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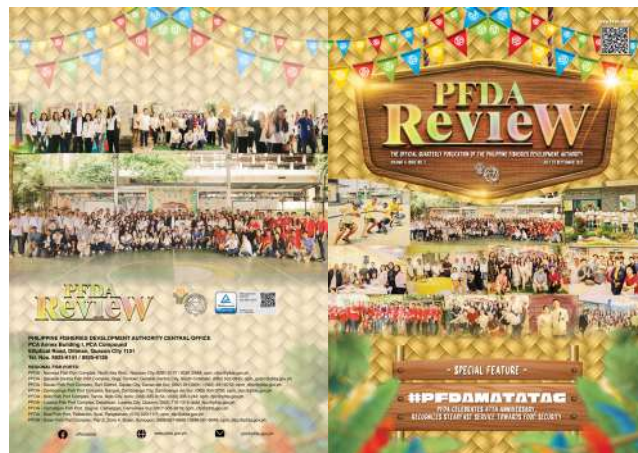


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Written in journals and published in various studies, the Filipinos are known for being one of the most indomitable and resilient groups of people in the world. Despite the many challenges faced, us Filipinos remained a tight-knit community working together, with moral obligations and core values, toward one goal— to be a better nation.

In this special issue, the Philippine Fisheries Development Authority recaptures the past 47 wonderful years of assisting our country's fishing industry. The PFDA conquered many hardships and

celebrated many wins and on its 47th year anniversary, the PFDA wants to pay tribute and celebrate our Filipino roots.

This issue displays different hues of the color brown, the color of the earth, that signifies PFDA's stability and reliability throughout the years. In addition, the traditional handwoven mat or banig symbolizes our resilience and our connection to our culture and people. The banig is an integral part of Filipino culture and livelihood, just like how the PFDA has been a significant part of the fisheries sector since 1976.

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WE VALUE YOUR FEEDBACK!

As a recipient of the Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA) publication/s, the Editorial Team would like to ask you a few questions about your **publication readership experience**. Your responses are confidential, and you will not be identified in the survey results. Please be open and honest with your feedback as this will help us improve our service.

EDITOR'S NOTE

THE POWER OF INTENTIONS

Mc Christian Julius A. Macaranas II

Looking back at the beginning of this publication, I find myself reflecting on how years passed by so quickly. You are now reading the third anniversary issue of the PFDA Review after the release of our maiden issue at the height of the pandemic back in December 2020. Although the PFDA Review looks like a standard magazine which is common for any established organization, this publication was born out of the aspiration to immortalize significant events in the organization.

Hopefully, this will remind you that our present circumstances are shaped by our hopes and dreams we once prayed for. It is an acknowledgment of the challenges we hurdled, the progress made, and the dreams we have manifested into reality. In a world that seems to move at an ever-accelerating pace, it is easy to lose sight of the connections between our past and our present. Our previous struggles and triumphs, sacrifices and innovations, all contribute to the foundation upon which we build our lives today.

Few months from now, we will prepare for another ISO certification which will by then feel like just any other compliance checklist we have to tick off since we already forgot how we felt elated during the first ever audit we hurdled.

Few years from now, we will probably forget how we felt when we held our groundbreaking for the much anticipated building of our very own PFDA Central Office after decades of finding a permanent home for our organization. Probably by then, we held numerous groundbreaking or inauguration activities for multiple projects.

Few decades from now, a totally new set of people will walk the hallways of PFDA since we will probably embark in different chapters of our lives by then. Our names will just faintly be part of a random reminiscing when they stumbled upon this issue in the year 2070, another 47 years from now.

Whether it is the legacy of the previous people who walked before us, or the collective memory we are creating today, this piece of history will definitely be part of the identity of PFDA as an organization. Through this simple publication, it might help you internalize the profound idea that what we are doing today will definitely shape the future of the organization and the communities we are serving.

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Hopefully, this piece will urge you to be a steward of a better organization for future generations of PFDA, to ensure that our actions today echo our intentions that ripple through time.

As we embark on this journey through the pages of this humble magazine, I encourage you to reflect on your own past prayers and the role they have played in shaping your life today. Consider the aspirations you hold for the future and how they can inspire positive action today. Let us all strive to be mindful of the power of our intentions and the importance of working toward a better world for ourselves and generations yet to come.





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MUNICIPAL
FISH PORTS

Q3 2023 PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW

Q3 2023 IN NUMBERS



123,813.37 MT

VOLUME OF
FISH UNLOADING

VS. 121,062.55 MT IN Q2 2023



1,345.80 MT

AVERAGE DAILY
UNLOADING

VS. 1,330.35 MT IN Q2 2023

On Fish Unloading and Handling

In the third quarter of 2023, the PFDA Regional Fish Ports (RFP) unloaded 123,813.37 metric tons (MT) of fish which is equivalent to an average daily unloading volume of 1,345.80 MT of fish, a significant increase from last quarter's record. Moreover, data showed that the PFDA increased its ice production with 10,280.50 MT. In addition, the PFDA processed 371.83 MT of fishery and non-fishery products.

On Serving Port Clients

During Q3, the PFDA ports welcomed 21,427 vessel arrivals and served 10,386 clients from July to September 2023.



10,280.50 MT

VOLUME OF
ICE PRODUCTION

VS. 10,139.30 MT IN Q2 2023



371.83 MT

VOLUME OF FISHERY & NON-
FISHERY PRODUCTS PROCESSED

VS. 558.94 MT IN Q2 2023



21,427

NUMBER OF
VESSEL ARRIVALS

VS. 24,050 IN Q2 2023



10,386

NUMBER OF
CLIENTS SERVED

VS. 11,529 IN Q2 2023

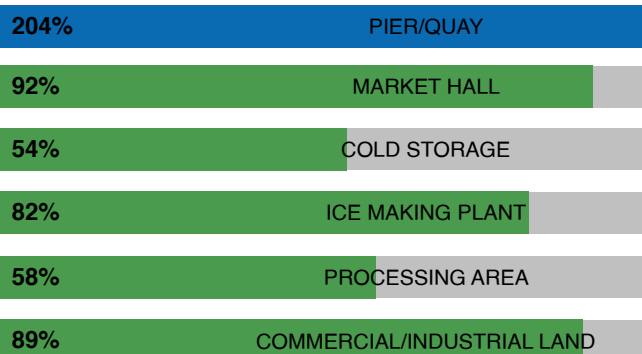
PFDA PORT UTILIZATION RATE*

On Port Facilities Utilization

This quarter, piers and quays recorded the highest utilization rate at 204%. Such concerns related to high utilization rate can soon be addressed as rehabilitations in RFPs continue in full swing.

Meanwhile, utilization of market halls was at 92%, commercial/industrial land was at 89%, and ice-making plants were at 82%.

Also, the utilization rate for processing areas and building spaces reached 58%, while cold storage facilities reached a 54% utilization rate.



LEGEND:
 > 100% UTILIZATION RATE (Blue)
 0-100% UTILIZATION RATE (Green)

*UTILIZATION RATE VIS-A-VIS Q2 2023 TARGET

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

PFDA-Technical Services Department
 PFDA Regional Fish Ports

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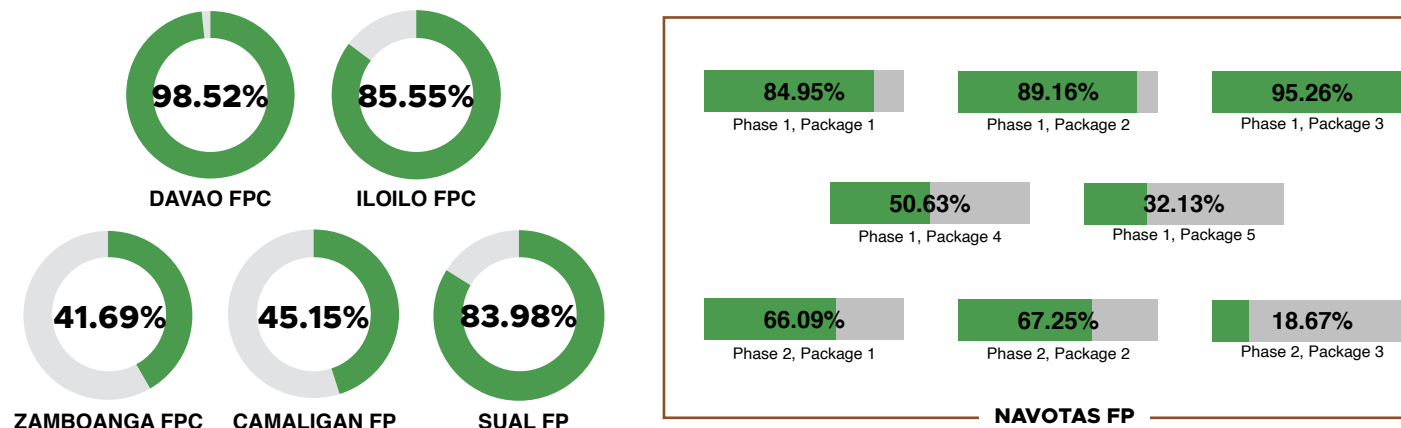
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PFDA FLAGSHIP INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT STATUS

(AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2023)

FPC = Fish Port Complex;
 FP = Fish Port

REHABILITATION/IMPROVEMENT/UPGRADING OF FISH PORTS (MULTI-YEAR PROJECTS):



PFDA FLAGSHIP CSR PROJECT

(AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2023)



20.24 MT

TOTAL VOLUME SOLD*
 (in metric tons)

110

MARKET AREAS &
 COOPERATIVE PARTNERS

MODALITIES:

- Market Areas
- Partnership with LGUs
- Partnership with Cooperatives

On PFDA's CSR

The PFDA continues to provide pocket-friendly fresh-frozen fishery products in Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao through the isDA ON THE GO (iOTG) Program.

This quarter, the iOTG Flagship project has sold a total of 20.24 MT of fishery products. In addition, the PFDA continues to work with 110 market areas and cooperative partners nationwide.

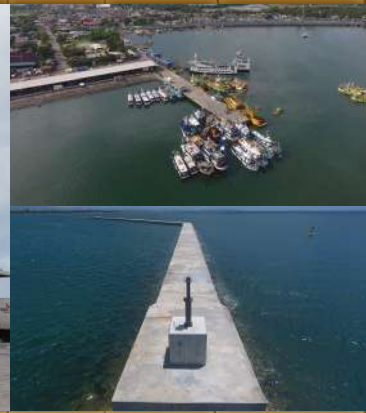
*Total Fish & Fishery Products (Bangus, Tilapia, Squid, fresh and frozen GG & Shrimp)



25TH GENSAN
 TUNA FESTIVAL

PFDA REHABILITATION PROJECT UPDATES

LUCENA FISH PORT COMPLEX 100% COMPLETED



DAVAO FISH PORT COMPLEX 98.52% COMPLETED



ILOILO FISH PORT COMPLEX 85.55% COMPLETED



SUAL FISH PORT 83.98% COMPLETED



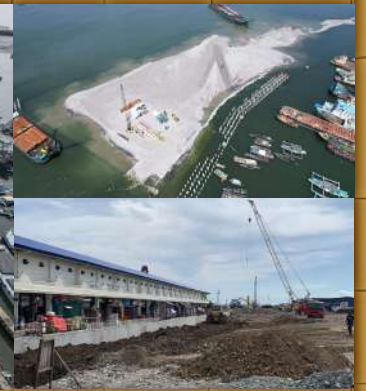
CANALIGAN FISH PORT 45.15% COMPLETED



ZAMBOANGA FISH PORT COMPLEX 41.69% COMPLETED



NAVOTAS FISH PORT COMPLEX ONGOING PHASES 1 & 2



PFDA TOP MANAGEMENT NEWS

PFDA BREAKS GROUND IN NEW CENTRAL OFFICE SITE

In concurrence with its 47th-anniversary celebration, Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA) – Central Office (CO) conducted a historic groundbreaking and capsule-laying ceremony for the soon-to-rise PFDA-CO building at the PFDA – Navotas Fish Port Complex (PFDA-NFPC), Navotas City on August 14, 2023.

During his opening message, PFDA Acting General Manager Atty. Glen A. Pangapalan expressed his utmost gratitude to the national government for supporting this plan for the PFDA-CO to finally have its own building site. He also thanked the Local Government Unit of Navotas City, led by Mayor John Reynald “John Rey” M. Tiangco, for their unceasing and all-out support.

“Hopefully matapos kaagad ang ating Central Office nang sa gayon ay maging mas maayos pa ang pagbibigay serbisyo ng ating mga kawani sa PFDA. Sana tuloy-tuloy ang ating aspiration at ating pagpupunyagi na lagi nating mabigyan ng tamang serbisyo ang mangingisdang Pilipino at ang mga konsyumer na Pilipino na umaasa sa PFDA,” GM Pangapalan said.

In addition, Mayor John Rey M. Tiangco greeted the PFDA for celebrating 47 years of assisting our Filipino fisherfolk and industry partners nationwide. Mayor Tiangco congratulated the PFDA-CO for finally having a permanent location in Navotas City.

“After 47 years, natutuwa tayo na ngayon ay may permanente na kayong tahanan dito sa Navotas City.

Kapag nagtatayo tayo ng bagong opisina, gusto rin natin ng mas magandang serbisyo para sa ating mga mangangalakal at mas conducive sa pagtatrabaho ng ating mga empleyado,” Mayor Tiangco said.

Meanwhile, PFDA Technical Services Department Engr. Danilo A. Axalan presented a project brief for the soon-to-rise Central Office building. Engr. Axalan said that the building will be a first-class four-storey building with a 1000-square-meter floor size which will house all the departments of the Central Office. In addition, the design concept of the building reflects our seas and ocean waves, while the canopy from the top view resembles tuna panga, and the two sides feature the tail and scales of a fish.

“Other salient areas of our new building include an area for our concessionaires on the ground floor. We will also provide a transient area for our visiting employees from Regional Fish Ports. Magkakaroon din tayo ng recreation area wherein doon na natin pwedeng i-conduct ang ating mga activities like anniversaries and various events,” Engr. Axalan said.

Afterward, all PFDA-CO Department Managers, PFDA-NFPC Port Manager Ms. Luz P. Ortiz, and PFDA Assistant General Manager Ms. Iris R. de Vera joined GM Pangapalan and Mayor Tiangco for the unveiling and capsule-laying of the PFDA-CO building perspective.

Mark Angelo N. Perez with photos from Johnny A. Basamot, Paul Vincent R. del Rosario, and Miguel M. Pilarta



PFDA Top Management together with DA Senior USec. Mr. Domingo F. Panganiban (middle)



PFDA CONDUCTS BOARD MEETING, DISCUSSES PLANS FOR THE FISHERIES SECTOR

Since the reappointment of Acting General Manager Atty. Glen A. Pangapalan in May 2023, Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA) conducted its first Board Meeting chaired by Department of Agriculture Senior Undersecretary Domingo F. Panganiban, held at the PFDA Central Office Conference Room on July 14, 2023.

In response to President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s call to establish more robust fish port and cold storage facilities nationwide, the PFDA shared with the Board its plans and programs for the betterment of the fisheries sector.

Soon, the PFDA is looking into constructing several additional Regional Fish Port Complexes in Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao.

Moreover, the PFDA is also looking into establishing modern fish trading centers to promote food safety and security in the country.

Together with GM Pangapalan, Assistant General Manager Ms. Iris R. de Vera, Corporate Board Secretary Atty. Jose R. Ruiz III, Finance Services Department Manager Mr. Jose A Ruiz, Jr., and Technical Services Department Manager Engr. Danilo A. Axalan proudly presented the Agency's forthcoming plans, which the Board of Directors enthusiastically welcomed.

Members and representatives of the Board including Undersecretary for Fisheries Ms. Drusila Esther E. Bayate, National Food Authority Administrator Mr. Roderico R. Bioco, Department of Trade and Industry – Board of Investments Director for Resource-Based Industries Ms. Raquel Echague, Department of Public Works and Highways – Bureau of Construction Director Engr. Aristarco M. Doroy, and Department of Environment and Natural Resources – Policy Studies Division Chief Ms. Llarina S. Mojica attended the meeting.

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EMBASSY OF CANADA REPS VISIT PFDA, DISCUSS AGENCY OPERATIONS AND PLANS

Led by Atty. Glen A. Pangapalan, Acting General Manager, Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA) welcomed the representatives from the Embassy of Canada in the Philippines to discuss Canada's Indo-Pacific Strategy that can be related to the potential improvement of local agri-fishery projects and programs, August 9, 2023.

During the meeting, Mr. Peter Wright, Second Secretary and Political Officer; and Mr. John Lok, Counsellor (Development) and Head of Cooperation - Embassy of Canada, discussed priority areas for enhanced cooperation including maritime affairs, trade and investment, disaster risk reduction, climate change, and regional issues.

Meanwhile, Mc Christian Julius A. Macaranas II, Public Information Division Chief, presented the details, facilities features, major clients, and fish supply flow of the PFDA

operating units and Regional Fish Ports (RFPs). Mr. Macaranas also discussed the Agency's ways forward, including the possible construction of more Regional Fish Port Complexes through the proposed Marine Agri-Tourism Industrial Complex (MATIC) projects.

Ms. Iris R. de Vera, PFDA Assistant General Manager; Engr. Danilo A. Axalan, Technical Services Department Manager; and Atty. Jose R. Ruiz III, Legal Division Chief, also joined the discussions.

As one of the leading agencies supporting the fisheries industry, the PFDA is looking forward to future partnerships with the Canadian Embassy through its Indo-Pacific Strategy. With this potential collaboration, the PFDA can further its fight against post-harvest losses due to spoilage of fish and fishery products.

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PFDA Top Management with representatives from the Embassy of Canada in the Philippines



PFDA EYES CONSTRUCTION OF REGIONAL FISH PORT IN CEBU

Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA) Top Management met with Cebu Governor Hon. Gwendolyn Garcia to discuss the plans for the possible construction of a Regional Fish Port (RFP) in the province, held at the Cebu Provincial Capitol on July 6, 2023.

According to PFDA Acting General Manager Atty. Glen A. Pangapalan, this proposal can help more fisherfolk in the region and further improve the already robust economy of Cebu. In addition, this project can help boost the production of commercial fisheries, municipal fisheries, and aquaculture in the province.

The project will be lobbied to become one of the priority projects of the administration of President Ferdinand Marcos Jr.

Based on the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) data for 2021, Cebu recorded the highest annual increase in the value of production in agriculture and fisheries in Central Visayas at 7.3 percent. With that, Cebu proves itself to be the economic center in Central Visayas, therefore making the province a feasible location for a regional fish port.

Governor Garcia expressed her full support for the project. She said the port should be in a strategic place in Cebu which can be accessible to fishing vessels from neighboring provinces in Central Visayas like Bohol, Siquijor, and Negros Oriental.

An estimated eight hectares are required to construct the regional fish port. The PFDA and the Capitol will continue to cooperate to identify which area the project will soon rise to.

Once approved and completed, this project will be the second RFP in the region after the Iloilo Fish Port Complex (IFPC) in Iloilo City.

During the meeting, the PFDA officials were joined by Department of Agriculture-Central Visayas Regional Executive Director Angel Enriquez and Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources-Central Visayas Director Allan Poquita.

Mark Angelo N. Perez with report and photos from Sugbo News and Philippine Statistics Authority



PFDA Top Management led by Acting GM Atty. Glen A. Pangapalan and AGM Iris R. de Vera together with Cebu Governor Gwendolyn F. Garcia (middle) and staff

PFDA-CO UNDERGOES INTERNAL QUALITY AUDIT

Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA) Internal Quality Audit (IQA) Team conducted an internal audit of all PFDA-Central Office (CO) units, held on July 5 to 7, 2023, in a bid to prepare the office for the upcoming third-party ISO 9001:2015 Certification audit.

Internal auditors, led by Internal Audit Department Officer-in-Charge and IQA Team Head Ms. Brenda T. Malapira, determined whether the Quality Management System (QMS) based on the requirements of ISO 9001:2015 standards is effectively implemented by all CO employees.

Ms. Malapira said that this internal audit is both a requirement and a guide for the continual improvement of the PFDA-CO's QMS, which covers Project Management. Based on the audit findings, she said it is noteworthy that most of the non-conformities (NC) and opportunities for improvement (OFI) in the previous year's audit are now addressed or complied with.

On behalf of PFDA Quality Management Representative (QMR) Ms. Gina J. Reyes, the Deputy QMR Mr. Eric M. Sims gave a round of applause to the IQA team for their outstanding job. They said that they are confident that the PFDA will achieve ISO recertification.

To close the meeting, Mr. Sims encouraged everyone to "be proactive in these observations and let us focus on making this a part of our working life here in PFDA. Let us extend all our hands to help this organization move forward."

The third-party surveillance audit by TÜV Rheinland is expected to take place in September 2023.

Mark Angelo N. Perez with photos from Paul Vincent R. del Rosario



PFDA CONDUCTS ORIENTATION ON RISK MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES

In a bid to strengthen the agency's Quality Management System (QMS), participants from the Philippine Fisheries Development Authority - Central Office (PFDA-CO) and PFDA – Zamboanga Fish Port Complex (PFDA-ZFPC) attended the orientation on ISO 31000:2018, also known as Risk Management Guidelines, on September 15, 2023, simultaneously at the PFDA-CO Conference Hall and via teleconference.

The orientation aims to guide the PFDA personnel in integrating the Risk Management Process per the requirements of ISO 31000:2018 standards to the agency's ISO 9001:2015-certified QMS.

In her opening remarks, PFDA Quality Management Representative (QMR) Ms. Gina J. Reyes expressed her appreciation to everyone for attending the risk management orientation. Ms. Reyes said that the orientation was conducted to immerse the organization in the principles of risk management for the agency to level up and maintain our ISO 9001:2015 certification.

In addition, the risk orientation was organized by the Management Level - Risk Management Committee headed by Project Evaluation Division-OSD Chief Ms. Visitacion G. Abrenio in preparation for the upcoming surveillance audit this coming 4th quarter of the year.

PFDA – Navotas Fish Port Complex (PFDA) Harbor Operations Division Officer-in-Charge Mr. Noelito B. Castillo served as the resource speaker for the one-day briefing on Risk Management. Mr. Castillo emphasized that through this orientation, "we will have a uniform approach on how we will structure our risk registry in a way that it can assist us further on how we are going to address the risks that the agency might face in the future."

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PFDA-CO PASSES ISO 9001 SURVEILLANCE AUDIT WITH ZERO NON-CONFORMITIES

Philippine Fisheries Development Authority – Central Office (PFDA-CO) successfully passed the surveillance audit for its International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 9001:2015 Quality Management System with zero non-conformities, on September 26, 2023 at the PFDA-CO Building, Diliman, Quezon City.

Led by Mr. Lionell Aala of TÜV Rheinland, the auditors assessed and evaluated the PFDA's management system and its eligibility to maintain ISO certification. In addition, the auditors determined the ability and effectiveness of the agency's management system to meet applicable statutory, regulatory, and contractual requirements and to ensure that the organization can achieve its objectives.

The assessment began right after the opening meeting led by PFDA Quality Management Representative Ms. Gina J. Reyes, where she introduced the auditees and participants for the audit.

The surveillance audit covered various organizational units and processes including the PFDA Top Management, Internal Quality Audit and Corrective Actions, Control of Documented Information, Project Site Operation

Implementation, Construction Management, Operations Services, Corporate Planning, Information Technology, Administrative Services, and Technical Services.

During the closing meeting, auditors from TÜV Rheinland said that the PFDA-CO has maintained a good commitment to implementing ISO 9001:2015 and continues to improve customer satisfaction. The auditors also commended the awards, recognitions, and contributions of the PFDA in 2023.

With that, the third-party certification body highly recommended the maintenance of the PFDA-CO's ISO certification which is good for another year.

The ISO9001 certification provides customers reassurance that the organization has established an effective Quality Management System. ISO surveillance audits ensure that customers receive products and services that meet their requirements, and that consistent performance is being delivered by the agency.

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PFDA CELEBRATES 47TH ANNIVERSARY,
RECOGNIZES STEADFAST SERVICE TOWARDS FOOD SECURITY

Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA) conducted its 47th Anniversary Kickoff Program with the theme, “PFDA at 47: Pinatatag na Imprastruktura at Serbisyong Pampangisdaan, Susi sa Maunlad na Ekonomiya” held at the PCA Covered Court on August 7, 2023.

PFDA Assistant General Manager Ms. Iris R. de Vera welcomed everyone who took part in the program. Ms. de Vera said that, “PFDA Acting General Manager Atty. Glen A. Pangapalan and I would like to express our deepest appreciation to each and everyone who has always been the strength and backbone of PFDA.”

All staff and personnel from the PFDA - Central Office and representatives from the PFDA - Navotas Fish Port Complex (PFDA-NFPC) attended the Pinoy-inspired anniversary kickoff program. This year's theme symbolizes all of the globally competitive post-harvest facilities and infrastructures built by the PFDA over the years.



We take pride that we, the officers and employees of this agency, worked together, united against all odds. Naging bahagi tayo ng mga pagsubok at mga tagumpay ng PFDA sa mga nakaraang panahon.

IRIS R. DE VERA

ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER



ATTY. GLEN A. PANGAPALAN

ACTING GENERAL MANAGER

This celebration marks 47 fruitful years of PFDA's quality service for the Filipino fisherfolk and fisheries industry partners toward a food secure Philippines.

This week-long anniversary also jumpstarts the PFDA Sportsfest 2023. Simultaneously, all Regional Fish Ports nationwide also participated in the week-long anniversary celebration through various activities such as tree-planting, port client visit, parade, sportsfest kickoff, and other activities.



Meanwhile, the PFDA celebrated its anniversary program at Steel World Tower, Quezon City last August 11, 2023.

For the past 47 years, the PFDA has exhibited outstanding performance and excellent service to promote food safety and security by providing strong fishery post-harvest facilities nationwide. This year's Pinoy Pride-themed occasion marks the Agency's integral part in boosting the country's economic and national development.

In his message, PFDA Acting General Manager Atty. Glen A. Pangapalan reminded everyone to enjoy the festivities during the week-long anniversary celebration of PFDA. The General Manager said this is the time to look back and remember the fond memories of working and providing adequate service to the Filipino people for 47 years and counting.



During the program, some members of the PFDA Board of Directors, including Department of Agriculture (DA) Senior Undersecretary Mr. Domingo F. Panganiban, DA Undersecretary for Fisheries Ms. Drusilla Esther E. Bayate, National Food Authority Administrator Roderico R. Bioco, and incoming Board Member of the Food Terminal Inc. Mr. Raul Felix gave their well-wishes and greetings for PFDA.

In addition, Department of Trade and Industry Secretary Mr. Alfredo E. Pascual and Department of Public Works and Highways OIC-Assistant Secretary Ms. Medmier G. Malig also penned their anniversary messages for PFDA.



Afterwards, the PFDA proudly acknowledged the many years of commitment and dedication of all the Service Loyalty Awardees in the Central Office and Regional Fish Ports nationwide.

Mr. Miguel M. Pilarta of the Public Information Division and Ms. Maria Arlyn Andagao of the Corporate Planning and Management Information Services Department served as the hosts for the anniversary program.

To watch the highlights of the PFDA 47th anniversary main program, you can visit the official PFDA Facebook Page at @officialpfda or scan the QR code below.



PFDA 47TH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE LOYALTY AWARDEES

5 YEARS

CANDELARIA, EMILIO PAUL M.
DALISAY, AARON AMBERSON A.
TAROMA, CATHERINE MAE G.
BARONDAY, ISAGANI T.
ORLINA, TOMIE F.
DELA CRUZ, GERARDO B.
ESPIRITU, JOE ANNA MARIE L.

10 YEARS

RUIZ, JOSE JR. A.
SUBANG, ALI-JIM P.
ANTONIO, NOEL P.
DIMALANTA, ISAIAS M.
PROVIDO, ALEJANDRO A., JR.
LACUESTA, MA. CHRISTINE D.
VILLAREAL, ORLIE R.
PANGANIBAN, GINA C.

20 YEARS



RONDA, ROMMEL R.



STO. DOMINGO, EDSSEL SD.



SALAZAR, MICHAEL D.



ANTIADO, HARLAN H.



CUDAL, ANTONIO BENJAMIN M.



DELA CERNA, CARINA R.



ALFONSO, FRANCISCO, JR. S



MANAYAN, DANILO M.



PANCHITA, AMELIA P.



QUITOR, JOSEPH RANCEL A.



TINOCO, REDENTOR P.



TRUMATA, JAIME C.

25 YEARS



ACORIN, NOEL P.



TURCO, WILFREDO L.

30 YEARS



CASTAÑEDA, ARLENE R.



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GALVEZ, FELIPE JR. V.



LIGATON, TITA A.



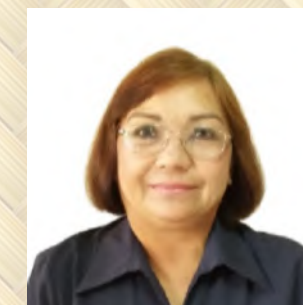
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VELASCO, JANET J.



ESCANDOR, ROMEO FRANCISCO G.

35 YEARS

40 YEARS



PAUG, JACQUELINE B.



BENAVIDEZ, MELDA G.



CAÑEDO, ARMANDO F.



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FERNANDEZ, ROBERTO L.



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ISIDRO, FELIZARDO SR. T.



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PFDA ATTENDS 25TH GENSAN TUNA FESTIVAL

PFDA TOP MANAGEMENT MEETS WITH GENSAN MAYOR

Ahead of the 25th General Santos Tuna Festival and the 23rd National Tuna Congress 2023, Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA) Top Management led by Acting General Manager Atty. Glen A. Pangapalan met with GenSan City Mayor Hon. Lorelie Geronimo Pacquiao, on August 30, 2023.

During the courtesy call, GM Pangapalan expressed his gratitude to Mayor Pacquiao for her continued support of the PFDA - General Santos Fish Port Complex (PFDA-GSFPC).

The visiting team also discussed plans and programs for the celebration of the GenSan Tuna Fest. The PFDA-GSFPC is one of the lead organizers of the event.

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PFDA JOINS 23RD NATIONAL TUNA CONGRESS

Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA) Top Management led by Acting General Manager Atty. Glen A. Pangapalan attended the 23rd National Tuna Congress with the theme "Adapting Strategies Responsive to Global Challenges", held at the SM Trade Hall, General Santos City, on August 31 to September 1, 2023.

Department of Agriculture (DA) Undersecretary for Fisheries Ms. Drusila Esther E. Bayate served as the keynote speaker of the event.

Earlier, the congress opened a trade exhibition where private and public industries showcased their sustainable

fishing technologies, newest fishing equipment, tuna processing techniques, value-added fishery products, and more.

The PFDA- General Santos Fish Port Complex (PFDA-GSFPC) led by OIC-Port Manager Mr. Paris Uldarico Y. Ayon was among the members of the working committee for this year's Tuna Congress which was organized by the SOCKSARGEN Federation of Fishing and Allied Industries, Inc., in cooperation with General Santos City-LGU, Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR), and Department of Trade and Industry (DTI).

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PFDA-GSFPC, GENSAN-LGU LEAD TUNA FESTIVAL 2023

PFDA- General Santos Fish Port Complex (PFDA-GSFPC), in coordination with the Local Government Unit (LGU) of General Santos City (LGU GenSan), spearheaded the 25th GenSan Tuna Festival this September 2023.

This year's festival bears the theme "A Festival of Hope. A Celebration of Positivity." with the sub-theme "TUNAy na saya. TUNAy na pag-asa," highlighting the significant role of the tuna industry in the city's economy. It also emphasizes on the celebration of bountiful ocean catch that reflects GenSan's colorful and rich marine industry.

PFDA-GSFPC OIC-Port Manager and 2023 Tuna Festival Director Mr. Paris Uldarico Y. Ayon expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the tireless efforts of the dedicated team from the PFDA, GenSan-LGU, and all the sponsors for making this event possible.

"The Tuna Festival is not just an event. It is a celebration of hope, positivity, and community. It is a testament to what can be achieved when individuals come together with a shared passion," PM Ayon said.

PM Ayon encouraged everyone to savor every moment, connect with new friends, and relish the joy of being a part of Tuna Fest 2023.

The streets of GenSan will be filled with a symphony of tuna cooking contests, cultural performances, vibrant street parades, and a grand flea market that unveils the rich diversity of the region's offerings.

During the opening night on September 1, festivalgoers watched the much-awaited Lawihan Tuna Float Parade held at Pioneer Avenue Grandstand, General Santos City, where six participating groups showcased unique and larger-than-life designs bedazzled with LED lights.

Led by GenSan City Mayor Hon. Lorelie Geronimo Pacquiao, all esteemed guests held a ceremonial tuna slicing declaring the official opening of the 2023 Tuna Festival. Afterward, the huge crowd along Pioneer Avenue was treated to a firework display and a special song number from actor Gabby Concepcion.

Former Senator Manny Pacquiao, Senator Jinggoy Estrada, Sarangani Province Governor Hon. Rogelio D. Pacquiao, GenSan District Representative Hon. Loreto B. Acharon, and other honorable guests graced the grand opening ceremony of the Tuna Fest 2023.

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PFDA-GSFPC HOLDS 24TH GRAND FISH FEST SA FISH PORT 2023

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PFDA- General Santos Fish Port Complex (PFDA-GSFPC) held the 24th Grand Fish Fest sa Fish Port 2023 as part of the 25th GenSan Tuna Festival 2023 at the PFDA-GSFPC Grounds and Market 1 on September 4, 2023.

This one-day activity aims to strengthen the bond between port clients, employees, fishermen, and laborers while celebrating the bountiful catch and rich marine industry of the Sarangani Province.

PFDA-GSFPC OIC-Port Manager Mr. Paris Uldarico Y. Ayon expressed his gratitude to the event’s hardworking technical working group, volunteers, and sponsors who have dedicated their time and resources to make this year’s Grand Fish Fest possible.

“This event is a testament to the talent and creativity of our fish port workers and locators. It is a tapestry of our traditions, a showcase of our aspirations, and a testament to our shared values. It’s a time when we come together to celebrate our diversity. Let the fish fest fun begin!” PM Ayon said.

The competitions during the 24th Grand Fish Fest sa Fish Port 2023 include:

1. Langoy-Puzzle-Sack Race Marathon (won by the group from Market 2 led by Mr. Alimodin Ali);



2. TUNAy na Bilis: Linis Tuna contest (fastest and cleanest de-gutting and gilling of tuna while showcasing their dancing skills won by Tenpoint Manufacturing Corporation);



3. TUNAy na Malakas: Karga Tuna contest (longest time holding a 35-kilogram tuna won by Mr. Jhomer Reyes with a time record of 2 minutes and 34 seconds);



4. TUNAy na Bigatin (biggest and heaviest catch of the day won by a 101-kilogram tuna from Ivan’s Fish Dealer); and



5. Lawihan Cultural Dance Competition (won by BQ Company Market 4)



Attendees and participants of the 24th Grand Fish Fest ended the day with their bellies full during the Sugbahan sa Fish Port held at PFDA-GSFPC Market 1. Hundreds of kilograms of tuna and other fishery and non-fishery products were grilled to perfection and served for free.



SUGBAHAN SA FISH PORT PFDA-GENERAL SANTOS FISH PORT COMPLEX



PFDA PARTNERS WITH PSA TO REGISTER EMPLOYEES TO PHILSYS

Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA) – Central Office (CO), in partnership with the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), conducted a Philippine Identification System (PhilSys) Satellite Registration and ePhilID (digital PhilID) Issuance for employees and their family members, held at the PFDA-CO Building Lobby on July 14, 2023.

During the one-day registration, a total of 39 employees registered to the system. Meanwhile, the PSA team has issued a total of 66 ePhilIDs to those with pending registrations and/or waiting for their National IDs.

According to the PhilSys website, the PhilID can be used for the application of social and welfare benefits, such as those offered by the GSIS, SSS, PhilHealth, HDMF, and other government agencies and transactions. It may also be utilized for passports and driver's license applications, and tax-related transactions. Additionally, the identification card may be presented as proof of identity for admission to any government hospital, health center, and other related institutions.

Meanwhile, for private transactions, the PSA says that the National ID can be used for bank transactions such as the opening of bank accounts.

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PFDA-CO, UP-ISSI HOLD TRAINING ON WORKPLACE IMPROVEMENT

Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA), through its Administrative Services Department (ASD), in partnership with the University of the Philippines – Institute for Small Scale Industries (UP-ISSI), conducted a seminar-workshop on 5S+3 for Workplace Improvement at the Virata Hall, University of the Philippines, on September 13 to 15, 2023.

The three-day seminar aims to equip the participants with the necessary knowledge, skills, and tools to implement effective 5S+3 (sort, set in order, shine, standardize, sustain + safety, security, and sustainability) or good housekeeping to improve workplace productivity.

Prof. Rolando Ramon C. Diaz, head of the Training and Entrepreneurship Education Division (TEED) of UP ISSI, served as the resource speaker during the training.

During the workshop, Mr. Diaz covered various topics such as the principles of 5S+3 or Good Housekeeping and its purpose and benefits. He also discussed how to identify waste in the workplace and the tools and techniques on how to reduce waste in the workplace. Mr. Diaz also elaborated on the topic of gaining stakeholder commitment to 5S.

In addition, the participants prepared a 5S+3 Action Plan, which was presented to and evaluated by the resource person.

A total of 25 members of the PFDA-CO's Quality Workplace Team and representatives from all PFDA-CO units actively participated during the three-day workshop.

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PFDA JOINS INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEAN-UP DAY

Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA) and all its Regional Fish Ports (RFP) nationwide participated in the 2023 International Coastal Clean-up (ICC) with the theme "Clean Seas for Healthy Fisheries," held simultaneously across all PFDA ports on September 16, 2023.

Hundreds of volunteers, including employees of the PFDA, several community organizations, clients, stakeholders, and industry partners, worked together in a collaborative effort to remove trash and other debris from the shorelines and waterways in their respective areas.

This year, the ICC 2023 bears the hashtag #SeaTheChange, which aims to unite the nations of the world toward the conservation and protection of shorelines and waterways from pollution and the preservation of our ecosystem for current and future generations.

In the Philippines, Proclamation No. 470, or the International Coastal Clean-up Day, was signed in September 2003. The proclamation declares every third Saturday of September of each year as the International Coastal Clean-up Day, consistent with Presidential Proclamation No. 244 declaring September as National Clean-up Month.

Mark Angelo N. Perez with reports and photos from PFDA-RFPs



PFDA EMPLOYEES GET ANTI-FLU JABS

Almost 100 staff and personnel of the Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA)-Central Office (CO) and PFDA-Sual Fish Port (PFDA-SFP) received their anti-influenza vaccinations at the PFDA-CO Building on June 29 and July 13, 2023.

Organized by the Property and Procurement Management Division, the two-day vaccination program was in partnership with Pharma Quest Co., an onsite healthcare specialist.

Meanwhile, about 35 dependents were also inoculated with anti-flu vaccines during the activity.

As the nation enters the flu months (June to November), seasonal flu vaccination was deemed necessary by the PFDA to protect the health of its employees and their families.

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PFDA-NFPC INAUGURATES NEW FISH PROCESSING, FOOD STALL FACILITIES

Philippine Fisheries Development Authority – Navotas Fish Port Complex (PFDA-NFPC) conducted the blessing and ribbon cutting of the newly constructed fish processing facility and food stall facility on August 14, 2023.

Members of the PFDA Top Management, headed by Acting General Manager Atty. Glen A. Pangapalan and Assistant General Manager Ms. Iris R. de Vera, and PFDA-NFPC Port Manager Ms. Luz P. Ortiz led the inauguration of the two new facilities.

The new food stall facility located in the freshly renovated Market 3 has a total of 44 food stalls that are dedicated to existing food vendors in Markets 3 to 5.

Meanwhile, the Eco-Friendly Women of Navotas Fish Port, Inc. (EFW of NFPC) will utilize the new fish processing facility as part of their agenda to put their smoked fish processing skills into business. This new infrastructure also aims to provide more employment opportunities and an additional source of income for the members of the association.

This double inauguration was in concurrence with the PFDA-NFPC's Anniversary activity, "Tiangge sa Pondohan". Various cooperatives in partnership with the Department of Agriculture - KADIWA Project, NFPC processors and canneries, and the EFW of NFPC sold their quality and affordable products at the food bazaar.

Mark Angelo N. Perez with reports from Kristine Joy Tuazon – PFDA-NFPC



PFDA-DFPC ATTENDS CEREMONIAL OPENING OF DAVAO GULF FISHING GROUNDS

Philippines Fisheries Development Authority – Davao Fish Port Complex (PFDA-DFPC) attended the ceremonial opening of the Davao Gulf fishing ground on August 31, 2023, at the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) – Regional Office XI.

The closed fishing season for the Davao Gulf fishing ground starts on June 1 and ends on August 31 of every year. During the culmination program, BFAR presented the statistical uptrend of fish production of small pelagic fishes in the Davao Gulf, indicating that such conservation measures of fish stocks are beneficial.

According to Joint Administrative Order No. 02, series of 2014, known as Establishing a closed fishing season for the conservation of Small Pelagic Fishes in Davao Gulf, the closed fishing season aims to conserve marine resources in Davao Gulf and to prevent overfishing.

The PFDA-DFPC, led by Port Manager Albert P. Aguinaldo, alongside various partner government agencies, conveyed its full support and appreciation to this measure of fishery conservation. Clients and fisherfolk in the port are expected to make good use of the Davao Gulf's open fishing months to increase their production and income.

Representatives from the Local Government of Davao City (LGU), the Department of Interior Local Government (DILG), the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), the Department of Agriculture (DA), the Philippine National Police – Maritime Group, and the Philippine Navy were also present during the ceremonial opening of the Davao Gulf fishing grounds.

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EU AMBASSADOR VISITS PFDA-GSFPC

The Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the European Union to the Philippines His Excellency Luc Véron visited the Philippine Fisheries Development Authority - General Santos Fish Port Complex (PFDA) to inspect the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR)'s Integrated Marine Environment Monitoring System (IMEMS) located within the port vicinity, on August 31, 2023.

IMEMS primarily aims to effectively monitor compliance of fishing vessels and control national fisheries and marine environment.

PFDA Acting General Manager Atty. Glen A. Pangapalan and PFDA-GSFPC OIC-Port Manager Mr. Paris U. Ayon welcomed the visiting from the EU.

During the meeting, GM Pangapalan talked about the PFDA's ongoing plans and projects for the industry, as well as the rehabilitation and improvement of PFDA-GSFPC.

In addition, BFAR Director Atty. Demosthenes R. Escoto talked about their agency's approach in battling illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing (IUUF) in the country. Dir. Escoto also discussed BFAR's plans to install more IMEMS transponders nationwide.

They also discussed the Philippine fishing industry's competitive advantage to the economy and the need to maximize such resource to further improve the country's national development.

GM Pangapalan and Dir. Escoto expressed their appreciation to Ambassador Véron for taking great interest and supporting the fisheries sector in the Philippines.

Department of Agriculture Undersecretary Ms. Drusila Esther E. Bayate, PFDA Assistant General Manager Ms. Iris R. de Vera, the rest of the PFDA Top Management, and BFAR XII Regional Director Mr. Usop D. Pendaliday Jr. also participated in the meeting and port walkthrough.

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