



The NIA's Crowning Glory

8 Irrigators Associations Bag P 1 Million Each

By: BSLabiano

For excellent performance, eight (8) Irrigators Associations (IAs) receive a P 1 million prize each. Awarding takes place 10 February 2012 at the PICC with DA and NIA officials present. In the occasion, Sec. Alcala remarked, "IAs' initiatives to alleviate their plight and improve their situation counts big".

A 5-person National Evaluation Committee (NEC) chose the winners from 32 total IA candidates. Five IAs from national systems (NISs) and three from communal systems (CISs) are the winners. Evaluation involves desk assessment followed by field validation by the NEC of reported triumphs.

A 14-item grading system tags technology adoption and income generation most important. Irrigation management, productivity improvement and asset management also rank high therein. Knowledge enhancement, fee settlement and policy formulation are likewise significant.

Winner-IAs in the 2011 Search

From NIS


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Dujali, Davao del Norte
MTG PLIVIRISCAF IA,
Science City of Muñoz, Nueva Ecija
Barangayan Siete IA,
Science City of Muñoz, Nueva Ecija
Salbar IA, La Carlota City, Negros Occidental
Napal Conel Road IA, General Santos City

From CIS

Badagoy IA, Magsaysay, Davao del Sur
Basak Pangutosan C IA,
Nabunturan, Compostela Valley
Boan Bida IA, Rosario, Agusan del Sur

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"As we welcome the 2012 with vigor, we must also face the challenges with deeper commitment to serve and make life better for our major clientele – the farmers." This was part of the New Year's message of Administrator Antonio S. Nangel during the first flag raising ceremony in January 2012. Ever grateful for fellow NIAns, he commended the unity and diligence that made the 2011 a fruitful one. He encouraged everyone to continuously provide the quality service the farmers deserve. Administrator Nangel stressed the importance of each NIA in the organization, where one is different from another but all are significant in attaining the Agency's goal. He was confident that with the unprecedented fund support for project implementation and competent workforce, the attainment of rice self-sufficiency program in 2013 is possible. 

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Managers' Conference, A Success!

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The Administrator, Antonio S. Nangel, giving his inspirational message to NIA Managers and NIA participants nationwide.

"Let us not distract (ourselves) by failures, intrigues, rumors, negative thoughts, (and) negative attitudes (but) rather let us strive to have collective efforts and build a formidable team so that we can accomplish our tasks." This was one of the many words of encouragement the Administrator, Engr. Antonio S. Nangel, gave as he delivered his Inspirational Message during the opening of NIA Managers' Conference held at Garden Orchid Hotel, Zamboanga City last January 12 – 13, 2012.

This two-day conference hosted by the NIA Region 9 under the leadership of their new Regional Manager Engr. Alejandro L. Alberca accommodated 82 delegates all over the country – from NIA's top management, Regional, Operations, and Project Managers, Department Heads of Central Office and Regions' staff and guests. Needless to say, the overwhelming attendance speaks of itself the importance of this conference, as it seeks to review the status of the regions' Program of Work, update the preparations for CY 2012 Program, as well as the agency's over-all performance on Rice Self-Sufficiency Program (RSSP) vis-à-vis the Food Staple Self-Sufficiency Program (FSSSP) of the Department of Agriculture.

Responding to the call of rice self-sufficiency challenge, Engrs. Efren S. Roqueza, Alberto B. Lacuaren, John N. Celeste, and Mariano G. Dancel, RSSP Area Managers of Visayas, Mindanao, Northern Luzon, Central and Southern Luzon, respectively, laid out their reports on the RSSP Status as of December 15, 2011. The questions that surfaced during their presentations directly implicated the key areas paramount to the thrust of the agency: the areas restored, rehabilitated and generated. These three areas were carefully scrutinized throughout the conference, while consistently



NIA Region 9 staff together with Regional Manager Alejandro L. Alberca at Zamboanga Int'l Airport welcoming NIA Administrator Nangel and party.

emphasizing on the big role of the Project Inspectorate Advisory Group (PIAG) in the mobilization of this RSSP directive. It went further into encouraging PIAG to come up with more proactive observations and recommendations to the management based on their findings.

After the RSSP reports, Ms. Angelina P. Angeles, Manager of Planning and Program Division, presented the Budget and Targets of CY 2012. The budget per region reflected the government's relentless effort to accelerate rice production of the country obviously shown in the augmented budget of irrigation projects per region. This movement notwithstanding the additional requirements of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) in their fund release had certainly fueled the desire of every manager to reach their 100% accomplishment target. Added to that, is how Administrator Nangel constantly mentioned throughout the proceedings his all out support to the managers in all their endeavors parallel to the rice self-sufficiency program. To pick a line from Administrator Nangel, "to you my managers, the steering wheel is in your hand . . . I entrust you to drive the NIA vehicle, with the map that we, at the Central Office in consultation with you, have laid out for everyone." This surge of support from the top management is something they've brought along with them as they went back to their respective regions.#

I'm a great believer that any tool that enhances communication has profound effects in terms of how people can learn from each other, and how they can achieve the kind of freedoms that they're interested in. -Bill Gates

NIA INAUGURATES IWAHIG PENAL-BALSAHAN IRRIGATION PROJECT

Department of Agriculture Secretary Proceso J. Alcala led other guests in the inauguration of the Iwahig Penal-Balsahan Irrigation Project in Puerto Princesa. The irrigation project which is located within the property of the penal colony was constructed and completed in five (5) months.



Cutting of the ribbon at the headgate of Iwahig Penal-Balsahan Irrigation Project. From left, Assistant Secretary (DA) Dante De Lima, DA Secretary Proceso J. Alcala, NIA Administrator Antonio S. Nangel, Bureau of Corrections Director General Gaudencio Pangilinan, NIA Region IV-B Regional Manager Conrado V. Cardenas, Jr., DA RFU-IV B Regional Executive Director Cipriano Santiago, official of Iwahig Prison and Penal Colony, Prison Superintendent Guillermo Ayala and NIA Palawan IMO Manager Mario Hebreo.

With a total project cost of P40 M it would irrigate about 414 hectares. Unlike other NIA projects, the Iwahig Irrigation Project was constructed with labor force provided by the inmates of the Penal Colony. They were such good and efficient construction workers that the project was completed ahead of schedule. The inmates were also very grateful for the opportunity given them to work on the project as this would give them income to meet their personal needs.

Secretary Alcala, Bureau of Corrections Director General Gaudencio Pangilinan, and NIA Administrator Antonio S. Nangel agreed to introduce other programs within the

Iwahig Penal Colony to make the inmates productive once they get out from said colony.

Secretary Alcala was impressed by which the irrigation project was completed because it would mean additional area for production. He said, "we are on the right track of achieving our rice self-sufficiency goal". For his part, NIA Administrator Nangel acknowledged the support and cooperation of the officials of the Iwahig Penal Colony, while the LGU vowed to continue supporting irrigation development in the province of Palawan.



Opening of the gates of the irrigation system. NIA Administrator Antonio S. Nangel led the Opening of the gates of the irrigation system as a signal for the entry of irrigation water to the Various irrigation canals.

According to BuCor Director Pangilinan, the harvest from the irrigated area will be enough to sustain about 3,000 employees and inmates in the colony. They practice progressive farming where some portions of the irrigated area is under land preparation/transplanting, normal irrigation and harvesting. The colony can be described as a self-sustaining community as it also boost of inland fishponds where they grow tilapia; vegetables garden, livestock, fruit trees and other source of food.#

PALAWAN'S BIGGEST IRRIGATION PROJECT SOON TO RISE



The Ibato-Iraan Small Reservoir Irrigation Project (SRIP), considered to be the biggest irrigation project to rise in Palawan, held its groundbreaking ceremony on January 16, 2012. Department of Agriculture Secretary Proceso J. Alcala led the ceremony with Palawan Governor Abraham Mitra, Aborlan Mayor Jaime Ortega and other members of the Sangguniang Bayan, NIA Administrator Antonio S. Nangel, NIA Regional Manager Conrado V. Cardenas and other NIA officials.

The Ibato-Iraan SRIP located in Aborlan, Palawan is a Zoned Earthfill Dam with a reservoir storage capacity of 2,388 MCM to irrigate about 860 hectares. The P490M project stands to benefit 425 farm households in Barangays Sapangan, Ibato, Iraan and Sitio Maligaya. Once completed, the Project is envisioned to cater to fish culture and other eco-tourism purposes.



ENGR. PATROCINIO REPRESENTS THE PHILIPPINES AT APEC MEETING

Acting Manager of Operations Department, Engr. Dexter G. Patrocinio, was the lone representative of the country in the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Workshop on Food Security in Tokyo, Japan on January 17-19, 2012.

The Workshop was spearheaded by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) of Japan with participants from APEC member economies. Chile, Mexico, China, and Vietnam provided information of their respective policies on food security and shared the best practices and successful experiences on participatory irrigation management. Mr. Yasuhiro Funaki of MAFF Japan discussed the linkages between climate change and vulnerability to food insecurity. Engr. Patrocinio presented NIA's contribution to farming and adaptation on climate change- the irrigation management transfer and the modified cropping calendar (MCC) for national irrigation systems - during information sharing on the use of water and land re-

sources and farmer-participatory irrigation management.

The first Ministerial APEC Meeting on Food Security was held on 16-17 October 2010 in Niigata, Japan. It was then agreed that APEC members would carry out the common goals of sustainable development of the agricultural sector and facilitation of investment, trade and markets. The ministers also endorsed an APEC Action Plan on Food Security, which identifies specific activities to be implemented by APEC economies to strengthen regional food security.

The APEC Workshop on Food Security was endorsed by Agriculture Cooperation Working Group members in October 2011.



Second row, 6th from left, Engr. Dexter G. Patrocinio joined other representatives from APEC member economies attending the APEC Workshop on Food Security in Tokyo, Japan

Each region was required to submit the MCC without sacrificing the basic requirements in preparing the cropping calendar and pattern of planting. According to Engr. Patrocinio, MCC aims to give information on cropping schedule for ratooning and quick turn around (QTA) and the Total Program Area per region for the DA's support in terms of seeds and fertilizers to the farmers. As of press time, a significant number of regional offices has already complied.

Definitely agriculture will be affected by the climate change as ADB Institute stated that "temperature is a driver of crop life cycle". However, the workshop was a venue wherein countries explored efficient and effective approaches to warrant food security amidst the growing global population and alarming climate change. Locally, the NIA represented by Engr. Patrocinio joined hands with the field managers to implement the MCC as one of the adaptation measures on climate change.#



For NIA, Engr. Patrocinio presented the same MCC as template during the regional irrigation managers' meeting at the Central Office on February 6, 2012 to reduce the effects of typhoon and flooding to the productivity of farmers.

IRRIGATED RICE PRODUCTION ENHANCEMENT PROJECT (IRPEP)

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In June 2008, the Asian Development Bank (ADB), Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the World Food Programme (WFP) had fielded a Fact-finding cum Initial Design Mission to review various options to support the government's rice self-sufficiency plan. The Mission headed by Dr. Anura Herath from Sri Lanka, Engr. Leslie C. Dizon, Engr. Purita C. Guzman and Engr. Bonifacio S. Labiano from NIA as

Irrigation Engineers and other Consultants from IFAD, NFA and NEDA came to a mutual conclusion to develop a joint IFAD and FAO investment programme to be known as the Rapid Food Production Enhancement Programme (RapFPPEP) that will enhance national food production, particularly of rice, which is the staple food of the Philippines. The RapFPPEP has two (2) distinct phases each supported by a project, namely the Rapid Seed Supply Financing Project (RasSSFIP) for the



emergency phase for one (1) year followed by the IRRIGATED RICE PRODUCTION ENHANCEMENT PROJECT (IRPEP) for the developmental phase for six (6) years (2010-2015). The Final Design Mission was carried in September 2008 with the European Commission in Brussels confirming its co-financing of the Project in the amount of Ten Million Euros.

The long term development goal of the Project is to increase food production by farmers on clustered irrigated rice production systems on a sustainable basis, thus contributing to rural poverty reduction.

The key objective is to improve the productivity and production of irrigated paddy on selected CIS in Regions 6, 8 & 10, thru strengthening of IAs, rehabilitation of CIS, provision of inputs (seed buffer stock) and provision of marketing and processing facilities (establishment of a national market information system and the multi-purpose paddy drying floors and other crop drying facilities).

The Php 1.891 Billion Project has five components namely; Strengthening of Irrigators' Associations, Rural Infrastructure, Provision of Production Input and Related Support Services, Provision of Marketing and Processing Facilities and Project Management, Monitoring and Policy Dialogue.

IRPEP is a multi agency Project with the Department of Agriculture as the Lead Agency with NIA, NFA, GMA Rice, BPI, BSWM and the different LGUs as key/support agencies. It is originally being implemented in Regions 8 and 10 covering 29 CISs in Leyte, Northern and Western Samar and 22 CISs in Bukidnon and Lanao del Norte respectively that will restore and rehabilitate a total area of 4,664 hectares.



Completed Canal Lining and Structures, Pangantucan CIS, Bukidnon, Region 10

In 2011, the Project was expanded in the Province of Antique covering 60 CIS that will restore 2,282 hectares and rehabilitate 1,589 hectares for a period of one (1) year starting January 1, 2012 up to the end of the year. It will benefit 7,268 farmer-beneficiaries with an estimated project cost of Php 260.00 Million.

As of 31 December 2011, actual accomplishment of the Project in Region 8 is 85.13% while that of Region 10 is 51.72%, area restored is 1,007 hectares and rehabilitated 535 hectares for both regions

A National Project Coordinating Unit (NPCU) was established at the National Irrigation Administration Central Office with Engr. Mariano R. Catan, Jr. as the Project Coordinator, Engr. Leslie C. Dizon, Assistant Project Coordinator/M&E Officer, Dr. Leo Gallego, Institutional Officer and Mrs. Rebecca C. Malazarte, Finance Officer. For a smooth monitoring of its accomplishment, the Project hired contract of service staff namely, Mr. Alexis C. Baetiong, Ms. Aileen G. Bartido, Mrs. Abigail V. Dalusong, Ms. Maria Diosa J. Hapalla and Mr. Sonny V. Trinidad.



The Project Coordinator is very optimistic that the Project will be completed as scheduled and it will contribute to the objective of the government of a rice self sufficient Philippines in year 2013.#



Managers' Conference – are we on the right track?

With the magnitude of the task of attaining rice self-sufficiency in 2013, all regional (RIMs)/ operations (OMs)/ project managers (PMs) including central office (CO)-based together with the NIA top management officials, CO department and division managers, and rice self-sufficiency program (RSSP) managers convened at the NIA Convention hall on February 14, 2012 to determine if the Agency is on the right track.

Mindful of the effects of the climate change (CC), the Agency came up with the modified cropping calendar (MCC) with CC adaptation measures. The adoption of MCC was emphasized

offices for added agricultural support in the implementation of current NIA programs such as MCC and rice ratooning.

Department of Agriculture (DA) Assistant Secretary Dante De Lima was at hand and participated actively during the meeting. He encouraged NIA to come up with qualified projects from regional offices for inclusion to convergent program of DA, Department of Social Welfare Development (DSWD), NIA and local government units (LGUs). Under the convergent project, DSWD provides the labor requirement (for job generation) while NIA provides the technical aspect per project proposal.



during the conference where each region implements its own cropping calendar based on the local condition. Administrator Antonio S. Nangel (ASN) suggested that regional irrigation managers (RIMs) and operations managers (OMs) can share experiences and replicate it in their respective regions. He instructed the managers to encourage and support the farmers to adjust and adopt the MCC to maximize benefits.

Deputy Administrator for Engineering and Operations Robert C. Suguitan suggested a close coordination with DA regional

Accomplishments of each responsibility center were given appropriate time, issues raised were addressed at once, and best practices were recommended to replicate. Irrigation development programs for 2013 were required from RIMs, OMs and PMs for submission to the central office, derivation of which would be compared to the evaluated CY2011 and 2012 programs. Administrator Nangel disclosed he would be visiting regional offices for revalidation of proposed projects.

Indeed, the enthusiasm and teamwork among our leaders to attain the thrust would keep the agency on the right track. #



Life@Work...

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I often hear people at work say “if I won the lottery I will quit working!” or “thank God it’s Friday!”

Why then that most people see work as something to endure and not to enjoy?

The Lord sees our work in partnership with Him. It serves as the venue of His blessings that meet our needs to pay bills, tuition fees, hospitalization, house amortization, rentals and various loans. Most importantly, this is a venue for us to show our worth, serve others and glorify God... so let us love our work... after all He only responded to our prayers when we asked Him for this job...

During paydays, these are employees’ usual discourses: “I do not know how to survive with this little in come!” or “Do we have bonuses coming soon?” and “When will I ever receive a much higher compensation here in NIA?”

Hearing all these... I just thought, “What was the quality of our work? With our performance and everyday routine from “time in” to “time out”... do we even deserve what we’ve just received?”

But Colossians 3:23-24 reads, “work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.”



PROs INTO PRO-ACTIVE VALUE

Administrator Antonio S. Nangel says, as one body, PAIS Aserves as the mouth of NIA, its duty is to disseminate information and reach out to our farmers through all these communications strategies. Its purpose is to speak well not only of the agency's plans and programs but of the accomplishments and fulfilments contributed to our country's agricultural development as well as improvement of the living condition of our farmers.

Being the courier of information, Public Relations Officers should build rapport and foster mutually beneficial relationships between NIA and our farmer-stakeholders. Suffice the farmers with the latest technique on how to uplift their way of living.

In line with this, PAIS, C.O. and Public Relations Officers from regional offices held its annual NIA-PROS 'Conference on February 10, 2012 at NIA Penthouse. The Conference aims to assess the 2011 accomplishments based on same year's PR Work Plan, review of current year's Communication Plan (Complan) and set directions in support to NIA's plans and programs for cy 2012



Interaction, exchange of views and plights among the PROs and PROs-designate arises during the review of their accomplishments. One of the PROs humbly announced during the conference that he has translated the NIA Jingle into their own dialect to make it more embracing to the farmers in their region.

Pilipina P. Bermudez, PAIS Manager, stressed out that ComPlans should be geared towards attaining our government's Rice Self Sufficiency Program (RSSP) by 2013. She instructed PROs to come up with publications that are "farmers-centered" and revolves around the attainment of RSSP. Implement strategies that will enhance the interest of the farmers and their appreciation to NIA. Albeit social media is the most pre-eminent trend nowadays, it's still important to note that traditional media is still the best medium to reach out to our farmers.

Inspired by Administrator Nangel's PRO-ACTIVE value, PROs were all determined to take their part towards attaining RSSP. As our Administrator fondly says, "Let us work together in attaining our goals. For God placed us in NIA to be an instrument in fulfilling our agency's plans and programs. Let us place our hearts to where God placed us. "#

NIA BRACES FOR 2012

The NIA has received an unequalled 2012 budgetary support of P26.5B under the leadership of Administrator Antonio S. Nangel to accelerate the achievement of rice self sufficient Philippines in 2013. The unprecedented support for locally funded and foreign assisted projects as well as subsidy, translated to the challenge of accomplishing the programmed area for generation of 81,170 ha, restoration of 53,871 ha and rehabilitation of 88,580 ha.

Armed with support from all quarters and determination to succeed, Administrator Antonio S. Nangel prepared for the tasks ahead – a series of meetings were conducted. One of which was a two-day Finance and Administrative managers' conference workshop held on January 5-6 at the NIA Penthouse.



Deputy Administrator for Finance and Administrative (F&A) Lorna Grace B. Rosario

warmly welcomed and appreciated the presence of participants from the sector. Undeniably, the activities aimed to carefully intertwine as support system for timely and effective project implementation.

Senior Deputy Administrator Antonio A. Galvez delivered the inspirational message and as the Change Management Team (CMT) chair, updated the group on Rationalization Plan together with Administrative Department Manager Violeta C. Esguerra. Human Resources (HR) Division Manager Wilma E. Caguioa discussed Job Generation from the Implementation of projects, the HR Inventory and Personal Services Requirements.

Ms. Lodia Wy and Ms. Gina S. Brillantes of Department of Budget Management (DBM), Bureau E and F, respectively, deliberated on the Budget Allocation for CY 2012 and Implementing Rules and Regulation (IRR) Draft No. 15 regarding the Guidelines on the Preparation and Utilization of the NIA's Budget in the General Appropriations Acts with Ms. Lourdes L. Manaog, Manager of Budget and Revenue Division, Engr. Angelina P. Angeles, Acting Manager of CorPlan Services and Engr. Rogelia Dela Torre, Acting Manager of



Planning and Programming Services. The offshoot of this was the drafting/issuance of memorandum circular (MC) on the new method of releasing funds to fast-track project implementation - direct release of projects fund from DBM to irrigation management offices (IMOs) concerned. Moreover, "no POW, no release" shall be strictly imposed.

The second day was entirely committed to financial management in which Ms. Rebecca C. Malazarte, Acting Manager of Financial Management Department and Ms. Beth Benzon made a preliminary assessment on the revenue generation of all regional offices to determine the CY 2011 actual collection, income and expenses have met the programmed target. Managers Malazarte and Manaog painstakingly led the Assessment of Projects Capital Outlays and Absorptive Capacity for CY 2011. Ms. Ofelia T. Vibas, Cash Division Manager dwelt on the Analysis of Income versus Remittances.

The conference emphasized the solid teamwork and unity among the F&A sector which would further strengthen the Agency's commitment for an efficient project implementation.#



ASN bubbly at nth birthday

February 14 is known to people, especially for couples, as Valentine's Day. On that said day, people practice the tradition of courtly love. Lovers expressed their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards.

St. Valentine whose feast day falls on February 14 is the man behind the day. The name Valentine was derived from valens meaning worthy, strong, powerful.

For NIAns, February 14 is a special day not only to celebrate and spread the love to others but also to celebrate the birth of a man, so worthy, strong and powerful... Administrator Antonio S. Nangel.

Known for being pro-active, Administrator Tony celebrated his nth birthday at the Central Office. The Regional Irrigation Managers and Project Managers nationwide attended a Managers' Conference which was also held on the same day.

Foods were served for the employees and guests in the afternoon and a party in the evening.

One of the highlights of the event is the sharing of blessings of Administrator Nangel, the Regional Managers, Project Managers and other guests to the earthquake victims in Region 6.

A time of loving and sharing... this is how NIAns celebrate the Heart's Day. #

Dance with the Administrator



The Administrator - Lots of Love



Sharing of blessings to the earthquake victims



First ManCom Meeting in 2012

The first Management Committee (ManCom) meeting for the year was held on January 9, 2012 at the Classroom A, Irrigation Engineering Center (IEC).

Each department head presented their accomplishments for the year 2011, in the presence of Administrator Antonio S. Nangel (ASN), Senior Deputy Administrator Antonio A. Galvez (AAG), Deputy Administrator for Engineering and Operations Robert C. Suguitan (RCS) and Deputy Administrator for Finance and Administrative Lorna Grace B. Rosario (LGBR).

Recommendations were given and actions were taken on each sector's issues and concerns that emerged during the meeting.

Finance Department Manager Rebecca C. Malazarte presented preliminary data since books have not yet been closed. A reduction in income was reported due to effects of typhoons Pedring and Quiel in Luzon that adversely affected the Irrigation Service Fee (ISF) collection. With the effective cost cutting measures, regions were commended for their accomplishments and Cordillera Autonomous Region was the top performer in ISF Collection at 95%.

During the presentation of the Operations Department Manager Dexter G. Patrocinio, the need to review and validate data of irrigation systems was emphasized to resolve the variance between the actual irrigated wet and area planted. Administrator Nangel underscored the need to strengthen the institutional aspects and come up with technologies to improve the cropping intensity.

Other matters equally important were discussed, such as the Delegated Authority for the Board of Directors' approval; appointments of Daily personnel; and, funding source for the improvement of field offices and its facilities.

As NIA progresses through the challenge of rice self sufficiency in 2013, ASN has reiterated the need for coordination from all sectors and even suggested that daily performance be recorded for next year's accomplishments. This coincides with Paul J. Meyer's "Plan your progress carefully; hour-by-hour, day-by-day, month-by-month. Organized activity and maintained enthusiasm are the wellsprings of your power".#

Finally, Remote Sensing and Geographic Information System (RS-GIS) Lab at the NIA-IEC

By: Helen M. Lim, NIA-IEC

Each office has a unique data generation and banking system with different format used for project preparation and operations. Thus, the Department of Agriculture (DA) included in its program thrusts a unified data format and planning database of line bureaus, attached agencies and corporations. It aimed that databases developed under this program will be accessible to all DA offices through the Unified and Enterprises Geo-Spatial Information System (UEGIS).

The DA has tasked the Information Technology Center for Agriculture and Fisheries (ITCAF) to manage said data. With the purpose of implementing the UEGIS and establishing a laboratory, line bureaus and selected attached agencies were provided with RS-GIS equipment and software. Consequently, an RS-GIS laboratory was established at the NIA-Irrigation Engineering Center (IEC).



Router that can serve 24 lines

Printers

A technical working group in the central office was created and tasked to be responsible for the validation on the integrity of the data and information used in the data banking and management. The designated IEC regional focal persons on irrigation research and development (R&D) at different field offices were directed to provide full support in the program implementation. Series of seminar workshop were conducted in preparation for the implementation of RS GIS programs and activities .

This major development supports the IEC thrust of upgrading parcellary maps of irrigation serviceable areas and managing of potential irrigable areas. #



2 sets of scanner and personal computer

HP Plotter for wide map printing

Defining moments...

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When you grow old, what kind of story would you like to tell? How did you win your battles? How did you conquer your fears? How did you give up on something precious although hurting? How did you accept the loss of someone? How did you face the greatest pain of betrayal, abandonment and replacement? How did you control the guilt, jealousy, greed and anger? How did you react from a bad report? How did you handle stress when no matter how hard you work everything seems wrong and not appreciated? Yours is the greatest story of all for you first fight the battles within... lesson from pain and failure is a blessing in disguise... Congratulations for you stepped out of the boat when the Lord says, come... I will lift you up and I will not let you sink.



Top Eight(8) IAs Achievers



Badagoy IA, Inc., Davao Sur, Region 11



Basak-Panguntosan CARPIA, Compostela Valley, Region 11



Boan-Bida IA, Inc. Agusan Sur, Region 13



Barangayan Siete IA, Inc., Nueva Ecija, UPRIIS



Napal-Conel Road, IA, Inc. Gen Santos City, Region 13



MTG PLIVIRISCAF IA, Inc., Nueva Ecija, UPRIIS



Dujali Isidro Talisay Casay IA, (DITCIA), Inc. Davao Norte, Region 11



Salbar IA, Inc., Negros Occidental, Region 6

IA representatives received a replica of Check worth P 1M from the DA Officials led by Secretary Proceso J. Alcala and NIA officials headed by Administrator Antonio S. Nangel during the Awarding Ceremonies of AGRI PINOY 2011 RICE ACHIEVERS at the PICC, Manila on February 10, 2012.

IA SIGNS AND RECEIVES THE MONETARY AWARD IN THE PRESENCE OF DA AND NIA OFFICIALS

NIA'S VISION

Nationwide existence of efficient
irrigation systems that are:

environmentally sound and socially
acceptable; located in strategic
agricultural areas; capably
managed by viable and dynamic
Irrigators' Associations profitably
producing good quality rice and
diversified crops; progressively
improving the welfare of the farm
families, the rural communities; and
sustainably supporting the Food
Production Program of the
Government

Boan Bida IA, Inc.

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Barangayan Siete IA

Basak Panguntosan IA

Napal - Conel Road IA

Badagn IA

Salbar IA, Inc.



Winner-IAs with NIA Adm. Antonio Nangel at the PICC

DA ASec Dante Delima pointed out, "This Search induces IAs to optimize their output and income". This is relevant to the government's thrust for full food staple self-sufficiency by end of 2013. This search for outstanding IAs is a special part of the DA Agri-Pinoy Achievers' Award Program.

IA that are "typical", "functional", "active" and "responsive" are eligible in the Search. The Irrigation Engineering Center (IEC) as the Search Focal has clear definitions of such points. It cites focusing on area coverage, registration status, functionality class, and task execution.

NIA Adm. Antonio S. Nangel exhorted the winners, "Please serve as assertive models to other IAs". IEC thus emphasizes paramount IAs' participation in irrigation operations and training execution. For good chances of winning, IEC also cites greater IA initiatives to optimizing irrigation benefits.

Looking ahead, the Program announces that awarding for 2012 winners will be in January 2013. At present, the Search mechanics and guidelines undergo refinement and enhancement. NIA on its part plans to give more weight to technology adoption and irrigation management.

Focusing at the full food staple self-sufficiency goal, NIA unlocks strokes for higher cropping intensity. It shifts from 2 rice crops in two years (2 in 1) to 5 crops in 2 years (5 in 2) or 6 crops in 2 years (6 in 2). This gives opportunity to IA to realize more income through 1-2 more rice crops in two years.

In the awarding ceremony, the winner-IAs thanked DA Sec. Alcala for the incentive provided them. They committed to utilize the cash award to make it grow and benefit their members. Present to give technical guidance to the winner-IAs were the concerned Regional Irrigation Managers.#

Feed the Mouth of NIA

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Borrowing the words of our beloved Administrator Nangel, he quote "PAIS is the mouth of NIA", it's true... we are here to make the public aware of the agency's significant contribution to the lives of Filipinos... belonging to this so-called mouth, we eat on our own but we also encourage you to feed us, for it is often said that we cannot give what we do not have; further, we cannot give more if we still have less.... Feed us with healthy information such as employees remarkable achievements, outstanding IA performance, noteworthy project execution and completion... feed us with facts high in vitamins and minerals that give nourishments to our whole body, the agency.

... out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaketh... Luke 6:45

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