

# **ABOUT THE COVER**



urrently, the Internet has made its way to becoming the sixth need in Maslow's hierarchy of needs. Social media is now the realm where people can interact with one another.Digital world is preceding the physical one that we are used to. From online schooling to work from home setting, we are trying to cope up with the limitations the pandemic is summoning. We thought seeing each other would never happen again until video platforms happened.

In this quarter's cover, we are taking a glimpse on our humble beginnings through a medium that anyone can relate to – comics. Through images, text, and other visual information, our special issue cover offers an exciting setting of stories told in pictures. It is a nod to the PFDA's 45th Milestone Anniversary. It is vividly colorful and adventurous. The color red represents the energy and excitement we have in store for the coming years. It signifies our passion to do more and be more for the PFDA and for the people. From ideas to actions, the memories we created will never fade. Each played their role effectively and efficiently. There would be no milestone without the stories coming from these contributors.

The blue gradient epitomizes the sea as it embraces the people which is the very essence of this anniversary. Ultimately, the graphic details are inspired by the humorous comics vibe which conveys that any job can still be done whilst not forgetting to have fun.



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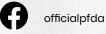
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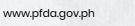
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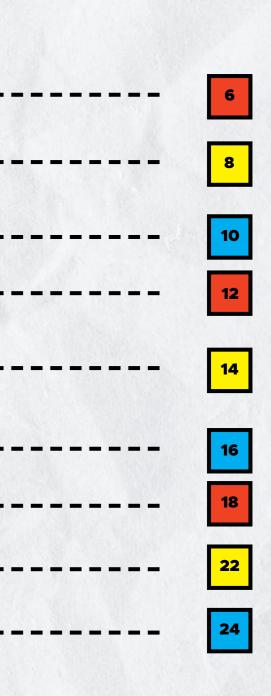


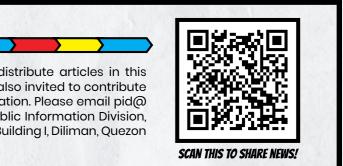




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# **IN THIS ISSUE**







his quarter's issue of the PFDA Review is really special as we feature the 45th milestone anniversary of the agency. In the civil service, milestone year starts at the 15th anniversary of an agency and to every fifth year thereafter. Reaching this moment is indeed a feat for any organization. Half a decade wait to celebrate each milestone anniversary definitely deserves a commemoration. In the case of our publication, we want to immortalize this event and future milestone anniversaries through special issues.

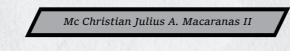
Maybe it is universal as social beings to draw ourselves on huge festivities. We enjoy those grand celebrations with balloons and confetti. Why not? There are big life moments that are worth celebrating, and must be really loud. It shows that we have achieved so much and it should be shared. Don't get me wrong, I also appreciate big celebrations. Aside from food and upbeat music, it brings people together to share meaningful occasions like anniversaries, graduation, promotion, and birthdays.

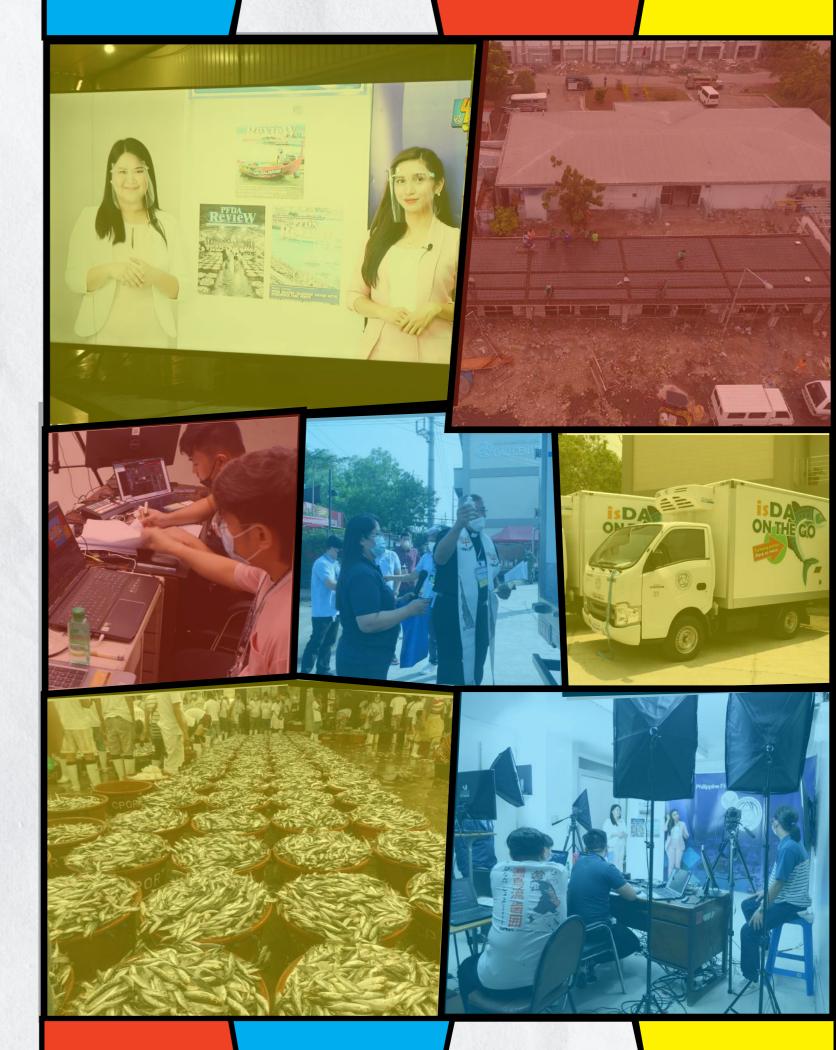
With the pandemic, which unexpectedly happened during our lifetime, I now find more value and start recognizing small wins. Those small moments and routine accomplishments that may not necessarily deserve a cake or a drinking session. Usually quiet moments in the most mundane hours.

While writing this piece, I talked with some friends and asked them to share about their small wins recently. The exercise further gave me a whole new perspective that each of us are experiencing and surviving the current situation differently. Probably one of the most underrated small wins each of us must cherish more is waking up every day. For sure, some days might be more challenging than usual. But getting additional 24 hours to restart is something to celebrate about, particularly in this time of uncertainty. Since we are lucky that we were given another fresh day, quietly preparing your breakfast, may it be just a simple cup of hot coffee or a full plate, is another unrecognized win. The list goes on.

Additional 30 minutes of sleep, squeezing that 15-minute exercise, finishing a TV series, scoring on your favorite mobile game, catching up with family and friends on a Friday night (even virtually nowadays), actually surviving Friday, and just mere reflecting now on the things you should be grateful for while reading this cliché sounding piece, are all tiny everyday victories we should be celebrating more often.

Shoot for the stars, aim for the moon. Go big or go home. We love these motivational battle cries. We surely love those grand accomplishments but rarely take our time to count our everyday victories. **Consider small wins as life's compounding interest and ponder how much your life actually improved through these years without even realizing it.** 











# **3.TK PFDA-GSFPC PORT WORKERS RECEIVE 2ND DOSE OF COVID-19 VACCINE**

In a bid to boost herd immunity in the city, fish port workers, laborers, and plant and cannery workers of the Philippine Fisheries Development Authority - General Santos Fish Port Complex (PFDA-GSFPC) have received the second dose of their COVID-19 vaccination through the joint effort between the port management and the local government unit (LGU) of General Santos City, held at the Fish Port Complex Bakuna Center in Market Hall 1.

As of September 1, a total of 3,776 workers from PFDA-GSFPC who have availed the first dose of vaccine in the previous vaccine rollout received complete vaccination through the assistance of the City Health Office and the Barangay Tambler - Rural Health Unit. The vaccination drive aims to provide full vaccination to 6,000 port workers.

This COVID-19 vaccination program aims to have PFDA-GSFPC employees protected against the spread of the virus. The agency and GenSan-LGU wanted to ensure the safety and security of everyone working inside the port, especially those economic frontliners who are consistently working amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

This activity to vaccinate one of the largest food sources in Mindanao was also under close collaboration with the Socsksargen Federation of Fishing and Allied Industries, Inc. (SFFAII), Sargen Fish Port Tuna Handline Association, Inc. (SFPTHAI), and Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR).

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AS NCR STAYS UNDER ALERT LEVEL 4

As the National Capital Region (NCR) remains under Alert Level 4, Philippine Fisheries Development Authority - Navotas Fish Port Complex (PFDA-NFPC) conducted its 19th monthly general cleaning and disinfection activities in several parts of the port on September 30, 2021.

Led by the PFDA-NFPC Port Maintenance Division and FSEMU, the activity was part of the port's measures in the implementation of safety and preventive measures against COVID-19. The disinfection team thoroughly cleaned the port's entrance gate/lambatan area and Market Halls 1 to 5.

Volunteers from ambulant vendors, members of the BMIL-BSL and Delta Fire Volunteer Team, Janitorial Services - Manila Alliance Management Services Cooperative (MAMSC), and members of Catalina Security Agency participated in the general cleaning.

# **DISINFECTION ACTIVITIES RESUME IN PFDA-NFPC**

PFDA reminds everyone to regularly follow minimum public health standards against COVID-19. Proper use of face mask and shield, physical distancing, and frequent hand washing is still highly recommended to avoid the further spread of the virus. Further, please consult your healthcare provider if you are experiencing common symptoms and check this reminder from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) at bit.ly/COVIDHomeCareTips

> Mark Angelo N. Perez with reports and photos from Ms. Joy S. Tuazon and Mr. Emilson Fajardo PFDA - NFPC



## PFDA, CDA JOIN FORCE TO EXTEND IOTG TO COOPS

In a bid to further expand project isDA ON THE GO's (iOTG) operation nationwide, Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA), led by General Manager Atty. Glen A. Pangapalan, hosted a partnership meeting with the members of the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) to discuss collaboration opportunities with eligible cooperatives under CDA on September 14, 2021.

The partnership proposal for an iOTG joint effort was well-received by both parties. As a result, a Memorandum of Understanding and a Technical Working Group will soon be developed as agreed upon to initiate the inter-agency collaboration.

During the meeting, CDA Chairperson Usec. Joseph B. Encabo suggested launching the isDA ON THE GO Program with CDA in October, as this will be in time with the Cooperative Month.

An estimated sixty (60) cooperatives within the NCR will take part during the initial phase of the PFDA - CDA project isDA ON THE GO partnership, with more slated for CY 2022.

The iOTG is PFDA's flagship Corporate Social Responsibility project aiming to deliver highquality fresh-frozen fishery products to consumers at very affordable prices.

> Mark Angelo N. Perez with report and photos from Mr. Michael Medina – PFDA – Operations Services Department





## PFDA HOLDS BLESSING OF 100 FREEZERS, 15 REEFER VANS UNDER IOTG FLAGSHIP PROJECT

Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA) conducted the blessing of reefer vans and chest freezers as part of the expansion of the agency's isDA ON THE GO (iOTG) Flagship Project to extend the delivery of adequate fishery products nationwide through all Regional Fish Ports (RFPs), held at PFDA – Navotas Fish Port Complex (PFDA-NFPC) on September 28, 2021.

In a bid to strengthen the supply of high-quality and affordable fresh-frozen fish, the agency is set to distribute 100 units of chest inverter freezers (50 units of 15 cubic ft. and 50 units of 20 cubic ft.) and dispatch 15 units of top-of-the-line refrigerated vans equipped with state-of-the-art devices under the iOTG initiative.

Additionally, the said 100 units of freezers will be distributed to 60 cooperatives of the marginalized sector under the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA); 10 to government agencies; and 30 to the community-based organizations and individual partners.

During his message, PFDA General Manager Atty. Glen A. Pangapalan thanked everyone who attended this momentous activity. He said this event is a step closer to delivering iOTG products nationwide.

In addition, GM Pangapalan assured that Metro Manila consumers could continuously take advantage of affordable and high-quality fishery products through the iOTG project's expansion.

Upon full implementation of the project expansion, the iOTG project will also be operating in selected areas of Visayas and Mindanao to ensure food security by providing accessible and affordable fish and fishery products across the country.

PFDA Acting Assistant General Manager Ms. Iris R. de Vera, PFDA-NFPC Port Manager Ms. Luz P. Ortiz, all department managers of the PFDA Central Office, and the whole isDA ON THE GO Team attended the activity. Several PFDA-NFPC clients and stakeholders also witnessed the blessing and took part in the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the freezers and reefer vans.

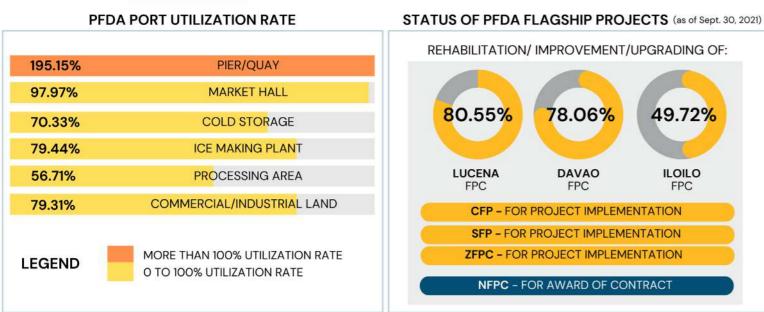
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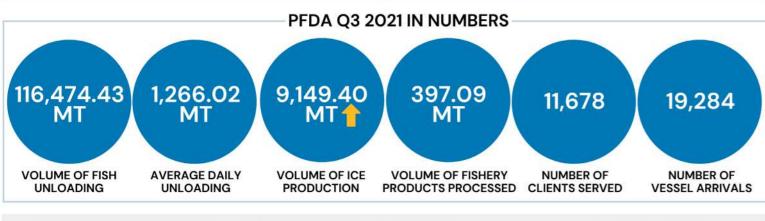
# **PFDA HIGHLIGHTS** The Official Quarterly Bulletin of the Philippine Fisheries Development Authority

NUMBER OF VOLUME OF ICE VOLUME OF 2021 PRODUCTION **FISH UNLOADING** VESSEL ARRIVALS 152.5K MT 32,581 9,192 MT 22 VOLUME OF PFDA NUMBER OF FISHERY PRODUCTS AVERAGE DAILY UNLOADING PROCESSED CLIENTS SERVED 1,589.2 MT 448 MT 14,542

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# Q3 2021 PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW







#### DATA SOURCES:

**PFDA-Operations Services Department** PFDA-Corporate Planning and MIS Department

**PFDA-Technical Services Department PFDA Regional Fish Ports** 

July to September 2021

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#### JOINTLY AGENCY MANAGED CONSTRUCTED SO FAR MUNICIPAL **FISH PORTS**

# ACKNOWLEDGING SMALL WINS IN Q3 **PFDA FACES SLIGHT DIP IN NUMBERS;**

Due to the continuous dangers brought by the COVID-19 pandemic and hazardous weather conditions, the Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA) experienced a slight dip in its quarterly performance during the third guarter of 2021. Nevertheless, the agency continues to provide all out services to all its customers and industry partners especially during these previous challenging months.

#### **On Fish Unloading and Handling**

During the July to September 2021 period, PFDA has unloaded a total of 116,474.43 metric tons (MT) of fish, or an average daily unloading of 1,266.02 MT. On the other hand, PFDA had also processed 397.09 MT of fishery products and produced 9,149.40 MT of ice for its frozen fish supply.

#### **On Serving Port Clients**

Over the months, storms and enhanced southwest monsoon rains caused moderate to rough seas over the seaboards of the country. These phenomena have brought dangers to docking vessels in Regional Fish Ports (RFP). According to the report, there had been 19,284 vessels who arrived in RFPs to unload much-needed fish supply. Subsequently, PFDA was able to serve 11,678 clients with quality and adequate fishery and non-fishery products despite a slim decline in the number of vessels that docked in ports.

#### **On PFDA's CSR**

Speaking of celebrating small wins, the 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 September 30, 2021, the iOTG initiative has sold a total of 126,427.87 kilograms of budget-friendly fishery products and partnered with 117 outlets in Metro Manila and nearby provinces since the beginning of the pandemic last March 2020.

Last February, PFDA signed a memorandum with the local government unit (LGU) of Sorsogon regarding the establishment of iOTG in the province.



# CONTINUES TO PROVIDE SERVICES, PROJECTS TO ALL

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 AFPCES.

#### **On Flagship Projects and Rehabilitation Initiatives**

As the year enters its last quarter, the rehabilitation and development of RFPs under PFDA's Flagship Projects are inching closer towards completion.

As of September 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 80.55%, 78.06%, and 49.72%, respectively.

Meanwhile, port innovations and improvement in Camaligan Fish Port (CFP), Sual Fish Port (SFP), and Zamboanga Fish Port Complex (ZFPC) are all for project implementation.

On the other hand, renovation in Navotas Fish Port Complex (NFPC) is awaiting for award of contract.

#### **On Port Facilities Utilization**

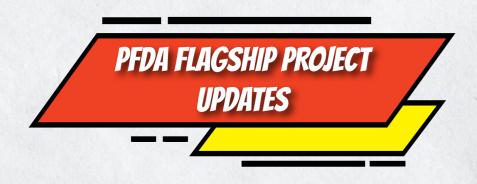
For this quarter's port utilization, PFDA has exhibited outstanding records in comparison from last quarter's tally.

Piers and quays remain to have the highest utilization rate at 195.15%, followed by the utilization of market halls at 97.97% and commercial/industrial lands at 79.31%.

Not far behind, utilization rate for ice-making plants soared to 79.44%, as well as cold storage facilities at 70.33%. Finally, processing areas had a minor slip at 56.71% utilization rate.

This quarter has been a tough one for the PFDA. There had been challenges brought by the changing guarantine protocols, as well as dangers brought by severe weather conditions. These factors have affected some minor to major port activities, but the PFDA continues to take necessary steps to successfully overcome these difficult situations and celebrate small wins along the way.

> Mark Angelo N. Perez with infographic by Miquel M. Pilarta





The city of Lucena in Quezon is known for its "Pahiyas Festival" that showcases the locals' gratitude for their bountiful harvest. In a few months' time, the city of Lucena will have more reasons to celebrate because as of September 30, the rehabilitation of port facilities in the Philippine Fisheries Development Authority - Lucena Fish Port Complex (PFDA-LFPC) is at 89.55%. This port upgrade translates to a celebration of more fishery products available to the people of Lucena City and nearby provinces.



Known for its bustling economic activities and urban growth, Davao City is home to modernized infrastructures and lifestyle. As of September 30, the innovation and development of the Philippine Fisheries Development Authority - Davao Fish Port Complex (PFDA-DFPC) has reached 78.06%. With this, the city of Davao will live up to its name as one of the most competitive cities in Mindanao.



PFDA - ILOILO FISH PORT COMPLEX

What is more fitting for the "Heart of the Philippines" than to have exceptional and well-built infrastructures and establishments? With the agency's ongoing rehabilitation project, the Philippine Fisheries Development Authority - Iloilo Fish Port Complex will soon be the center of business where more port vessels can unload an adequate amount of fishery products. As of September 30, the construction and development in PFDA-IFPC is at 49.72%.



hilippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA) celebrated its 45th Milestone Anniversary with the theme "#FortifiedAt45: Pinalakas na sektor ng pangisdaan, Susi sa pambansang kaunlaran sa gitna ng pandemya" held at PFDA Central Office Conference Room on August 11, 2021.

Due to the re-implementation of Enhanced Community Quarantine in the National Capital Region, participants all over the country have attended the live program at the comfort of their own homes and offices via teleconference.

For 45 years, the PFDA has been promoting the development of the fishing industry through the provision of post-harvest infrastructure facilities and essential services that improve efficiency in the handling and distribution of fish and fishery products and enhance their quality.

In this year's milestone anniversary, amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, the agency remembers and embodies its core value by rising to the occasion and moving forward towards becoming the leader of fishery post-harvest services with empowered fisherfolk and industry partners towards a food secure and resilient Philippines by 2025.

During the program, PFDA Technical Services Department Manager Engr. Danilo Axalan presented the latest updates on the agency's construction and rehabilitation of various port facilities in all municipal and Regional Fish Ports.



PFDA's isDA ON THE GO (IOTG) project was also highlighted during the program. Through a video blog presentation, PFDA showcased various fresh frozen fish products available in all IOTG stores nationwide at very affordable prices.

Moreover, the agency gave special recognition to its Service Loyalty Awardees who rendered their service to PFDA for a remarkable amount of time. The agency also promoted its PFDA Review quarterly publication that is available for download at the agency's official website at pfda.gov.ph.

President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, Senator Christopher Lawrence "Bong" Go, and Governance Commission for GOCCs (GCG) Chairman Samuel G. Dagpin, Jr. graced the event through video messages and

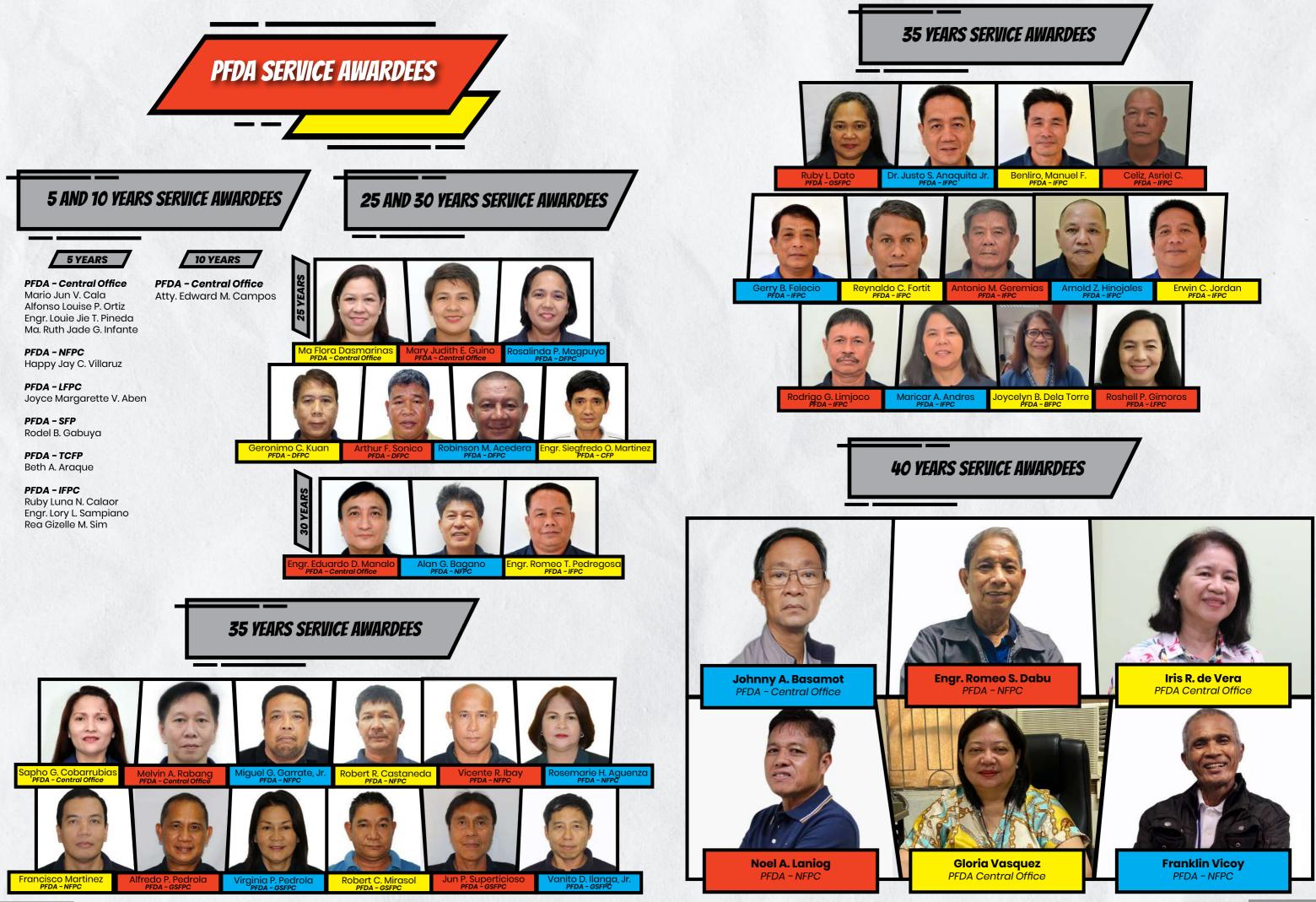


sent their warmest greetings and support as the agency marks its 45th year.

In addition, PFDA Port Managers, members of the PFDA Board of Directors led by Department of Agriculture Secretary Dr. William D. Dar and PFDA General Manager Atty. Glen A. Pangapalan sent their well wishes to the PFDA community.

No virus can anchor down our individual and collective dreams. The PFDA strongly believes that there is no insurmountable fear when we stand up and fight for family, community, and country.

Mark Angelo N. Perez



PFDA REVIEW 3RD QUARTER ISSUE



Remaining true to its mandate of promoting the development of the fishing industry, Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA) met with several local government units (LGU) across the country to discuss the establishment of new fisheries post-harvest facilities in their respective cities and municipalities, held on June 23-25 and 30, 2021 via teleconference.

#### Tagum City, Davao del Norte and Mati City, Davao Oriental

On June 23, Tagum City Mayor Hon. Allan L. Rellon attended the meeting with PFDA General Manager Atty. Glen A. Pangapalan where they talked about the construction of Tagum City Modern Fish Market.

According to GM Pangapalan, this project is the first-ever project to be implemented by the PFDA, patterned in the modern fish trade market of Korea, Japan, and Taiwan. In addition, the General Manager noted that the agency opted to pilot Tagum City due to identified surplus and demand for fish and fishery products in the area.

Subsequently, Mayor Rellon said that the memorandum agreement between the two organizations will be immediately reviewed and endorse the same to the sanggunian for the passage of the resolution and immediate commencement of the project.

Later in the day, PFDA also met with Mati City LGU representatives to review the project construction of Mati Fish Port. The project component for the city includes reclamation, causeway, market hall, administration building, guardhouse, power and water utilities, and drainage system.

During the meeting, Technical Services Department (TSD) Manager, Engr. Danilo A. Axalan assured the Mati City LGU that the PFDA will assist them on their application for the Environmental Clearance along with other technical details in presenting the same to the local DENR.

Both projects for Tagum City and Mati City will be included in the procurement activities this July.

#### Baler, Aurora and Salcedo, Eastern Samar

Meanwhile, on June 24, the agency convened with Baler LGU to talk about the construction of the Baler Fish Port and Ice Plant and Cold Storage (IPCS) facility in the municipality. During the meeting, it was agreed that the LGU will submit a letter, specifying their additional comments, requests, and/or proposals on the specification of the project.

On the same day, PFDA arranged a meeting with Salcedo LGU to discuss the construction of the Salcedo Fish Port. This development project includes upgrading and improvement of the existing causeway and access road, construction of a new causeway, market hall and admin office, comfort room, guardhouse, power and water utilities, and drainage system.

During the dialogue, Salcedo Mayor Hon. Atty. Melchor L. Mergal expressed his appreciation of the project and said that it will be fully supported by the LGU.

Procurement activities for both Baler LGU and Salcedo LGU are also scheduled starting this month.

#### Cabugao, llocos Sur

On June 25, the agency met with representatives from Cabugao LGU to discuss the construction of the Cabugao Ice Plant. So far, the planned construction is still waiting for the final location, but it already has completed its Detail Engineering. This infrastructure project includes the construction of a 5-metric ton ice plant and cold storage, power and water utilities, drainage system, and site development.

### **MODERN FISH MARKET SOON TO RISE UNDER PFDA, TAGUIG LGU PARTNERSHIP**

In the pursuit of maintaining the city's "probinsyudad" principle, Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA), in partnership with Taguig City local government unit (LGU), conducted the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement, groundbreaking ceremony, and time capsule laying for a soon-to-rise modern fish market, held in Bicutan, Taguig City on July 20, 2021.

The development of this two-hectare project dubbed as Taguig Agro-Industrial Hub for Freshwater Aquaculture and Urban Farming is under the Department of Agriculture (DA)'s Agri-Industrial Business Corridors (ABCs) which aims to provide smallholder farmers and fisherfolk access to resources, including state-of-the-art production technology, hatcheries and nurseries, capital, and value-adding facilities.

# Memorandum of Agreement





#### Malalag, Davao Del Sur

Finally, PFDA linked up with Malalag LGU to talk about the construction of Malalag Fish Port. The project includes reclamation or site development, trading hall, drainage, sewerage system, outside water distribution system, and outside power distribution system. During the meeting, Acting Assistant General Manager Ms. Iris R. de Vera that PFDA assured Malalag LGU that the agency will assist them with the reportorial requirements and will furnish the LGU with the template to ease the LGU with the weight of the report.

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As part of this partnership, PFDA will be leading the construction of a 6,000-square meter modern fish market which is one of the components of this project.

The MOA was signed by Agriculture Secretary Dr. William D. Dar, Laguna Lake Development Authority General Manager Jaime C. Medina, and Taquia City Mayor Lino Edgardo S. Cayetano.

According to Sec Dar, this collaboration reflects a good partnership between DA and the Taguig LGU. "This will level up the urban agriculture of the country," the Secretary said.

In addition, Taguig City Mayor Cayetano said that the city will remain pro-active in the development of agri-fishery sector which is part of the "probinsyudad" principle of the city.

# PFDA, PRA INK MOU ON REHABILITATION OF NFPC

# PFDA-ZFPC, TAWI TAWI LGU DISCUSS FUTURE PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS



Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA) and Philippine Reclamation Authority (PRA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the reclamation and land development of the Navotas Fish Port Complex (PFDA-NFPC), held at Davao Fish Port Complex (PFDA-DFPC) Conference Room on August 11, 2021.

PFDA General Manager Atty. Glen A. Pangapalan signed a partnership agreement with PRA General Manager and CEO Atty. Janilo E. Rubiato for the reformation project consisting of approximately 15.62 hectares of reclamation as a component for the rehabilitation and improvement of PFDA-NFPC. Included in the memorandum are the mandatory requirements to be submitted by PFDA to PRA. Afterwards, these prerequisites will undergo review and evaluation before the reclamation project takes place.

More port clients and stakeholders are expected to have better access to facilities and establishments once the land development project in PFDA-NFPC is completed.

The MOU signing was conducted in conjunction with PFDA's 45th Milestone Anniversary celebration.

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Tawi-Tawi Governor Yshmael "Mang" I. Sali, together with some members of the Provincial Government of Tawi-Tawi, met with Philippine Fisheries Development Authority – Zamboanga Fish Port Complex (PFDA-ZFPC) Port Manager Ignacio M. Yao to discuss the possible establishment of the Tawi-Tawi Integrated Fish Port and Facilities (TIFPF) in Tongsinah, Bongao, August 4 to 5, 2021.

During the two-day visit, both parties talked about pre-construction requirements which include preparations and procedures to have an efficient fish port operation and management, just like what PFDA-ZFPC embodies. In response, Tawi-TawiLGU ensured full cooperation to have the flagship project realized soon and make Bongao a sub-regional industrial center for marine resources providing work and business opportunities and contributing to provincial and regional economic growth.

TIFPF is a priority infrastructure project of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM)'s government for the year 2021.

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**PFDA REGIONAL** 

FISH PORT BEATS

Philippine Fisheries Development Authority – General Santos Fish Port Complex (PFDA-GSFPC) welcomed the Mindanao Development Authority (MinDA), led by Secretary Emmanuel Piñol, as part of the OLTAMA Development Alliance Cross-Visit to General Santos City, held on August 27, 2021.

The MinDA is Mindanao's lead agency in coordinating and integrating development efforts that bring about accelerated socio-economic development of the region with active and extensive participation of all sectors.

The purpose of the visit is to conduct proper benchmarking activities to enhance and strengthen the capacity of the OLTAMA Development Alliance as part of resource inventory and policy development in aid of facilitation of programs and projects, particularly in agriculture and fishery products.

Aside from Secretary Piñol, the visiting team included mayors, vice mayors, and other officials of OLTAMA (Olutanga, Talusan and Mabuhay) in Zamboaga Sibugay led by Vice Governor Rey Olegario.

Staff and personnel from the PFDA-GSPFC Office of the Port Manager and Market Operations Division were part of the welcoming committee for the esteemed guests.

> Mark Angelo N. Perez with reports from Fritzie V. Leviste – PFDA – GSFPC)





### PFDA-ZFPC OPENS NEWLY CONSTRUCTED MARKET HALL TO MORE CLIENTS, STAKEHOLDERS

In the pursuit of delivering sufficient fishery products to all consumers, Philippine Fisheries Development Authority – Zamboanga Fish Port Complex (PFDA-ZFPC) opened the gates of its newly constructed Market Hall to more clients and stakeholders on September 1, 2021.

Originally designed to cater to a maximum of 22 port clients only, the market hall was remodeled and is now occupied by twenty-seven (27) fish brokers/traders and three (3) ice retailers.

In line with this initiative, more port facilities in PFDA-ZFPC are pipelined to be constructed and reintegrated under the agency's rehabilitation Flagship Project.

Clients and stakeholders who will enter the newly built Market Hall are required to wear their white t-shirts and boots. They must also observe minimum health protocols such as proper sanitation, wearing of face mask and face shield, and social distancing.

Prior to the opening, the ZFPC market hall also had its blessing last August 13, 2021.

Mark Angelo N. Perez with reports and photos from Ms. Mary Felice M. Cirilo – PFDA - ZFPC



PFDA ASD-HRD, CSC CONDUCT VIRTUAL FORUM ON REVISED RULES FOR ADMIN CASES



Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA) Administrative Services Department – Human Resources Division (ASD-HRD), in coordination with the Civil Service Commission (CSC), conducted a two-day forum on the Revised Rules on Administrative Cases in the Civil Service (RRACCS) on August 19–20, 2021, via teleconference.

The webinar aims to orient and enhance the knowledge and skills of the participants on the conduct of investigations, reports, and drafting of decisions regarding administrative cases. Atty. Prisco S. Rivera, Jr., Assistant Regional Director of CSC-NCR, served as the Resource Person of the said event. Staff and personnel from the Office of the General Manager, Office of the Assistant General Manager, Legal Division, Human Resource Management Officers (HRMO) from Central Office and Regional Fish Ports actively participated in the two-day discussion on resolving various administrative issues and concerns.

Ms. Katrina Joyce P. Miguel and Ms. Mary Anne Kristine R. Ramos served as the hosts and moderators of the activity.

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## PFDA JOINS THE CELEBRATION OF 58TH FISH CONSERVATION WEEK; 2021 MANA MO

To commemorate the thriving fisheries sector in the country, Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA) joins the nation in celebrating the 58th Fish Conservation Week with the theme "Pangisdaang Likas-kaya, Bunga'y Masaganang Ani at Mataas na Kita".

This week-long event is conducted every third week of September as part of the yearly observance of the Maritime and Archipelagic Nation Awareness Month (MANA Mo).

MANA Mo was built under the Presidential Proclamation No. 316 series of 2017 to harmonize, integrate, and synchronize programs and activities that will raise the level of national consciousness on maritime and archipelagic issues and concerns.

During the opening ceremony of the 58th Fish Conservation Week on September 13, Agriculture Secretary William D. Dar said that this celebration aims to give highlights on the importance of sustainable fisheries management and development in achieving abundance for the Filipino fisherfolk whose livelihood depends on the integrity of the oceans and its resources.

As the government's private arm towards achieving a sustainable fisheries industry, the PFDA will continue to stay true to its mandate of promoting the industry's development. The agency will continue to provide post-harvest infrastructure facilities and essential services that can help improve efficiency in the handling and distribution of fish and fishery products and enhance their quality.

Mark Angelo N. Perez; program banner courtesy of the MANA Mo website

PFDA, BFAR TUMANGGAP NG IMPORTERS APPLICATION SA ILALIM NG FAO 259



Muling tumanggap ang Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA), kasama ang Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR), ng mga aplikasyon para sa mga qualified importers ng frozen fish at aquatic products sa ilalim ng Department of Agriculture (DA) – Fisheries Administrative Order (FAO) No. 259 s. 2018.

Ang mga naipasang aplikasyon ay isasailalim sa masusing pagtitiyak ng PFDA. Siguraduhing laging nakaantabay sa kalagayan ng inyong aplikasyon na ipapadala sa pamamagitan ng e-mail, text or tawag sa loob ng tatlong (3) araw.

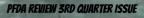
Higit sa lahat, tiyakin na wasto at tama ang inyong ipapasang aplikasyon dahil ang anumang uri ng falsification o paglabag sa anumang alituntunin ng PFDA ay magpapawalang-bisa sa inyong aplikasyon na maaaring humantong sa kasong kriminal, sibil, o administratibo.

Tulad ng nabanggit, ang bahaging ito ng PFDA ay pre-qualification lamang. Upang maging ganap na importer sa ilalim ng FAO 259, ang mga kliyente na nagnanais mag-angkat ay maaaring makipag-ugnayan sa BFAR para sa mga susunod pang panuntunan na kinakailangang ipasa. Ang FAO 259 ay naglalayong pataasin ang suplay ng isda at iba pang laman-dagat sa pamamagitan ng pag-angkat ng sapat na dami na kinakailangan ng bansa sa tuwing ipinapatupad ang closed at off-fishing seasons o sa tuwing may kalamidad. Bukod pa rito, layunin ng FAO 259 na mabalanse ang suplay at demand sa mga produktong pangisdaan upang magkaroon ng patas na halaga nang hindi naapektuhan ang mga lokal na producers at mangingisda.

Sa patuloy na pakikipaglaban sa pandemiyang dulot ng COVID-19 virus, patuloy din ang laban ng mga ahensya tulad ng PFDA, BFAR, at DA upang masugpo ang problema ng gutom at kakulangan ng suplay ng pagkain sa bansa. Sa pamamagitan ng pagbubukas ng aplikasyon para sa mga qualified fish importers sa ilalim ng FAO 259, binubuksan din ang pintuan tungo sa sapat na suplay ng pagkain para sa lahat.

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