



2ND NATIONAL CONVENTION ON CIVIL REGISTRATION AND VITAL STATISTICS

Improving Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Implementation Strategies through Digital Information

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NCCRVS RETURNS ONSITE! Day 2 Highlights

CRVS Talakayan focuses on online and proxy marriages and surrogacy



Esteemed panelists composed of Justice Maria Theresa V. Mendoza-Arcega, Judge Evelyn Gamotin-Nery (RET), and Assistant Solicitor General (ASG) James Lee Cundangan discussed emerging and developmental issues during the CRVS Talakayan moderated by veteran radio announcer Mr. Francis S. Cansino.

Judge Gamotin-Nery clarified that while proxy marriage is valid in some countries it is not legally accepted in the Philippines. She also pointed out the provision of Article 15 of the Civil Code of the Philippines, where Philippine Laws are binding to Filipinos, even to those who are living abroad. She added that in a marriage ceremony, the two parties must be present before the solemnizing officer, however, "*kapag 'di nangyari 'yan, masasabi po natin na hindi bounded ang kasal.*"

Meanwhile, ASG Cundangan elaborated on the prerequisites of marriage which make an online marriage invalid. He reiterated that the husband and wife must personally appear before the solemnizing officer and emphasized that "*Iba ang virtual appearance sa personal appearance.*" All the three panelists affirmed that online marriage is not valid in the Philippines, unless and until there is a law amending the Family Code.

According to Justice Artega "*Wala po tayong batas on surrogacy.*" She added that whoever is the mother that gave birth to the child, regardless of any surrogacy agreement, she shall be the mother that should be indicated in the Certificate of Live Birth and the child is deemed as illegitimate.

Before the discussion was put to a close, the panelists also expressed their appreciation to the PSA and to the community of the LCRs for their dedication to their respective work.

Top three awardees of the 2022 Most Innovative Local Civil Registry Offices

The awardees were given the opportunity to share their innovations and best practices during the 2NCCRVS.

National Champion: "Realization of CVRS Visions thru Digital Information", as presented by Ms. Evangeline C. Tapangan from the Local Civil Registry Office (LCRO) of Cagayan De Oro City, Misamis Oriental

1st Runner-up: "LCR B.E.S.T.S. for CRVS", as presented by Ms. Nenita F. Ellivera from the LCRO of General Santos City, South Cotabato

2nd Runner-up: "Civil Registration Made Easy Through Digitalization", as presented by Mr. Joan June R. Lopez, LLM., MDM., of LCRO of Lingayen, Pangasinan





2021 OUTSTANDING LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRY OFFICES

The highly anticipated annual awarding of the outstanding LCROs became one of the highlights of the convention. Along with the applauses and excitement, kudos to the hard-working LCRs who gave their best service in the field of civil registration.

SUPER EXTRA LARGE



1ST CITY OF GENERAL SANTOS, SOUTH COTABATO

- 2nd City of Naga, Camarines Sur
- 3rd City of Tagum, Davao del Norte
- 4th City of Cagayan de Oro, Misamis Oriental
- 5th Batangas City, Batangas
- 6th City of Calamba, Laguna
- 7th City of Koronadal, South Cotabato
- 8th City of Angeles, Pampanga
- 9th City of Mandaue, Cebu
- 10th City of Malolos, Bulacan

EXTRA LARGE



1ST GENERAL MARIANO ALVAREZ, CAVITE

- 2nd Baler, Aurora
- 3rd Polomolok, South Cotabato
- 4th Brooke's Point, Palawan
- 5th City of Bayawan, Negros Oriental
- 6th Aroroy, Masbate
- 7th City of Iriga, Camarines Sur
- 8th Sariaya, Quezon
- 9th T'boli, South Cotabato
- 10th Monkayo, Davao de Oro

LARGE



1ST CITY OF TAYABAS, QUEZON

- 2nd Santa Catalina, Negros Oriental
- 3rd Naujan, Oriental Mindoro
- 4th Libmanan, Camarines Sur
- 5th Santo Tomas, Davao del Norte
- 6th Guimbal, Iloilo
- 7th Boac, Marinduque
- 8th Mangataram, Pangasinan
- 9th Surallah, South Cotabato
- 10th Libon, Albay

MEDIUM



1ST CULASI, ANTIQUE

- 2nd Siquijor, Siquijor
- 3rd City of Canlaon, Negros, Oriental
- 4th Titay, Zamboanga Sibugay
- 5th Carmona, Cavite
- 6th Dimasalang, Masbate
- 7th Esperanza, Sultan Kudarat
- 8th Calabanga, Camarines Sur
- 9th Peñablanca, Cagayan
- 10th Governor Generoso, Davao Oriental

SMALL



1ST DINGALAN, AURORA

- 2nd Dipaculao, Aurora
- 3rd Kasibu, Nueva Vizcaya
- 4th Maasin, Iloilo
- 5th General Luna, Quezon
- 6th Maria Aurora, Aurora
- 7th Magallanes, Cavite
- 8th Bato, Catanduanes
- 9th Casiguran, Aurora
- 10th Sagnay, Camarines Sur

EXTRA SMALL



1ST DINALUNGAN, AURORA

- 2nd Nagtipunan, Quirino
- 3rd San Luis, Aurora
- 4th Samal, Bataan
- 5th Dilasag, Aurora
- 6th Sto. Tomas, La Union
- 7th Victoria, Northern Samar
- 8th Mogpog, Marinduque
- 9th Tublay, Benguet
- 10th Burgos, Pangasinan





2021 CIRCLE OF EXCELLENCE AWARD



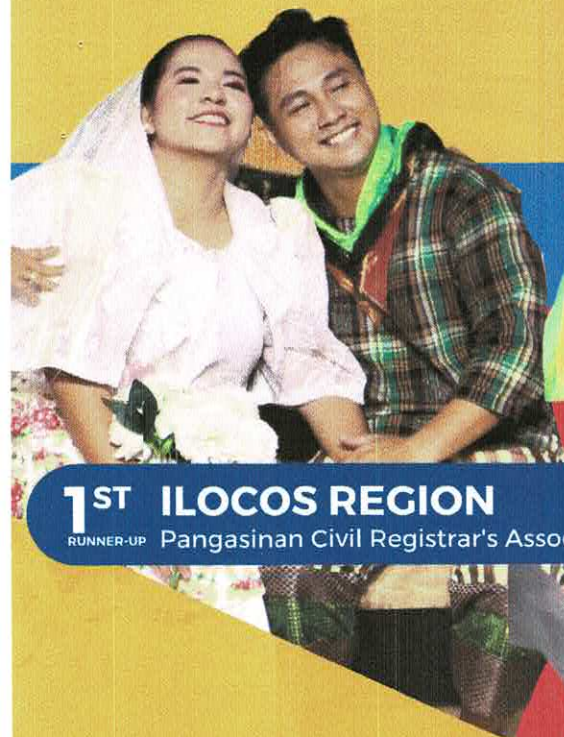
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- Batangas City, Batangas
- Gen. Mariano Alvarez, Cavite
- City of Tayabas, Quezon
- Boac, Marinduque
- Aroroy, Masbate
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- Siquijor, Siquijor
- City of General Santos, South Cotabato



2022 MOST INNOVATIVE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRY OFFICES



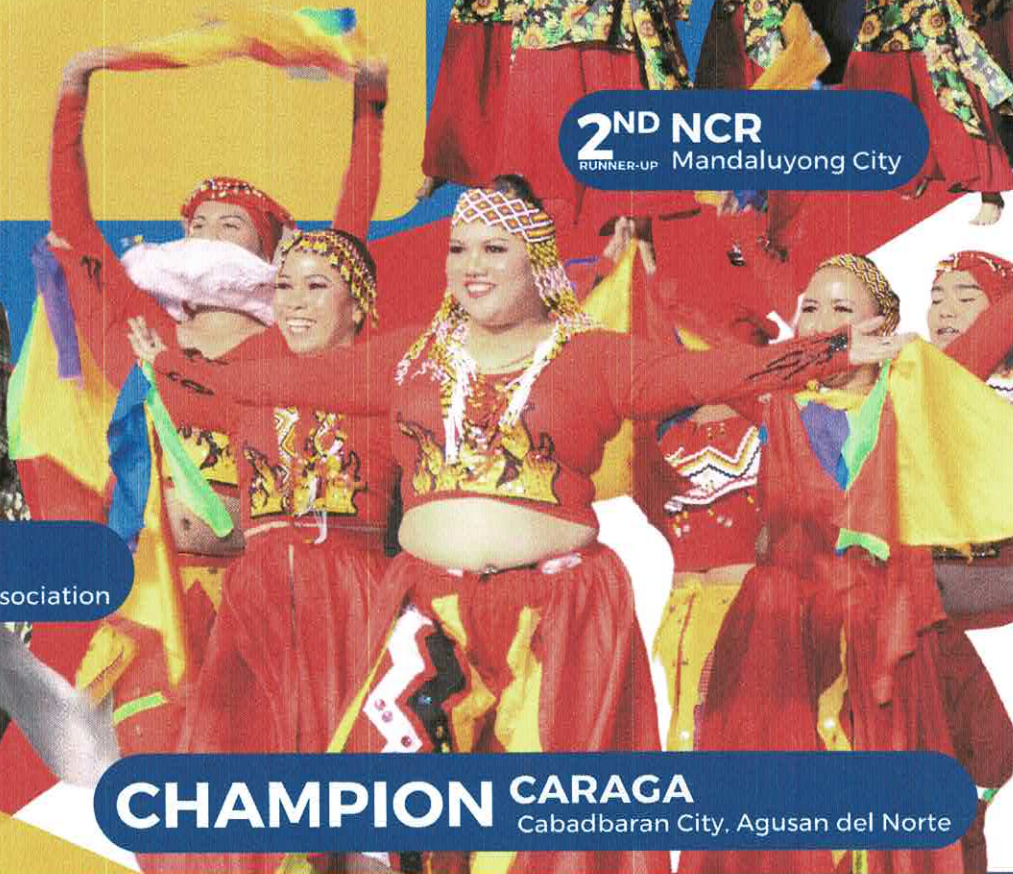
2022 REGIONAL CULTURAL CONTEST FOR LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRY OFFICES (LCROs)



1ST ILOCOS REGION
RUNNER-UP Pangasinan Civil Registrar's Association



2ND NCR
RUNNER-UP Mandaluyong City



CHAMPION CARAGA
Cabadbaran City, Agusan del Norte



Socrates Ramores
Assistant National Statistician
PSA-Financial and Administrative Service

CLOSING MESSAGE

Assistant National Statistician Socrates Ramores of the Financial and Administrative Service expressed, on behalf of the PSA, his sincere appreciation to all the distinguished guests and participants for joining the 2NCCRVS; to local government units, city/municipal registrars, solemnizing officers, and stakeholders for their unwavering support to all the programs of PSA for the CRVS Decade; to the PSA working groups from the Central and Field Offices for making the event possible and successful; and lastly, to all of our resource speakers and discussants for sharing their knowledge and expertise despite their busy schedules. He also expressed hope that the two-day convention was able to provide sufficient insights and learnings and will serve as inspirations to further improve public service delivery.

Before he officially closed the program, he shared a quote from former US Senator Margareth Chase Smith stating "Public service must be more than doing a job efficiently and honestly. It must be a complete dedication to the people and to the nation."