

## RSC-NCR bags 4th place in Best Regional Statistics Committee (RSC) Award



RD Dizon (center) proudly holds the plaque of recognition for the 4<sup>th</sup> placer in Best Regional Statistics Committee (RSC) Award for 2022

On December 5, 2022, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) organized the 7th Regional Statistics Committee (RSC) Summit in Malate, City of Manila. The summit is an annual event that acknowledges the significant role of RSC as a policymaking body on statistical issues at the regional level.

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## NCR wins the 26th Philippine Statistics Quiz (PSQ)

Ms. Patricia Angelica Tan, a college freshman from Ateneo de Manila University, emerged as the national champion in the 26th Philippine Statistics Quiz, a competition that assessed the statistical knowledge and aptitude of first-time college freshmen students in the country.

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## 2020 Annual Survey of Philippine Business and Industry (ASPBI) Regional Data Dissemination Forum

The 2020 Annual Survey of Philippine Business and Industry (ASPBI) is a survey conducted by the PSA to gather data on the current state of the country's business and industry.

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## Improving Implementation Strategies through Digital Transformation

Philippine Statistics Authority Launches Data Enclave Center and Implements Digital Strategies for Improved Services and Reliable Data

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SrSS Rocabo (left), RD Dizon (Center), and CSS Barroquillo (Right) facilitated the opening of the data enclave at the RSSO office with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

## NCR boosts its celebration of the 33rd National Statistics Month

RSSO-NCR and its PSOs organize Intercity Contests among Senior High School Students in Celebration of the 33rd NSM, with 114 other activities conducted across the region.

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A photo of the students who participated in a different contest during the celebration in the 33rd National Statistics Month.



Ms. Tan, accompanied by her coach Mr. Chan Shio, basks in victory as they hold the plaque of appreciation and certificate for winning the 26th Philippine Statistics Quiz.

**Be a part of the PSA family and help shape the future of statistical information in the Philippines!**

PSA NCR strengthens its workforce with 18 newly hired and promoted employees from September to December 2022.

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## Improving Implementation Strategies through Digital Transformation



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The PSA has made significant progress in the implementation of its strategies for digital transformation, aiming to improve its products and services. One of its latest initiatives is the launch of the Data Enclave Center (DEC) in NCR, which brings PSA's services closer to clients, stakeholders, and partners. The DEC in NCR, along with two pilot regions, caters to data users and researchers in the area.

The PSA has also made strides in improving the processing and reporting of civil registry documents by implementing the CRS-ITP2 Vital Event Information (VEI) system. Two NCR Provincial Statistical Offices (PSOs) have already transitioned to the online recording and reporting system of vital events, which includes a quality check feature to ensure data accuracy and completeness. The successful implementation of VEI in NCR PSOs serves as a steppingstone toward replacing the offline Decentralized Vital Statistics System (DVSS).

The PSA's commitment to digital transformation is crucial in supporting evidence-based policymaking and driving economic growth and development in the Philippines. This aligns with the annual theme of "Improving Implementation Strategies through Digital Transformation," which highlights the importance of harnessing technology to improve processes and systems. Through digital transformation, the PSA can enhance its efficiency, accuracy, and accessibility in providing reliable data and statistics to its clients and stakeholders.

## RSC-NCR bags 4th place in Best Regional Statistics Committee (RSC) Award

In the recently concluded 7th Regional Statistics Committee Summit held on December 5, 2022, in Malate, Manila, the RSC-NCR, was bestowed with the honor of being named the 4th placer for the Best Regional Statistics Committee for 2022. This recognition serves as a testament to the committee's unwavering commitment and exceptional dedication in fulfilling its role as a policymaking body on regional statistical matters and as a forum for resolving statistical issues at the local level.

RD Dizon, the Vice-Chair of the committee, received the plaque of recognition on behalf of the RSC. The award is a well-deserved recognition of the tireless efforts and hard work of the RSC-NCR in promoting and advancing the development of



RD Dizon proudly displays the plaque of recognition for placing 4th in the Best Regional Statistics Committee (RSC) Award for 2022.

statistical activities and systems in the region. The award acknowledges the RSC-NCR's role in facilitating the efficient and effective generation, collection, analysis, and dissemination of vital statistical information and data that contribute significantly to informed decision-making in various fields.

## PhilSys Program in NCR: Registering 3.3 million Individuals and Distributing 1.1 million e-PhilID

The Philippine Identification System, or PhilSys, is a government program that aims to provide a national identification system for Filipinos. Its main goal is to provide an efficient and secure way of verifying the identity of citizens, promoting social inclusion, and easing transactions with government and private entities. One of the key components of the PhilSys program is the registration process, which involves the collection of biometric and demographic data from individuals.

As of December 31, 2022, NCR has registered more than 3.3 million individuals in the Step 2 registration of PhilSys.

This marks a significant achievement for the program,

demonstrating the increasing recognition and involvement of Filipinos in this endeavor. Covered in the Step 2 registration were the capture of biometric data such as fingerprints, iris scans, and facial images which were then stored in the PhilSys database.

Furthermore, NCR successfully distributed more than 1.1 million e-PhilID from October to December 2022. The e-PhilID is a digital variant of the physical card that contains an individual's PhilSys number, full name, facial image, date of birth, and address. The program's effort to promote the use of digital identification in the Philippines is expected to provide a more secure, efficient, and convenient way of validating the identity of Filipinos.

NCR PSOs made PhilSys registration more accessible to the public by providing institutional registration services at high-rise condominiums on an ongoing basis.





# NCR wins the 26th Philippine Statistics Quiz (PSQ)



*Ms. Tan, accompanied by her coach Mr. Chan Shio, basks in victory as they hold the plaque of appreciation and certificate for winning the 26th Philippine Statistics Quiz.*

The annual Philippine Statistics Quiz - Regional Championship which is held simultaneously with 17 regions across the country took place on 14 November 2022 at 1:00 p.m. The competition aimed to assess the statistical knowledge and aptitude of college freshmen students in the National Capital Region. Seventeen students representing various colleges and universities in Metro Manila participated in the competition.

be called the regional champion of the 26th Philippine Statistics Quiz. After three (3) rounds of tough competition, Ms. Patricia Angelica Tan, a student from Ateneo de Manila University, emerged victorious, garnering an impressive score of 37 out of 40 points. Her exceptional performance earned her the title of regional champion of the National Capital Region.

All of the contestants gave their very best hoping their names to

As the regional champion, Ms. Tan proudly represented NCR in the 26th PSQ National



*Mr. Magbog (left) won second place, Ms. Tan (center) won first place, and Mr. Fernandez (right) won third place. They proudly hold their plaques of recognition as winners of the 26th Philippine Statistics Quiz regional.*

Finals, which took place on December 6, 2022, in Malate, Manila. The national final is a culmination and a showcase of the best and brightest of each region's champion in the field of statistics.

All contestants fought valiantly for the title, but Ms. Tan showcased her incredible knowledge and talent in the national finals and emerged victorious, earning the title of the 26th Philippine Statistics Quiz National Champion by correctly answering 26 out of 30 questions, demonstrating her exceptional aptitude for statistics. Her performance in the finals was commendable, and she received a prize and a plaque of recognition from the judges and spectators alike.



*Ms. Tan (center) confidently holds the plaque of appreciation and certificate of recognition for winning the regional champion of the 26th Philippine Statistics Quiz with the guidance of her coach, Mr. Chan Shio.*

# NCR boosts its celebration of the 33rd National Statistics Month

To celebrate the 33rd National Statistics Month (NSM), RSSO-NCR together with its five Provincial Statistical Offices organize a series of intercity contests for senior high school students hailing from various secondary schools located across all 17 cities/municipality in the National Capital Region (NCR). This year's NSM celebration was marked by a set of contests that included Statistics Quizzes (both individual and group categories), Poster-Making, Essay-Writing, and Comic-Strip. These contests were centered on the theme "Boosting the Country's Recovery with Informed Decisions, Better Policies."

The intercity contests were conducted in two phases. First, the PSOs conducted elimination rounds within each city for the five contests to determine the winners. The entries that won the Poster-Making, Essay-Writing and Comic-Strip contests from each city were then forwarded to the regional office for selection of the best entry and regional winner(s). On the other hand, students who won the Statistics Quiz from each city then advanced to compete for regional championships during the Intercity Statistics Quiz (individual and group category) held at the NCR regional office.

The regional winners were awarded during the regional closing ceremony for the 33rd NSM, which took place on October 28, 2022, at the RSSO-NCR. In addition to the five intercity contests, the RSSO-NCR and its five PSOs organized a The contests and events provided a platform for participants to showcase their knowledge and skills in statistics while promoting awareness about the significance of statistical information in decision-making and policymaking processes.



*A photo was taken of RD Dizon delivering his inspirational message during the opening of the contest.*

## The Intercity Statistics Quizzes – individual and group category

After winning the statistics quiz in their respective cities, the top scorers from the individual and group categories advanced to the regional championships. This was an opportunity for the best statisticians to compete against each other and determine who would emerge as the regional champion.

Among the contenders was Mr. John Elijah, who had emerged as the top scorer in the Statistics Quizzes - Individual category. He had demonstrated remarkable proficiency in the subject and had won the hearts of many with his in-depth understanding of statistical principles. In the regional championship, Mr. Elijah emerged as the winner of the Individual category, much to the delight of his coach, Jerome Macapagal. They had worked tirelessly with Mr. Elijah to help him hone his skills, and the result was a resounding success.

In the group category, Mr. Cruzado, Mr. Galvez, and Mr. Gatmen stood on the stage, holding their plaques of recognition as winners of the regional championships in their respective categories. They had worked hard to get to this point, and their efforts had paid off most spectacularly. As they celebrated their victory, they knew that they had proven themselves to be some of the best statisticians in the region. They looked forward to participating in future competitions and using their knowledge and skills to make meaningful contributions to the world of statistics.

for the Intercity Statistics Quizzes. They worked on various statistical problems and had been collaborating to find the best solutions. As the regional championship began, the team demonstrated excellent teamwork and a deep understanding of statistical concepts. When the results were announced, they had won first place in the Group category, much to the delight of Ms. Vargas.

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*Mr. Dadea hold wins the Statistics Quizzes - Individual category together with his coach Jerome macapagal*



*Mr. Cruzado, Mr. Galvez and Mr. Gatmen winning the Intercity Statistics Quizzes - group category first place together with their coach Ms. Reverie Vargas*



## 2nd Philippine Statistics Authority Quiz Bee in NCR



A picture of some of the contestants of the PSA Quiz Bee from different agencies in the NCR holding their certificates of participation with RD Dizon and CSS Barroaullo.

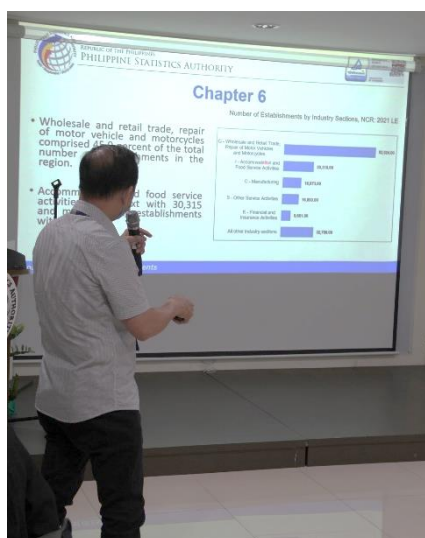
On October 28, 2022, the second PSA Quiz Bee was conducted in NCR. Representatives from various RSC member agencies in the region competed against each other to determine who would emerge as the regional champion. The competition was fierce, with participants demonstrating their knowledge of statistics and their ability to solve complex problems. After a grueling

competition, Mr. John Yelmer Timog from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources – National Capital Region (DENR-NCR) emerged as the winner of the NCR regional elimination round. Mr. Timog's impressive performance during the elimination round earned him the opportunity to represent the NCR in the 2nd PSA Quiz Bee National Finals.

The PSA Quiz Bee is a highly regarded event that provides a platform for showcasing participants' statistical knowledge and skills and highlights the RSC's achievements in advancing the quality of statistical information and data in the region. The RSC's involvement in the PSA Quiz Bee further underscores its commitment to promoting the development and advancement of statistics in the region.



CSS Barroaullo giving his opening remarks during the PSA NCR Statistical Quiz



A photo of SrSS Rocabo discussing Basic Data Analysis before the start of the Intercity statistical quiz contest

As part of the festivities for the 33rd National Statistics Month, RSSO NCR organized a Statistical Quiz, which featured the employees of the PSA NCR as the contestants. The Statistical Quiz was one of several activities that were conducted by the RSSO NCR to commemorate the significance of the National Statistics Month, highlighting the importance of statistics in promoting evidence-based decision-making and development planning in the country. The quiz provided a platform for the PSA NCR employees to showcase their knowledge of statistical concepts and data analysis, encouraging healthy competition and camaraderie among the participants. The event was a resounding success and served as a testament to the importance of statistics in shaping policies and programs that impact the lives of Filipinos across the nation.



Ms. Ryza Nicole Lacdang from Pasay City holds her certificate of recognition as she wins the Intercity Comic-Strip contest together with her coach Ms. Yolanda Marina.



Mr. Christian Herrera from City of Mandaluyong, with his coach Jesus Ernesto Reyes for winning the 1st place of the Intercity Poster Making Contest



1st place winner and crowd favorite of the 2nd Mobile Photography Contest.

### Vaccination for Children of the Nation

"Vaccinated children decrease the risk of being infected with Covid-19. They can stay face-to-face in daycare and school to continue their education without being interrupted. Parents are well-informed about the importance of the vaccine. Thus, this will help to boost the nation's recovery."

## Data Dissemination of 2021 Full-Year Poverty Statistics



RD Dizon (center), CSS Barroquillo (right), and CSS Balamban (left) of the PSA responds to queries during the open forum on 2021 Full-Year Poverty Statistics



A picture of the participants during the 2021 Full-Year Poverty Statistics Data Dissemination.

On October 10, 2022, A data dissemination on the Official poverty statistics of NCR based on the results of the 2021 Family Income and Expenditure Survey was conducted by the Officials of RSSO-NCR and PSO in Santa Cruz, City of Manila. Presented on the data dissemination were the Official Poverty Estimation Methodology and NCR's 2021 Full Year Official Poverty Statistics.

and others. The data dissemination provided crucial information on poverty incidence, highlighting the number of families living in poverty, and subsistence incidence measuring the extent of families and populations that cannot afford their basic food and non-food needs. Additionally, it also covered food thresholds, which help in identifying the minimum budget required for a family to meet their basic nutritional requirements and mean per capita income, which provides the average income per person in the NCR.

The event was attended by 81 participants, comprising officials from various government agencies. The attendees included guests from the PSA Central Office, PSA NCR Office, and from PSA NCR Provincial Offices. Along with them, guests from different agencies, such as RSCs, RLAs, and City Planning and Development Officers from local government units in NCR were also present.

Overall, it proved to be a great platform for sharing the 2021 full-year official poverty statistics for NCR. It was highly informative, helping to raise awareness and understanding of poverty and its prevalence in the region.

## 2020 Annual Survey of Philippine Business and Industry (ASPBI) Regional Data Dissemination Forum

The 2020 Annual Survey of Philippine Business and Industry (ASPBI) is a survey conducted by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) to gather data on the current state of the country's business and industry sector. In this regard, the Regional Data Dissemination Forum held on December 9, 2022, in the City of Parañaque, was an essential event to share the preliminary results of the ASPBI and discuss improvements to the survey.



A picture of RD. Dizon delivering the 2020 Annual Survey of Philippine Business and Industry results.

At the event, Regional Director Paciano Dizon presented the highlights of the preliminary results of the ASPBI. He shared vital information about the current state of the country's business and industry sector, including data on sales, expenses, capital expenditures, employment, and other pertinent information. This information is essential for policymakers, investors, and business owners, and the dissemination of this information is critical to help them make informed decisions.

on improving the ASPBI. The forum offered an opportunity for the PSA to listen to the insights and feedback of the participants and take necessary measures to enhance the survey in the future.

Additionally, the PSA expressed its appreciation for the active participation and cooperation of the sample establishments. The sample establishments played a vital role in providing the necessary data for the ASPBI, and the PSA acknowledged their contributions to the success of the survey.

Furthermore, the Regional Data Dissemination Forum provided a platform for business owners, representatives, and other stakeholders to provide their feedback and suggestions

As a token of appreciation, Regional Director Paciano Dizon and the Chief Statistical Specialists handed over the token of Appreciation and Plaque of



A picture taken at the data dissemination forum.

Recognition to selected top-performing sample establishments from each PSO. These establishments provided exemplary support by submitting their accomplished ASPBI questionnaires early and completely, which helped the PSA in collecting data more efficiently.



## 2023 Regional Planning Workshop

On December 13 to 15, 2022, the PSA-RSSO-NCR conducted a Regional Planning Workshop in Nasugbu. The attendees included officials and staff from the Regional and Provincial Statistical Offices, including the Regional Director, Chief Statistical Specialists, Chief Administrative Officer, and regular staff. The workshop aimed to identify key areas of improvement for the organization in the coming year. PSA-NCR presented its accomplishments in different fields and recognized the outstanding performance of its Provincial Offices in collecting and providing precise statistical data.

RD Dizon emphasized the six pillars of success/leadership,

which included being committed to consistency and focus, developing a growth mindset, having knowledge of strengths and weaknesses, being ambitious, staying motivated, and building happy habits.

Assistant National Statistician Rene C. Mendoza of the PSA delivered the message of our National Statistician and Civil Registrar General, Dennis S. Mapa. He emphasized the need for our regional and provincial heads to engage our staff and strategize during the workshop. He also shared the PSA's success in statistics, including the Philippines ranking 23rd out of 144 countries and 3rd in the ASEAN Region in the 2020 World Bank Statistical Capacity



A photo of CSS Vargas discussing the updates to the Quality Management System (QMS)

Indicator. Additionally, the PSA ranked 18th out of 181 participating countries' National Statistical Offices in the Open Data Inventory 2020, with Singapore being the only country ahead of it in the ASEAN Region. The PSA's successful implementation of the national ID registration program was also recognized. Participants were reminded of the importance of leadership qualities, such as commitment, a growth mindset, and motivation, in ensuring the success of the PSA's programs and activities.

## 2023 Regional Office Planning Workshop

On December 21 to 22, 2022, the PSA-RSSO-NCR conducted a 2023 Regional Office Planning Workshop at the regional office located in EDSA Grand Residences in Quezon City. All employees of the RSSO NCR were present, making it a highly attended and significant event.

The main purpose of the workshop was to discuss and deliberate on the plans and strategies that the organization will undertake for the coming year. It was an opportune time to review and assess previous performance and to map out new and innovative ideas that will drive success in the upcoming year.

Throughout the workshop, the PSA-NCR also presented its achievements in various fields. These achievements served as an inspiration to continue striving toward excellence and to set even higher goals. The workshop provided a platform to collaborate and brainstorm on creative solutions to existing challenges, which will help to propel the organization towards a successful future.

Overall, the PSA RSSO NCR Regional Office Planning Workshop was a highly productive and fruitful event. It was a unique opportunity to come together, share collective

knowledge and skills, and foster teamwork, collaboration, and innovation. By setting a solid foundation for the upcoming year, the organization is better equipped to achieve even greater success.



After completing the workshop at the RSSO conference room, the RSSO NCR team gathered for a photo to commemorate the event.

## Number of Registered Live Births, Marriages, and Death from January to December



## PERSONNEL COMPLEMENT, REGULAR AND COSW As of December 2022

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA	NO. OF PLANTILLA POSITION		COSW*
	NO. OF VACANT POSITIONS	NO. OF FILLED UP POSITIONS	
<b>NCR</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>1977</b>
RSSO	2	26	10
NCR-PSO I	5	40	348
NCR-PSO II	5	39	402
NCR-PSO III	5	39	388
NCR-PSO IV	1	42	404
NCR-PSO V	6	39	425

As of December 2022, PSA NCR has 225 filled-up plantilla positions and 977 Job-Order and Contract of Service Workers\* (JO/COSWs\*) who served in various NCR offices. The 225 filled-up positions comprised about 90.4 percent of the 249 plantilla positions of the region which has still 24 vacant positions to fill in.

PSA NCR's commitment to excellence and providing quality service is evident in its latest workforce development efforts. From September to December 2022, PSA NCR has been working diligently to strengthen its workforce with the hiring and promotion of 18 new employees.

This effort not only reinforces the organization's capacity to carry out its mandate to provide reliable statistical information, but it also demonstrates its unwavering dedication to investing in its human resources. The newly hired and promoted employees

come from diverse backgrounds and bring unique sets of experiences and skills to PSA NCR.

As a result of this commitment to workforce development, PSA NCR has been able to enhance its capacity to meet the growing demands for reliable statistical data and analysis in the National Capital Region. The recruitment and promotion of new personnel not only bring a fresh perspective and energy to the organization but also improve its overall operational efficiency and effectiveness.

### PSA NCR Provincial Statistical Office III Moves to New Location for Better Services and Efficiency

The PSA NCR Provincial Statistical Office III has recently undergone a significant change as it moved to a new office located at **7464 Bagtikan St., San Antonio, Makati City** last October 2022. The transfer marked a new chapter in the office's history, as it aimed to provide better services to its stakeholders.

The move also reflects the PSA's commitment to continuously improve its services to the public. With an improved workspace, the employees of PSA NCR Provincial Statistical Office III perform their duties more efficiently and effectively. This can lead to more accurate and timely statistics that can aid policymakers, researchers, and other stakeholders in making informed decisions.





