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PSA Conducts the 6th Regional Statistics Committee Summit

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The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) conducted the 6th Regional Statistics Committee (RSC) Summit last 25 October 2021. The annual conduct of the Summit is in recognition of the vital role of the RSC as the policymaking body on statistical matters at the local level.

The Summit, which adopted the theme “Speeding Economic Recovery Through Innovative and Evidence-Based Local Development Planning,” served as venue for sharing of regional innovations and accomplishments in local statistics development. The Summit also served as venue to discuss relevant and emerging statistical issues and concerns at the subnational level, in which PSA Undersecretary Dennis S. Mapa, Ph.D. highlighted its importance in his message. PSA OIC-Deputy National Statistician (DNS) Minerva Eloisa P. Esquivias also emphasized the continuing efforts to fully embrace and adopt the new normal in performing functions at the national and regional levels. DNS Rosalinda P. Bautista also commended the RSCs for taking lead in establishing mechanisms for coordination and cooperation in the regions.

One of the highlights of the Summit was the presentation on MIMAROPA’s journey to provincial product accounts done by Ms. Ma. Leizl L. Magbojos. This was followed by the sharing of regional emerging issues and concerns, innovations, and accomplishments in local statistics development presented by the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) CAR Assistant Regional Director (ARD) Stephanie F. Christiansen, NEDA I ARD Irene B. Ubungen, Ph.D., PSA IV-A RD Charito C. Armonia, NEDA VIII RD Atty. Bonifacio G. Uy, and



NEDA Region XIII Senior Economic Development Specialist Sherwin E. Verdun.

Presentations were also made on the following topics: a) Community-Based Monitoring System: Key to Community-Level Statistics, b) RSC Policy Agenda for 2022, and c) PSDP 2018-2023 Update: Local Statistics Development, by PSA Interim Assistant National Statistician (ANS) Plenee Grace J. Castillo, Ms. Lotis I. Ira, and OIC-ANS Severa B. De Costo, respectively.

The most awaited Best RSC Awards for 2021 recognized RSCs which excelled in the performance of their functions from the third quarter of 2020 to the second quarter of 2021. Breakthrough RSC, a special award for the RSC who had remarkable achievement and progress as policymaking body on regional statistical matters, was given for the first time this year.

RSC XI received the Best RSC Award and also bagged the Breakthrough RSC Award for 2021. RSC IV-A was named 2nd placer and RSC BARMM got the 3rd place. RSC II and RSC CAR tied for the 4th place.

The hybrid conduct of the 6th RSC Summit was attended by 325 national and regional participants from PSA Board member agencies and representatives from different regional line agencies, NEDA Regional Directors who are also RSC Chairs, PSA Regional Directors, officials, and staff, and the academe.

For more information on the 6th RSC Summit, please contact the **Statistical Policies and Programs Division of the Standards Service** with telephone numbers (02) 8376-1928 and (02) 8376-1931, and email address sppd.staff@psa.gov.ph.

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