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## **PSA delivers country interventions in the Second Ministerial Conference on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) in Asia and the Pacific**

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The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) led the Philippine delegation in the Second Ministerial Conference on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) in Asia and the Pacific held online from 16 to 19 November 2021. The PSA delegation was led by Undersecretary Dennis S. Mapa, National Statistician and Civil Registrar General. Other delegates included Assistant Secretary Leo Malagar, OIC-Assistant National Statistician Marizza Grande, Director Maqtahar Manulon, Director Fred Sollesta, Director Benjamin Arsenio Navarro, and Ms. Aurora Reolalas.



The conference was convened to review the progress made towards meeting the goals of the CRVS Decade, promote Civil Registry System (CRS) as the foundation for legal identity management, emphasize the importance of CRVS for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda, and focus on the essential role of CRVS systems in response to pandemics and the recovery from Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

During the event, the Philippines through the PSA made interventions on agenda items (4) *Civil registration and vital statistics as an accelerator for implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and ensuring no one is left behind*; (7) *The relationship between civil registration, identity management and vital statistics, and their role in ensuring legal identity in Asia and the Pacific*; and (10) *Towards a shared vision of universal and responsive civil registration and vital statistics systems that facilitate the realization of rights and support good governance, health and development*.



The country reaffirmed its commitment to the Asia and Pacific CRVS Decade (2015-2024) and the 2014 Ministerial Declaration and the Regional Action Framework on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific. It also recognized the importance of the CRVS system in ensuring that no one is left behind.

The PSA was also invited to the Ministerial Roundtable on 19 November 2021 with the topic, “Pandemics, people and preparedness: ministerial roundtable on civil registration and vital statistics, COVID-19 and health”. Usec. Mapa highlighted PSA’s efforts in generating and reporting official real-time death statistics at the height of COVID-19 to aid in the formulation of policy and decision-making. Moreover, he flagged the importance of capacity-building activities through expertise sharing among governments and the international community was emphasized by citing experiences of the PSA.



The conference adjourned with ministers adopting a Ministerial Declaration which identifies the challenges to national CRVS systems and promotes the acceleration of progress in achieving the goals and targets of the CRVS Decade.

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