



## CLOSING REMARKS

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### **Awarding Ceremony for Outstanding LCROs for CY 2020 1<sup>st</sup> National Convention on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics**

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To our National Statistician and Civil Registrar General-Under Secretary. Dennis S. Mapa, our Deputy National Statistician-Asec. Leo B. Malagar, Atty. Eliezer P. Ambatali of our Legal Service, the PSA Regional Directors, our Provincial Statistics Officers and staff, all the City and Municipal Civil Registrars and staff all over the Philippines, guests and other participants, good afternoon *po sa inyong lahat*.

To all the Local Civil Registrars and staff, your efforts and dedication in serving the public are all recognized. We can assure that our good partnership will become stronger and more meaningful in achieving our common goals.

To the Civil Registrars that shared their best practices and innovations, MCR Joan Jude Lopez, CCR Thelma Crisologo, CCR Evangeline Tapangan, MCR Teresita Duque, MCR Jonalyn Yamaro - thank you so much!

I hope the other civil registrars can also adopt the new practices to improve our civil registration services, good luck to all of you. And, to all

the awardees today, I hope that you will continue your good performance and make innovations in your respective offices.

Amidst this COVID 19 Pandemic, civil registrars and LCRO staff, who are also considered as front liners must continue to do their works in order to register the vital events of all Filipinos as this is a vital part of their mandate. Some civil registrars may have been affected with the virus while carrying out (their) duties and responsibilities in the office, I would like to request everyone to pause for a moment of silence for the souls of those who (have) died in service... Thank you.

Before I formally close the Awarding of the Outstanding LCRO for Calendar Year 2020, may I again acknowledge the combined remarkable efforts of the different heads and members of the Steering and Organizing Committee for pushing this meaningful convention despite the challenges brought about by the restrictions due to the spike of COVID 19 cases in the country, without your full support and dedication, the 1<sup>st</sup> National Convention on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics will not become successful.

To our heads - Sir Dennis and Sir Leo, to the Director of Legal Service, Atty. Eliezer Ambatali, to all the PSA Regional Directors, the PSOs the CRASD (Civil Registration and Administrative Support Division) Chiefs and our regional focal persons, thank you for your guidance and leadership.

I would like also to thank our Working Groups from the Central Office: Overall Secretariat and Documentation Committee headed by Betchewell Matienzo and Florfina Perez, to our Working Group for Program Committees headed by Emilio Querubin Jr. and also with the assistance with Ruben (Litan), Oliver (Chancoco), Ma'am Lotis (Ira), Jordan (Arnaez). Then we have our Working Group for Luzon Vizayas and Mindanao, our Coordinators - Sandy Sandigan, Elma Jabonillo and Alexander Pilimpinas, to all our Regional Directors and the Regional Focal Persons, to the Publicity and Promotions, thank you so much, headed by Cristy Oliveros and Ruben Litan, thank you. Of course, to our Working Group on the Arrangement, Registration and General Services, *ito po 'yung kahit Sunday po pumapasok sya para ma-i-register lang po ang lahat ng* participants, headed by Atty. Revelyn Cayetano Abduhalim and his Co-Chairperson Edwin Aragon. Of course, *hindi po tatakbo* without our Working Group on Finance, headed by Ms. Maria Celeste Balanza and also Ma'am Fely Collado, to our Working

Group for LCRO Awards Ma'am Aurora T. Reolalas and Ms. Marjorie B. Villaver, *salamat po*.

And, of course, to our Deliberation Committee for the LCRO Awards headed by no other than our National Statistician and Civil Registrar General Sir Dennis Mapa and Sir Leo B. Malagar as the Co-Chairperson. We have as members of the Deliberation Committee - Sir Reynor Imperial, Atty. Eliezer Ambatali, yours truly, Atty. Henedine Palabras, Emilio Querubin Jr. and Gina Perido, thank you so much *po sa inyong lahat*.

And also I would like to thank the Association of the Civil Registrars for their continued support to our CRVS Activities, to PACR President - Ma'am Lucena Flores, thank you so much.

We will close this last part of the Convention right now but let me remind you of our commitments. Yesterday, we took our oath on our CVRS Commitment, kindly print and post in your respective offices to remind us of our duty to carry out the civil registration programs in our community.

Again, thank you so much and see you again in the next National Convention on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics.

God Bless and stay safe!

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