and Human Resource Division – Administrative Services Department (HRD-ASD), the agency aims to promote a positive outlook and professionally address the stigma surrounding COVID-19 vaccination.

Global Filipino Network host and book author Mr. Marcelino Russell Catan shared his knowledge about the COVID-19 virus and the importance of vaccines through the eyes of a survivor and with the help of recent studies about the virus.

“Ang pinakamabisang bakuna ay ang ituturok sa braso natin. Kung ano po ang nandiyan ay tanggapin na po natin dahil hindi po natin iyan ikamamatay

o ikaka-ospital. Huwag po tayong magpakalat ng fake news. Sana po ay positive ang kaisipan natin dahil kayang kaya po nating labanan ang pandemya na ito,” Mr. Catan explained.

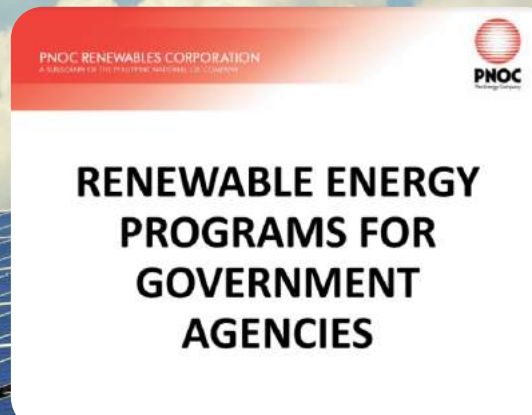
Subsequently, PFDA Medical Officer Dr. Maritoni Jane Catan answered and clarified several questions and uncertainties surrounding COVID-19 vaccination from online viewers and the registration form.

“Gawin natin ang kung ano ang pwede nating gawin. Sa bayanihan tayo magtatagumpay. The vaccines are important, but the Lord is our protector and healer,” Dr. Catan said.

PFDA-Central Office and Regional Fish Port personnel and clients attended the online discussion about the importance of being vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus.

If you missed the live stream video, you could still watch the replay of the webinar by visiting the PFDA Facebook page or by searching #PFDABulletin-COVIDVaccine.

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PFDA discusses potential renewable energy partnership projects with PNOC RC

Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA) met with Philippine National Oil Company Renewables Corporation (PNOC RC) to discuss potential renewable energy development and other energy efficiency projects on June 2, 2021 via teleconference.

During the meeting, PNOC RC discussed the steps and needed requirements to be taken and provided by PFDA and its Regional Fish Ports (RFP) for the possible project implementation which includes preparation of memorandum of understanding between the two agencies, scouting of target location sites of the project, identification of other energy conservation opportunities for the PFDA RFPs, and the like.

PFDA General Manager Atty. Glen A. Pangapalan expressed his excitement about this possible partnership with PNOC RC. He said that they have

noticed several cold storages owned by port clients that already installed solar energy panels to power their operations.

“We are very interested about this renewable energy projects with PNOC RC. We are happy na nag-initiate kayo (PNOC RC) na makapag-usap tayo about potential projects like these. This is a good way to fast-track looming partnerships between GOCCs,” GM Pangapalan said.

On June 17, PFDA General Manager Atty. Glen A. Pangapalan has given PNOC RC the green light coordinate with PFDA – Navotas Fish Port Complex (PFDA-NFPC) to conduct an initial site survey for the project.

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PFDA, DA discuss industry future with commercial fishing partners

Philippine Fisheries Development Authority, led by General Manager Atty. Glen A. Pangapalan, together with the Department of Agriculture (DA) Undersecretary for Agri-Industrialization and for Fisheries Cheryl Marie Natividad-Caballero, led a dialogue with the commercial fishing industry stakeholders to discuss the industry's status and future advancements via teleconference on June 15, 2021.

One of the main objectives of this online dialogue aims to determine and address various constraints and issues surrounding the commercial fishing industry. Moreover, the forum seeks to resolve such problems through an objective discussion and devise sustainable solutions.

According to Atty. Pangapalan, this event is a good way for them to have an open communication line, especially with the members of the commercial fishing sector. He said that they will appreciate all the concerns the industry partners want to raise to the government, particularly to DA, PFDA, Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR), and National Fisheries Research and Development Institute (NFRDI).

Representatives from the commercial fishing sector across the country presented concerns that they have been experiencing in their operations. These problems include delineation of municipal waters, limited fishing capacity, closed fishing season,

regulation of Vessel Monitoring System (VMS), fish importation, non-renewal of expired boat licenses, and illegal unregulated and unreported fishing, among others.

Before addressing these concerns, USec Caballero said that this dialogue is a mechanism to discuss such challenges and move forward as they study the potentials of the "blue economy". She assured commercial fishing industry partners that they are open for discussions within the metes and bounds of the law.

In addition, the undersecretary talked about several areas they would like to develop and improve for the betterment of the commercial fishing industry in the future. These advancements include the big brother-small brother partnership, vessel monitoring system, record-keeping system, investments, need for training and skills enhancement, and more.

Navotas City Mayor Toby Tiangco and film actor Robin Padilla graced the virtual open forum. Moreover, members of PFDA Central Office and RFPs also attended the online dialogue.

In addition, officers and personnel from various groups and associations in the fishery sector also took part in today's discussion.

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Fisheries Management Committee Meeting

POLICY DIRECTIONS AND WAY FORWARD

18 June 2021

PFDA attends Fisheries ManCom Meeting with DA chief

Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA) attended the Fisheries Management Committee Meeting led by Department of Agriculture (DA) Secretary Dr. William D. Dar to discuss policy directions and ways forward in the industry via teleconference on June 18, 2021.

Together with the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR), Secretary Dar presented a scaled-up action plan for the fishing sector. In addition, the Regional Daily Food Fish Commitment for NCR was also discussed during the meeting.

Before the meeting ended, the DA chief gave his directives to all the participants to continuously support the fisheries sector and work towards food security with prosperous and empowered fisherfolk.

PFDA Operations Services Department Manager Mr. Eric M. Sims, PFDA-NFPC Port Manager Ms. Luz P. Ortiz, and PFDA-NFPC Market Operations Division Officer-In-Charge Mr. Melvin A. Rabang attended the meeting.

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On Port Facilities Utilization

For this quarter's port utilization, PFDA has exhibited outstanding records in comparison from last quarter's tally.

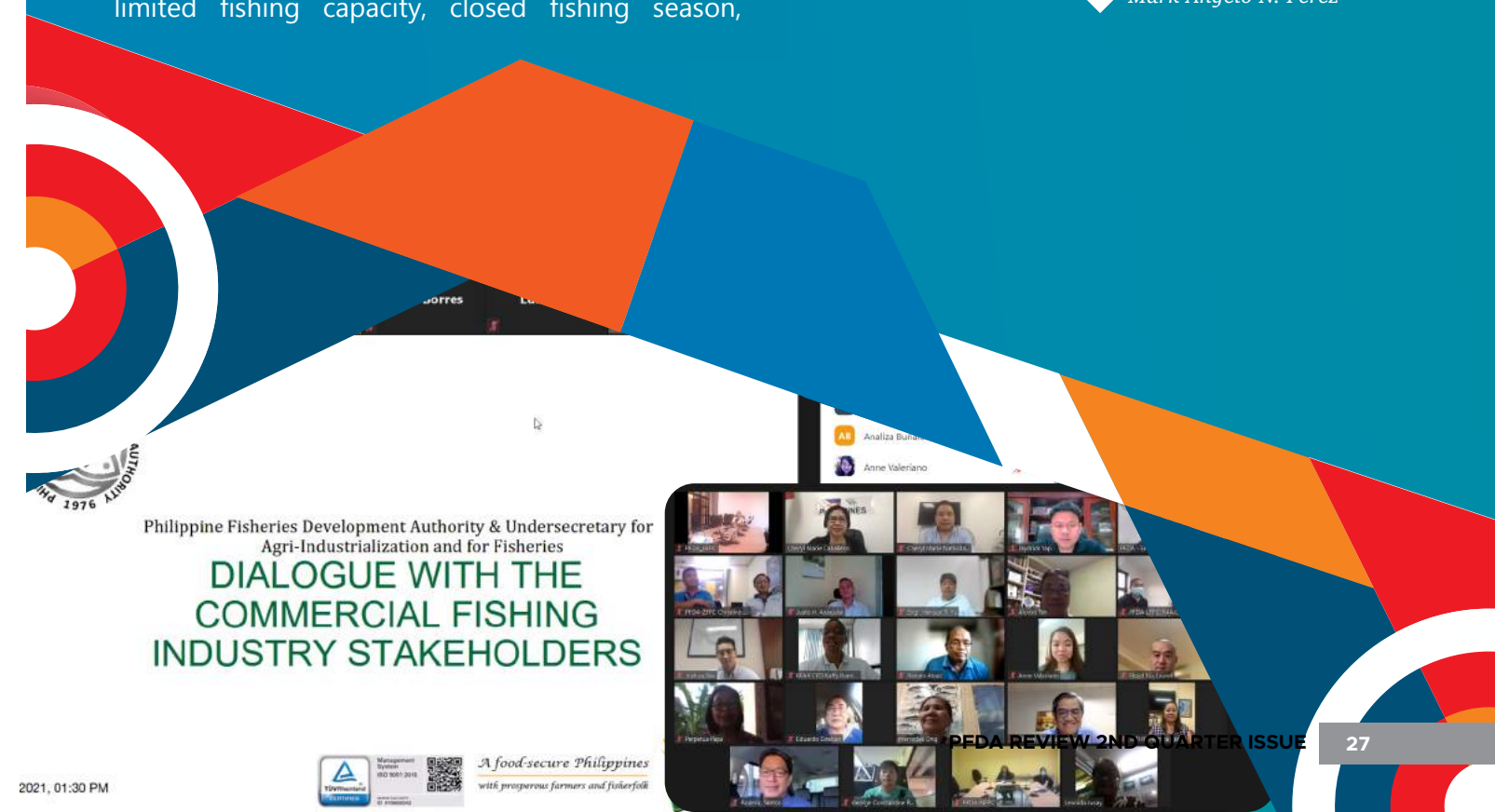
Piers and quays remain to have the highest utilization rate at 334.96%, followed by the use of market halls at 98.71% and commercial/industrial lands at 77.60%.

Not far behind, utilization rate for ice-making plants soared to 76.06%,

as well as cold storage facilities at 68.21%. Finally, processing areas maintained its 62.61% utilization rate.

This quarter, amidst the ever-changing quarantine protocols and weather conditions that hindered some port operations, PFDA and its RFPs have shown grit and dedication to continuously deliver abundant fishery and non-fishery products to all their clients and stakeholders. With full confidence and commitment, the agency will uphold these growing numbers and continue to break soaring heights throughout the years.

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Paglaot:

Pagpupugay sa mga Mangangisdang Pilipino

Paglaot: PFDA joins in the celebration of Farmers and Fisherfolk Month, National Fisherfolk Day

Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA), together with all its Regional Fish Ports (RFP), took part in the double celebration of the Farmers and Fisherfolk Month with the theme "May Pandemya Man o Wala, Magsasaka't Mangangisda, Maasahan ng Bansa" and the 21st National Fisherfolk Day on May 31, 2021.

These events aim to give recognition to the role and contribution of our fisherfolks in the sustainable development and management of our fishing communities.

This year, despite the constant looming dangers brought by the COVID-19 pandemic and extreme weather conditions, our fisherfolk continue to ensure that there will be enough food for everyone. They remain as our capeless heroes fighting against hunger and towards food security.

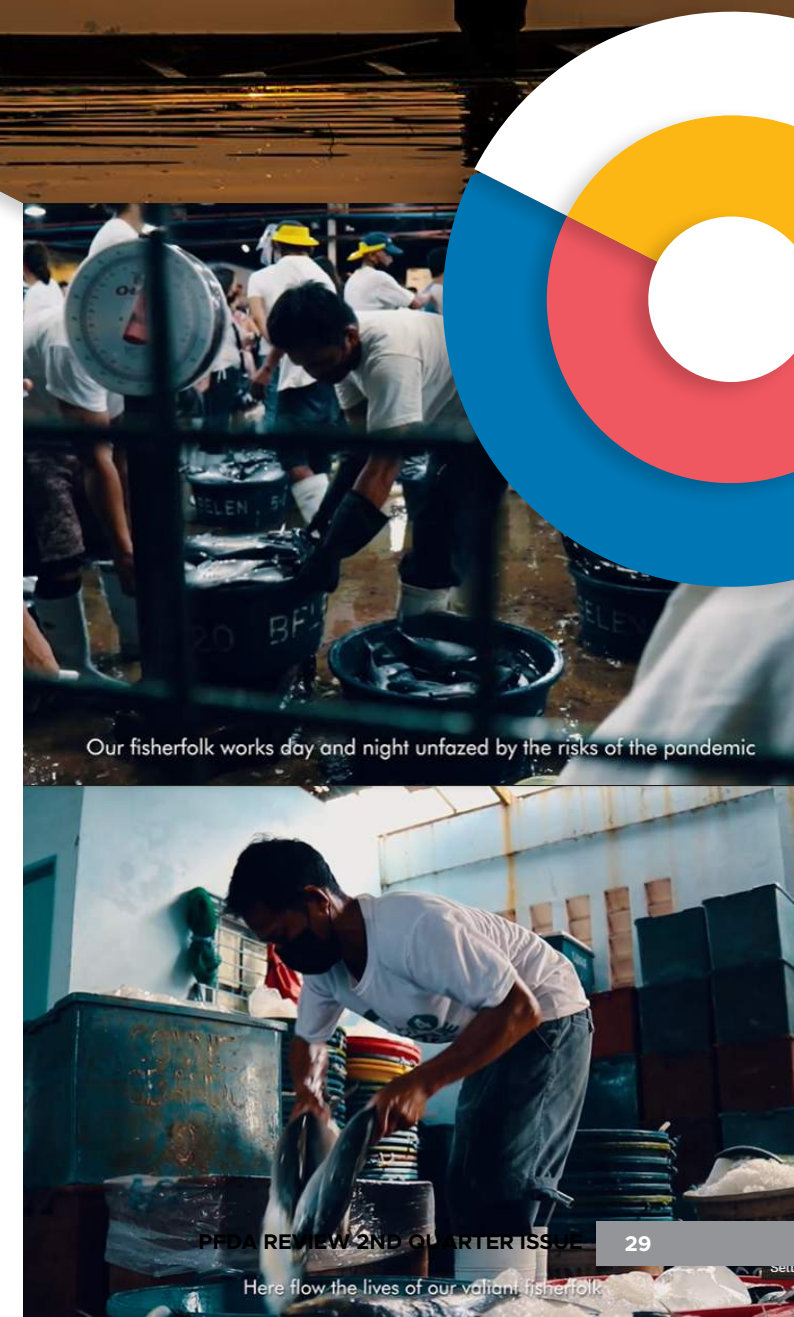
To celebrate these momentous occasions, the PFDA, through its Public Information Division, developed and produced a tribute video entitled "Paglaot: Pagpupugay sa mga Mangangisdang Pilipino". This video aims to honor and give thanks to our valiant fisherfolk for their hard work, commitment, and dedication to help the Philippine economy especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Through this video, the agency will take you on a journey about the bittersweet life of a fisherfolk. Every common misconception and the true essence of being a fisherfolk was showcased in the video to enlighten everyone about the real situation of those who give us food on our plates.

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Please scan the QR Code to watch the tribute video for our outstanding fisherfolk. You can also like and share the video by visiting PFDA Official Facebook Page.



Our fisherfolk works day and night unfazed by the risks of the pandemic

In Loving Memory

CARLOS “CALOY” E. HAGOSOJOS

**PFDA- BULAN FISH PORT COMPLEX
PORT MANAGER**



The sky turned to grey and an ocean of sadness swept the Philippine Fisheries Development Authority after the passing of a great man with a big heart, PFDA – Bulan Fish Port Complex (BFPC) Port Manager Mr. Carlos “Caloy” E. Hagosojos, on June 28, 2021, at the age of 63.

Our beloved PM Caloy has been a valued member of the PFDA family since January 21, 1986. Throughout his 35 years of service in the agency, he has been the Port Manager for several Regional Fish Ports including Zamboanga Fish Port Complex, Iloilo Fish Port Complex, Lucena Fish Port Complex, General Santos Fish Port Complex, Sual Fish Port, and Camaligan Fish Port, before leading the operations in BFPC.

As PFDA commemorates its 45th anniversary on August 11, PM Caloy was one of the service awardees for the year. It is with great sadness that PM Caloy will not be able to celebrate this milestone with everybody he worked with throughout his journey in PFDA. He persevered through the agency’s ups and downs, and with that, PFDA will always be indebted to his immeasurable service.

PM Caloy was not just a port manager. He was a good friend and a loving family. Life as we know it can sometimes be difficult, but PM Caloy was always the sun that brightened everyone’s lives. He was truly a force to be reckoned with and someone who will always be remembered. He touched so many lives and if only heaven had a phone, he would surely receive lots of loving messages.

Maybe God was running out of angels, so he came and asked for you. Thank you, PM Caloy. We will miss your bright smile and quirky jokes. You will be sorely missed. Sail away and see you again on the other side.



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