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For an open and transparent legislative department, VG Oyo Uy launches 'KAPEHAN SA SANGGUNIAN'

By: Jan Fhore Andrey L. Cagalitan

WITH the aim to provide an open platform for constructive dialogue, fostering engagement between the 9th Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Davao del Norte and the community, the office of Vice Governor De Carlo "Oyo" L. Uy launches the pilot episode of "Kapehan sa Sanggunian" on October 26, 2023 at the Mess Hall, New Legislative Building, Provincial Government Center, Brgy. Mankilam, Tagum City.

The program was launched online via Facebook livestream and onsite as attended by various media personnel in Davao del Norte who were invited to cover the episode. In celebration of Press Freedom Month, the event highlighted the increased awareness of the importance of responsible information dissemination through the aid of radio broadcasting and social media, for the better understanding of the public on

legislations and various significant programs of the Vice Governor's Office, along with the local and national issues.

In a statement, Vice Governor Oyo Uy, emphasized the proactive involvement of the media and the press in reporting the event and highlighted the significance of transparent and accountable governance in today's society.

Similar to a coffee shop (kapihan/kapehan), attendees were welcomed by a warm and inviting atmosphere, accompanied by the aroma of freshly brewed coffee made available for everyone.

Municipality of Asuncion Mayor Atty. Eufrazio "Yuri" Dayaday Jr. led the program as the esteemed mediator. Second District Board Members Orly Amit and Emmanuel "Mawe" Pamisaran were also invited as guest speakers, actively participating in the dialogues

as they answered questions from the mediator. The speakers also tried to address the varied issues and concerns raised by the media personnel who attended the event on matters related to local governance, community development, and public welfare.

Looking ahead, "Kapehan sa Sanggunian" is envisioned to become a regular platform for open discussions, enabling continuous dialogue between local government officials and the community, which will be live-streamed once a month.

In another statement, Vice Governor Oyo Uy expressed his gratitude to Mayor Atty. Yuri Dayaday, Board Member Orly Amit, and Board Member Mawe Pamisaran for bringing resounding success to the event and taking the challenge to provide a platform for transparency towards genuine and responsible public service.



Province of Davao del Norte gears up Linggo ng Kabataan 2023 with the Provincial Junior Officials Program

By: Ruda Caren Barabad



The Provincial Sports & Youth Development Office-Youth Development Division (PSYDO) in collaboration with the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Provincial Federation of Davao del Norte spearheaded by Hon. Emerson Dave A. Silutan, LPT, observed the Linggo ng Kabataan 2023 through an innovative initiative—the Provincial Junior Officials Program. Slated from September 25-29, 2023, this program aims to spearhead the comprehensive execution of the Sangguniang Kabataan Reform Act of 2015, specifically focusing on Chapter VI of Section 30.

This pioneering endeavour was set to bring forth 25 aspiring young leaders from the Student Supreme Government of various identified Secondary Schools in the Division of Tagum City and Davao del Norte. These passionate student leaders immersed themselves in the responsibilities of junior government

executives for a week, understanding the core tenets of governance and leadership.

The Provincial Sports and Youth Development Office (PSYDO) and the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Federation of Davao del Norte, in its pursuit of inclusivity and collaboration, has requested participation from various schools to engage in the Provincial Junior Officials Program, such as La Filipina National High School, Tagum City National High School, Laureta National High School, Tagum City Comprehensive High School, Tagum City Trade School, and Davao del Norte Sports Academy.

Following a meticulous and fair election process, the selected students assumed roles mirroring provincial governance. Among the designated roles, one individual served as the Junior Governor, another as the Junior Vice-governor, fourteen (14) took on the role

of Junior Board Members, and two (2) functioned as Junior Congressmen, while the remaining participants served as Junior Provincial Department Heads.

During the five-day program, these selected junior officials involved themselves in immersive learning experiences, understanding the functions, duties, and mandates of their respective simulated offices. This hands-on opportunity offered them an intimate insight into the intricate bureaucratic processes within the local government.

This initiative not only provided an educational platform but also fostered a sense of responsibility and leadership among the youth, encouraging them to actively participate in the community's development. This Linggo ng Kabataan 2023- Provincial Junior Officials Program turned out to be an inspiring and enlightening event, empowered young minds to contribute positively to society.

BM Shirley Belen Aala spearheads Oplan Balik Eskwela Program

By: Ruda Caren Barabad



After collaborating with the DepEd and School Administrators in the recently conducted Brigada Eskwela Program, Board Member Shirley Belen R. Aala with her heart continually set on uplifting the spirits of students and teachers also spearheaded the conduct of Oplan Balik Eskwela Program in selected schools in the 1st District of Davao del Norte, particularly in Tagum City and in the Municipality of New Corella.

Recognizing the need for additional educational materials and school supplies for pupils in the said schools, the aforementioned program of BM Aala contains the distribution of school supplies to preschool and grade 1 pupils.

The teachers and parents were very thankful to the good Board Member as they observed the happy faces of their children who received the school supplies, such as notebooks, paper, crayons, erasers, sharpeners and others.

Being a retired educator who was known for her unwavering dedication to education and the betterment of public schools, the veteran legislator and chairperson of the committee on education in the Sangguniang Panlalawigan just showed her support and love in the field of education and committed to continue doing the same to other public schools in the 1st District of this province.



EMMANUEL G. PAMISARAN: Cultivating Excellence in the Field of Agriculture and Public Service

By: Adrian Cabaya and Fairyssa Bianca C. Sagot

A great leader, Honorable Emmanuel G. Pamisaran, better known as “MAWE”, was born in the vibrant 2nd District of the Province of Davao Del Norte. Raised amidst the lush landscapes of the region, his love for the land and its potential was evident from a young age. This passion led him to pursue Bachelor of Science in Agriculture in the University of Southeastern Philippines – Mabini Campus and graduated with flying colors. Armed with knowledge and a deep sense of purpose, he was ready to embark on a remarkable journey.

Returning to his roots, Hon. Emmanuel became a beacon of responsible agriculture. His love for farming and agriculture inspired him to venture into the world of banana cultivation and became a small-scale banana grower specializing in producing bananas for export. This agricultural venture not only showcased his entrepreneurial spirit but also contributed to the local economy and the promotion of sustainable agriculture in his region.

Hon. Pamisaran’s entry into politics was driven by an unwavering desire to bring about positive change in his community and nation. In 2013, he made his foray into the political arena as a City Councilor for the Local Government of Panabo, where he served for an impressive three terms. During his tenure, he took on several vital roles in the Sangguniang Panglungsod, including chairing the Committee on Education, Culture, and Scouting, as well as the Committee on Cooperatives and Non-Government Organizations. Additionally, he was actively involved in several other committees, including Finance and Appropriations, Laws, Justice and Human Rights, Agriculture, Health and Sanitation, and many more.

As a City Councilor, Hon. Pamisaran was instrumental in passing important ordinances that focused on the interests of his constituents, including the institutionalization of the Alternative Learning System (ALS) in the City of Panabo and consolidated various scholarship grants provided by the City, ensuring greater access to education for the youth. He also served as a Board of Director for the Philippine Councilors

League - Provincial Chapter, further highlighting his commitment to the welfare of his fellow councilors. His dedication to the city’s progress and to his constituents’ welfare was instrumental in shaping its future.

The rise of Hon. Pamisaran in the political arena was swift, thanks to his exceptional leadership skills, tireless work ethic, and a genuine connection with his constituents. In 2022, his dedication to public service didn’t stop at the city level and he decided to run as one of the Board Members in the 2nd District of Davao del Norte and was given the opportunity to effect positive changes on a more extensive scale. His path from a City Councilor to Provincial Board Member signifies an impressive political journey characterized by ambition, adaption and dedication to a broader constituency.

Hon. Pamisaran’s leadership qualities and passion for cooperative and agricultural development led him to chair the Committee on Cooperatives and Livelihood and the Committee on Agrarian Reform, Agriculture, and Food. He also held positions as Vice-Chairperson on the Committee on Education and Culture and played an active role in various other committees, including Finance, Budget and Appropriations, Natural Resources and Environment, Rules and Privileges, and more.

Early in his political career as a Board Member, he achieved notable milestones. Known as the “Kampeon sa Kooperatiba” and the Chairman of the Committee on Cooperatives and Livelihood, he authored several ordinances which aims to help and support our Cooperative Sector in the Province of Davao del Norte. First is the “Revised Provincial Cooperative Development Council Ordinance of the Province of Davao de Norte” which was approved last September 15, 2022 that increased the budget allocation of the PCDC Council from One Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php 150,000.00) to One Million Pesos (Php 1,000,000.00) to ensure provision of technical guidance, financial assistance and other services to enable said cooperatives to develop into viable and responsive economic enterprises and thereby bring about a strong cooperative movement that

is free from any conditions that might infringe upon the autonomy or organizational integrity of cooperatives. Second, the “Livelihood Financing Assistance Programs Ordinance” which was approved on last December 27, 2022 and served as a substantive compendium of the Livelihood Financing Assistance Programs of the Province as a collective and joint effort of legislative and executive departments. Lastly, the recent ordinance which was approved last September 04, 2023 is the “Gawad Parangal Search for Most Outstanding Cooperatives Ordinance of the Province of Davao del Norte”. This ordinances aims to give reward and due recognition to cooperatives and encourages them to be the engine of sustainable growth and development for strong, self-reliant, viable, competitive and empowered cooperatives in the Province.

Moreover, notwithstanding the fact that the Committee on Agrarian Reform, Agriculture and Food is new to Hon. Pamisaran, the latter authored the provincial ordinance “Institutionalizing the Provincial Agricultural and Fishery Council (PAFC) in the Province of Davao del Norte” which was approved last December 27, 2022 that provided for One Million Pesos budget allocation in order to intensify the mobilization of the Provincial Agricultural and Fishery Council.

In the annals of political history, Hon. Pamisaran is a shining example of a leader whose achievements have left an indelible mark on society. His life in public service for 21 years, marked by integrity, passion, and an unswerving commitment to the betterment of the community and his constituents, serves as an enduring inspiration for all. His achievements continue to inspire us, demonstrating that one person’s determination and dedication can indeed help and contribute change for the betterment of the community.





Gawad Parangal Ordinance ni BM Pamisaran, aprubado na!

By: Fairyssa Bianca C. Sagot

Ang pagpanday sa mga balaodnon o ordinansa sa usa ka miyembro sa Sanggunian maoy mamahimong mahinungdanon nga tinubdan sa dungog ug kalambuan sa katawhan nga gi-alagaran. Pinaagi niini, gitugot nga ang kaalam ug kakugi ni Board Member Emmanuel “Mawe” Pamisaran maoy mamahimong sumbanan aron mapalambo ang ilang komunidad ug masiguro nga ang mga kahimtang ug kaayohan sa mga katawhan manginhasiwa ubos sa balaan nga mga balaod nga iyang namugna.

Tungod sa iyang lubos na pagmahal sa katilingban sa Ika-duhang Distrito sa Davao del Norte hilabi na sa Sektor sa Kooperatiba, ug isip Chairperson sa Committee on Cooperatives and Livelihood sa Sangguniang Panlalawigan, gipanday ni Board Member “Mawe” Pamisaran ang Provincial Ordinance No. 2023-011 sa titulong “Institutionalizing Gawad Parangal Search for Most Outstanding Cooperatives in the Province of Davao del Norte, Providing Mechanics and Appropriating Funds Thereof” na giaprubahan niadtong Septyembre

04, 2023 sulod sa 36th Regular Session sa Sangguniang Panlalawigan. Kini nga ordinansa nag-ila sa maayong pasundayag sa mga kooperatiba nga gikategorya isip Micro Scale Category, Small Scale Category, Medium Scale Category ug Large Scale Category ning atong probinsya pinaagi sa paghatag ug mga plake ug mga ganting salapi aron kanunay nga mapalambo ang dinamismo sa pagdumala, ug propesyonal nga kompetisyon taliwala sa ubang mga kooperatiba, padulong sa ekonomikanhon ug malungtarong mga kooperatiba ug komunidad.

Gawas niini, ang mga awards ug rekognasyon ihatag gihapon sa ubang mga kooperatiba nga adunay dalaygon ug talagsaon nga mga kalihukan lakip na kadtong mga kooperatiba nga naglihok isip extension office/branch. Tagaan pud ug Consolation Prize nga nagkantidad ug ₱5,000.00, kauban sa Plaque of Recognition, ang tanang partisipante nga Kooperatiba sumala sa endorsement gikan sa Cooperative Development Council ug Local Chief Executives sa ilang taga-tagsa ka

Local Government Unit.

Kanunay nga magtuman si BM Mawe Pamisaran sa iyang saad nga padayon siyang maghimo ug mga ordinansa alang sa kalamboan ug kaayohan sa katawhan sa atong probinsya. “Rest assured na ako gyud nga ipadayon ang serbisyong kinasing-kasing ug magbilin ako ug legasiya, maningkamot ako sa kanunay na mahimong tipik ug kabahin sa kalambuan sa atuang palanggang probinsya,” matud niya.

Ang pagpasa ug mga balaodnon o mga ordinansa usa ka kritikal nga proseso sa paghukom sa usa ka komunidad. Pero, mapasalamaton si Hon. Pamisaran sa iyang mga kauban sa Sangguniang Panlalawigan sa Davao del Norte labi na kang Vice Governor Oyo Uy ug sa iyang mga kaubanan sa Committee on Cooperatives and Livelihood na si Hon. Orly Amit, Hon. Emerson Dave Silutan ug Hon. Devona Jumamil sa maayong pag-uban ug suporta. Gawas niini, dako pud ang iyang pasalamat sa atong Gobernador Edwin “Kuya Gob” Jubahib sa pag aprobar sa maong ordinansa. 🗳️



DavNor scores great, SP approves SBM Catalan's two distinctive legislations

By: Maria Riza M. Ocampo




The Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Davao del Norte gained another noteworthy legislations beneficial to the entire Province of Davao del Norte as Senior Board Member Flopone Ryle A. Catalan authored two priced ordinances for its constituents.

A good news for all living centenarians in the province, they will get an additional cash incentive in the amount of Fifty Thousand Pesos (P50,000.00) on top of the incentive they received from the national government and from their respective local government units. The grant of additional incentive is an initiative of SBM Popop Catalan through Provincial Ordinance No. 2023-010 which was enacted by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan during its 29th Regular Session last July 24, 2023 and signed by the Honorable Governor on August 09, 2023.

SBM CATALAN hoped that this ordinance, entitled "honouring and granting cash incentives to Dabaonon Centenarians in the Province of Davao del Norte and providing funds therefor," will be implemented early in the following year 2024 to alleviate the burden of our senior citizens in their twilight years considering the rising cost of living and healthcare expenses. Moreover, the proponent hoped that the younger generation be inspired to live a healthy lifestyle to prolong and enjoy lives even beyond a century.

On the other hand, BM

Popop Catalan authored another ordinance that is beneficial to the Local Government Unit in their celebration of any banner festival. Through Provincial Ordinance No. 2023-007, entitled "Granting financial assistance to the Component Local Government Units of the Province of Davao del Norte for its Banner Festival Celebration in the amount of not less than One Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (P150,000.00)," the law allows the provincial Government to give financial subsidy to LGUs in their festival celebration such as annual anniversary events. The proponent hoped that through the grant of monetary assistance from the Provincial Government of Davao del Norte, all LGUs will institutionalize a banner festival to showcase their cultural heritage, unique traditions, customs and artistic expressions to attract visitors and boost local businesses.

This Provincial Ordinance No. 2023-007 was approved by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan during its 24th Regular Session last June 13, 2023 and signed by the Local Chief Executive on June 19, 2023. The youngest Senior Board Member said, "Dako kaayong tabang sa usa ka LGU ang paghatag ug pinansyal nga suporta alang niini nga kalihukan tungod kay kita nagatoo nga makatabang kini para mas mapahugyaw pa ang maong selebrasyon ug mapalambo usab ang ilang turismo ug ekonomiya." 



SP DavNor approves STI/HIV/AIDS Prevention, Management, and Control Ordinance of BM Lu, MD

By: Keeper Genota

The Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Davao del Norte, through the initiative of Board Member Denise Marianne A. Lu, MD, Chairperson of the Committee on Health, unanimously approved Provincial Ordinance No. 2023-014, the "Davao del Norte STI/HIV/AIDS Prevention, Management, and Control Ordinance," during the 33rd Sangguniang Panlalawigan Regular Session on August 14, 2023. The subject ordinance aims to Create the Davao del Norte AIDS Council; Promulgate guidelines, policies, and measures for the prevention, management, and control of STI/HIV/AIDS within the province; Prescribe penalties for the violation of the ordinance and appropriate funds in accordance with the foregoing purposes, and Positively address and seek to eradicate conditions that aggravated the spread of HIV infection, which include poverty, gender inequality, marginalization, and ignorance.

"We recognize that education and information drive are still the best tools for its prevention and control. With this ordinance, programs will be established to further prevent the spread of HIV and deliver treatment, care, and support services to our constituents already living with HIV," Dr. Lu said in her sponsorship speech.

With the Davao del Norte AIDS Council (DDNAC), the multi-sector organization is committed to unify responsive efforts on the prevention, care and control of STI, HIV, and AIDS among the general population especially the marginalized groups and reduction of its impact on the community. Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) is a health condition where there is a deficiency of the immune system that stems from infection with the Human Immunodeficiency Virus or HIV, making an individual susceptible to opportunistic infections. The Human

Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) is a type of virus called retrovirus which infects cells of the human immune system, and destroys or impairs the cells' function. Infection with HIV results in the progressive deterioration of the immune system leading to immune deficiency called acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) when HIV infection is untreated with HIV medicines. Conversely, Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) refers to infections that are spread through the transfer of organisms from one person to another as a result of sexual contact. Sexually transmitted infections (STIs) are very common among people who are sexually active. Anyone who engages in sexual activities is at risk, including those people already living with HIV. STIs are also commonly referred to as sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). STIs are infections that are spread from person to person through sexual activity, including anal, vaginal, or oral sex. They are caused by bacteria, parasites, and viruses. Examples of STDs are chlamydia, gonorrhea, human papillomavirus (HPV) infection, and syphilis.

The Davao del Norte STI/HIV/AIDS Prevention, Management, and Control Ordinance reinforces the provisions of Republic Act No. 11166, "An Act Strengthening the Philippine Comprehensive Policy on Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) Prevention, Treatment, Care, and Support, and, Reconstituting the Philippine National Aids Council (PNAC), Repealing for the Purpose Republic Act No. 8504, Otherwise Known as The "Philippine Aids Prevention and Control Act of 1998", and Appropriating Funds Therefor," and holding local government units accountable for the measures of preventing, managing and control of STI/HIV/AIDS in the province.

The Ordinance ensures STI/HIV/AIDS Education, including topics on confidentiality and reduction or elimination of stigma and discrimination be provided in the workplace, academic and training institutions and communities. The Council, in close coordination with the law enforcement bodies and in partnership with the key affected population and pertinent sectors, shall employ best practices in human rights and evidence-based HIV prevention, management, and control policies and programs for key affected population in the city/municipality.

The health service provider and other staff assisting or directly providing medical services or examinations to clients shall be engaged and shall be prohibited from discriminating in their treatment of their patients or clients. Prohibition on misinformation on STI, HIV and AIDS is enforced. There is misinformation when an individual purports a cure, treatment or a fail-safe prophylactic for HIV infection, which includes false and misleading advertisement and claims in any form of multimedia or the promotional marketing of drugs, device, agents or procedures without prior approval from the proper government agencies and without the requisite medical and scientific basis, including markings and indications in drugs and devices or agents. The Health Service Providers or any person involved in the provision of HIV and AIDS services, including peer educators, shall be protected from any form of harassment in the conduct of their duties. They shall be protected from malicious suit, arrest or prosecution arising from civil, criminal or administrative liability, on the basis of their delivery of such services in HIV prevention, or in relation to the legitimate exercise

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of protective custody of children, whenever applicable. This immunity, however, does not cover acts which are committed in violation of the Ordinance.

The Ordinance prohibits discriminatory acts and practices such as discrimination in the workplace—the rejection of job application, termination of employment, or other discriminatory policies in hiring, provision of employment and other related benefit, promotion or assignment of an individual solely or partially on the basis of actual, perceived, or suspected HIV status; Discrimination in Learning Institution,

the refusal of admission, expulsion, segregation, imposition of harsher disciplinary actions, or denial of benefits or services of student or a prospective student solely or partially on the basis of actual, perceived, or suspected HIV status; Restrictions on Travel and Habitation; Restrictions on housing or lodging, whether permanent or temporary, solely or partially on the basis of actual, perceived, or suspected HIV status; Prohibition from Seeking or Holding Public Office; Exclusion from Credit and Insurance Services provided, that the PLHIV has not concealed or misrepresented the fact to the insurance company or loan or credit service provider

upon application; Denial of health services, or being charges with a higher fee, on the basis of actual, perceived or suspected HIV status is discriminatory act and is prohibited; Denial of Burial Services; and Acts of Bullying and other similar or analogous discriminatory acts. Any acts performed which constitute discriminatory acts and practices shall be prosecuted pursuant to Republic Act No. 11166.

The Davao del Norte STI/HIV/AIDS Prevention, Management, and Control Ordinance was disseminated through a public hearing in all cities and municipalities throughout the Province of Davao del Norte last July 11-21, 2023. 

Still the top performing SP Member for two consecutive semesters, BM Orly Amit keeps vigilant eye in overseeing DavNor's budget

By: Jasmine Jade Pedere

With a strong will to serve rooted from his humble beginnings as a jeepney conductor to his extensive years in public service, 2nd District Board Member Orly Amit took it upon himself that his integrity as a public official remains untarnished. Rightfully, he remains as the top performing Board Member in the 9th Sanggunian in the Province of Davao del Norte. In the first half of the year 2023 alone, BM Amit has already sponsored 647 resolutions and 8 ordinances.


His dedication extends to keeping a vigilant eye on those in power to ensure that the hardworking taxpayers of the Province of Davao del Norte are not robbed of their hard-earned money. The drive does not stop there as he is currently working on ways to ensure that the funds of the Province are being properly appropriated and used for programs and projects that directly contribute to its development, and not for the interest of those in power. With this in mind, BM Amit stops at nothing and no one in protecting

the trust that the people have given him. As the Chairperson of the Committee on Finance, Budget and Appropriations, it is BM Amit's official duty to oversee the budget flow and appropriation of funds in the Province— ensuring its proper allocation for the general welfare of the people. Yet, his efforts for a just and transparent governance was rather poorly appreciated.

His strong reservations about what he believes to be an unreasonably large sum of money for a proposed confidential fund had cast him in a bad light. He consequently faced harsh retaliation as demonstrated with the confiscation of his government-issued service vehicle last November 2022. And recently, he has also become the target of baseless allegations of corruption. Corruption would probably be the last word one could to think of when they hear the name Orly Amit. The Honorable Board Member, in his many years as a public servant, is known to be a man of principles, a stickler for the

rules. Being accused of something he is so vehemently against is a profound disrespect to his efforts in maintaining a clean and corrupt-free administration, as he consistently makes sure that not a single cent is spent on any improprieties.

Having been able to be on the shoes of the working-class, BM Amit knows what it is like to hustle eight hours a day, or even more, just to put bread on the table. And so, his heart goes out to the “yanong Dabaonon” who work tirelessly from sunrise to sundown to provide for their families— the very people who entrusted him with the huge responsibility of being a respectable Board Member of the Province.

The road less taken might seem daunting and full of adversities. In pursuit of genuine reform, of transparency and accountability, one could easily be painted evil. However, Board Member Orly Amit remains steadfast on his commitment to serve his purpose as an elected Board Member of the Province of Davao del Norte. 





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