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**Awarding Ceremony for Outstanding LCROs for CY 2020
1st National Convention on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics**

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To Deputy National Statistician (and) Assistant Secretary Atty. Leo B. Malagar, the Co-Chair of this 1st National Convention on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics, members of the PSA Executive Committee, PSA Regional Directors, Provincial Statistics Officers and staff, of course to our partners from the City and Municipal Civil Registrars particularly considering that I am now at the beautiful Municipality of San Juan, Province of La Union, I would like to greet our Regional Director Shiela De Guzman, our Provincial Head of La Union Danites (Teñido) , Officers of the Regional Office: Jun (Yabes) of SOCD (Statistical Operations and Coordination Division, Camille (Beltran) of CRASD (Civil Registration and Administrative Support Division), of course our beloved Civil Registrars of the province of La Union headed by their President, Ms. Laida Rico, *magandang umaga sa ating lahat!*

The awarding of Outstanding Local Civil Registry Offices is an annual activity being done by the Philippine Statistics Authority to give recognition to performing City and Municipal Civil Registrars.

It can be recalled that the Philippine Statistics Authority was not able to conduct a national face-to-face gathering relevant to the civil registration matters in the year 2020 in view of the continuing threat of the COVID-19 pandemic. Thus, it was during the Civil Registration Month Celebration when the annual awarding ceremony for the Outstanding Local Civil Registrar Offices for the years 2018 and 2019 was held virtually via Zoom last February 26, 2021.

Today, on one of the most awaited events, we are to award the Most Outstanding Local Civil Registry Offices for their remarkable performance across six (6) different categories for the calendar year 2020. Generally, the Philippine Statistics Authority awards is an incentive system to ensure the timely delivery of quality outputs in the implementation of the Philippine Statistics Authority's mandated activities under the Civil Registration category. It covers the evaluation of activities in carrying out and administering the provision of Act No. 3753, entitled Law on Registry of Civil Status and other laws on civil registration.

Guided by integrity, accountability, accuracy and reliability, the objectives of the LCRO awards are: First, to encourage efficiency and productivity, innovativeness, and creativity in the LCROs. Second, to acknowledge the LCROs initiatives in supporting the programs and activities relevant to the Civil Registration and Vital Statistics. Third, to promote values of participation and cooperation. And finally, to align the incentive system with result-based performance that delivers timely, accurate, reliable products and efficient civil registration services.

To relate all of these to this year's first-ever National Convention on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics with the theme, "Strengthening Civil Registration and Vital Statistics' Digital Information: The Ways to Manage the New Normal", the Office of the Civil Registrar General thru the Civil Registration Service hosted this event to strengthen our ties with our partners and stakeholders and instill in them the feeling of belongingness.

The Civil Registration Service continuously seek new and innovative ways to encourage its partners and stakeholders to work towards our commitment to the CRVS Decade.

Despite the challenges brought about by the pandemic, I hope that this event serves as a reminder of the goals that we accepted for the CRVS Decade year 2015 to 2024 and work together in achieving universal civil registration of births, deaths, and other vital events by providing all individuals with legal documentation of civil registration of births, deaths, and other vital events as necessary to claim identity, civil status and ensuing rights. Lastly the accurate, complete, and timely vital statistics for those events that have been disseminated based on registration records.

I would like to congratulate the Civil Registration Service headed by Deputy National Statistician (and) Assistant Secretary Leo Malagar and Assistant National Statistician Marizza Grande and all the technical team for hosting and having this successful event.

On the final note, I would like to thank all of you who are present here today, as well as those who are joining us online, without the support that you have given to the Philippine Statistics Authority, we will not be the solid, responsive and world class agency (that) we are today.

To all our attendees and viewers, enjoy and have a great time. And to all the awardees, congratulations in advanced and continue the good works!

Again, *magandang umaga sa ating lahat mula sa bayan ng San Juan, Province of La Union.*

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