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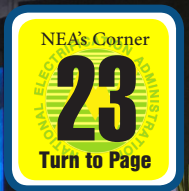
BUGHAW ng ZAMSURECO-I



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11 AWARDS LAND IN ZAMSURECO-I TURF



T11 awards land in ZAMSURECO-I turf during NEA @ 50: Golden Dagitab Awarding Ceremony and PHILRECA's Conferment of Awards from the Wires at Philippine International Convention Center, Pasay City.

On August 08, 2019, NEA and PHILRECA lauded the achievements of ZAMSURECO-I on its 100-points performance score covering the year 2018 as it sustained its excellent accomplishment. The 11 awards signified the exemplary performance in all aspects of the Coop's operations which continued its competitiveness in the rapid technological and socio-economic changes.

Bestowing the awards were Rep. Presley de Jesus of PHILRECA Partylist, NEA Administrator Edgardo R. Masongsong, Atty. Vicar Loreen G. Lofranco of NEA and Atty. Janeene Dipay-Colingan, the Executive Director/General Manager of PHILRECA.



ZAMSURECO-I Management headed by GM/CEO Mr. Jose Raul A. Saniel with its league directors headed by BOD Pres. Marivic A. Chaves were full force in accepting the awards on PICC stage.

The following awards were based on NEA's Enhanced Key Performance Standards (KPS) on EC over-all standing and operational performance, robust presence of member-consumer-owner advocacy groups, active involvement in the rural electrification program and leadership excellence of EC leaders:

1. Golden Dagitab Performance Excellence Award for Triple A ECs with 100% Total Score in the 2018 Over-All Assessment
2. Paramount Achievement Award for Showing Exemplary Performance as a Triple A Category EC in the Pursuit of Total Electrification and Sustainable Rural Development
3. Golden Dagitab Award for the Successful Implementation of the Rural Electrification Program (REP)
4. Five (5) Years of Powerhouse Excellence Award for Consistently Exhibiting an Exemplary Performance as a Triple A Category Electric Cooperative In the Last Five Years
5. Stellar Success award for Consistently Achieving 100% Collection Performance in the Last Ten (10) Years
6. Advocacy Excellence Award for Being a Strong Instrument in Carrying Out the Goals of NEA-PHILRECA and One-EC-MCO Movement
7. Model Member-EC Award for Being an Outstanding Member-Electric Cooperative
8. MCO Champion Spotlight Award for Having Greatest Number of MCOs in the Barangay Level
9. MCO Prime Participation Award for Attaining Highest AGMA Attendance
10. General Manager Leadership — GM/CEO Jose Raul A. Saniel
11. Board of Directors Leadership Award — President Marivic A.Chaves



A total of 58 category awards were given by NEA. ZAMSURECO-I is one of the few ECs nationwide who harvested the highest number of performance awards during the prestigious recognition ceremony.

The NEA point-based system is anchored on efficiency parameters to meet the NEA's 7-point agenda aligned with national agenda of President Duterte and the Department of Energy.



NEA 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

2019 NEA-ECS-MCOs CONVENTION ON RURAL ELECTRIFICATION

AND
40th PHILRECA Annual General Membership Assembly

Theme: Sustaining the Strategic Partnership of the NEA-EC-MCOs Towards Rural Development and Nation-Building

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ZAMSURECO-I BAGS NEA SPECIAL CITATION AWARD

ZAMSURECO-I bagged a special citation award on its quality production value of the NEA-EC-MCO Solidarity Dance Video Production during NEA's 50th Founding Anniversary Celebration at Philippine International Convention Center (PICC), Pasay City.

On the awarding ceremony last August 7, 2019, only 4 out of 32 Mindanao electric cooperatives stood out which are as follows: ZAMSURECO-I, SOCOTECO-

II, MORESCO-I and ASELCO. This feat signified the Coop's efforts in promoting the rural electrification program in the country through a multimedia production.

The video production from inception of concept, shooting scenes to video editing was a product of the efforts of ZAMSURECO-I community. ZAMSURECO-I shot in various tourist spots in Zamboanga del Sur I coverage area, boasting the pride of the province.

The output was rendered through active involvement of its Board and Management Team, employees, MSEAC, AccDels and special participation of guests and local officials.

GM/CEO Jose Raul A. Sanieel accepted the special recognition on PICC stage conferred by NEA through Deputy Admin on Electric Cooperatives Management, Atty. Vicar Loureen G. Lofranco.

4 CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION TOUCHDOWN RENECA



The Region IX EC Association (RENECA) received 4 certificates of participation on its submission of 4 official entries for NEA's golden activities last August 7, 2019 at PICC, Pasay City.

The year-round NEA @ 50 celebration features wide array of contests for its member-consumer-owners namely Golden Strokes: Painting Competition, Clicks of Gold: Photography Contest, Himig RE: Song Writing Contest and Kwentong Dagitab.

RENECA Vice President and Z-1 GM/CEO Jose Raul A. Sanieel received the award given by NEA Admin Edgardo R. Masongsong and NEA Deputy Admins Atty. Vicar Loureen G. Lofranco, Atty. Rossan S.J. Romero-Lee, Engr. Artis Nikki L. Tortola and Ms. Sonia B. San Diego.

ZAMSURECO-I Management with its Board of Directors beamed with joy with the recognition as it acknowledges the passion and creativity of the Zamboanga Peninsula MCO artists who joined in the contests.



ZAMSURECO-I LAUNCHES

REVISED CODE OF ETHICS AND DISCIPLINE FOR ITS WORKFORCE

24 years from its first edition, the 1993 Code of Ethics for Employees is upgraded for the better. Last July 19, 2019, ZAMSURECO-I launches the newest edition of the manual entitled Revised Code of Ethics and Discipline for Employees (CEDE) 2017.

The grand launching ceremony unveils the latest features of the Revised CEDE before the employees. All employees underwent a marathon orientation from May to July 2019 prior to the launching event. The foundation of the revision is rooted in ZAMSURECO-I's core values: Stakeholder-Centric, Unity, Commitment, Zeal, Innovation, Integrity and Industry.

The 251-page handbook rolled out new compliances from technological, security and data privacy, employee health and wellness and environmental safety. These facets were integrated to protect the rights and welfare of its employees and align

personal attitude to the Coop's principles. From 11 standards, it was expanded to 19 categories of behavioural standards ranging from various aspects of employee duties.

Employees also engaged in a pledge and ceremonial signing which signified their commitment to live by the Coop's core values and abide in the provisions of the Code.

"The CEDE is a powerful tool that will guide us to better navigate in a highly complex environment and serve better our stakeholders." GM/CEO Sanieel stated in his message of goodwill.

BOD President Chaves encouraged the workforce in her message to always walk an extra mile in rendering their duties in the Cooperative.

ZAMSURECO-I Management headed by GM/CEO Mr. Jose Raul A. Sanieel with its league of Directors headed by BOD Pres. Marivic A. Chaves were full force in the launching ceremony.

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ZAMSURECO-I JOINED FORCES FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEAN-UP DAY



ZAMSURECO-I workforce joined forces with the City Government of Pagadian City and local agencies on the International Clean-Up Day last September 21, 2019.

At early dawn, 143 Central Office and Area II employees immersed in Pagadian City Wharf Area with their cleaning materials and garbage containers. Employees were divided into groups of 5 to harmonize the collection of garbage in the clean-up site.

GM Saniel led Z-1 coastal clean-up saying, "This is the

program of the government that is close to us. ZAMSURECO-I is known to be an environmental warrior aligned with our mission of taking care of Mother Earth."

ZAMSURECO-I workforce amassed sacks of plastics which were collected by the City Government of Pagadian City.

The International Coastal Clean-up Day is conducted every 3rd Saturday of September. The global activity pushes for the conservation of our oceans by getting rid of debris from shorelines, rivers and waterways.

THE SEARCH FOR THE BATCH 12 LINEMAN TRAINEES IS ON...



ZAMSURECO-I opens its doors to aspiring lineman as it commence its Lineman Preliminary Screening 2019 from September 17 to October 02, 2019. As technical projects of the Cooperative arise, more manpower is in demand to supplement the need for immediate completion of key deliverables.

Five (5) cycles were conducted to accommodate the



large volume of applicants. Five elimination phases were instituted to ensure fitness for rigid training — Body Screening Test , Body Mass Index (BMI) Weigh-in, Written Test, Interview and Medical & Eye Check-Up.

ZAMSURECO-I Working Committee screened the qualifications of each applicant to recruit qualified trainees. Aspirants underwent a 1-day full processing of their applications.

From a hundred of applicants, only 31 aspirants made the cut for the Endurance Test, a pre-training screening requirement.

The qualified trainees will compose the Batch 12 Basic Lineman's Training Course 2019 which is set to begin in the last quarter of 2019.



Z-1 INVITES WORK IMMERSION SCHOOL PARTNERS FOR SOLAR PVM ORIENTATION

ZAMSURECO-I invites work immersion school partners in Zamboanga del Sur for an Orientation on the Solar Photovoltaic Mainstreaming System last September 29, 2019.

13 public schools with 239 students attended the half-day orientation conducted by the project supplier and contractor, Trademaster Resources Corporation.

As partners in the ZAMSURECO-I NIHE project, ZAMSURECO-I opened another opportunity for senior high schools and EIM teachers to participate in the implementation of the government's energization project.

The solar home systems which will comprise a 50wp solar panel, lithium-based battery, and 12v system that is capable of offline prepaid operation. The SHS is also capable of providing a minimum of 88wh per day, sufficient to power up an energy-efficient television (TV) set.

In his opening message, GM/CEO Saniel encouraged the academe to look into solar technology as part of the teaching curriculum to senior high students as non-renewable sources of energy is the future of the industry.

DOE's Senior Research Specialist, Engr. Maureen Artais thanked ZAMSURECO-I for supporting the program of the Department of Energy with its recent grant of 1,129 household-beneficiaries for Solar PVM in addition to the 22,268 NIHE beneficiaries.

The Solar Photo Voltaic Mainstreaming is a project of the Department of Energy (DOE) to widen access to basic electricity to far-flung areas and off-grid households.



Summary of Attendance

NAME OF SCHOOL	NO. OF PARTICIPANTS
Aurora National High School	44
Binuay National High School	14
Dumingag Technological Training School	30
Khalian National High School	17
Mahayag School of Arts and Trade	13
Molave Vocational Training School	6
Paulino Dari National High School	16
President Garcia Memorial Institute of Technology	14
Southern Mindanao College	8
TESDA	26
Toribio Minor National High School	6
Tukuran Technological Training School	37
ZSSAT	8
TOTAL PARTICIPANTS	239



MCO TALENTS NURTURED IN NEA'S GOLDEN ART COMPETITION

The hunt for talented MCOs begins as the National Electrification Administration (NEA) in collaboration with ECs nationwide calls for Filipino amateur and professional art enthusiasts as it sponsored a national art competition in the year 2019.

The contest series, that mold talent of MCOs in painting, photography and song writing, highlight the celebration of NEA's

Golden Anniversary in providing rural electrification service to the Filipino people.

On July 2-5, 2019, ZAMSURECO-I began the search for its EC level artists in each category who will compete for the regional and national rounds.

Golden Strokes Painting Competition

The Golden Strokes Painting Competition zooms in the efforts of lineworkers known to be the heroes of rural electrification who provide light to our countrymen.

31 MCOs of Zamboanga del Sur signed up for the painting competition. ZAMSURECO-I Heroes' Hall transformed into an art exhibit museum as magnificent paintings flooded in and hanged on painting boards.

Out of 31 paintings, the Board of Judges led by Rev. Father Rolando Y. Jafor, JCD selected its top 10 finalists. Wonderful creations from abstract to 3D paintings were showcased by the participating MCOs.

ZAMSURECO-I GM/CEO Jose Raul A. Saniel announced that the winning piece of the competition will be the official cover photo of ZAMSURECO-I's 25th ARRA Souvenir Program.

Anthony Mozar, a member-consumer-owner from Labangan, won as Champion with its depiction of a lineman as "Storm Soldier." The painting exposes intricate strokes of lineworker armed with readiness to take action regardless of weather condition.

Glenn Delos Santos' painting captured the crowd's attention and won the Voter's Choice Award.





Clicks of Gold

Following the contest series is the Clicks of Gold: Photography Contest which main focal point are linemen who are dubbed as the Warriors of Light.

22 photography enthusiasts showed their skills in magnifying the challenging journey of a lineworker.

The Board of Judges chaired by Ms. Marichu Atay critiqued each entry and hailed Luzviminda Alvarez as ZAMSURECO-I winner with its photo entry centered on a lineman who is working on top of a pole while Prince Loy Besorio claimed the Voter's Choice Award.



Capping off the competition is the Himig Rural Electrification (RE) Song Writing Contest which encapsulates the 50 years of historical contribution and the future of NEA in partnership with allied organisations and electric cooperatives in countryside development.

11 music artists ranging from solo, duo and group performances serenaded the crowd with the original song compositions. Young songwriters dominated the scene as the centre stage filled with students. Contenders expressed their passion for the craft in presenting their masterpieces. Harmonious and melodic voices of MCOs played with musical instruments brighten the mood of the event.

Mr. Lorjije Alcor Gumibao and his band outshone as winner with its original song piece "Liwanang ng NEA." The Board of Judges headed by Mr. Clemen Carl de Gumzan proclaimed Gumibao and his band as the deserving champion due to the over-all musicality and content of the song that revolves around the NEA's thematic celebration.

Mozar, Alvarez and Gumibao earned a slot in the regional competition and will vie for a title to proceed to the national rounds.

The golden celebration activities are anchored on NEA's theme, "One with ECs and MCOs for a Sustainable Rural Development."

Golden Strokes: Painting Competition - EC LEVEL

1st Place	Anthony Mozar
2nd Place	Ralph Ronnel Escalante
3rd Place	Mc. Denver Micklaus Manlangit
Voter's Choice Award	Glenn Delos Santos

Clicks of Gold: Photography Contest - EC Level

1st Place	Luzviminda Alvares
2nd Place	Samson Acapulco
3rd Place	Prince Loyd Besorio
Voter's Choice Award	Prince Loyd Besorio

Himig RE: A Song Writing Competition

1st Place	Lorjije Alcor Gumibao and Band
2nd Place	Junell Pondara and Choir
3rd Place	Cev Ellis D. Calunsog and MVTs Pupils



MOZAR, LUYAO, GUMIBAO SHINES IN REGIONAL ART COMPETITION

The Region Nine Electric Cooperative Association (RENECA) awards its regional finalists Mozar, Luyao and Gumibao on NEA's golden anniversary competition activities last July 10, 2019 at ZAMSURECO-I Heroes' Hall, Pagadian City. The event grew excitement as the photo and painting entries from EC level winners were officially revealed to the audience.

Anthony Mozar, ZAMSURECO-I winner and finalist, bested its sole rival Kate Ponce from ZAMSURECO-II in the Golden Strokes: Painting Competition. Mozar's masterpiece "Storm Soldier" garnered an over-all total of 94.67% from art experts and Board of Judges headed by Dr. Jose Armin S. Virata.

In the photography contest, ZANCECO's finalist Florencio Luyao placed first in the ranking with his photo entry "Light gives Life" and triumphed over Alvarez and Gamo from ZAMSURECO-I and ZAMSURECO-II which gained the second and third spots, respectively.

Lorijie Alcor Gumibao, ZAMSURECO-I winner, gripped its title as their band won in Himig RE Song Writing Competition.

Their original composition "Liwanag ng NEA" scored 93.25% by the Board of Judges led by Mr. Clemen Carl de Guzman.

Mozar, Luyao and Gumibao will proceed to the national rounds which will be critiqued by a select panel of judges chosen by the National Electrification Administration.

The Regional Nine Electric Cooperative Association comprises the distribution utilities in Zamboanga Peninsula namely ZAMSURECO-I, ZAMSURECO-II, ZAMCELCO and ZANECO.



RENECA REGIONAL AWARDING OFFICIAL RESULTS

REGIONAL LEVEL "GOLDEN STROKES" PAINTING COMPETITION

Rank	Participant	EC Name	Over-all Points
1st Place	Anthony Mozar	ZAMSURECO-I	94.67%
2nd Place	Kate Ponce	ZAMSURECO-II	87

REGIONAL LEVEL "CLICKS OF GOLD" PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Rank	Participant	EC Name	Over-all Points
1st Place	Florencio Luyao	ZANECO	93.33%
2nd Place	Luzviminda Alvares	ZAMSURECO-I	87.33%
3rd Place	Regene Gamo	ZAMSURECO-II	85.33%

REGIONAL LEVEL "HIMIG RURAL ELECTRIFICATION" SONG WRITING CONTEST

Rank	Participant	EC Name	Over-all Points
1st Place	Lorjie Gumibao	ZAMSURECO-I	93.25%
2nd Place	Mara Joy Ongcat	ZAMSURECO-II	87.5%



MCO GOLDEN ART GALLERY

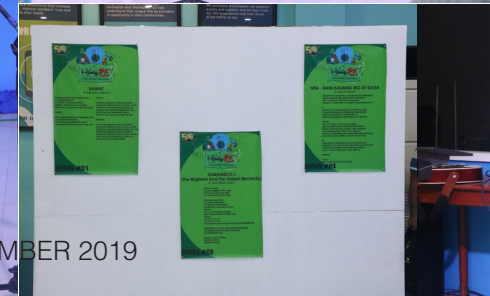


Golden Strokes

Painting Competition



Clicks Gold



ZAMSURECO-I CELEBRATES GRATITUDE FOR GOLD; WEARS NEA SOLIDARITY SHIRT



In celebration of 50 years of rural electrification, ZAMSURECO-I joins NEA and the electric cooperatives nationwide on its Gratitude for Gold: Thanksgiving Mass Ceremony and Launching of the NEA Solidarity Logo last July 29, 2019.

ZAMSURECO-I Board and Management, employees, MSEAC and AccDels attended an early morning mass at 7am in Sto. Niño Cathedral Parish, Pagadian City. The Holy Mass was presided by Most Rev. Fr. Ronald Lunas with Rev. Fr. Allan Onden.

ZAMSURECO-I family proceeded to the Heroes' Hall,

wearing the Solidarity Shirt and NEA's 50th Anniversary Logo which symbolises the united force of men and women of the rural electrification program for a more progressive countryside.

A Facebook live streaming was also done in convergence with NEA & ECs throughout the country to greet the public on the highlights of its celebration.

The short convocation ended with a mass singing of the song "Electric Dreams."



ZAMSURECO-I Board Approves Implementation of 2 Substation Projects



Tiguma 10MVA Substation



Sta. Maria 10MVA Substation

PAGADIAN CITY – ZAMSURECO-I board approves implementation of two substation projects within the year 2019. Both substations will be established in the city of Pagadian, 1 10mva substation at Brgy. Santa Maria and 1 10mva substation at Brgy. Tiguma.

ZAMSURECO-I General Manager/CEO and ex-officio board member, Mr. Jose Raul A. SanieI, informed BUGHAW that the two projects are primarily aimed at increasing the Cooperative's installed capacity from 70mva to 90mva, in anticipation of the operation of a number of incoming big loads within Pagadian city limits.

GM SanieI added that big department store operators like Robinson's, CityMall, and Puregold have already acquired

properties in Pagadian City where their respective establishments will be built. These three malls combined would require at least 5mva of substation capacity. The operation of these establishments is expected to boost economic growth in Pagadian City and neighboring municipalities.

Meanwhile, GM SanieI said he already instructed the concerned working group to commence the procurement process for the supply, delivery, installation, testing, and commissioning of both Santa Maria and Tiguma substations.

Barring any factors that would delay its implementation, the substations will undergo commissioning and go into full commercial operation by 3rd quarter of year 2020.



3 Pagadian City substations undergo preventive maintenance

PAGADIAN CITY –Three power distribution substations of ZAMSURECO-I underwent preventive maintenance service (PMS) on 10 November 2019 and 07 December 2019, namely; 10mva Tiguma substation, 10mva Balangasan substation, and 10mva Santa Maria substation.

Driven by strong belief in popular adage "prevention is better than cure", ZAMSURECO-I outlined in its annual technical activities the regular conduct of PMS to ensure that substation facilities are running in safe, reliable, and efficient manner, thus, prolonging the life span of major substation equipment.

The scope of works of said 12-hour activity (6am to 6pm)

includes conduct of basic tests on major equipment, filtering and replacement of power transformer insulating oil, retightening of bolts and connections, and analysis of dissolved gases, among others.

In parallel, technical personnel carried out a number of ride-on activities including replacement of defective insulators, replacement of rotten poles, line right-of-way (ROW) clearing, installation of distribution transformers, and line reconductoring.

Meanwhile, ZAMSURECO-I's Switch and San Miguel substations are scheduled for PMS within the months of December 2019 and January 2020.

SOLAR PV MAINSTREAMING TRAINING UNFOLDS

To intensify the implementation of DOE's solar energization project, the training series on Solar Photovoltaic Mainstreaming Implementation in ZAMSURECO-I unfold last September 23-26, 2019 at ZAMSURECO-I Heroes' Hall and Bay Plaza Hotel, Pagadian City.

The training was supervised by DOE officials, Senior Science Research Specialist Engr. Maureen Q. Artais and Science Research Specialists II Mr. Erick George Uy and Ms. Charlene Salazar. The Green Power Team, who is project contractor, led by Project Manager Mr. Melvin Zabala conducted the orientation and technical training to ZAMSURECO-I employees.

The 4-day training covered the orientation on the Solar Business Unit Pre-Payment System which was attended by the Coop's Collection Heads and Member Services Division Team. A technical training also transpired focusing on the Installation and Maintenance of the Solar PV Project for engineers.

The Photovoltaic Mainstreaming (PVM) Project is DOE's initiative that will benefit 1,129 unenergized households within the coverage area of Zamboanga del Sur. This year, the DOE and Green Power had conducted series of trainings and turned over kits to distribution utilities who are granted as project implementers like ZAMSURECO-I.



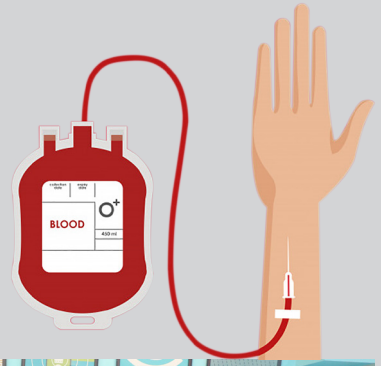
WHAT IS A SOLAR HOME SYSTEM?

The Solar Homes System (SHS) project is the first component of the projects based Access to Sustainable Energy Project (ASEP) grant agreement supported by \$12.8 million from the European Union (EU) and \$3 million from the Global Partnership on Output-Based Aid (GPOBA). ASEP is in line with and supports the PV Mainstreaming (PVM) component of the Republic of the Philippines strategy for achieving full electrification within the next ten years or so.

PV Mainstreaming is a DOE initiative, supported by the WB's ASEP, in turn a part of the larger DOE-EU Access to Sustainable Energy Programme. PVM is the provision of SHS as a utility service in which utilities own the systems and provide for operations, maintenance, parts replacement, and other customer services; while households pay a flat, monthly, regulated fee to the local Electric Cooperative (EC). Regulation is provided by the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC).

Source: <http://asep.lgugc.com/solar-home-system/>

PARTNER AGENCIES UNITE FOR Z-1 BLOOD DONATION DRIVE



The Philippine Red Cross, Department of Health and Physicians' Association unite for ZAMSURECO-I's Blood Donation Drive last July 25-26, 2019.

ZAMSURECO-I's yearly CSR program were supported by various agencies who volunteered in the entire blood donation process. The Department of Health catered the blood pressure checking and body weigh-in of interested donors. Volunteer nurses and medical technologists also surged to extend its assistance. The Physicians' Association sent doctors to check the vital signs and monitor the medical condition of the donors and the Philippine Red Cross administered the actual blood donation activity.

The Blood Donation Drive, which is now expanded to a 2-day event, reached a total of 140 member-consumer-owners. The donors came from a mixed profile of employees, students, teachers and uniformed personnel.

ZAMSURECO-I campaigned for potential donors in its aim to mitigate the National Dengue Epidemic that recorded high dengue cases in Zamboanga Peninsula. This was strongly supported by Z-1's BOD President Marivic A. Chaves on her message that ZAMSURECO-I's bloodletting program is for a noble and greater cause.



PRC Head, Teodora Ortiz, explained the two-way benefits of blood donation which may help both the donor and the donee. Ms. Ortiz said that based on studies, the regular donor may be protected from potential risks against cancer and may aid weight loss while the donee may benefit recuperation from blood loss.

The 2-day bloodletting activity generated a total of 63,000 cc of blood. ZAMSURECO-I viewed this as a feat considering its promotional efforts to persuade individuals to be heroes in little ways.

Merchandise items were given to interested participants while successful donors were given the chance to join the Raffle Draw.

For more than a decade, ZAMSURECO-I continues to roll out its CSR program as a way to help patients who are in need of blood support and its core commitment to be actively engaged within its serving community.





ZAMSURECO-I GIVES BACK TO SOCIETY



In celebration of its 47th Founding Anniversary, ZAMSURECO-I continues to give back to the society during the successful conduct of its Medical/Dental Outreach and Feeding Program at Danlujan Covered Court last August 21, 2019.

In partnership with volunteer physician and dental partners, a total of 472 residents of Barangay Danlujan were given free medical check-up and medicines and 168 beneficiaries received free tooth extraction service on the same day. Meanwhile, 294 children consumed their free jollibee meals and enjoyed the fun games & prizes in the Feeding Program.

Gracing the event were GM/CEO Jose Raul A. Saniel, ISD/EDP Manager Azucena A. Lagura, Internal Audit Manager Jovito A. Pingca and its District Director Perla G. Sudiang with the MSEAC & AccDels.

ZAMSURECO-I employees interacted with the member-consumer-owners of Danlujan and extended help in the administration of free health services. The Cooperative also recognized the participation of the volunteer doctors who rendered their professional services to the event namely, Dr. Robert Q. Paztoriza, Dr. Delia A. Paztoriza, Dr. Danilo Alfaro, Dr. Neonita B. Balayong and Dr. Gemma D. Santos for the Medical Outreach and Dr. Isabelo P. Manzo, Dr. Alma A. Manzo, Dr. Jovito Q. Glepa, Dr. Corazon S. Punzalan, Dr. Isagani S. Ellorimo, Dr. Ruffa Keziah A. Fernandez for the Dental Outreach. 11 DOH volunteers also provided assistance during the event.

Z1's Annual Medical, Dental and Feeding Program is an institutionalized corporate social responsibility program which aims to reach underprivileged member-consumer-owner within its franchise area. Now on its 47th year in the rural electrification industry, ZAMSURECO-I continues to establish a meaningful connection with its stakeholders through its core and non-core services.



MEDICAL OUTREACH VOLUNTEER DOCTORS
Dr. Robert Q. Pastoriza
Dr. Delia A. Pastoriza
Dr. Danilo Alfaro
Dr. Neonita B. Balayong
Dr. Gemma D. Santos

MEDICAL OUTREACH VOLUNTEER DENTIST
Dr. Isabelo P. Manzo
Dr. Alma A. Manzo
Dr. Jovito Q. Glepa
Dr. Corazon S. Punzalan
Dr. Isagani S. Ellorimo
Dr. Ruffa Keziah A. Fernandez



1449 ECO WARRIORS WALK FOR MOTHER NATURE

An overwhelming 1449 eco warriors joined ZAMSURECO-I's Fun Walk for Mother Nature last August 26, 2019 in Pagadian City.

Local government agencies, school partners, NIHE beneficiaries, MSEAC and AccDels crowded the streets of Pagadian City. The massive record breaking attendance awoken the fresh morning of the local neighbourhood parading its environmental call for responsible and sustainable living.

The eco warriors began the 6.2 km walk at ZAMSURECO-I Central Office and ended up at SCC YDC Gym. After 2 hours from the gun start, race finishers began to cross the finish line.

The Youngest finisher award went to 8-month old Winlyn Andilab while Most Senior Finisher Award was given to Jesus Persuelo, a 89 year old MCO of Brgy. Tuburan. The Family Walk Award was awarded to the Retiza Family from Balangasan District, Pagadian City for having three family members who walked for Mother Nature.

First finisher was won by avid marathon enthusiast John Alcala while his brother Charles Alcala won as 1st Runner-Up. Next in line was Jowil Sambalod as 3rd Runner-Up.

Commencing the post-walk program was the Signing of the Pledge of Commitment. Eco-warrior leader, GM/CEO Mr. Jose Raul A. Sanieel with the Board of Directors inked its commitment to protecting Mother Nature by advocating programs that reduce carbon footprint and promote sustainability. Stakeholders signified their support to the cause by affixing their printed names and signatures as guardians of the Earth.

FUN WALK FOR MOTHER NATURE 2019 WINNERS

Participants	No. of Participants
Stakeholders	524
Z-1 Employees	319
Member-consumer-owners	247
NIHE Beneficiaries	202
MSEAC	92
AccDels	65
TOTAL	1449

MCO Category	Winner
Champion	John Alcala
1st Runner-Up	Charles Alcala
2nd Runner-Up	Jowil Sambalod

Employee Category	Winner
Champion	Nicson catada
1st Runner-Up	Jessie Cinco
2nd Runner-Up	Louie Recilla

SPECIAL AWARDS

MCO Category	Winner
Youngest Participant Award	Winylyn Andilab
Most Senior Award	Jesus Persuelo
Family Walk Award	Retiza Family



Z-1 FUN WALK ANCHORS ECO-FRIENDLY PROGRAMS

ZAMSURECO-I features a twist of fun and eco-friendly programs in its 2019 Fun Walk for Mother Nature. A Slogan Making Contest, Plastic-Free Challenge, Zumba Contest and Quiz Bee were rolled-out to widen scope of participants. The contests ignite the interest of Zambosurians as several locals converged to sign-up for the program series.



Slogan-Making Contest

Member-consumer-owners raised their slogan high persuading the local community to place value on environmental concerns. Creative juices were extracted as banners made of recycled items turned into a piece of art. Glenn Bon Cavan of Brgy. Dao won the Best in Environmental Slogan while Gilbert Solon from Aurora got the Best in Environmental Slogan (3Rs) having portrayed the waste management principles. In the employee's group category, Central Office garnered the Best in Environmental Slogan while Area II was named Best in Environmental Slogan (3Rs).

Plastic-Free Challenge

Each eco warrior was handed out empty sacks to clear the official route from plastic garbage. Heads on, uniformed personnel took the challenge to the next level as top 3 winners emerged from the military personnel and trainees. The 9th RCDG won the Plastic Free Challenge Weigh-In having collected the heaviest kilos of non-biodegradable items. The Army (2nd Platoon) Tabak Division came in second while the SCC ROTC Group placed third.



Zumba Contest

The event also opened doors to dance enthusiasts in Zamboanga del Sur as ZUMBA Hataw Contest invites dance groups of all ages to join. 7 MCO groups, varying from family group, school group, barangay and municipal dancers competed for the crown. The contest pumped up the mood of the audience with its versatile and entertaining numbers. Tulawas Youth Dance bested other contingents in its jam-packed and champion performance. Dance with Efen featuring its Zumba Mommies and kids ranked second. Tukuran Dance Group placed third and EMCOTECH garnered 4th place.

Quiz Bee

Completing the highlights of the program is the Quiz Bee for Mother Nature. Topics on basic natural science and current environmental concerns were covered to promote environmental literacy among the contestants. Students, local employees, uniformed personnel and member-consumer-owners marched to the centre stage and swiftly moved from choices A, B, C, D in selecting its final answers. 3 EMCOTECH students from 50 contestants remained in the centre stage and survived in the elimination rounds.

The program ended with an awarding ceremony with the winning participants and giving of certificates to participating partners and stakeholders.



**FUN WALK
FOR MOTHER NATURE
2019 WINNERS**



A. PLASTIC-FREE CHALLENGE

TOP 3 WINNERS	
1st	9th RCDG
2nd	Army (2nd Platoon) Tabak Division
3rd	SCC ROTC Group



B. ZUMBA CONTEST

MCO CATEGORY	
Champion	Tulawas Youth Dance
1st Runner-Up	Dance with Efren
2nd Runner-Up	Tukuran Dance Group
3rd Runner-Up	EMCOTECH

EMPLOYEE CATEGORY	
Champion	Central Office
1st Runner-Up	Area-I
2nd Runner-Up	Area-III
3rd Runner-Up	Area-II

C. SLOGAN-MAKING CONTEST

MCO CATEGORY	WINNER
Best in Environmental Slogan	Glenn Bon Cavan
Best in Environmental Slogan (3R's)	Gilbert Solon

EMPLOYEE CATEGORY	WINNER
Best in Environmental Slogan	Central Office
Best in Environmental Slogan (3R's)	Area-II



**ZAMSURECO-1
WORKFORCE SUPPORT
FILM SHOWING FOR A CAUSE**

Almost a decade now, ZAMSURECO-I continues to host a Film Showing for A Cause in its goal to fund the Coop's Sinsilyo sa Lata Feeding Program.

On August 22, 2019, ZAMSURECO-I workforce supported the noble cause as they filled-in the seats to watch 2 blockbuster movies of the present generation. The 2018 movie 'Johnny English Strikes Again' tickled laughter from the audience while Disney's 2019 film Aladdin wooed employees' emotions.

ZAMSURECO-I sponsored movie snacks and drinks to employees who are now benefactors of the program. Children and

families in rural areas will benefit from the total funds generated from the show.

As the movie reel started to roll, the journey of ZAMSURECO-I in touching people's lives to the community brings forth anew chapter.

The Sinsilyo sa Lata Feeding Program is a core CSR activity of ZAMSURECO-I. For years, numerous barangays have benefitted in the Coop's effort to reach out to its stakeholders one place at a time.



ZAMSURECO-I continues to **GO GREEN** on its 47th year

As ZAMSURECO-I graced its 47th founding anniversary, its advocacy to saving Mother Earth through its Clean and Green Program continues to shed light as the Board of Directors, Management and workforce together with its stakeholders engage in a Tree Planting and Nurturing Activity held last August 30, 2019. The activity conducted is also in celebration with NEA's 10th National Electrification Awareness Month (NEAM) with the theme: "Fulfilling the vision of an empowered nation." which promotes activities for environmental and social awareness.

The noble activity was led by GM/CEO Jose Raul A. Sanieel who emphasized a call to contribute in global healing and saving the lives of our future generation by not only planting a tree but wishing also for the trees to save humanity. The simultaneous activity was conducted to 3 Area Offices of ZAMSURECO-I.

For Area I Sub-Office, the activity was held at the Caniangan LGU Farm, Ramon Magsaysay, Zamboanga del Sur and was participated by 115 MCOs, 19 MSEACs, 8 Accredited Delegates, 74 Coop employees and District III Board President, Marivic A. Chavez with a total of 1000 Lauan seedlings planted and another 600 seedlings nurtured within its the sub-office compound.

For Area II and Central office, the tree planting activity was held at the Navalán LGU Farm, Tukuran, Zamboanga del Sur. In attendance were 105 MCOs, 18 MSEACs, 5 Accredited Delegates, 119 Coop Employees led by GM/CEO Jose Raul A. Sanieel, District IV, V and IX Directors namely Jose Villaflor, Glenn Malalis, and Perla Sudiang with a total of 1200 Lauan seedlings planted.

The activity was also done simultaneously in Area III sub office held at Lake Dasay, San Miguel, Zamboanga del Sur which was participated by 293 MCOs, 10 MSEACs, 6 Accredited Delegates, 27 Coop Employees, District VI, VII, VIII Directors namely Danilo Lumayas, Jeffrey Rabon and Mauricio Garban with a total of 1600 Lauan seedlings planted.

With the participation of 579 MCOs, Z1 Board of Directors, 221 employees headed by GM/CEO Jose Raul A. Sanieel and a total of 4400 Lauan seedlings planted, the Tree Planting/ Nurturing Activity was an evidence that ZAMSURECO-I envisions for an empowered and eco-friendly nation.





ZAMSURECO-I JOINS NATIONAL LINE CLEARING DAY

ZAMSURECO-I joined its fellow electric cooperatives as the Warriors of Light unify in a nationwide simultaneous Line Clearing Activity last August 30, 2019 in celebration of the 10th National Electrification Awareness Month (NEAM) with the theme: “Fulfilling the Vision of an Empowered Nation”.

ZAMSURECO-I conducted power line clearing activity in the Cooperative’s three sub-offices. Teams were created which composed of the technical supervisors, linemen and clearing crew.

The first team was assigned to cover the areas of Brgy. Montela to Brgy. Balintawak, Aurora, Brgy. Navalan, Tukuran and Brgy. Upper Pulacan, Labangan stretching 8.8 kilometers of primary line in total. The team was able to cut 171 trees and trimmed 117 trees. A total of 1,085 member-consumer-owners benefited the program.

The second team was dispatched to cover a 24.7-kilometer primary line area that comprises of 7 rural barangays within the city with 612 trees cut and 410 trees trimmed. A total of 1797 member-consumer-owners benefited the program.

While the third team was dispatched to Area-III barangays that covered a 37-kilometer primary line area covering the municipality of San Miguel going to municipalities of Dimataling, Pitogo, Tabina and Dinas. The team was able to cut a total of 222 trees and trimmed 420 trees with 13367 member-consumer-owners who benefited the program.

In addition, the clearing teams were able to replace 143 broken insulators, 8 defective kwh meters, 2 leaking cutout fuse and fixed 2 loose service drop wires.

Z1 Warriors of Light participated in the Line Clearing Day in its goal to sustain a reliable power service to all its member-consumer-owners and stakeholders and provide a favorable and safety environment.





ZAMSURECO-I HOLDS EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION CEREMONY



ZAMSURECO-I Management and Board of Directors award 14 loyalty awardees, 55 individual and 3 group performance-based awardees and executive citation awardees in its Employee Recognition Ceremony last September 20, 2019.

14 loyalty awardees paraded in their Broadway fashion inspired outfits and grooved to the beat of the music in their special dance intermission number. Loyalty awardees from 15 to 30 years of service poured its deep gratitude to ZAMSURECO-I on the opportunities and experiences as they reached a special milestone in their life.

Now on its 6th year, the Cooperative rewarded the loyalty awardees with a customized pendant and gold corporate ring engraved with ZAMSURECO-I's seal.

The 55 individual and 3 group awards are given based on the Employee's Recognition Standards and Criteria which focused on employee behaviour and performance appraisal results.

GM/CEO SanieI congratulated all awardees and encouraged employees to serve more for the interest of the member-consumer-owners.

In its goal to drive for efficiency measures, ZAMSURECO-I continues to create employee engagement programs for its workforce. GM/CEO SanieI encouraged the Awards Committee to expand the awarding system to cover special performers who excel in various fields of work.

ZAMSURECO-I FAMILY ATTENDS THANKSGIVING MASS



ZAMSURECO-I Management and workforce headed by GM/CEO Jose Raul A. SanieI with the Board of Directors began its day on September 30, 2019 with a fresh jumpstart as the whole ZAMSURECO-I family attends a Thanksgiving Mass Ceremony in commemoration of the Coop's 47th Founding Anniversary.

Most Reverend Fr. Ronald Lunas, Bishop of the Diocese of Pagadian, presided the mass with Rev. Fr. Allan Onden, the Vicar Gen. of Diocese of Pagadian at Sto. Niño Cathedral Parish in Pagadian City.



AREA OFFICES COMPETE ON 1ST LINEMAN'S RODEO CUP

4 Area Offices compete on ZAMSURECO-I's first ever Lineman's Rodeo Cup at Switch, Ramon Magsaysay, Zamboanga del Sur.

Parading the official teams, Area I known as Avengers Light Defenders marched with its crimson red banner. Area II Line Soldiers were headstrong in its purple banner while Area III Warriors of Light beamed with pride on its green flag. Central Office bleed blue and mount its identity to the pedestal.

GM Jose Raul A. Saniel amplified the thrust of competition saying that linemen are heroes who drive socio-cultural economic growth in the country. BOD Pres Marivic Chaves in her message shared that linemen bring the beacon of light to the community.

Starting off the rodeo is the Pole Climbing Challenge. Guest judges from MOELCI II and NGCP chaired by NGCP Transmission Line Manager Engr. Edinower J. Cabaños keenly critiqued the execution of each team. Area II showed its skill in observing safety standards and hailed as the Best in Pole Climbing.

With the sudden downpour, the passion of teams remained unshaken. Area II sustained its place as it secured Best in Pole Dressing. Area I Avengers Light Defenders hooked a special award as Best in Pole Undressing in perfecting its strategy with housekeeping and speed.

Carrying on, the Knot Tying Category took place featuring 7 types of knots to be performed. Central Office Warriors dominated with speed and accuracy with its flawless execution of every knot, garnering a bingo of 100 points.

The 4 contingents proceeded to the Spine Board Bandaging Category. Board of Judges from Philippine Red

Cross and City Disaster Risk Reduction Management headed by Chairman Mr. Danilo M. Caballero presented each drawn scenario and observed their first aid solution to the patient. Area II claimed another title as Best in Spine Board Bandaging.

Rubbing on the heat of the competition, the Conductor Riding presented itself as a challenging hurdle. Adding thrill, spectators cheered for their bets and team favorites. Area III Warriors of Light conquered the throne as Area III linemen successfully finished with quality and proper timing.

In the over-all results, Area-I Avengers Light Defenders with a total of 91.20% emerged victorious in winning the championship title for the 1st Lineman's Rodeo Cup followed by Area II Line Soldiers, Central Office Warriors and Area III Warriors of Light, respectively.

Area I group contingent will move on to the next level as the Z-1 winning team will be the official contender of ZAMSURECO-I for PHILRECA's Warriors of Light this December 2019.

1ST LINEMAN RODEO SKILLS COMPETITION OFFICIAL RESULTS

TITLE	WINNER	POINTS
Grand Champion	Area-I Avengers Light Defenders	91.02%
1st Runner-Up	Area-II Line Soldiers	89.51%
2nd Runner-Up	Central Office Warriors	88.68%
3rd Runner-Up	Area-III Warriors of Light	87.70%



TOP EC LINE WORKERS PUT SKILLS TO TEST AT 'WARRIORS OF LIGHT' SUMMIT

Published: 26 July 2019

BAGUIO CITY: Considered the backbone of electric cooperatives (ECs) in keeping the lights on in rural and remote areas, the cream of the crop across the country competed Thursday (July 25) at the first national rodeo for line workers during the "Warriors of Light" Summit.

Three teams from different ECs representing Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao came to Baguio City on Thursday, July 25, to participate in the "Warriors of Light" national summit, which tested their technical skills like pole climbing, pole dressing and undressing, spine board bandaging, and conductor riding.

In his message, NEA Administrator Edgardo Masongsong recognized the vital role that line workers play in the government's rural electrification program, who often performing difficult job under hazardous conditions, to ensure that power reaches the homes and industries in the countryside.

Masongsong also commended the Philippine Rural Electric Cooperatives Association, Inc. (PHILRECA), the umbrella group of 121 ECs in the country, for organizing the rodeo for line workers, which coincides with the 50th founding anniversary of the NEA.

"Sa buong buhay ng rural electrification program, ngayon lang nagkaroon ng Warriors of Light Summit. Dahil sa ginawa natin nakilala ang electric cooperatives sa buong Pilipinas," the NEA chief said during the opening program. He called on all the public distribution utilities under the NEA's supervision to continue supporting the rural electrification efforts of the government.

"The rural electrification program is not about energizing the 'last mile' or the last household; it is about rural development. We will continue to advocate the rural electrification program that will realize rural development and nation building," he said.

Hosted by the Benguet Electric Cooperative, Inc. (BENECO), the national summit was designed to exhibit the technical skills of line workers, as well as promote safe work practices. The activity also aimed to serve as a platform to recognize their sacrifices and efforts to go above and beyond the call of duty.

"Without the linemen, no distribution line could be constructed and maintained. No distribution utilities exist without the linemen as they perform very important tasks. Thus, it is just right and proper to recognize what they do," NEA Engineering Department Manager Ferdinand Villareal said.

At the end of the competition, the delegation from Visayas emerged as the overall champion, and walked away with a cash prize of P75,000. The second (Luzon team) and third (Mindanao team) placers brought home P50,000 and P25,000, respectively.

Meanwhile, Visayas team bagged the first prize award for pole climbing, pole dressing, and conductor riding categories. Luzon won first place in pole undressing and spine board bandaging, while Mindanao won the knot tying category.

Joemer Sibbaluca of the Cagayan I Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CAGELCO I) was named Rodeo King during the "Warriors of Light" Summit. ###

NEA TO ECS: 'WE STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO'

Published: 29 July 2019

The National Electrification Administration (NEA) has crossed several miletones on its 50-year journey towards electrifying the countryside, but still has a long way to go in achieving rural development.

NEA Administrator Edgardo Masongsong emphasized this Monday (July 29) as the agency marks its 50th founding anniversary bearing the theme "NEA@50: One with ECs and MCOs for Sustainable Rural Development."

"We still have a long way to go in helping the government achieve the dream of every Filipino, the Ambisyon Natin 2040, whereby all Filipinos enjoy a strongly rooted, comfortable, and secure life by 2040," Masongsong said.

AmBisyon Natin 2040 is the national government's 25-year roadmap to end poverty in the country.

The NEA chief pointed out that the mandate of the electric cooperatives (ECs) goes beyond lighting up the farthest and remotest area in the country. The power co-ops must also

exert more efforts to foster social and economic growth in the countryside, he added.

"Beyond electrifying the countryside, we need to go further into achieving rural development: to free our kababayans from the chains of poverty," Masongsong said during the leadership dialogue with the ECs as part of the golden anniversary celebration.

"We can do this by empowering our communities, our member-consumer-owners within the franchise areas of the ECs, with the introduction of livelihood programs and economic activities within the sector using the electricity connection that we commit to bring to the farthest sitio, to the households in the last mile, whether of the main grid or off-grid," he said.

It will be recalled that the NEA was established as an institution on July 28, 1969 through Republic Act No. 6038, with a mandate to carry out the total electrification of the country on an area coverage basis.



"Through its partner electric cooperatives, the Rural Electrification Program has benefited nearly 61 million Filipinos in more than 13 million consumer connections in the countryside," Masongsong said.

This year's anniversary theme underscores the NEA's commitment to continue pursuing the total electrification of the country and help improve the living conditions of the Filipinos, particularly those in rural and remote areas.

As part of the kick-off program, NEA officials and employees gathered on Monday morning for a thanksgiving mass dubbed as "Gratitude for the Gold," followed by the simultaneous nationwide launching of the "Solidarity Shirt" with the ECs.

Other activities slated for this year's anniversary celebration are the formal celebration and the NEA-EC-MCOs Convention

on Rural Electrification on August 6 and 7 at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC) in Pasay City.

On August 8, there will be a "Golden Dagitab" awarding ceremony in honor of the ECs and other partners that have contributed a lot to the success of the rural electrification program.

A nationwide line clearing and tree-planting activities will also be conducted simultaneously by all ECs in the country in observance of the 10th National Electrification Awareness Month (NEAM) on August 30. ###

RESULTS OF 2018 EC OVERALL PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT RELEASED

Published: 14 August 2019

The National Electrification Administration (NEA) has released its annual assessment of the overall operational performance of all the electric cooperatives (ECs) across the country, with 87 power distribution utilities received the highest ratings.

Results of the NEA's 2018 Electric Cooperative Overall Performance Assessment and Size Classification showed that 87 out of 121 ECs were rated AAA. Of which, 24 ECs received a perfect 100 points in all the performance parameters.

All power distribution utilities in Regions VI (Western Visayas), VII (Central Visayas) and CARAGA attained AAA rating. Meanwhile, Regions I (Ilocos Region) and VIII (Eastern Visayas) emerged as the most improved regions after all of their ECs notched the AAA status.

The 2018 assessment also showed that 83 ECs maintained their AAA rating, while nine ECs manifested improvement in their scores in all performance levels. Also, 83 percent or a total of 100 out of the 121 ECs were evaluated either AAA, AA or A status.

Of the remaining 21 ECs, four improved their operational performance either from C to B or D to C; 12 power distribution utilities retained their performance level while five were rated either B, C or D.

Moreover, the number of Mega Large ECs increased to 66 from 64 in 2017. The Sorsogon II Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SORECO II) and Cebu III Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CEBECO III) improved from Extra Large to Mega Large ECs.

Meanwhile, the Quirino Electric Cooperative (QUIRELCO) and Mountain Province Electric Cooperative, Inc. (MOPRECO) from Large to Extra Large EC, and the Busuanga Island Electric Cooperative, Inc. (BISELCO) from Medium to Large EC.

In a memorandum to ECs, NEA Administrator Edgardo Masongsong expressed the agency's satisfaction with the results of 2018 EC Overall Performance Assessment and Size Classification.

Masongsong said 2018 was very challenging for the electrification sector. He, however, commended the ECs of Regions I, VI, VII, VIII, and CARAGA "for excelling in their respective operations."

"The ECs' performance level for Calendar Year 2018 was impressive. Although there were lots of challenges the NEA and the ECs encountered during the year, most of the ECs sustained their exemplary performance," Masongsong said.

"Those ECs which need further improvements in overall performance should reassess existing programs and implement more aggressive strategies to address major problems and concerns," the NEA chief added.

Having supervisory powers over 121 ECs in the country, the NEA evaluates and determines their overall performance ratings using two criteria—Key Performance Standards (KPS), which account for 80 percent; and EC Classification (ECC), 20 percent.

These criteria were designed to measure the power co-ops' full compliance on four parameters, namely financial, institutional, technical, and reportorial requirements. The ECs were rated from AAA as the highest to D as the lowest.

The mandatory assessment on the performance of non-profit distribution utilities started way back in 1982 to keep track of the viability of their operations economically and financially. Since then, the rules and guidelines have evolved and changed significantly.

Earlier, the NEA proposed amendments to the existing guidelines to include the energization level of the EC among the key parameters.

Energization level is measured by the number of consumer connections a power co-op achieves under a given timeline based on the official reports and/or documents it submitted through the NEA Business Intelligence Technology (NEA-BIT) web portal. ###



NEA'S 2020 PROPOSED BUDGET TO CONTINUE FUNDING ELECTRIFICATION PROJECTS - MASONGSONG

Published: 29 August 2019

The government's electrification projects, including the Sitio Electrification Program (SEP), will receive P1.5 billion in the proposed budget of the National Electrification Administration (NEA) for fiscal year 2020 based on the National Expenditure Program (NEP).

This was revealed by NEA Administrator Edgardo Masongsong when he presented the agency's 2020 proposed budget based on NEP before the members of the House Committee on Appropriations on Tuesday (August 27).

The state-run agency, based on the 2020 NEP, is allocated P14.147-billion corporate operating budget (COB). Of the amount, P1.746 billion will be financed by the NEA's internally generated funds, P1.531 billion as subsidy from the national government (NG), and the P10.869 billion represents non-cash subsidy for the conversion of NG advances.

Based on expense class, P10.869 billion (77 percent) is non-cash item for Department of Finance-approved conversion of NG advances into subsidy; P2.6 billion (18 percent) for Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE); P350 million (2 percent) for personnel services; P261 million (2 percent) for capital outlay; and P65.94 million (1 percent) for financial expenses.

On the government's electrification projects, Masongsong said a bigger portion of the P1.531-billion NG subsidy is dedicated to the continued implementation of the SEP Phase II at P1.162 billion. This amount, however, will only allow the agency to energize 775 sitios next year, as electrifying a sitio costs at least P1.5 million on the average.

The proposed budget will also allow the agency to meet its targets for 2020, which include energization of 775 sitios, electrification of 38 LGU/NGOs resettlement sites, and provision for the cost counterpart of the Government of the Philippines on JICA donation for ECs in the Bangsamoro region.

The NEA's other operational targets also cover the connection of additional 460,000 consumers, reduction of system loss to 11 percent, collection efficiency of 96 percent, release of P245 million loans to the ECs, and continued realization of a net margin from the agency's financial operation.

Masongsong, in his statement during the budget hearing, reaffirmed the NEA and the ECs' unwavering commitment to help the national government realize the 100-percent household electrification target by 2022, despite the many challenges.

"The noble mandate of attaining total electrification is never an easy task for the NEA and the ECs," the administrator said, as he identified some implementation problems, such as accessibility, peace and order, calamities, right-of-way issues, poverty, and limited government subsidy, among others.

The NEA chief also cited a number of measures and funding sources to fasten efforts to achieve the total electrification goal, which include government subsidies, funding under DOE's Energy Regulation No. 1-94 program, Qualified Third Party (QTP) program, private sector participation, donations or grants

from both local and foreign institutions, and EC's capital expenditure program.

"The NEA and ECs will remain steadfast in their commitment, despite all odds, to make possible the total electrification target, providing in effect a platform for the government to draw rural people into the economic and social mainstream and vigorously pursue its goal of inclusive growth," Masongsong said.

Meanwhile, Rep. Sergio Dagooc of the Association of Philippine Electric Cooperatives (APEC) party-list, said the budget recommended by the DBM for the government's electrification program is "very small," given the thousands of sitios still left without electricity connection.

"With a limited budget the NEA will have next year and the same budget for the succeeding years, how can the government attain the total electrification?" Dagooc asked. "Maybe the Office of the President and the Department of Budget and Management should strongly consider giving more budget or subsidy to aggressively realize the total electrification."

The lawmaker also noted that the government "cannot simply rely" on the private investors to fund the electrification program, considering that it is now on the "last mile." He urged the House Committee on Appropriations to "seriously consider" the NEA's original budget proposal for 2020.

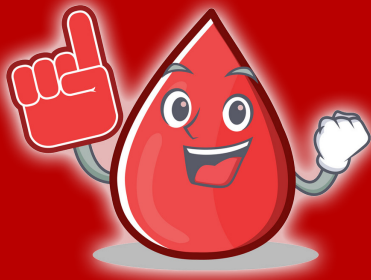
The NEA submitted at least P6.146-billion budget proposal to the DBM to bankroll the government's various electrification projects, including SEP and Barangay Line Enhancement Program. But the DBM only recommended P1.531 billion.

Masongsong reiterated that the agency, together with the Department of Energy, is considering a number of options to fast-track the total electrification. "But we would really thank (the House Committee on Appropriations) if there would be more funding for total electrification," the NEA chief added.

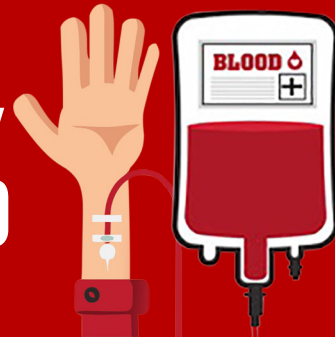
Rep. Presley De Jesus of the Philippine Rural Electric Cooperatives Association (PHILRECA) party-list, pointed out that it is the primary obligation of the government to fund the rural electrification program.

To date, the NEA through its partnership with 121 ECs nationwide has energized 13,184,523 households--translating to 61 million Filipinos in the countryside. About 14,876 sitios, however, are still left without access to electricity. To complete the energization of these sitios by 2022, the state-run agency will need approximately P22 billion.

For the first semester of the current year alone, the NEA was able to energize 469 sitios, start enhancement of grid line connection for 20 barangays, connect additional 281,246 electricity consumers, attain an average system loss of 11.12 percent, sustain 100 percent collection efficiency, release P405 million worth of loans to ECs, and maintain a positive margin for the period. ###

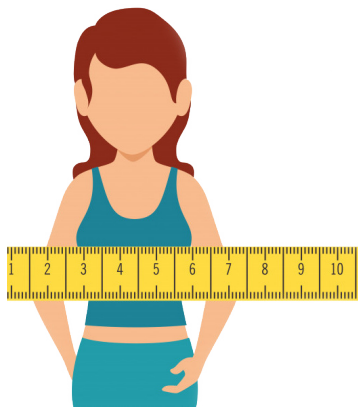
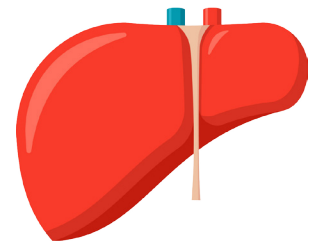


4 THINGS THAT HAPPEN TO YOUR BODY WHEN YOU DONATE BLOOD



LOWERS YOUR RISK OF LIVER DISEASE AND CANCER

Dr Nitin Agarwal, Associate Consultant, Blood Bank & Transfusion Medicine, Jaypee Hospital, Noida explains that even though there are no such studies which claim that donating blood lowers your risk of liver damage and cancer, it still has signs that it has a positive effect on the liver. For instance, the excess of iron in the body puts pressure on the liver, predisposing you to a liver problem, and by donating blood, you actually manage to stabilize the iron content in the blood. As a result of that, there is less risk of liver damage. It should also be mentioned that excess iron deposits in the liver lead to the oxidation of the liver tissue, thus damaging the organ, which in extreme cases can lead to cancer. This means that if you donate blood on a regular basis, you will reduce the risk of developing liver cancer.

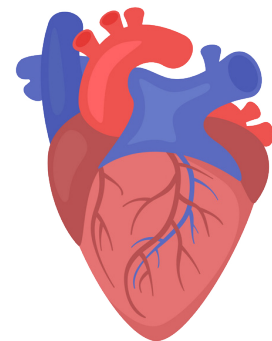


HELPS YOU LOSE WEIGHT

Donating blood just once will help you shed up to 650 – 700 Kcal. Nevertheless, weight is all about calorie intake, which means that blood donation can help in controlling your body weight. Even though it should not be the only way to lose weight, people should definitely donate blood safely once in three months. Make sure not to donate blood too often as it will affect your health and your blood hemoglobin and iron levels. Here are myths on blood donation busted.

IMPROVES YOUR CARDIOVASCULAR HEALTH

Donating blood on a regular basis will maintain your iron levels in check. The major cause of tissue damage is in fact the excessive iron build up in the body which causes oxidative damage. This is why donating blood shows a significant reduction in the overall risk of heart disease. Furthermore, blood donating improves the heart health by lowering your risk of premature ageing, stroke and heart attack.



GIVES YOU A MENTAL SATISFACTION

People who donate blood have a mental satisfaction because they contribute to saving lives. Blood donation is the key because there are no perfect substitutes for human blood. When you donate blood, it is divided into several components according to the needs of the patients and it can be used by different recipients for different purposes. This means that every time you donate blood, you are actually helping 3-4 individuals, which lend a feeling of happiness and being compassionate.

10 MARIE KONDO Organization Tips That Will Change Your LIFE in minutes



Do you really need all that stuff? This advice from the Organization Queen will help you decide what stays and what goes, fast.



#1 KEEP ONLY WHAT BRINGS YOU JOY

Would you have seconds of that Buffalo shrimp macaroni and cheese if you didn't love it? Would you continue to watch a bad movie? Um, no. So why should you treat your belongings any different? Marie Kondo's advice is simple: Keep what brings you joy and get rid of everything else.

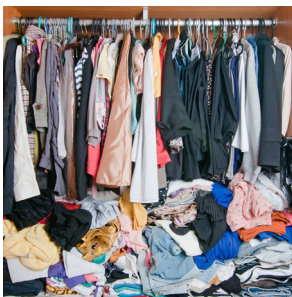
#2 TACKLE CATEGORIES, NOT ROOMS

Decluttering your home is a huge undertaking, so it's important you have a plan before you get down to business. Organizing room by room seems efficient, but Kondo urges you focus on categories. Think about it this way: You probably have a lot of towels scattered throughout your house. By taking stock of all your bathroom, kitchen and powder room towels at once, you can get rid of any duplicates or towels that have overstayed their welcome.



#3 DON'T LET NOSTALGIA CLOUD YOUR JUDGMENT

A movie ticket stub from your favorite film or a program from your kid's school play may tug at your heartstrings, but these mementos aren't doing your space any favors. So why keep them around? We know what you're thinking: What if yesteryear's trinkets bring you joy? Find a way to consolidate 'em. Instead of having a box with old birthday cards from Grandma Sue, place them in a scrapbook that can fit on your newly organized bookshelf. Or store your treasured family recipes in these clever ways.



#4 RESPECT YOUR BELONGINGS

Look at your closet. Are dresses slipping off intertwined hangers? Are expensive shoes scattered all over the floor? It's OK, you're not alone. We're not sure what we think of Marie Kondo personifying clothes—she asks her readers to consider their clothes' feelings—but we do see the importance of taking care of them. Regardless of how much their clothes cost, nobody wants to face the world in wrinkled, stained or scuffed pieces!

#5 LEARN THE ART OF FOLDING

If you don't have a dresser, we recommend you get one. According to Kondo, your clothes will be "happier" if you fold them. After you fold your scarves, dresses, and pants, Kondo recommends stacking them vertically in your closet—she claims you can fit 20 to 40 folded piece where you'd normally be able to hang ten.



#6 GET RID OF THE PAPERWORK

Speaking of superfluous systems, your filing cabinet needs to go. It's the digital age, after all! You can find copies of almost every paper in your home office online. As for those important documents—like your birth certificate and recent W2s—Kondo advises whittling down your paperwork into two piles: "Papers to Save" and "Papers to Deal With."

#7 DITCH THE FANCY STORAGE SYSTEMS

Before you whip out your credit card to buy that fancy spice rack, Kondo recommends detoxing your home first. She argues the only reason we think we need those pricey filing systems is that we have too much stuff. Go ahead, donate what you don't need. You and your space will feel infinitely better.



#8 STORE EVERYTHING STANDING UPRIGHT

If you've spent the majority of your life stacking your socks, bras and underwear on top of each other, you're in for a surprise. The organization queen recommends you store items side by side, so they look more like a row of book spines. Why?

"This will allow you to see what's inside at a glance and take inventory of what you own," Kondo said told Architectural Digest. "If you store your clothes in a drawer standing upright, you will be able to survey how many articles you own that are the same color. This will prevent you from unknowingly buying more of the same type of clothing."

#9 START FROM SQUARE ONE

We hate to be the bearer of bad news, but if you want to give your wardrobe a complete overhaul, you'll need to remove all your clothes from your closet. Sure, it sounds time-consuming, but Kondo argues it'll be easier to spot duplicates and items that don't bring you joy. Once you donate the clothes you don't want, you can replenish your closet with your favorite pieces.



#10 DIG DEEP

Saying goodbye is never easy, but there are some items we can't bring ourselves to discard. Before you start your organizational awakening, Kondo urges you to ask yourself why. She explains most items fall into one of three categories: an attachment to the past, fear of the future or a combination of both. The better you understand why you can't part ways with those old kitchen gadgets from Grandma, the easier it'll be to conquer that obstacle and have a brighter (and indisputably cleaner) future.

LESS
PLASTIC

9 TIPS FOR LIVING WITH LESS PLASTIC



1

Bring your own shopping bag



2

Carry a reusable water bottle



3

Bring your own cup



4

Pack your lunch in reusable containers



5

Say no to disposable straws and cutlery



6

Skip the plastic produce bags



7

Slow down and dine in



8

Store leftovers in glass jars



9

Share these tips with your friends

REFUSE SINGLE USE

CHOOSE REUSABLE

9 WAYS TO REDUCE PLASTIC IN YOUR WORKPLACE



1

Inspire your colleagues. Hold an ocean plastic talk



2

Organize a park, river or beach clean with your team



3

Provide unlimited filtered tap water



4

Have reusables in kitchens and canteens



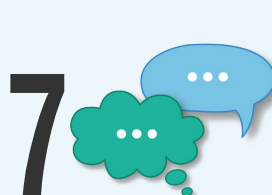
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Reduce plastic in office tea and coffee



6

Encourage eco habits. Gift reusables to your team.



7

Ask your team for ideas to cut plastic in their roles



8

Request that suppliers use less plastic packaging



9

Share your successes, inspire others to act too.





LAVA LAMP

SCIENCE EXPERIMENT

Materials:

You will need:

- Vegetable Oil
- Food Coloring
- Small Cup
- Baking Soda
- Vinegar
- Long Bottle or Cup
- Spoon



Instructions:

1. Add the baking soda

Start by getting an empty bottle or a tall cup. It will be easier to watch the bubbles move in a small container. Then add 3 spoons of baking soda.

2. Add the oil

In this step, you will be filling 2/3 of your tall container with oil. The baking soda will stay on the bottom for the container. Do not try to mix it with the oil. You can use a regular cooking oil.

3. Mix the vinegar and the food colouring

On the small container (not the one you have been using on the previous steps), add some vinegar and 3 drops of food coloring.

4. Let the MAGIC begin

Now that everything is ready, you can add drops of the coloured vinegar to your big container and start watching your homemade lava lamp.

Do not empty the vinegar at once. Instead, do it progressively to make this fun science experiment last.

For a glowing effect, you can turn off the light and use a torch to light up your container.



ELECTRICITY CHALLENGE

9 WAYS TO SAVE ENERGY



1 Turn off all lights when leaving your home.

Date completed: _____



2 Have a no electronics day! Skip the television, computer and video games and go outside and play!

Date completed: _____



3 When doing laundry, wash all full loads on the cold setting to use 80% less energy.

Date completed: _____



4 Shorten your shower to 5 minutes or less

Date completed: _____



5 During the day, open the blinds to let natural light in and turn off all the lights

Date completed: _____



6 At night time, make sure all lights are off

Date completed: _____



7 Unplug kitchen appliances when not in use

Date completed: _____



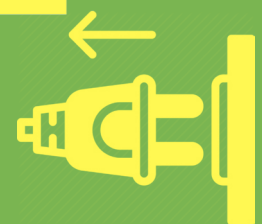
8 Bring reusable bags when you shop. Single use items like plastic bags require a lot of energy to make.

Date completed: _____



9 Turn off monitors + Unplug power strips before you go to sleep at night

Date completed: _____



Name _____

A day in the park

Can you spot the 5 differences between these two pictures?

