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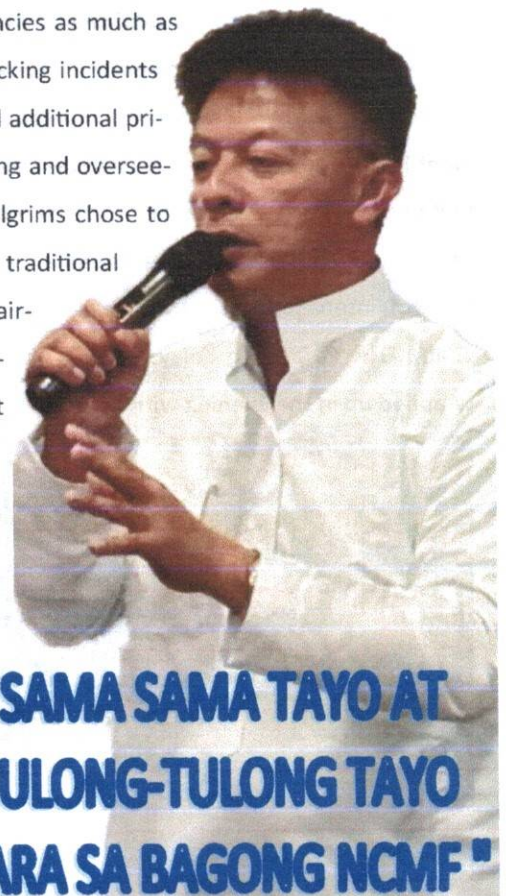
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NCMF STEERS SUCCESSFUL 2024 PHILIPPINE HAJJ DESPITE CHALLENGES



The National Commission on Muslim Filipinos successfully concluded the 2024 Philippine Hajj Operations under the leadership of Secretary Sabuddin N. Abdurahim. While logistical challenges arose, particularly during the Arafat-Muzdalifah-Minah movement, the NCMF team guaranteed a safe and smooth pilgrimage for all Filipino pilgrims. In Muzdalifah - Travel time and delays in bus transportation and the unspecified designated area were thoroughly addressed by filing reports. The NCMF Supervisory Team

remained on-site, assisting pilgrims upon arrival, and facilitating their stay. Further, the NCMF Medical Team stood by to address any health concerns that might arise. The team played a crucial role, with doctors and nurses stationed both in Muzdalifah and Arafat, ensuring comprehensive coverage. Additionally, other medical personnel were actively roaming the area using the ambulance, further enhancing their ability to respond quickly to any emergencies as much as the situation allowed. On Transport - Unforeseen obstacles, heavy traffic, and hijacking incidents caused delays in transport. To alleviate the unexpected trouble, the NCMF secured additional private buses to expedite transport with Secretary Abdurahim personally administering and overseeing such difficult processes and logistical setbacks. On Walking Pilgrims - Some pilgrims chose to walk from Muzdalifah to Mina with their sheiks and NCMF personnel, reflecting a traditional Hajj experience. On Accommodation - Upgraded Mina tents with sofa beds and air-conditioning apparatus for improved comfort and a place of relaxation for all Filipino pilgrims. On Food - While initial delays occurred, dry meals were provided at Arafat. Filipino pilgrims also received a refund due to the Mina camp's proximity to Jamarat. The Medical Team and Supervisory Team, remained with the pilgrims throughout the Muzdalifah ensuring a successful 2024 Hajj operations.



**"SAMA SAMA TAYO AT
TULONG-TULONG TAYO
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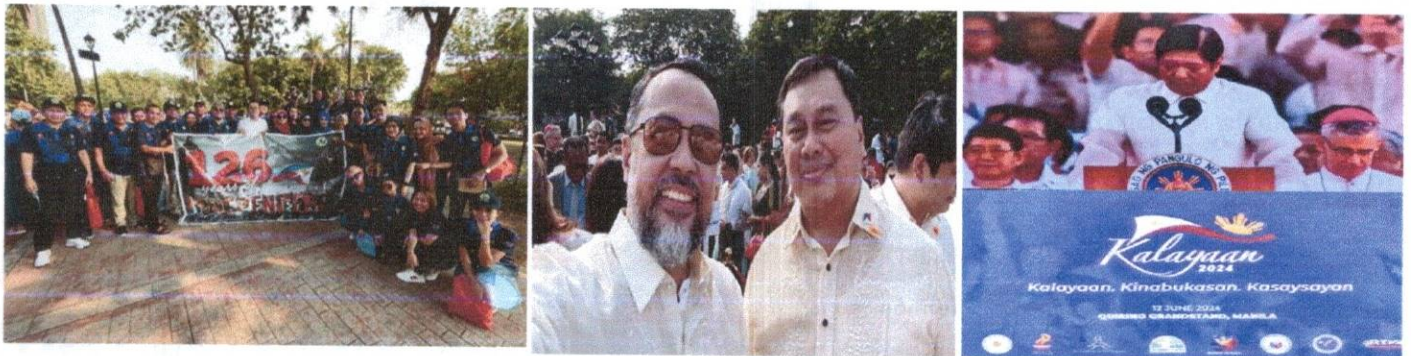
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NCMF PARTICIPATES IN THE 126TH INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

In Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, NCMF Secretary Sabuddin Abdurahim attended a reception to celebrate the 126th Anniversary of Philippine Independence Day on June 10, 2024. The event, held at the Iridium Seventy Hotel in Aziziyah, was hosted by Consul General Edgar Tomas Q. Auxilian and Dr. Maria Vita E. Auxilian. Secretary Abdurahim seized the chance to convey his utmost appreciation to the Department of Foreign Affairs for their help in ensuring smooth operations for the 2023 and 2024 Hajj pilgrimage. Several key officials received Plaques of Appreciation for their outstanding contributions, including Hon. Rommel A. Romato (Riyadh Philippine Embassy Charge d'Affaires), Hon. Edgar Tomas Q. Auxilian (Jeddah PCG Consul General), and Mr. Junaid C. Ali (Riyadh Embassy Attaché). Plaques were also presented to the Riyadh Embassy Hajj Assistance Team and the Jeddah Consulate General Hajj Task Force. Secretary Abdurahim was accompanied by OIC Hajj Attaché Omar A. Mandia and Deputy Executive Director Atty. Jehan-Jehan A. Lepail.

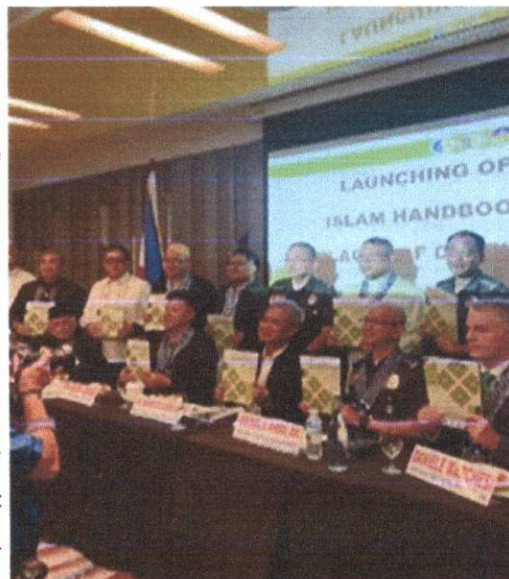


Meanwhile, the National Commission on Muslim Filipinos (NCMF) participated in the 126th Independence Day celebration with the theme, "Kalayaan. Kinabukasan. Kasaysayan." held in Rizal Park, Manila. NCMF Commissioner Datu Ras S. Lidasan, Jr., the Officer-in-Charge (OIC) of the Commission while Secretary Sabuddin N. Abdurahim is in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for the 2024 Hajj operations joined the flag-raising activity alongside officials from various government agencies where the new Bagong Pilipinas hymn was played. The flag-raising ceremony and wreath laying in Rizal Park were graced by His Excellency President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr. The President encouraged the Filipino people to "draw inspiration from the valor, resilience, and uniting spirit" of our ancestors in facing modern time challenges against Philippine independence. The PS ensured the efficient provision of logistic requirements while the BER, Administrative Service, and Bureau of Muslim Cultural Affairs contributed from their Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE) for the parade float of the Department of Interior Cluster (Blue Team). The Parada ng Kalayaan 2024, held in the afternoon, featured 22 floats depicting key historical events. The activity wrapped up in the evening with a firework display and a free concert of Filipino music artists including P-pop sensation BINI.



NCMF SECRETARY AT THE LAUNCHING OF THE "HANDBOOK ON ISLAM IN PLACES OF DETENTION" SIGNS DECLARATION OF COOPERATION

NCMF Secretary Sabuddin N. Abdurahim graced the launching event of the "Handbook on Islam in Places of Detention." It was held at Novotel Manila, Araneta City and hosted by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). This noble endeavor began in 2023 through the collaborative efforts of various agencies such as the Philippine National Police (PNP), Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP), Bureau of Corrections (BuCor), NCMF through the Bureau of Peace and Conflict Resolution (BPCR), and Commission on Human Rights (CHR). This project is supported by UNODC through their Programme Office in the Philippines headed by its Country Manager, Daniele Marchesi. The handbook will serve as a guide for detention facilities on Islamic practices and the cultural needs of Muslim Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs). It is a commitment of the concerned officials to provide effective management of our Muslim brothers and sisters in detention. It promotes inclusivity and sensitivity to Muslim PDLs' rights which would ideally lead to their successful reintegration into society. The handbook is aligned with UN standards and global practices to protect and uphold the dignity of Muslim PDLs and ensure the absence of discrimination and other unjust practices. At the said launch, messages of support were given by Australian Embassy Second Secretary Matthew Boyall, UNODC Representative Marchesi, BJMP Chief JDir Ruel Rivera, BuCor Director General Gregorio Cata-pang, Jr. and NCMF Secretary Abdurahim, among others. A ceremonial signing of the Declaration of Cooperation also took place with PNP, BuCor, BJMP, NCMF, CHR and UNODC giving their commitment to co-organize with the UNODC any activity related to this endeavor. The closing remarks were given by BPCR Director Cosanie Derogongan. BPCR has been in consultation with the BJMP and PNP in



HAJJ 2024 MEDICAL MISSION

Makkah, Saudi Arabia—The National Commission on Muslim Filipinos (NCMF) Hajj Medical Team has diligently served the Filipino pilgrims during the Hajj. Following extensive coordination, they have successfully met all medical requirements and have been granted a permit to operate a clinic by the Saudi Ministry of Health (MOH). Additionally, the Medical Team has contracted with Lana Medical Inc. for the required disposal of medical wastes and collaborated with the Ithraa Al Khayr service provider to maintain the hygiene and sanitation of the clinic. The Team has seen and assisted patients with various conditions, including upper respiratory tract infections, cardiovascular diseases including hypertension, musculoskeletal problems, diabetes mellitus, and skin diseases, among others, as the leading causes of consultation. Patients received free medication, and those requiring further care have been referred to Saudi government hospitals for additional management and treatment. Led by Dr. Abdunasser P. Masorong Jr., CESO III, the Medical Team comprises professionals from NCMF, DOH, PHO-Lanao del Sur, and Entourage volunteers, including Dr. Anisah M. Laguindab, Dr. Tamara Mae Ansama, Dr. Princess Hannifa Sabdullah, Dr. Weldana Abdurahim, Dr. Al-Shayn Mansa, Dr. Sa-adi A. Sacar, Dr. Shahania Sacar, Dr. Precious Somairha Gio, Dr. Junaisah Abbas, Dr. Deena Asaari, Limpi Macapundag III, RMT, Sitti Divina M. Roxas, RN, Juhanah Macalanggan, RN, Umar Sangkula, RN, Soraya Sambolawan, RN, Andramaida Asmad, RN, Hayati Inju, RN, Fatima Shaima Danial, RN, Jalina Mangampo Dejos, RN, Al-Nasir Buttongah, RN, Abdullah Macugar, Jr., RN, Hientjie Panotolan, RMT, Dayang-Dayang Jehan S. Kiram, RN, Mudzna K. Ismula, RN, Benzar T. Askalani, RN, and Johanson Mambuay, RN.



Hajj Medical Mission:



The NCMF has a strong medical team with 20 members. The Provincial Health Office of Lanao del Sur, with generous sponsorship from their governor, contributed three additional healthcare professionals. The Department of Health (DOH) further strengthens the team with ten members, demonstrating their commitment to pilgrim well-being. Three additional doctors, serving as part of the pilgrims' entourage, have also volunteered their expertise. These combined forces of medical professionals demonstrated the Philippines' unwavering dedication to ensuring a safe and healthy Hajj experience for all pilgrims.

PHILIPPINE EMBASSY IN KSA HANDOVER MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO SUPPORT FILIPINO PILGRIM DURING HAJJ

Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. In his first official visit to the Philippine Consulate General in Jeddah, Secretary Sabuddin Abdurahim met with Consul General Edgar Tomas Q. Auxilian and the Philippine Embassy in Riyadh Charge d'Affaires, Romel Romato. Following a warm exchange, a simple ceremony unfolded at the Consul General's office, hosted by Protocol Officer Junaid Ali. The highlight of the program was the ceremonial handover of medicines donated by the Philippine Embassy in Riyadh to the NCMF Hajj Medical Team. This initiative, spearheaded by embassy staff, comes after they donated medical equipment and supplies to the medical team in Madinah where Vice Consul Francis Ramon B. Torres of the Philippine Embassy and his dedicated team played a crucial role in the turnover as they warmly welcomed the Filipino pilgrims to Madinah. His team, consisting of Ashurry A. Macasindil, Muamar R. Batua-an, Amenodin P. Paporo, Emmanuel U. Paredes, Christian V. de Onon, Eunice P. Trinidad, Moh'd Javier M. Pukunum, Jamel A. Haris, Faridah M. Bayabao-Altao, Faidah B. Haris, Alirasul D. Dimasar, and Jourie U. Bantuas, ensured the smooth transition of the medical supplies and equipment. Secretary Abdurahim was joined by OIC Hajj Attache Omar Mandia, NCMF Medical Team Head Dr. Abdulnasser Masorong Jr., Regional Director Saleha Sacar, and Mr. Limpi Macapundag III. This visit and the medical supply donated showcase the collaborative efforts of Philippine officials in ensuring the well-being of Filipino pilgrims during the Hajj.



1st BASIC MEDIATION COURSE FOR MUSLIM FILIPINO COMMUNITIES LAUNCHED

The Bureau of Peace and Conflict Resolution, under the leadership of Director Cosanie Mortaba Derogongan, has successfully conducted the first Basic Mediation Course for Muslim Communities. This groundbreaking program, in line with the New Secretary Sabudin Abdurahim's NCMF: Bagong Pilipinas Community Resilience Program, reflects President Ferdinand Bongbong Marcos Jr.'s brand of governance aimed at serving our communities effectively. Held in Palawan, the program marks a significant milestone following President Marcos's declaration that the province was free from insurgency and was now a peaceful region. The Basic Mediation Course is a testament to the government's commitment to fostering peace and reconciliation within Muslim communities, addressing conflicts constructively, and promoting community resilience. Participants of the course, comprised of community leaders, stakeholders, and representatives from various sectors, underwent training in conflict resolution, mediation techniques, and peacebuilding strategies. The sessions were led by experienced facilitators from the Bureau of Peace and Conflict Resolution to empower individuals with the necessary skills to address disputes amicably and promote understanding among community members. The program's success can be attributed to the collaborative efforts of the Bureau of Peace and Conflict Resolution of the Commission, and local stakeholders in Palawan. Their dedication and commitment to promoting peace and stability have paved the way for the effective implementation of the Basic Mediation Course.

In his address during the opening of the program, Secretary Abdurahim expressed his gratitude to all participants for their active involvement and support. He emphasized the importance of mediation in resolving conflicts and building resilient communities, echoing the vision of President Marcos's administration to create a more peaceful and prosperous nation. Secretary Abdurahim recognized the support of LGU of Palawan under the able leadership of Governor Dennis Socrates and Mayor Lucilo Bayron of Puerto Princesa. As the first of its kind, the Basic Mediation Course sets a precedent for future initiatives to strengthen peace and harmony within Muslim communities across the Philippines. The program's success underscores the government's commitment to promoting peace and stability in Palawan and beyond as we collectively strive towards a Bagong Pilipinas founded on unity, resilience, and prosperity.



LECTURE SERIES ON MEDIATION CONFLICT AND RESOLUTION

The NCMF – SOCCSKSARGEN Regional Office led by OIC Regional Director Atty. Gapor G. Quituar through the PBCRD conducted a lecture series on Mediation Conflict and Resolution from April 22-30, 2024 at the NCMF SOCCSKSARGEN Conference Room. The lecture covers several topics which include Understanding Negotiation and Mediating Conflict; Parliamentary procedures; Preparation of Legal Documents; Anti-Child Marriage Law (RA 11596) and the Psychological Effect of War and Conflict on the well-being of Communities. As the three-day lecture commenced, Mr. Alipikre R. Basher, DMO IV, PBCRD-SOCCSKSARGEN Region, Cotabato delivered a comprehensive presentation regarding effective conflict management together with his co-PBCRD staff, other employees of the NCMF Cotabato region and USM intern students. The parliamentary procedure lecture is the continuation of the lecture series being implemented by the PBCR Division. The topic being delivered consists of significant details and information regarding the parliamentary rules and regulations. The anti-child marriage law, discussed by Dr. Tamara Mae U. Ansama was a comprehensive guide for the USM students and other participants to understand the legal justification of child marriage. The discussion is the continuation of the lecture series. The psychological effect of wars & conflict on the well-being of communities delivered by Mr. Mohamad Misfer K. Khanakan emphasized how wars and conflict can affect to overall psychology of a person in a war-prone area.



**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

A Blessed Feast of Sacrifice to all Filipino Muslims!

Today's festivity of our Muslim brothers and sisters is a reminder of our common lineage to Prophet Abraham, the father of monotheism.

May we, like Abraham, re-learn the value of generosity and sacrificing our own comforts for the common good.

May this be an apt message of our oneness in humanity and be ever more united in our shared aspiration for an inclusively and sustainably progressive Bagong Pilipinas!

Eid mubarak!

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May this Eid'l Adha bring you and your family joy, peace, and prosperity on this blessed occasion.

June 16, 2024

Greetings from:
Secretary Sabuddin N. Abdurahim
& the whole NCMF Family

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NCMF AND DTI FORGE STRONGER COLLABORATION IN PROMOTING PHILIPPINE HALAL INDUSTRY

Manila, Philippines – On May 31, 2024, a significant meeting was held between key Officials of the National Commission on Muslim Filipinos (NCMF) and the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), in the Office of DTI Secretary's Conference Room, 5th Floor, DTI Board of Investments, Makati City, to discuss strategic initiatives aimed at promoting the Halal industry in the Philippines. The NCMF delegation was led by Secretary Honorable Sheikh Sabuddin N. Abdurahim. Alongside the NCMF Secretary, was the Director of the Bureau of Muslim Economic Affairs (BMEA), Engr. Rahmatol M. Mamukid, the Director of Bureau of External Relations (BER) Ceazar M. Maranda, CPA, the Chief of BMEA's Cooperative Development Division (CDD), Almojin Dianalan Pandapatan, and BMEA Staff Norzid Rajab Contora. The DTI was represented by Secretary Honorable Alfredo "Fred" E. Pascual, Halal Taskforce Head Aleem Siddiqui Guiapal, and Chief Raizon Arobinto.

The agenda of the meeting included the progress on the bill sponsored by Hon. Sittie Aminah Q. Dimaporo and Hon. Khalid Q. Dimaporo and discussions on the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Brunei Ministry of Religious Affairs.

The DTI Secretary warmly welcomed the new NCMF Secretary, Honorable Sheikh Sabuddin N. Abdurahim, and explored avenues for collaboration on supporting Muslim cooperatives, boosting Halal domestic sales, and assisting SMEs in the Halal sector. The meeting culminated with both parties agreeing to sign an MOU to further solidify their collaboration. This agreement aims to enhance joint efforts in promoting the Halal industry, with a focus on policy advocacy, capacity-building initiatives, and market promotion efforts. This partnership represents a significant step towards realizing the potential of the Halal industry in the Philippines, fostering economic growth, and ensuring that Halal products and services meet international standards.



NCMF AT THE ANTI-CHILD LABOR CONFERENCE

The National Council Against Child Labor (NCACL) and World Vision's Project ACE (Against Child Exploitation) recently extended an invitation to the National Commission on Muslim Filipinos (NCMF) to participate in a pivotal conference aimed at combating child labor and child exploitation. The event, organized by the NCACL—a governmental task force dedicated to addressing child labor—and World Vision, sought to unite government and non-governmental figures in addressing the pressing issues of child labor and exploitation. The objective was to facilitate the sharing and adoption of best practices against child exploitation and labor from various countries within the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and Asia, whose delegates participated in the conference.

During the final day of the conference, workshops were conducted, allowing participants, including representatives from the NCMF, to identify and prioritize actions to address child exploitation. As an input in said workshop, the NCMF suggested proactive policy measures to protect marginalized sectors, particularly children from indigenous groups, and Muslim communities in the Philippines (in the Philippine context), from exploitation. Meanwhile, attendees, including representatives from the World Vision Project ACE (Against Child Exploitation) in Vietnam and the Philippines, shared their impressions and discussed strategies for collaboration moving forward. The speakers delved into the intricacies surrounding child victims within the context of exploitation, exploring how various countries in ASEAN and Asia address these challenges and provide assistance. Coordination among stakeholders, a vital approach in addressing child exploitation, was likewise highlighted by presenters from government and civil society groups across ASEAN and Asia (Timor Leste and Mongolia) such as Vietnam, Brunei, Indonesia, the Philippines, Laos, Mongolia, Cambodia, Timor Leste, and Myanmar.

In closing, Atty. Benjo Santos M. Benavidez, DOLE Undersecretary and NCACL Alternate Chairperson underscored the significance of the conference and stressed the need for continued collaboration to combat and eliminate child exploitation across Asian countries. The NCMF, a member of the National Council Against Child Labor, plays a vital role in the government's efforts to empower existing child laborers and their families. As with NCACL members, NCMF's ultimate aim is to achieve a child-labor-free Philippines. The conference was attended by BMS Director Masideng Salic and BMS Staff Abdulwahid Panganting.



NCMF SECRETARY CONTINUES TO RECEIVE COURTESY VISITS

From day one of his assumption in office, NCMF Secretary Sabuddin N. Abdurahim continues to receive dignitaries both from local and international agencies.

On May 2, 2024, the Ambassador of Malaysia to the Philippines, His Excellency Dato' Abdul Malik Melvin Castelino, made an official visit to the National Commission on Muslim Filipinos to discuss a possible future engagement that would benefit Muslims in the Philippines and establish a stronger cordial Malaysia and Philippines relationship. Ambassador Castelino was accompanied by Trade Commissioner Intan Zalani, Nurriha Ahamad, a Counsellor and SUPT. Norasman Hassan Basari, Police Attache, Royal Malaysia Police (RMP). During the meeting, Secretary Sabuddin Abdurahim briefed the Ambassador on the mandates of the NCMF and its ongoing programs. A productive discussion ensued on the engagement concerning Halal development in the Philippines, scholarship grants, Madrasah, Toril and Tabung Hajj (The Malaysian experience), the BIMP-EAGA (The corridor covers from routes Palawan – Sabah, Zamboanga Peninsula – Sabah (including Basilan, Sulu and Tawi-Tawi; Davao and General Santos), among others. Also accompanying the Ambassador's party was Director Aleem Siddique M. Guiapal, Program Manager, Halal Industry Development of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI). Director Guiapal represents DTI Secretary Alfredo E. Pascual to the Halal Board (Philippine Halal Export Development and Promotion Board). Secretary Sabuddin extended his thanks and appreciation for the official visit of the Ambassador and his party, and his looking forward to the future engagement of NCMF with the Embassy of Malaysia.



On May 3, 2024, The Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) Undersecretary for Mindanao Affairs and other Special Concerns Atty. Alfredo F. Bayan pays a courtesy visit with the Commission's New Secretary. He was warmly welcomed by Secretary Sabuddin N. Abdurahim. Usec. Bayan was ecstatic upon knowing that foreign Muslim Dignitaries, local elected officials, Ulama (religious) and Community leaders were trooping to NCMF to show support to the new head of the Commission. Usec Bayan suggested to the NCMF head to confer and work with Community Muslim leaders to get their input to maintain peace and harmony within the community. The NCMF Secretary, as a former Board member of the Province of Tawi-Tawi greatly appreciated the ideas and suggestions of the good DILG Undersecretary. Secretary Abdurahim expressed his great appreciation to the Honorable Secretary of DILG Atty Benjamin " Benhur" Abalos for the untiring support and assistance to the NCMF.



On May 3, 2024, the Ambassador of Brunei Darussalam to the Philippines, Her Excellency Megawati Manan made an official visit to the National Commission on Muslim Filipinos to pay a courtesy call to the newly appointed Secretary of the Commission. The Lady Ambassador was appreciatively and warmly welcomed by Secretary Sabuddin N. Abdurahim. The Lady envoy was accompanied by Fadzlyyani Annuar, First Secretary of the Embassy of Brunei Darussalam. The meeting was very cordial as the Secretary speaks the Brunei Language (Malay) fluently. Several key and important issues, concerns and future collaborations were discussed, such as; a) Halal Development on the agriculture sector (halal farming, halal fertilizers, capacity building for halal assurance audit; b) Revival of MOU signed between NCMF and Brunei Darussalam in 2015; b) Recognition of Halal Certified Bodies (HCB) accredited by NCMF; d) Assistance to Madrasah and Torils; e) Capacity building for Imams/Ustadz and Madrasah Administrators. After the fruitful meeting, the Gracious Brunei Envoy invited Secretary Abdurahim for another round of meetings to further discuss the programs and activities that the parties can agree on to collaborate for the benefit of the Filipino Muslims in the country Secretary Sabuddin extends his thanks and appreciation to the Ambassador and is looking forward to the future engagement with the Royal Embassy of Brunei.



On May 16, 2024, the Ambassador of Brunei Darussalam Her Excellency Megawati Manan made her second visit to the NCMF, this time she was accompanied by Mr. Radin Sufri Basiuni, Chief Executive Officer of Data Stream Digital (DST). DST is a full-service Mobile Network Operator and a full mobile service provider, for Zakat Fitr, and eZakat Wealth (Savings). The company wishes to introduce to the Philippines an application for the collection and distribution of Zakat. This would be easy for the collectors and the recipients. Secretary Sabuddin Abdurahim extends his heartfelt gratitude to the recent visit of the Lady envoy from Brunei Darussalam. Her presence was not only an honor but also a testament to the strong and enduring friendship between the Philippines and Brunei Darussalam.



NCMF-NCR IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT DISTRIBUTES RELIEF ASSISTANCE

NCMF- NCR headed by Regional Director Dimapuno A. Datu-Ramos Jr., through the Muslim Settlement Division led by Chief Junainah D. Nuska in partnership with the Office of the Vice-President of the Philippines distributed relief assistance in Taguig Muslim Community. The relief operation was conducted at Blue Mosque in Taguig City together with the representatives from Office of The Vice-President. The Relief distribution Activity was a successful relief Operation reaching out to 400 beneficiaries in need. The operation was aimed to alleviate the hardship faced by the Muslim residents of Taguig and provide essential support during challenging times. NCMF- NCR Settlement Division Staff Heintjie T. Panotolan, Jimmy D. Galo Jr., Jamilon B. Nanak, and Mamintal A. Nuska were in attendance during the activity.



NCMF LANAO-LEGAL AFFAIRS DIVISION CONDUCTS LECTURE ON ANTI - CHILD MARRIAGE LAW

The NCMF- Lanao Office under Regional Director Lominog M. Lao through Legal Affairs Division Atty. Raihana M. Madum, served as a lecturer on the Anti-Child Marriage Act of 2020 organized by the Jamiatul Philippine Al-Islamia (JPI) Graduate School, Marawi City. The program entitled "Awareness on Republic Act No. 11596: Understanding Issues and Finding Solution to Child Marriage" was participated by more or less 100 students from the Graduate School, Social Work, and Criminology Departments of JPI. It was also graced by other esteemed resource speakers including Dr. Monalinda M. Macawadib, Dr. Raisalam B. Maunti and PLt. Sarah San Jose Buenaventura, Chief, Women and Children Protection Desk (WCPD) of the Marawi City Police Station. Crimes against children handled by WCPD was shared during the program. The program was concluded with an open forum where the participants and lecturers provided valuable insights on the multifaceted issues faced by our community in implementing the law on child marriage.



NCMF NORTH LUZON CONDUCTS HIJAB AWARENESS PROGRAM AND DISTRIBUTES RAMADAN FOOD PACKS

In observance of the 2024 Hijab Awareness Month, NCMF North Luzon under the leadership of Regional Director Atty. Raihanah Sarah Macarimpas conducted a Hijab Awareness Program on March 19, 2024 at the Muslim Aeta Community located in Sitio Target, Brgy. Sapang Bato, Angeles City, Pampanga. It was conducted in coordination with Islamic Education and Research Academy (iERA) Philippines through its coordinators Romeo “Kuya Bob” de la Cruz and Noorain Sabdulla. The activity started with an opening prayer led by NCMF employee Amin Dianalan and followed by a short message from Director Macarimpas. Thereafter, Ustad Kamar Sabdulla, the National Spokesperson for the Salaam Police Advocacy Group, delivered a da’wah to the community emphasizing the beauty and significance of hijab in Islam. Then, a “Try a Hijab” was facilitated by Sitti Divina Roxas in which some of the non-Muslim audience were able to try wearing the hijab. NCMF North Luzon team witnessed 2 persons from the Aeta community and 1 volunteer from iERA declare their Shahadah and reverted to Islam. This was facilitated by iERA coordinator Kuya Bob. On the same day, Director Macarimpas assisted by her staff and iERA coordinator Ms. Noorain distributed to the community fifty (50) boxes of Ramadan Food Packs sponsored by Beautywise Philippines. Preloved items, consisting of hijab and clothes, donated by NCMF GAD and North Luzon employees, were received by Nanay Ima, the community leader, to be distributed to the community. Further, sixty (60) snack bags were distributed to the children present during the activity. Also, in attendance during the activity were former NCMF Director Abdullah Macarimpas, Deloraine Bernabe, Atty. Nor-ainah Daragangan, Monalangcap Datumanong, Faharodin Salacop, and Ali Jefferson Beronio. NCMF North Luzon Office expressed its sincerest and deepest gratitude to Beautywise and iERA Philippines for continuously supporting the programs and activities of the North Luzon Regional Office.



NCMF-CARAGA CONDUCTS RAMADHAN PEACE PROGRAM

The NCMF-Caraga Regional Office, headed by Regional Director Monaim Guro, successfully conducted a Ramadhan Peace Program with the theme "Breaking Bread, Building Bonds: A Celebration of Unity and Compassion" on March 26, 2024, at the selected Masajid in Butuan City. This was organized by the Peace Building and Conflict Resolution Division, led by Chief Nur-Aliyah Alonto. Drawing inspiration from the teachings of Islam, the Ramadhan Peace Program emphasized the essence of Ramadhan as a time for fostering harmony, sharing blessings, and promoting peace through the act of sharing food in the community. It emphasizes the significance of "breaking bread" together as a means of building bonds, strengthening relationships, and cultivating a spirit of unity and compassion. Funded by contributions from the dedicated staff of PBCRD and generous NCMF-Caraga employees, the program aims to distribute essential food items such as loaf bread, peanut butter, and drinking water to those in need. Additionally, recognizing the importance of comfort and relief, the Ramadhan Peace Program extended its support to local masajid by providing turbo electric fans which will give physical comfort for Muslim worshippers amid these scorching summer days. Overall, the initiative has benefited three Masajid and 100 deserving families. The PBCRD extends its heartfelt gratitude to all those who contributed to this initiative. It is through their generosity and support that the Program was made possible, touching the lives of many and embodying the true spirit of Ramadan. The PBCRD expressed its intention to continue this initiative in the future, recognizing its impact on the community and its alignment with the values of Islam. By fostering unity, compassion, and communal harmony, the division hopes to perpetuate the spirit of "Breaking Bread, Building Bonds" in the years to come.

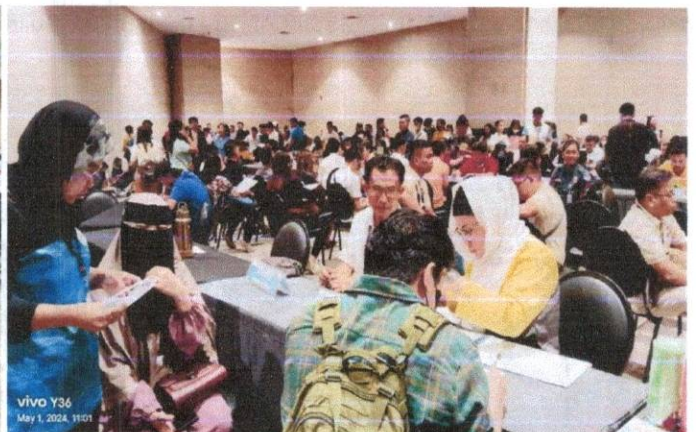


MUSLIM FILIPINOS IN MEGA JOB FAIR IN CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY ASSISTED BY NCMF N-MINDANAO

A one-stop shop Mega Job Fair organized by the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Region X was held on Labor Day, the 1st day of May 2024 at the Events Hall, SM Downtown Premier, Cagayan de Oro City. The NCMF-Northern Mindanao Regional Office, under Regional Director Abdunasser P. Masorong, Jr., MD, CESE through its Legal Division Chief Atty. Shayma A.B. Abdullah and SEDD Chief Abdullah Lucman were a partner agency of DOLE for the said event and were represented by NCMF staff Sowaib Balindong, Sittie Asiah Camama, Kareemah Datu Imam and Aliah Derogongan. During the event, NCMF 10 actively assisted 50 Muslim Filipino applicants in navigating the job fair and connecting with potential employers. Among these applicants, 5 individuals were hired on the spot, exemplifying NCMF's commitment to facilitating employment opportunities for the Muslim community.

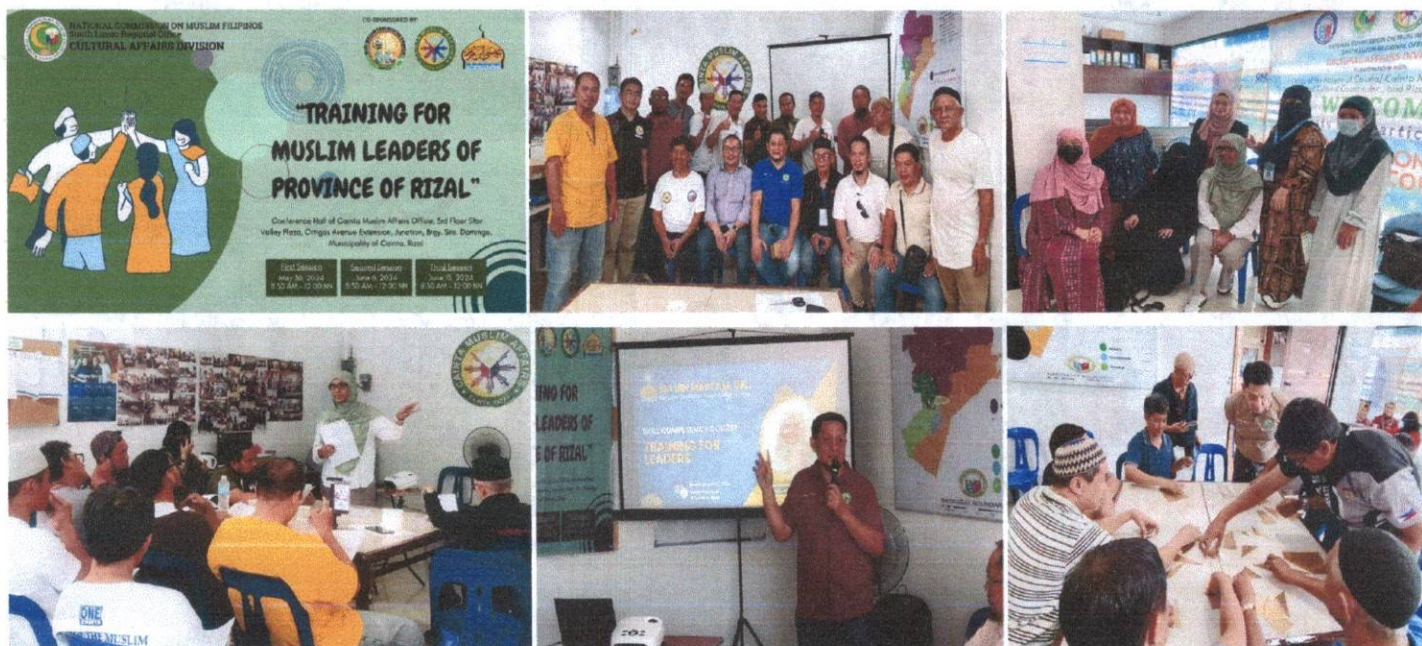


In recognition of NCMF 10's valuable contribution to the success of the job fair, the Department of Labor and Employment bestowed upon NCMF a certificate of appreciation. This gesture highlights the significance of NCMF's role in fostering socio-economic empowerment and inclusivity within the Muslim Filipino community. NCMF under the leadership of Secretary Sabuddin Abdurahim expressed its gratitude to DOLE for the recognition and reaffirms its dedication to continuing efforts to empower Muslim Filipinos and foster inclusive growth and development within the region.



TRAINING FOR MUSLIM FILIPINO LEADERS OF RIZAL PROVINCE ORGANIZED BY NCMF SOUTH LUZON OFFICE

With the continuous efforts of serving the Muslim communities in the South Luzon area, the NCMF South Luzon – Cultural Affairs Division led by Chief Alejandro “Toto” T. Deron in partnership with Isa Ibn Maryam Inc., Cainta Office on Muslim Affairs, and Rizal Muslim Consultative Council facilitated and organized a three-day training for Muslim Leaders of the Province of Rizal on May 30, 2024; June 06, 2024 and June 13, 2024 at the conference hall of Cainta Office on Muslim Affairs, 3rd Floor Star Valley Plaza, Ortigas Avenue Extension, Junction, Brgy. Sto. Domingo, Municipality of Cainta, Rizal. The leadership training program resource speaker was Ms. Azizah Bashir, Operations Manager of the Isa Ibn Maryam Inc. who shared her expertise and skillfully discussed the concept of leadership from an Islamic perspective. NCMF Cultural Affairs Division Chief Alejandro “Toto” T. Deron delivered his inspirational message during the opening program on May 30, 2024 followed by a message of support by the Head and Director of the Cainta Office on Muslim Affairs Datu Omar C. Amama. Imam Basit T. Abas, Chairman of the Rizal Muslim Consultative Council also shared his thoughts on the kind of leadership needed by the Muslim communities situated in the Province of Rizal. Isa Ibn Maryam Learning Center Managing Director Michael Kenneth M. Mauleon was also present during the 3 sessions. The leadership training was attended by the Muslim community and religious leaders from different sectors and areas within the Province of Rizal such as Cainta, Taytay, Angono, Binangonan, Cardona, Antipolo, Tanay, and Rodriguez who demonstrated an eagerness to learn. The program was an excellent opportunity for the NCMF South Luzon and Rizal Muslim communities and religious leaders to interact with each other. Workshop sessions were also done with participants divided into groups, and each group was tasked to discuss about Islamic Leadership from their own perspective for them to gain a better understanding and share their perspectives and opinions. Also present were NCMF South Luzon staff who contributed to the success of the program: Shahani M. Dirampatan-Sarip, Shohanah M. Hadji Rasul, Emperor Al-Hasheme S. Guro, Zenab C. Baulo, Aramelyn M. Guro and Sacata Sarip. NCMF South Luzon Office through the Cultural Affairs Division expresses its sincere gratitude to its partners Isa Ibn Maryam Inc., Cainta Office on Muslim Affairs, and Rizal Muslim Consultative Council for the success of the program.



NCMF NCR OFFICE JOINS DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM HALAL EXPO

18 JUNE 2024 | The NCMF-NCR Regional Office led by Regional Director Dimapuno A. Datu-Ramos, Jr. through the Socio-economic Development Division headed by Chief Ma. Lina U. Batacan, joined the Department of Tourism's Halal Tourism and Trade Expo Philippines held at the Quantum Skyview, Upper Ground B, Gateway Mall 2, Araneta, Cubao, Quezon City. The program promoted friendly tourist spots, Halal-certified and Muslim-friendly services in different parts of Region IX and Region X, Mindanao and the rest of the country. A cultural dance presentation was performed showcasing the Muslim tribes Sama Bangenge, Maranao, Tausug, and many others during the program. The activity also highlighted different cuisines, foods, products, accommodation and commodities by local Halal-certified and Muslim-friendly businesses. Messages of support were delivered by dignitaries and government officials.

The program was attended by DOT Sec. Christina Frasco, Mayor Joy Belmonte, Araneta city Vice President Lorna Fabian, DOT Usec. Myra Valderossa-Abubakar, H.E. Dato Abdul Malik Melvin Casteling, Ambassador of Malaysia, Congressman Mujiv Hataman, NCMF Commissioner Ras Lidasan, DTI- Halal Task Force Head Aleem S. Guiapal. In attendance were NCMF-NCR SEDD staff Soukre Hadjiiazis, Jamilah Hadjiabdulazis, Rehamna Mama, Yusoph Mangandog, Amer Lomondot, Sihaboden Cosain and Zenaida Bantuas.



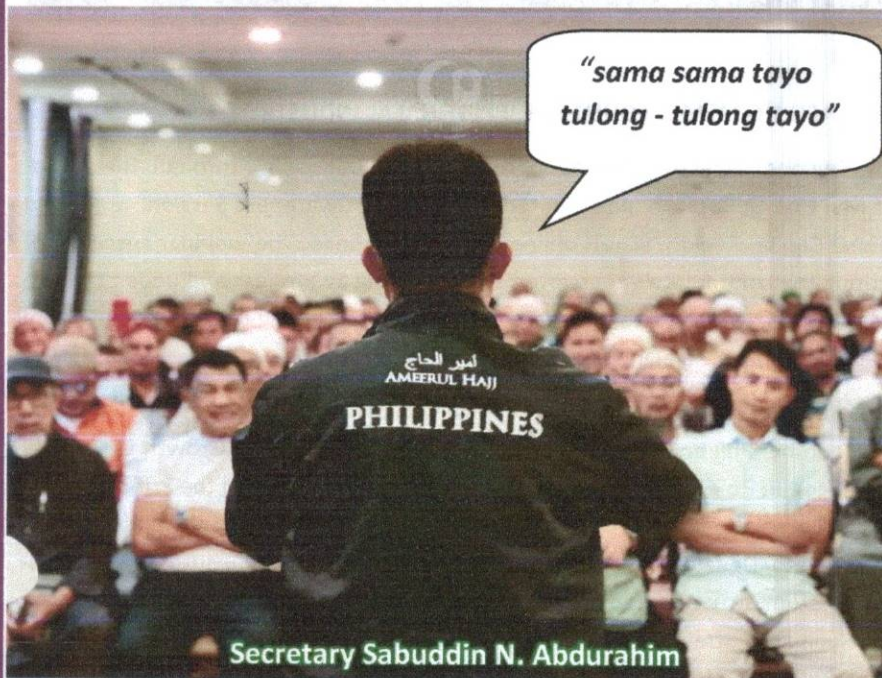
NCMF-NCR JOINS DTI-NCR IN TEACHING MSMEs ABOUT PHILIPPINE HALAL INDUSTRY

The NCMF-NCR Regional Office, led by Regional Director Dimapuno Alonto Datu-Ramos Jr., through the Socio-Economic Development Division headed by Chief Ma. Lina U. Batacan, participated in the "Halal Awareness Session" organized by the Department of Trade and Industry – National Capital Region, via an online Zoom conference. The webinar successfully drew the participation of 120 attendees, underscoring the community's keen interest in fostering awareness and understanding of Halal principles. DTI – NCR Regional Director Ma. Sofia G. Narag warmly welcomed attendees, including representatives from various MSMEs poised to become stakeholders in the Philippine Halal industry.

Key highlights of the session included presentations from 1. Mr. Raison D. Arobinto, Division Chief from DTI: Overview of the Philippine Halal Market, The Global Halal Economy, Philippine Halal Economy and Islamic Economy Growth Drivers; 2. Ms. Rehamna Mama, Development Management Officer III: Role of NCMF in the Philippine Halal Industry and the Principles and Guidelines on each Halal sector including Food, Islamic Finance, Modest Clothing, Media and Recreation, Pharmaceuticals, Cosmetics, Logistics, and Tourism; and 3. Mr. Lafayette Alonto, Development Management Officer II: Legal and Institutional Ecosystem of Halal in the Philippines, Philippine Halal Ecosystem Structure and Philippine Halal Industry Development Strategic Plan (2023-2028). The session also discussed key topics such as 1. Strategic Goals of the Halal Development Plan; 2. Halal Accreditation and Certification; and 3. Role of Halal-Certifying Bodies and Halal Certification Process.

Additionally, Zuoq Halal Marketplace, a new Halal-friendly food delivery app represented by Mr. Red Jalal, showcased its platform designed to provide a wide range of Halal-certified products and services, catering to the needs of various consumers. Throughout the session, representatives from micro, small, and medium Enterprises (MSMEs) engaged actively, raising queries that were addressed by the speakers regarding the Halal certification process and its implications for their businesses. Overall, the "Halal Awareness Session" organized and facilitated by DTI-NCR served as a crucial platform for stakeholders to gain insights into the Philippine Halal industry, its regulatory framework, and opportunities for growth and development within the Halal market.





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BAGONG PILIPINAS

**SPREADING THE GREETINGS OF
SALAM (PEACE)**

The Prophet (pbuh) said: You shall not enter paradise until you believe, and you have not believed until you love one another. Shall I tell you of something you can do to make you love one another? Spread the greetings of SALAM amongst yourselves.

Abdullah bin Umar said: A man asked the Prophet (pbuh), "What is the best act of Islam?" He said "To feed others and to give greetings of Salam to those whom you know and to those whom you do not know."

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