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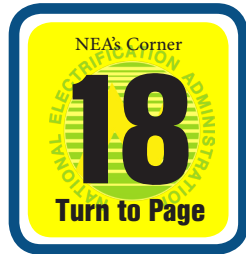


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## 8-MW POWER SUPPLY CONTRACT WITH SAN MIGUEL POWER TO STABILIZE ENERGY DEMAND IN ZAMSURECO-1 COVERAGE



**O**n the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) Evidentiary Hearing last October 24, 2017, ZAMSURECO-I General Manager & Chief Executive Officer Jose Raul Sanieel reported before the Honorable Commission that the 8-MW power supply contract with San Miguel Consolidated Power Corporation (SMCPC) is viewed to stabilize ZAMSURECO-I's supply in the projected increase of energy requirements of Zamboanga Peninsula.

In his expository presentation, GM/CEO Sanieel said that the economic activities of Mindanao are observed to be very dynamic. ***“Zamboanga Peninsula's contribution to the growth in Mindanao is around 4 to 5% which are driven by industrial and service developments. These energy-driven businesses require sufficient long-term power.”*** GM Sanieel said.

The power supply situation in Mindanao also urged the Management team and Board of Directors to enter into a power supply contract with SMCPC wherein NPC-PSALM, which supplies the bulk of electricity in Mindanao, has drastically reduced its energy allocation to electric cooperatives including ZAMSURECO-I. ***“One of the major reasons why we entered a power supply contract with SMCPC is to offset the capacity that has been reduced from PSALM's power plants.”*** GM Sanieel said.

GM Saniel said that SMCP's 8-MW capacity is a necessity for long-term supply aimed to eliminate power supply deficiency. The recent power supply agreement with SMCP augments the 8.19-MW deficiency of ZAMSURECO-I which will now add to 7.34-MW from NPC-PSALM, 15-MW from ThermaMarine and 12-MW from Therma South totaling into an aggregated supply of 42.34-MW supply of the Cooperative. ***"We do not want to experience power curtailments again. We want to ensure because this is our mandate to provide reliable sufficient power supply to our member-consumers."*** GM Saniel said.

## PROCUREMENT PROCESS

On procurement process, GM Saniel presented during the hearing that ZAMSURECO-I complied with all government regulations issued by the Department of Energy (DOE) and Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) on Competitive Selection Process (CSP).

The ZAMSURECO-I BAC conducted a CSP held last February 9, 2016 and published the notice of invitation to bid to prospective bidders twice to the national and local public. As a result, GM Saniel said that BAC declared failure of bidding as only one (1) qualified bidder, who is SMCP, that submitted a proposal. On March 1, 2016, BAC issued Resolution No. 10 which resorts to direct negotiation with SMCP for the procurement of the 8-MW electric energy. The technical working group on power supply invited SMCP for a meeting and deliberation on the features of SMCP's offer and made its endorsement to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors then issued B.R. No. 26 authorizing its Board President to sign into the power supply contract. On March 14, 2016, ZAMSURECO-I and SMCP executed the power supply contract subject to joint application. ***"Nag-umpisa tayo sa proseso."*** GM Saniel said.

The main consideration made was San Miguel Consolidated Power's capability to provide power immediately as their coal-fired power plant is currently operational in Malita, Davao. ZAMSURECO-I also put into consideration the SMCP rate structure which entitles the Coop to a discount premium depending on its collection and payment performance.

## FEATURES OF THE POWER SUPPLY CONTRACT

EDP/ISD Manager Azucena Lagura discussed the salient features of the contract that includes a term of 10 year-supply of an 8-MW contracted capacity from its commercial operation date. EDP/ISD Lagura said that in the duration of the contract, the SMCP will be granting a prompt payment discount (PPD) and collection efficiency discount which differs from other power supply contracts.

***"One of the important factors being considered is the rate to be charged to ZAMSURECO-I out of the capacity to be supplied. Its rate impact to member-consumers underwent careful simulation and review."*** said EDP/ISD Manager Azucena Lagura.

EDP/ISDM Lagura said that the rates to be charged to ZAMSURECO-I under the contracted capacity covers the generation costs only. Based on the contract,



ZAMSURECO-I shall pay the contract charges which consists 2 major components – capacity fee and energy fee. The capacity fee is composed of capital recovery fee of Php 1,386.8021 and fixed operation and maintenance fee of Php 383.8079 per kilowatt with a total of Php 1,770.61 per kilowatt. The energy fee consists of 2 sub-components which are the variable operations and maintenance of 0.2831 centavos per kilowatt hour and fuel fee of 1.6566 per kilowatt hour a total of 1.9397 per kilowatt hour.

On the basis of actual energy delivered, the monthly payment computed based on the formula: The monthly contract charges equals the capacity charges for the month and energy charges of the month.

EDP/ISDM Lagura presented the conditions of the contract wherein ZAMSURECO-I may avail of the prompt-payment discount equivalent to 1% of the total of capacity and energy charges and other components of the current power bill except WESM charges and replacement power costs if any, provided that the Cooperative has no arrears from its previous power billings. ZAMSURECO-I must also meet the criteria of submitting all BIR tax certificates, full payment of power bill on time and compliance of other policies and procedures as may be required by SMCP subject to prior notification.

Considering that ZAMSURECO-I sustained its 100% collection efficiency for the past eleven (11) years, EDP/ISD Manager Lagura said that the ZAMSURECO-I will be expecting to have a 20 centavos per kilowatt hour discount provided that ZAMSURECO-I has met the conditions: has no outstanding obligations from previous power bills, has submitted a copy of its monthly financial statistical report, collection efficiency report, audited financial statements and duly accomplished collection efficiency discount form.

## MINIMAL RATE IMPACT ON GENERATION COST

On the rate impact, EDP/ISDM Lagura discussed the analysis and simulations made based on projected energy purchases for 2016. ***"As what GM Saniel said, ZAMSURECO-I signed the contract sometime March 2016 so we based also the computation for the rate impact in 2016 using its DDP projections."*** EDP/ISDM Lagura said.

To create a rate impact analysis, EDPM/ISDM Lagura presented 3 scenarios using its existing power suppliers' ERC approved rates in 2016 based on the following data: PSALM's generation charge for the month of February 2016, ERC-approved rate of Mapalad Power Corporation (MPC), TSI and TMI's approved rate for the year.

Scenario 1 on actual billing from its power supplies revealed a blended generation rate of Php 4.1897 per kWh for February 2016. Scenario 2 assumes SMCP is not supplying capacity to ZAMSURECO-I wherein the simulation utilized the forecasted average monthly energy purchased in 2016. The calculation resulted in a proposed generation mixed rate of Php 5.0485 per kilowatt hour. Scenario 3 assumes SMCP supplying 8-MW to ZAMSURECO-I that showed a proposed mix generation result of Php 5.1284 centavos per kWh.

Presenting the analysis and simulation, an expected rate increase of Php 0.0799 centavos per kWh is said to impact the consumers' billing statement from the power supply contract with SMCP.

To analyze its impact to its end-consumers, EDP/ISDM Lagura presented a sample billing computation for a residential customer consuming a monthly consumption of 100-kilowatt hours. Utilizing first the existing blended rate of Php 4.1897 would result in Php 418.97 per month whereas applying the proposed generation mixed rate

without SMCP's supply of Php 5.0485 per kWh would give Php 504.85 per month. The existing blended rate versus the rate without SMCP's supply will generate into an increase of Php 85.88 per month.

Another sample billing computation on residential customers consuming 100-kWh was made to gather the rate impact of the said power supply contract. The said existing blended rate of Php 4.1897 per kWh in comparison with the proposed generation mixed rate, now with SMCP's supply to ZAMSURECO-I of Php 5.1284 per kWh, will generate into an increase in the residential customer's monthly bill of Php 93.87 per month on the generation charge in particular.

Applying both, a residential customer with 100-kWh consumption is expected to have an increase of only (Php 512.84 per month less Php 504.85 per month) Php 7.99 only per month on his/her generation charges. The increase of Php 7.99 inversely results in a decrease of power shortage which is viewed to stabilize power supply, to lessen brownouts and reduce customer complaints.

The ERC Hearing was held at ZAMSURECO-I Central Office and was presided by Atty. Imelda Myra Hagad, ERC's Hearing Officer with ERC Clerk of Commission Atty. Maria Adela Ching. ZAMSURECO-I Board of Directors, Management Team, employees, MSEAC, media partners and other stakeholders also attended the hearing.



*ZAMSURECO-I Board of Directors and Management Team attended the AMRECO Strategic Planning and Assessment and Annual General Membership Assembly at Family Country Hotel and Convention Center, General Santos City on November 15-17, 2017.*



## DIRECTOR MARIVIC CHAVES SEATS AS NEW Z-1 BOARD PRESIDENT

**D**istrict III Director Marivic Chaves seats as new ZAMSURECO-I Board President as a result of its Board Elections last October 20, 2017. Currently on her 2nd term, Director Chaves took her oath as new BOD President on October 25, 2017.

The Board Elections was conducted in compliance with Coop's by-laws which mandates that the Board shall elect its new officers annually.

The newly elected set of officers are as follows:

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2018-2019

#### New set of Officers

Marivic A. Chaves	BOD President	District III
Perla G. Sudiang	BOD Vice President	District IX
Jose C. Villaflor	BOD Secretary	District IV
Glenn Santiago G. Malalis	BOD Treasurer	District V
Herby M. Pacalioga	BOD Auditor	District II
Jeffrey A. Rabon	BOD Member	District VII
Maurecio V. Garban, Jr.	BOD Member	District VI
Antonia S. Ayam	BOD Member	District I

With the new leadership composition, it is expected that efficiency gains will be sustained and innovative programs will be pursued beneficial to the pursuit of an efficient and reliable services.



# LUMAYAS, RABON & GARBAN, JR. RE-ELECTED AS Z-1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A series of district elections transpired last November 2017 resulting in the re-election of the incumbent Directors Danilo Lumayas, Jeffrey Rabon and Maurecio Garban, Jr. of District VI, VII & VIII, respectively.

Directors-elect Lumayas, Rabon and Garban ran unopposed which opened to a ceremonial voting in their respective districts. The election turnout enabled Lumayas to garner 111 votes last November 11 in San Pablo Gymnasium while Rabon harboured 106 votes in District VII on November 18 followed by Garban, Jr. of District VIII who harvested 119 votes last November 25, 2017.

Held at San Pablo, Vincenzo Sagun and Pitogo Gymnasiums, the directors-elect were immediately proclaimed as winners by District Election Committee (DECOM). The three directors are set to serve their second terms for office for another three (3) years.

The election, which was expected to take place in June 2017, was pursued in the last quarter of 2017 due to the declaration of Martial Law in Mindanao. Said declaration initiated National Electrification Administration (NEA) to announce the deferment of scheduled elections in the 2nd and 3rd quarter of 2017.



# ZAMSURECO-I ROLLS OUT MSEAC RE-ORIENTATION DRIVE 2017



To further boost the efficacy of its Multi-Sectoral Electrification Advisory Council (MSEAC), ZAMSURECO-I Management, with the active support of the Board of Directors, rolled off the first two waves of its MSEAC re-orientation drive on December 2017.

The first batch was composed of MSEAC from Districts IV, V, VI and XI last December 08, 2017 at Central Office, Pagadian City which was followed through on December 18, 2017 with District I, II and III MSEAC held at Bonifacio B. Lagura Multi-Purpose Hall, Area-I.

Recognizing the crucial role of MSEAC in strengthening member-consumer-owner involvement, ZAMSURECO-I Management team headed by its General Manager & Chief Executive Officer Jose Raul Saniel led the discussion on the governing duties and responsibilities of MSEAC in an electric cooperative.

GM Saniel started off that the rationale behind the re-orientation drive is because of the EPIRA law which states that all end-users including member-consumers must be educated and protected. GM Saniel said that MSEAC, being partners of the Cooperative, plays a critical role because of its responsibility in achieving the said mandate to its member-consumers owners.

He said that the design of the electric cooperatives as public utilities is unique because it is democratic and participatory by nature wherein there must be representatives from the people who will act as link between the member-consumers and the electric cooperative. ***"In the decision-making process, members could participate in the affairs of the organization."*** GM Saniel said.

GM Saniel challenged its MSEAC to come up with vital inputs for Board of Directors to establish sound policies and effective programs by means of connecting each sector – agro-fishery, business, civic, education, media, local government, batangas council women and youth sector to the Coop's activities and programs. ***"We***



***are a public utility. We are endowed with essential public service functions because people requires our services."*** GM Saniel said.

ISD/EDP Manager Azucena A. Lagura discussed the MSEAC member qualifications, mechanics of the organization, its main functions together with the new and enhanced roles which requires active MSEAC participation.

Ending the orientation, GM Saniel encourages the MSEAC to take an active involvement in order for the cooperative to have a strong base of member-consumer-owners.

The refresher course is part of the Coop's capacity-building program for MSEAC as catalysts for welfare development of member-consumers. The event was made possible through the efforts and initiatives of the Management team which was duly participated in by the Board of Directors.

The third wave of the re-orientation drive is expected to pursue in the year 2018.



## GM SANIEEL TALKS ON CLIMATE CHANGE DURING A DISASTER-RISK REDUCTION & PREPAREDNESS SEMINAR

Responding to the seminar invitation from the Iglesia ni Cristo Molave, GM/CEO Jose Raul Sanieel talked as the resource speaker on Climate Change during the Disaster-Risk Reduction and Preparedness Seminar-Workshop last December 02, 2017.

In his presentation entitled "Climate Change: What can we do to save Mother Earth?" GM Sanieel presented the factors affecting the changes in the climate wherein humans and activities are the main contributors of the pressing issue.

Based on his research, human activity such as burning of fossil fuels for industry consumption emits the largest source of carbon dioxide. The carbon dioxide released alters the greenhouse gas content of the Earth's atmosphere which results in global warming.

GM Sanieel said that in the pursuit of economic development and industrialization, countries worldwide have extracted and cultivated the environmental resources in excessive ways resulting in its gradual destruction. The destruction is manifested in disastrous events like Super Typhoon Yolanda which devastated thousands of lives and property among others.

*"Since climate change affects everyone, therefore, it is everyone's problem."* GM Sanieel said. He shared that the alarming situation of the Earth can still be remedied by producing individuals with qualities of the 4A's namely Awareness, Appreciation, Advocacy, and Activism. *"Producing these individuals are salient in advancing the cause of saving our environment."* GM Sanieel said.

Being the General Manager & CEO of an electric cooperative, GM Sanieel encouraged the participants to conserve the use of electricity and other electricity-related activities in order to lessen the emission of harmful gases.

His passion on the issue caused him to inform the participants that ZAMSURECO-I is also conducting its own contribution for Mother Earth. He said that the Cooperative is gradually adapting to the use of renewable energy – solar, biomass, hydropower, as source of electricity.

GM Sanieel ended his talk by saying, "There is no place like home (Earth) and there will never be one again." He then encouraged everyone to do their part to help heal Mother Earth.

The seminar-workshop was facilitated by the Iglesia ni Cristo in coordination with the Municipal Disaster-Risk Reduction and Management Council (MDRRMC) of Molave and ZAMSURECO-I held at the Z-1 Bonifacio B. Lagura Multi-Purpose Hall, Switch, Ramon Magsaysay.

The event was graced by the presence of District I Director Antonia S. Ayam, Area I Manager Rodolfo Lagura, MDRRMC speakers which was attended by the Iglesia ni Cristo guest and participants. The event was hosted by Junelle Pondara, a member of Iglesia ni Cristo and an MSEAC Youth of Tambulig.





## **BRGY. INASAGAN, AURORA: RECIPIENT OF Z-1 COIN FOR A CAUSE**



**Z**AMSURECO-I's institutionalized CSR, the "Sinsilyo sa Lata" Feeding Program or "Coin for a Cause" reached the far-flung area of Barangay Inasagan, Aurora, Zamboanga del Sur last December 28, 2017.

ZAMSURECO-I workforce visited Barangay Inasagan Hall bringing Christmas food delivery to the kids. The collected "sinsilyo" from the member-consumers benefitted a total of 217 children who are in need of supplemental feeding.

The joy of the Christmas season was manifested in the priceless smiles of the children as they unpacked their Jollibee Chickenjoy food items and participated in the activities set for the day's program.

The feeding program also gained the support of the barangay council and ZAMSURECO-I's Board of Directors.

The "Coin for A Cause" Program of ZAMSURECO-I is envisioned to be expanded to further reach far-flung and marginalized barangays and sectors within the Coop's franchise coverage in the year 2018.

The feeding program activity adds up to the pile of corporate social responsibility initiatives of the ZAMSURECO-I in realizing its vision to immerse and reach out communities.





## Z-1 CONDUCTS CLEAN-UP DRIVE I STO. NIÑO PARISH CHURCH, RM



With the aim of widening its reach towards its member-consumers, ZAMSURECO-I through its Board of Director Marivic Chaves and Ramon Magsaysay MSEAC together with Z-1 workforce lend its helping hands to Sto. Niño Parish Church, Ramon Magsaysay as it conducted a Clean-Up Drive last December 9, 2017.

ZAMSURECO-I joined forces in its cleaning tactics in preparation for the Church's lined-up activities. The helping hands beautified the premises of the Parish Church as they planted flowering plants, swept the areas, raked dried leaves, removed weeds and segregate trash in the area.

The conduct of the annual Clean-Up Drive, which is observed prior to the Misa de Gallo, is designed to contribute to the environmental welfare of the Coop's stakeholders in the religious sector.



## ZAMSURECO-I OFFERS ASSISTANCE TO 'BALAY PAGLAUM'



In line with ZAMSURECO-I's mission to strengthen community involvement, the Cooperative offered its assistance to the "Balay Paglaum sa Maayong Magbalantay" last December 23, 2017.

ZAMSURECO-I employees visited the Homes for Hope Foundation at Brgy. Lenienza, Pagadian City and brought good tidings to the women and girls of the foundation. The Cooperative gave packs of grocery items and cash donation as Christmas gifts to the charity.

The Balay sa Paglaum, which is run by the Good Shepherd Sisters, is established in Pagadian City through the invitation of Bishop Cabajar as a response to the need for shelter home and refuge for women and girls with difficult situation while undergoing healing and empowering programs.

Currently, ZAMSURECO-I extends its assistance to the needy in its mission to contribute to the upliftment of its surrounding communities within its franchise area. ZAMSURECO-I's support to the cause adds to the roster of charity works of the Cooperative.



## ZAMSURECO-I EMPLOYEES GOES

## *in Employees'* CHRISTMAS DAY 2017

**Z**AMSURECO-I workforce celebrated a Hawaiian-inspired Christmas Party at Eriberta Spring, Mahayag, Zamboanga del Sur. Board of Directors, Management and employees immersed in the ambiance of the nature's spring waters in their Hawaiian attire last December 14 2017.

All area offices rendered a Hawaiian dance presentation featuring the intricate grass skirts, leafy ornaments and colorful costumes of the rich Hawaiian culture. At the top of the cold spring falls, the dancers from each office performed a conceptualized theme from Hawaiian Five-O, Modern Tahitian, Modern Hawaiian,



## HAWAIIAN CHRISTMAS DAY 2017

Jungle Tahitian and remix of Pearly Shell & Tiny Bubbles. Central Office emerged as the winner in the presentation turned mini dance contest.

Series of parlor games from the Longest Merry Christmas to Poop the Potato engaged the competitiveness of each area offices. The laid back set-up is done as a form of relaxation and rejuvenation for all employees together with ZAMSURECO-I Board and Management team.

The Employees' Christmas Party forms part as one of the Coop's best practices in boosting employees' morale and work-life balance.



# ZAMSURECO-I celebrates Christmas with EMPLOYEES' KIDS



**A**s a form of its corporate social bonding, ZAMSURECO-I celebrates Christmas with the children of employees last December 21, 2017. A total of 171 ZAMSURECO-I kids joined the Children's Christmas Party 2017 that is simultaneously conducted in all area offices.

ZAMSURECO-I Management through the leadership of General Manager & Chief Executive Officer Jose Raul Sanieled were full-force in welcoming the children. Area Managers transformed into superheroes led the children's party in their respective areas. Parents and relatives of the kids who are employees of the Coop also joined in the said activity.

GM & CEO Jose Raul Sanieled shared a Christmas message to the kids and the parents. *"We live life by giving. This celebration is one way of sharing our blessings which truly comes from our hearts."* GM Sanieled said. *"Let us also share to our neighbors. It will give light and joy to our brothers and sisters and enable them to partake the spirit of this season full of love, forgiveness and care."* GM Sanieled added.

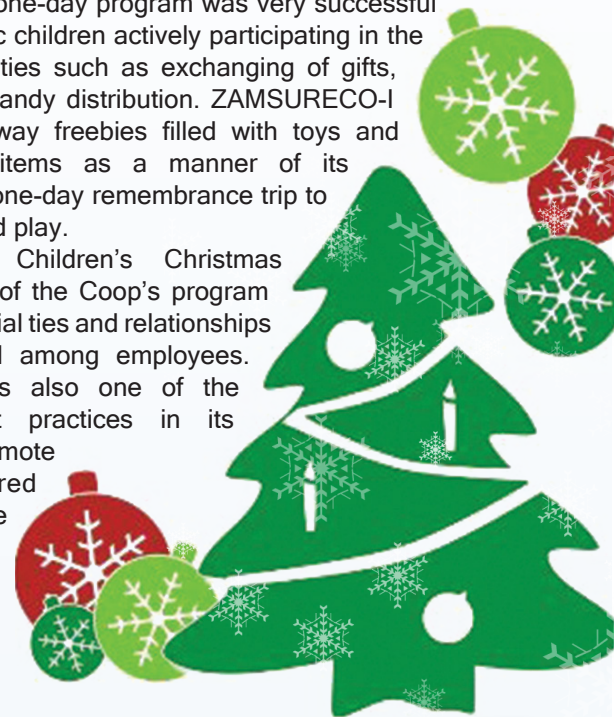
Dressed in their favourite cartoon and heroic costumes, ZAMSURECO-I children joined in the fun play sessions. Lined-up parlour games and kids' intermission

numbers hyped up the mood of the celebration. Invigorated with the high energy level of the kids, GM Sanieled led the parlor games and initiated his special "Signature Dance" contest. The energy of the talented kids were translated into active play in the mini-contest. All participants won special prizes and tokens from the good GM.

Laughter and excitement filled the air as children immersed into fun games, food party, and sing and dance activities. Special prizes were given to the "Best Dressed" and "Youngest Kid" awardees. Adding up to the pile of excitement, Jollibee joined in the Christmas celebration in entertaining the kids. Z-1 children got to encounter the friendly mascot as Jollibee rounds to the halls, took selfies, dances and flatters the crowd that brought giggles and bright smiles to the faces of the children.

The one-day program was very successful with energetic children actively participating in the various activities such as exchanging of gifts, pabitin and candy distribution. ZAMSURECO-I also gave away freebies filled with toys and educational items as a manner of its thanks for a one-day remembrance trip to childhood and play.

The Children's Christmas party is part of the Coop's program to fortify familial ties and relationships between and among employees. The event is also one of the Coop's best practices in its drive to promote family-centered culture in the Cooperative.



# ZAMSURECO-I Hosts Deputized Collectors and Meter Readers CHRISTMAS PARTY

**Z**AMSURECO-I hosted a Christmas party for its Deputized Collectors (DC) and Meter Readers (DMR) on December 23, 2017. The Christmas day was simultaneously conducted in each area offices for an all-inclusive celebration.

Area Managers welcomed the deputized readers and collectors with words of thanks for their valuable services to the Cooperative's operations.

As a form of bayanihan, ZAMSURECO-I supervisors and employees donated brand new household and kitchenware to stash showcase items for the DC & DMR's Christmas raffle draw. The initiative was drawn to imbibe the Corporate culture of volunteerism and shared efforts among its internal workforce.

The day was filled with entertainment as the Coop's CAD employees enjoined for an intermission number. The guests also showed their talents in a form of song and dance presentations and participated in the series of parlor games.

Halfway through the event, ZAMSURECO-I also gave Christmas delights packed with Noche Buena and grocery items.

The Electronic Data Processing (EDP) Department, facilitated the conduct of the Christmas Party.

In its drive for stakeholder engagement, the Cooperative allocates resources to recognize the performance efficiency of its partners which enabled the Cooperative to sustain its 100% collection efficiency target for the past 11 years.





## HOLY INFANT SEMINARY AND CHILDREN'S JOY FOUNDATION CAROLLED ZAMSURECO-I EMPLOYEES



For years now, ZAMSURECO-I helps the Holy Infant Seminary and its vocation to mold young individuals in their call to priesthood.

In the same event, the Children's Joy Foundation entertained the kids and employees of ZAMSURECO-I as they serenaded the crowd through playing series of musical instruments. Young and talented kids from the foundation strung guitars, shook its maracas and danced to the beat of the Christmas songs.

In addition to its mission to serve its member-consumers, the Cooperative's employees donated cash to help the foundation sustain its programs to the disadvantaged, neglected and poor children, molding them to be productive and responsible individuals in the communities.

ZAMSURECO-I's continuously supports non-government organizations in its drive to bring light and hope to the lives of its serving communities.

**T**he Holy Infant Seminarians of the Diocese of Pagadian and Children's Joy Foundation carolled ZAMSURECO-I employees and children during the ZAMSURECO-I Children's Party last December 21, 2017.

Warm and melodic voices of the seminarians accompanied with organ music echoed through ZAMSURECO-I Heroes' Hall. The seminarians presented a repertoire of Christmas songs, including their own version of "Himig ng Pasko, Ang Pasko ay Sumapit, Namamasko: Sa Maybahay ang Aming Bati and ABS-CBN's Just Love Ngayong Christmas."

GM Jose Raul Sanieel extended the Coop's gratitude to the seminarians in partaking in its Christmas celebration. The Cooperative also donated cash gift as aid to the mission of the seminary. "ZAMSURECO-I is with you and we will always be here to support your needs." GM/CEO Sanieel said.



## ZAMSURECO-I JOINS VARIOUS CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY CONTESTS



Part of its core commitment to serve its member-consumers, ZAMSURECO-I participates in community-based activities as a form of its social responsibility and community strengthening initiatives.

Last December 2017, ZAMSURECO-I joined in various Christmas activities of its stakeholders within its coverage areas. First is the Paskuhan 2017 in the City of Pagadian wherein Central Office and Area II employees set up a Candy house entry with a mini-Christmas village relative to the the City's themed celebration "Candyland."

In Area-I coverage, ZAMSURECO-I also joined the celebration in the "Christmas Symbol Lantern Contest" in the Municipality of Ramon Magsaysay.

Another contest joined by the Cooperative was the "Adopt a Christmas Tree Contest" in Municipality of Molave wherein ZAMSURECO-I bagged second place with its entry of a lighted community. The theme of the entry was centralized in the Coop's purpose of existence which is to electrify households and strengthen communities.

In the season of festivity, ZAMSURECO-I shares the joy brought by the Christmas season. ZAMSURECO-I's participation in various community-based activities is one of the Coop's mission to engage stakeholders and strengthen ties for rural development.



To strengthen ties and invigorate stakeholder engagement, ZAMSURECO-I Multi-Sectoral Electrification Advisory Council (MSEAC), Board of Directors (BOD) and Coop employees gathered for a Christmas Fellowship 2017.

MSEAC per district brewed ideas and team-building activities for its respective Christmas gatherings. Simple and traditional get-togethers were undertaken from the rocky beach of Ambulon in Vincenzo Sagun, Zamboanga del Sur to the Butanas Resort in Sergio Osmeña, Zamboanga del Norte. The respective conduct of Christmas Fellowship per district brought ZAMSURECO-I family members together which created opportunities to connect with one another and share memories and experiences.

As partners of MSEAC, ZAMSURECO-I supports activities beneficial to the law mandate and continuous pursuit of its linkage partners for an educated and empowered member-consumers.

## Z-1 MSEAC, BOD AND EMPLOYEES GATHERED FOR CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP



# LINEMEN TRAINEES AND AREA-I PERSONNEL LEARN BASIC FIRST-AID

In partnership with Philippine Red Cross, the 35 linemen trainees and 13 Area-I engineers and employees of ZAMSURECO-I went into a learning activity on Basic First Aid on September 23, 2017. With the mandate of safety services in the field and line works, linemen trainees and employees learned the basic response on emergencies, occupational safety practices and proper victim rescue.

Mr. Danilo Caballero, Chapter Service Representative for Safety Services and Disaster Management Services with Hamla Laguab and Renier Bangona, Safety Service Instructors led the seminar workshop at ZAMSURECO-I Bonifacio B. Lagura Hall, Area I Office, Ramon Magsaysay.

The lecture translated into live demonstration, engaged the trainees and employees to a hands-on exercises. The seminar-workshop also enabled participants to demonstrate the different methods of transfer for a safe transport of the victim during emergencies. Employees also were exposed to basic cardiac arrest and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) measures which composes the combination of two (2) procedures: lung ventilation and chest compression.

The seminar-workshop on Basic First Aid with the linemen trainees, Area-I engineers and technical workforce compose the first batch of the training series.

The Philippine Red Cross is a partner of ZAMSURECO-I in its blood donation activities and safety service including its information education awareness on Basic First Aid and Rescue.



## HANDS-ON TRAINING ON CT/PT EQUIPMENT TO STRENGTHEN COOP'S TESTING PROCEDURE



As part of its strategy to enhance capacity of its employees and strengthen equipment standard testing procedures, 4 rewinding and 2 metering employees with the Coop's audit team attended the end-users' training on its acquired CT/PT testing equipment held at ZAMSURECO-I, Tiguma Office. The Coop's electrical engineers led the lecture and demonstration training on the basic features of the equipment.

The training is pushed to educate selected technical employees on the proper usage and beneficial impacts of the said equipment. Employees were then exposed to a hands-on demonstration to familiarize the features of the tester. The CT/PT testing equipment, which is used for measure the efficiency of its current and potential transformers, is procured by the Cooperative as one of its strategies to reduce system loss.

The CT/PT equipment is said to be used as its main testing tool in the operations of ZAMSURECO-I. At present, the Coop's testing procedures were enhanced as the rewinding and metering employees no longer need to secure the services of external parties for testing which opened the Coop's in-house testing parameters.

## ONE-DAY COMMUNICATION WORKSHOP TO BOOST EMPLOYEES' BASIC COMMUNICATION KNOW-HOW

Selected ZAMSURECO-I employees and other ZAMPEN electric cooperatives broadened their basic communication skills as they attended a one-day communication workshop conducted by Aboitiz Power Corporation held at ZAMSURECO-I Heroes' Hall.

The workshop tackled press release writing and print communication, which enabled employees to make write-ups that capture the reader's interest and attention. A short activity on message relay also taught participants to keep news information clear and concise in order to maintain the relevance of the story to its target audience. The workshop helped employee participants create value to its news as it serves wide range of market from its internal to external stakeholders in an electric distribution industry.

Radio Anchorman Jun P. Tagalog of dyLa Cebu shared tactics on effective radio broadcasting. Participants immersed into a press conference role play wherein employees played the different roles of an interviewer, interviewee and a floor moderator. The activity is designed to expose employees to the basic set-up from proper practices in handling press con interviews, pitching effective interview questions to balancing the mood of the press conference.

Aboitiz Power Corporation, being one of the partners of ZAMSURECO-I in its power supply, sponsored the workshop for free as a form of its CSR activity. The one-day workshop was held on 10 October 2017 in coordination with ZAMSURECO-I Management Team and Aboitiz key persons.





# DOE Pursues Energy Resiliency Policy

07 December 2017



**P**HILRECA Executive Director/ General Manager Wendell V. Ballesteros together with Deputy Executive Director Atty. Paul Heherson M. Balite participated in the Energy Resiliency Public Consultation held in Pontefino Hotel, Batangas City last 10 October 2017.

Acknowledging that disasters adversely affect the economy, environment and the people, the Department of Energy (DOE) vows to pursue a policy towards a resilient energy sector.

*“Being one of the most vulnerable countries to disasters, the Philippines needs to ensure that our energy systems are disaster-resilient and that resiliency is an integral component of our policies and programs,”* says Energy Secretary Alfonso Cusi.

*“The policy is a priority of DOE, following President Rodrigo Duterte’s pronouncements to improve the disaster preparedness and resiliency of the country,”* he explains.

*“The policy requires all the energy players to put upfront the mainstreaming of disaster risk reduction programs into planning and investment, to ensure the continuous delivery and strengthening of the existing energy infrastructure,”* he adds.

In June, President Duterte signed Executive Order No. 29 which renames the National Disaster Consciousness Month to National Disaster Resiliency Month, to emphasize the shift of focus from disaster awareness building to disaster resilience.

The *“Adoption of Resiliency Planning and Program in the Energy Industry to Mitigate Adverse Effects Brought About by Disasters”* policy has four guiding principles:

1. Acknowledge the need to strengthen the existing energy infrastructure, facilities and systems to prepare and mitigate the impacts of disasters;
2. Implement the build back better principle in terms of reconstruction and rehabilitations of damaged infrastructure;
3. Improve existing operational, maintenance and procedures to ensure continuous operations and energy supply; and
4. Develop resiliency practices, systems and standards that will be used as basis in future construction of energy facilities.

In line with this thrust, DOE started to conduct a series of public consultations on energy resiliency policy on 10 October in Batangas. This was followed by two other meetings in Leyte and Cagayan de Oro on 13 - 14 October respectively.

PHILRECA actively participated in the Energy Resiliency Public Consultation held in Pontefino Hotel, Batangas City and is closely monitoring further activities consistent with the same goals.

DOE Director Patrick Aquino lauds PHILRECA and its member-ECs for their ‘Task Force Kapatid’ which is a bayanihan quick response of Electric Cooperatives to come to the assistance and aid of ECs affected by a natural calamity.



## Marawi Power Restoration Rapid Deployment task force launch

**T**he National Electrification Administration (NEA) has joined hands with various electric cooperatives and allied organizations in providing all the necessary assistance to ensure the speedy rehabilitation of the damaged distribution lines and power restoration in areas affected by the five month-long battle between the government troops and the ISIS-linked Maute terrorist group in Marawi City.

Administrator Edgardo Masongsong on Monday (November 13) led the launching ceremony of the Marawi Power Restoration Rapid Deployment (PRRD) Task Force at the Lower Capitol Complex, with Housing Assistant Secretary Felix Castro Jr., field manager of Task Force Bangon Marawi.

The Marawi PRRD Task Force is composed of the Association of Mindanao Rural Electric Cooperatives, Inc. (Amreco), the Philippine Rural Electric Cooperatives Association, Inc. (Philreca), the National Association of General Managers of Electric Cooperatives, Inc. (Nagmec), the National Center of Electric Cooperative Consumers, Inc. (NCECCO) and other allied organizations.

In his speech, Masongsong thanked the different electric cooperatives for responding to the call to help the Lanao del Sur Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Lasureco), currently under the management of Task Force Duterte Lanao Sur Power. With the technical assistance, the NEA chief set a target of completing the power restoration and rehabilitation works in 15 to 30 days.

*"There are 34 electric cooperatives all over Mindanao that we are mobilizing to help Lasureco, to help Marawi, to help the Task Force Duterte Lanao Sur Power. We believe that our united effort to help our brethren living in this part of Mindanao - Marawi City and the*

*whole of Lanao del Sur - will bring the development that we wanted,"* he said.

Also, Masongsong announced that the agency is initially extending a loan amounting to P150 million to Lasureco that will be used for the procurement of the construction materials needed for the restoration of distribution lines. The said amount, the NEA chief explained, will be converted into subsidy chargeable to the funds for the reconstruction of Marawi.

He said he already instructed Deputy Administrator for EC Management Services Atty. Goldelio Rivera and Deputy Administrator for Technical Services Engr. Artis Nikki Tortola to process the loan.

*"We are extending loan to the tune of P150 million so that Lasureco, the Task Force Duterte Lanao Sur Power will be able to procure [the necessary construction materials],"* Masongsong said.

Meanwhile, Amreco and Nagmec have initially committed to deploy crew and equipment.

Amreco president Felix Vergara, Jr. said ECs in Visayas and Luzon which would also want help in the power restoration efforts could do so in the form of financial assistance.

*"Ang advice namin sa ibang gustong tumulong na nasa Visayas at saka sa Luzon, kasi mahirapan na tayong magpadala ng crew at hindi na siya practical, they can convert their contribution into cash,"* Vergara said.

Also present at the launching ceremony of Marawi PRRD Task Force were Lasureco Acting General Manager Nordjiana Ducol, Nagmec president Sergio Dagooc, NCECCO national chairman Akmad Mamalinta, and general managers and Board presidents of different ECs in Mindanao.

## Agus-Pulangi rehab, Minpocor creation get backing from NEA chief

**N**ational Electrification Administration (NEA) chief Edgardo Masongsong expressed optimism that the rehabilitation of the Agus-Pulangi Hydroelectric Power Plant (HEPP) as embodied in the proposed measure creating the Mindanao Power Corporation (Minpocor) will gain traction in the 17th Congress.

Speaking to reporters in Misamis Oriental recently, Masongsong said electric cooperatives in Mindanao are actively pushing for both facilities to remain under state control through a new corporate entity instead of giving them up for privatization.

The NEA administrator is aware that the Electric Power Industry Reform Act (EPIRA) mandates the government to sell its capital-intensive power generation assets, but he believes it should make an exception for the Agus-Pulangi HEPP in the interest of Mindanao stakeholders.

*"Sana ang Agus at Pulangi maging government-owned and -controlled corporation pero nasa pangangalaga ng Minpocor,"* Masongsong said at the sidelines of the 38th Annual General Membership Assembly of the Misamis Oriental II Electric Cooperative, Inc. last week.



Masongsong pushed for the creation of Minpocor during his stint as representative of the 1st Consumer Alliance for Rural Energy (1-CARE) partylist in the 16th Congress together with his fellow Mindanao lawmakers. While their consolidated legislations passed muster in the Lower House, it failed to get support from their counterparts in the Senate, prompting Zamboanga City Rep. Celso Lobregat to refile the same under House Bill No. 122 last year.

Masongsong is hopeful the refiling of their proposed measure will generate enough votes for its enactment to finally maximize the potential of the Agus-Pulangi hydropower complexes, which are pivotal in keeping electricity rates affordable in Mindanao.

*“Ang potential niya 982 megawatts (MW) per ngayon siguro nakaka-generate lang siya between 300 to 400 MW so nawawala ‘yung more or less 500 to 600 MW. So sana pondohan na lang siya ng gobyerno sa pamamagitan ng Minpocor para mga taga-Mindanao ang mag-operate, mag-manage, mag-rehabilitate sa Agus at Pulangi,”* he said.

At this point, the fate of the Agus-Pulangi rests with the Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management (PSALM), which has been tasked by the Joint Congressional Power Commission to determine the best available option for its impending privatization.

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## NEA: Rural electrification must continue to spur growth

**S**tate-run National Electrification Administration (NEA) will continue to push for the sustainable development of the nation’s rural communities by providing electricity services to every Filipino household.

NEA Administrator Edgardo Masongsong issued this statement during the 36th Annual General Membership Assembly (AGMA) of the South Cotabato II Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Socoteco II) at the City Gymnasium, Lagao, General Santos City, on Saturday (October 14).

With the theme “Strengthening Our Pillars of Commitment Towards Service, Members’ Welfare and Empowerment,” the AGMA drew nearly 15,000 attendees. Part of the program was the ceremonial switch-on of the Sitio Electrification and Barangay Line Enhancement Projects (SEP/BLEP) within the area coverage of Socoteco II.

In his message before the member-consumer-owners (MCOs) present, Masongsong highlighted the importance of rural electrification to spur development and reduce poverty as envisioned in the “Ambisyon Natin 2040.” Electrification is aimed at improving the living conditions of the Filipinos, particularly those in rural and remote areas, he said.

**“Hindi pa kumpleto ang rural electrification program hangga’t marami pa ang mga mahihirap. Mangyayari lamang ito kung ang lahat ay umangat na ang antas ng pamumuhay at maaari natin itong marating kung patuloy nating susuportahan ang ating mga electric cooperatives,”** the NEA chief said.

Masongsong, at the same time, reiterated his appeal to all MCOs to support the National Center of Electric Cooperative Consumers, Inc. (NCECCO) movement, as well as the proposal to establish an Electric Cooperative

Consumer-Owned (ECCO) Bank that will cater to the financial interests of the electricity consumers.

As part of the program, the NEA chief sworn in the newly elected members of the Socoteco II Board of Directors (BOD). He likewise led the symbolic mass oath-taking of the coop’s member-consumers as members of NCECCO movement that seeks to unite and empower all the MCOs nationwide.

Socoteco II is a triple-A rated electric cooperative and recipient of various awards, such as the Single Digit System Loss, EC Best Practice on Corporate Social Responsibility, and Fully Compliant EC on Reportorial Requirements, at the recent NEA Lumens Awards. Its franchise area include General Santos City, Sarangani Province, and Tupi and Polomolok of South Cotabato.

It also remains committed to its mandate on missionary electrification. To date, the coop achieved the 100 percent energization of the 205 barangays and is continuing to expand its distribution system to unelectrified sitios and puroks. For 2016, Socoteco II completed 141 electrification projects, 109 of which were funded by the coop’s Reinvestment Fund and 32 were from the SEP and BLEP.

To improve power reliability and quality, Socoteco II also plans to implement major technical projects, such as construction of 35 MVA Substation for Tumbler, General Santos City; construction of 10 MVA Substation for Malandag, Malungon, Sarangani Province; increasing of capacity from 5 MVA to 10 MVA for Tupi, South Cotabato; and uprating of capacity from 10 MVA to 20 MVA for Alabel, Sarangani..

# 17 Ways to Develop a Growth



## Mindset



Your fixed beliefs about you will hold you back from making positive change.

If you have a trait that you believe cannot be changed, such as your intelligence, your weight or your bad habits, you will avoid situations that could possibly be uncomfortable or that you think that are useless.

1. Acknowledge and embrace your weaknesses.
2. View challenges as opportunities.
3. Know your learning style and use the right learning strategies.
4. Remember that the brain has the ability to change throughout life.
5. Prioritize learning over seeking approval
6. Focus on the process instead of the end result.
7. Cultivate a sense of purpose
8. Choose learning well over learning fast



9. Reward efforts and actions, not traits.
10. Learn to give and receive constructive criticism.
11. Need for improvement does not mean failure.
12. Reflect on your learning daily.
13. Learn from other mistakes of others.
14. Think of learning as "brain training."
15. Cultivate GRIT.
16. Never stop learning. Set a new goal for every one you accomplished.
17. Remember that it takes time to learn.

# 8 SECRETS FOR MASTERING TIME MANAGEMENT



## Declutter

Declutter your desk, your inbox, your task list and your life



**Plan** - Plan out your work day and stick to it. Check off accomplished tasks as you go.



**Prioritize** - Rank your tasks in terms of your priority and align them with your job demands and your goals.



**Be Effective** - It's not a race. Don't try to be the most efficient; try to be the most effective.



**Focus** - Focus on the "vital few" rather than on the "vital many."



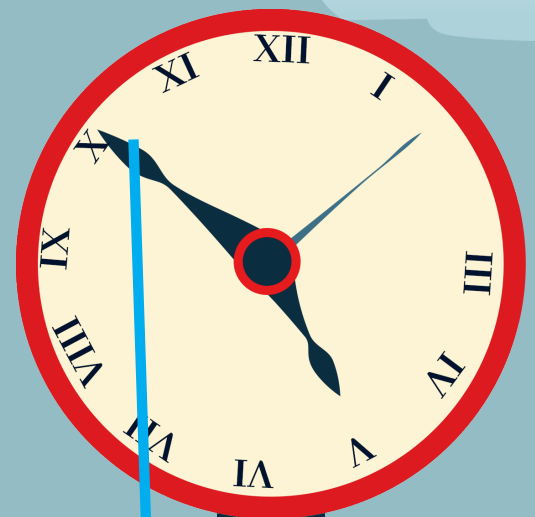
**Finish the job** - Develop your "finishing instinct" when you get a task, complete it no matter what.



**Stop Procrastinating** - Most people tend to tackle easy tasks first and push out the difficult ones - don't fall into this trap!



**Stay organized.** - Once you get organized, stay organized.



# The Dimensions of Self-Care

The five different dimensions of self-care include physical, intellectual, social, spiritual and emotional aspects. Incorporating activities from each dimension into your life means you'll be nourishing every aspect in your life and ultimately getting better at self-care.

1. **Physical** - Physical self-care involves your fitness and sleep habits. This area includes how you manage stress, your dental/medical check-ups.
2. **Intellectual** - Intellectual self-care involves your personal growth, continuous pursuit for learning and education, engaging in new things, practicing mindfulness, and having a positive mindset.
3. **Social** - Social self-care involves having a supportive network of people you can turn to when you need uplifting, guidance or someone to talk to. Social connection helps create a sense of belonging and acceptance.
4. **Spiritual** - Spiritual self-care involves the beliefs and values that help guide your life. This includes practices that help nourish your soul, seek understanding and explore your spiritual life.
5. **Emotional** - Emotional self-care involves awareness of your feelings and emotions, dealing with stress positively, and cultivating a sense of compassion, kindness and love for ourselves and others.



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## Wisdom Corner

1. *Life is a journey with problems to solve, lessons to learn but most of all experiences to enjoy.*
2. *Remember when you forgive you heal, when you let go you grow.*
3. *When ego comes, everything else goes. When ego goes, everything else comes.*
4. *Forgive others and reward yourself with peace.*
5. *Humility is the ability to give up your pride but still retains your dignity.*
6. *Stop looking for happiness in the same place you lost it.*

# Christmas Word Search

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Look and encircle the following words related to christmas holidays season in the word search puzzle!

- Jesus
- Stockings
- Nutcracker
- Presents
- Wreath
- Elves
- Mistletoe
- Gingerbread
- Chestnuts
- Scrooge
- Holly
- Eggnog
- Reindeer
- Christmas
- Christmas Tree
- White
- Carols
- Santa Claus
- Grinch
- Nativity



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FROM APRIL 3 TO MAY 23, 2018**

DATE	DAY	TIME	DIS-TRICT	MUNICIPALITY/ZONE	VENUE
April 03, 2018	Tuesday	8:30 AM	VII	Lapuyan	Municipal Gymnasium
		1:30 PM		San Miguel	Municipal Gymnasium
April 05, 2018	Thursday	8:30 AM	VII	Vincenzo Sagun	Municipal Function Hall
		1:30 PM		Margosatubig	Municipal Gymnasium
April 11, 2018	Wednesday	8:30 AM	VIII	Tabina	Municipal Gymnasium
		1:30 PM		Pitogo	Municipal Gymnasium
April 13, 2018	Friday	8:30 AM	VIII	Dimataling	Municipal Gymnasium
		1:30 PM		Dinas	Municipal Gymnasium
April 18, 2018	Wednesday	8:30 AM	I	Tambulig	Municipal Gymnasium
		1:30 PM		Molave	Municipal Gymnasium
April 20, 2018	Friday	8:30 AM	II	Dumungag	Municipal Gymnasium
		1:30 PM		Mahayag	Municipal Gymnasium
April 25, 2018	Wednesday	8:30 AM	II	Don Victoriano	Municipal Gymnasium
		1:30 PM		Josefina	Municipal Gymnasium
April 23, 2018	Monday	1:30 PM	VI	Tigbao	Municipal Gymnasium
May 2, 2018	Wednesday	8:30 AM		San Pablo	Municipal Gymnasium
May 4, 2018	Friday	8:30 AM		Guipos	Municipal Gymnasium
		1:30 PM	Dumalinao	Dumalinao Pilot School	
May 7, 2018	Monday	8:30 AM	IV	Aurora	Municipal Gymnasium
May 9, 2018	Wednesday	8:30 AM		Tukuran	Municipal Gymnasium
		1:30 PM		Labangan	Municipal Gymnasium
May 11, 2018	Friday	8:30 AM	V	Pagadian East Zone-1	ZAMSURECO-I Heroes' Hall Pagadian City
May 12, 2018	Saturday	8:30 AM	Pagadian East Zone-2		
May 18, 2018	Friday	8:30 AM	IX	Pagadian West Zone-3	ZAMSURECO-I Heroes' Hall, Pagadian City
May 19, 2018	Saturday	8:30 AM		Pagadian West Zone-4	
May 21, 2018	Monday	1:30 PM	III	Ramon Magsaysay	Municipal Gymnasium
May 23, 2018	Wednesday	8:30 AM	III	Midsalip	Municipal Gymnasium
		1:30 PM		Sominot	Municipal Gymnasium

**TO: ALL OUR VALUED MEMBER-CONSUMERS,  
PLEASE ATTEND THIS IMPORTANT ANNUAL  
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