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EVENTS AT NLP: Commitment to Productivity and Child Well-being

The National Library of the Philippines (NLP) provided venue to two pivotal initiatives aimed at enhancing productivity and ensuring the safety of the nation's children. Partnering with esteemed organizations, the NLP hosted events that not only celebrated innovation and productivity but also addressed the crucial need for educating children on road safety.

NLP Hosts DAP's Event Promoting Productivity and Innovation

The NLP recently became a partner for an essential initiative by the Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP) aimed at promoting productivity and innovation. Serving as the host venue, the NLP witnessed the unfolding of a significant event as part of the DAP's promotional activities for the Asia Productivity Organization (APO) Vision 2025.

On January 30, 2024, the NLP's 2nd Floor Lobby was abuzz with activity as it accommodated a Photo Exhibit and Brown-Bag Session organized by the DAP.



Photos from ProductivityPH X/Twitter account

The highlight of the event was the captivating photo exhibit, showcasing the winners of a nationwide photo competition centered around the theme "Innovation for Higher Productivity." These remarkable images depicted the innovative endeavors of various agencies and organizations, each contributing to the collective effort of fostering higher productivity in the country.

Attendees had the opportunity to immerse themselves in the visual narrative of innovation and productivity enhancement, gaining insights into the diverse approaches employed across different sectors.

Complementing the photo exhibit was the engaging





brown-bag session, serving as a platform for productivity advocates and practitioners to convene. Through knowledge sharing and collaborative discussions, participants delved into strategies and practices aimed at driving productivity and innovation improvements across various domains.

The event underscored the significance of fostering a culture of innovation and productivity enhancement in the pursuit of national development goals. It served as a testament to the collaborative efforts of institutions like the NLP and the DAP in championing initiatives that propel the country towards greater efficiency and progress.

New Picture Book Launched to Educate Children on Road Safety

In a bid to educate children about the critical importance of road safety, a new picture book has been unveiled, aiming to impart essential knowledge and skills among students. Dubbed "Ang Bida ng Kalsada: A Road Safety Picture Book," this initiative is a collaborative effort between North Luzon Expressway (NLEX) - Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway (SCTEX), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), Department of Education (DepEd), Department of Transportation, and Department of Interior and Local Government, all striving to champion children's rights by ensuring safe roads and communities for them.



The NLP, as a center of learning, wholeheartedly supports this advocacy, hosting the venue for the book launch event on March 13, 2024, at the Epifanio delos Santos Auditorium. Assistant Director Edgardo B. Quiros warmly welcomed attendees, promoting the forthcoming Children's Library and Gallery of the NLP. During the event, the NLP Kuwentistas of the Children's Section brought life to the story of the book through engaging storytelling activity and puppet show.

Penned by Ms. Airyn Gimeno, the Community Engagement Specialist of NLEX, "Ang Bida ng Kalsada: A Road Safety Picture Book" conveys crucial concepts aimed at enhancing children's knowledge and skills to reduce road accidents and save lives. This book offers a fun and accessible platform for parents and teachers to initiate important conversations about staying safe on the streets.

Mr. Luigi Bautista, President and General Manager of NLEX Corp., emphasized that this book represents the corporation's commitment to UNICEF to promote road safety awareness among Filipino children. Bautista





further highlighted their commitment to assisting 100 schools in identified high-risk areas by providing informative road safety lessons.

According to Dr. Angelito Umali of UNICEF, "Sa lahat ng gawain ay dapat na tingnan ang kapakanan ng kabataan, dahil kung ligtas ang daan para sa kabataan ay ligtas ito para sa lahat." As the book effectively communicates crucial lessons on road safety to prevent accidents and injuries, it also serves as a means of safeguarding the rights of children.

The initial rollout of the book targeted three elementary schools from Bulacan, Pampanga, and Manila, with Lapu-Lapu Elementary School, Duhat Elementary School, and Pabanlag Elementary School participating. Director Marilyn Siao represented Undersecretary Gina Gonong of DepEd, highlighting the importance of educators and learners in promoting responsible citizenship and creating safer roads and communities.

Various officials from DepEd and NLEX, including Ms. Donna Marcelo, Vice President of Communication and Stakeholder Management, and Ms. Cynthia Casino, Chief of Governance and Risk Officer and Head of Sustainability from NLEX Corporation, participated in the program. Also present were representatives from the NLEX Road Warriors, Sean Anthony and Asi Taulava, along with key figures from NLP.



As communities across the nation continue to prioritize road safety awareness, initiatives like this picture book represent a beacon of hope in creating safer environments for children everywhere. The program concluded with the NLP Educational Tour, offering insights into the library's history, services, and collections, further enriching the educational experience for all involved.

Through these events, the NLP reaffirmed its dedication to driving innovation and safeguarding the well-being of the nation. It continues to serve as a beacon of progress and safety, nurturing a future where productivity thrives, and children roam the streets safely.

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NLP'S ENDEAVORS FOR KNOWLEDGE ENRICHMENT

In its unwavering commitment to advancing knowledge-sharing initiatives and fortifying library resources, the National Library of the Philippines (NLP) has embarked on two significant endeavors, each aimed at empowering libraries and enhancing acquisition processes. Through the online talk show "Buknayan: Talakayan sa Pampublikong Aklatan" and the Collection Development Division (CDD) Stakeholders' Meeting on the Acquisition of NLP Library Materials, the NLP continues to champion dialogue, innovation, and collaboration within the realm of literature and library services.

NLP's Online Talk Show Boosts Public Libraries

The NLP continues to spearhead discussions and knowledge-sharing initiatives to foster growth and development in public libraries. Central to this effort is the online talk show "Buknayan: Talakayan sa Pampublikong Aklatan," hosted by the NLP's Public Library Division.



BEST PPA FOR DIGITAL LITERACY

January 26, 2024 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | via Zoom



Guest Speaker

MS. MYLENE C. VILLANUEVA
OIC, Manila City Library (MCL)

Host

MR. CHAD AREN E. DIAZ
Librarian III, PLD-NLP



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The show, which features esteemed librarians and special guests, serves as a platform to delve into various aspects pertinent to public libraries, thereby empowering these vital community resources. With a series of episodes planned for the first semester of 2024, the initiative has already made significant strides from January to March.

During this period, three episodes have successfully aired, each showcasing winners of the 2023 Gawad Pampublikong Aklatan (GPA) under special categories. The GPA recognizes outstanding contributions and innovations in the field of public library services.

The seventh episode, broadcasted on January 26, 2024, welcomed Ms. Mylene Villanueva, Officer-in-Charge of the Manila City Library and GPA Special Category winner for Best Plans, Programs, and Activities for Digital Literacy. Following suit, the eighth episode, which aired on


BEST SOCIAL INCLUSION ACTIVITY FOR CHILDREN AND THE YOUTH
 February 16, 2024 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | via Zoom

Guest Speaker
MR. LORETO M. MIEM
 OIC, Barangay Nabag-O Reading Center

Host
MR. CHAD AREN E. DIAZ
 Librarian III, PLD-NLP

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February 16, 2024, featured Mr. Loreto M. Miem of Brgy. Nabag-O Reading Center in Valencia City, Bukidnon. Mr. Miem, honored as the GPA Special Category winner for Best Social Inclusion Activity for Children and the Youth, shared insights into his impactful work.

The momentum continued with the ninth episode held on March 15, 2024, where Ms. Justina P. Garcia, Provincial Librarian of Laguna Provincial Library, took the spotlight. Ms. Garcia, recipient of the GPA for Best Social Inclusion Activity for Gender and Development, offered valuable perspectives on fostering inclusivity within library services.

All episodes were conducted online via the Zoom platform and broadcasted live on NLP's Facebook account, enabling wider access to these enriching discussions. Each session ran from 10:00 to 11:30 AM, accommodating participants from various locations.

The "Buknayan: Talakayan sa Pampublikong Aklatan" series not only highlights the achievements of exemplary library professionals but also serves as a catalyst for innovation and collaboration within the public library sector. With its commitment to promoting dialogue and sharing best practices, the NLP continues to fortify the foundations of public libraries, ensuring they remain vibrant hubs of learning and community engagement.

BEST SOCIAL INCLUSION ACTIVITY FOR GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT.
 March 15, 2024 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | via Zoom

Guest Speaker
MS. JUSTINA P. GARCIA, RL
 Provincial Librarian, Laguna Provincial Library

Host
MS. VIDA DOREA P. MENDOZA, RL
 Librarian II, PLD-NLP

Stakeholders Meet to Discuss NLP Acquisition Process

On the 27th of February 2024, a group of book publishers, suppliers, and various stakeholders of the NLP gathered at the NLP Function Room for the CDD Stakeholders' Meeting on the Acquisition of NLP Library Materials. The primary objective of this gathering was to deepen the understanding of the NLP acquisition procedures, address procurement and delivery challenges, attract more contributors from authors, vendors, booksellers, and publishers, and foster robust partnerships with external providers.





The meeting commenced with an insightful overview presented by NLP Assistant Director Edgardo B. Quiros, shedding light on the meeting's objectives and delving into the fundamental aspects of the NLP procurement process. With active participation from attending suppliers and publishers, the meeting quickly evolved into a forum for productive discussions, primarily focused on enhancing the acquisition process to ensure mutual benefit for all parties involved.

The atmosphere of the meeting was marked by an exchange of ideas and collaborative efforts aimed at streamlining operations and maximizing outcomes for both the suppliers and the NLP itself. Through brainstorming sessions and in-depth discussions, attendees explored various strategies to overcome existing challenges and capitalize on opportunities for improvement.

One of the key highlights of the meeting was the emphasis on strengthening partnerships between the NLP and its stakeholders. By fostering closer collaborations with authors, vendors, booksellers, and publishers, the NLP aims to enrich its collection with diverse and relevant materials, catering to the evolving needs of its patrons.



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ADVANCING EDUCATION, LITERACY, AND CULTURAL HERITAGE: **Uniting for a Brighter Future**

In a series of landmark initiatives, the National Library of the Philippines (NLP) have joined forces with other organizations and institutions to spearhead efforts aimed at promoting education, literacy, and cultural heritage. These collaborative endeavors underscore a collective commitment to empowering communities, bridging educational disparities, and nurturing a love for learning among the youth. From innovative partnerships harnessing digital technology to prestigious literary awards honoring cultural legacies, these initiatives signal a new era of collaboration and progress in the nation's educational and cultural landscape.

Global Partnership to Promote Learning Equity

To foster equitable access to education, a groundbreaking partnership has been forged between Mindojo, Children International, and the NLP, bringing the innovative Plingo app to children, youth, and families nationwide.



Plingo, a gamified educational app designed to facilitate English language learning among children as a second language, is set to make its mark in Filipino communities, thanks to the collaborative efforts of these esteemed organizations.

The partnership was formalized through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signing ceremony held on February 21, 2024. This pivotal event saw the donation of Plingo premium access codes by Mindojo to Children International, with the NLP



being selected as one of the beneficiaries. Under the agreement, the NLP will receive a substantial allocation of 50,000 Plingo accounts for distribution to selected public libraries across the Philippines.

Plingo's gamified approach to language learning promises to engage and inspire young learners, making the acquisition of English language skills both enjoyable and accessible. By leveraging technology and gamification, the app aims to enhance learning outcomes and empower children with the tools they need to succeed in an increasingly interconnected world.

This initiative represents a concerted effort to bridge educational disparities and ensure that all children, regardless of background or circumstance, have the opportunity to thrive academically. By harnessing the power of digital innovation, the partnership between Mindojo, Children International, and the NLP seeks to democratize access to quality education and pave the way for a brighter future for Filipino youth.

International Children's Book Day Kick-Off

The NLP has joined hands with the International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY) - Philippines and its collaborators for the inaugural launch of the International Children's Book Day (ICBD), marking a significant milestone in promoting literacy and nurturing a love for reading among the youth.



Since its inception in 1967, the International Children's Book Day has been celebrated globally on or around the birthday of renowned author Hans Christian Andersen, on April 2nd. This annual event aims to ignite a passion for reading while highlighting the importance of children's literature. Each year, a different National Section of IBBY takes the helm as the international sponsor of ICBD. In 2024, IBBY Japan assumes this prestigious role, spreading the message, "Cross

the seas on the wings of your imagination."

This year, the Philippines steps onto the global stage of children's literature by inaugurating The Severino Reyes Medal Award. This accolade seeks to honor exceptional contributions to children and young adult literature in the Philippines. Named after Severino Reyes, the mastermind behind the beloved Filipino literary series "Mga Kuwento ni Lola Basyang," the award pays homage to his legacy of captivating storytelling that has enriched generations of



ICBD kick-off event was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for The Severino Reyes Medal Award. The signatories included the International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY) - Philippines, the National Library of the Philippines (NLP), the National Book Development Board (NBDB), the Philippine Librarians Association, Inc. (PLAI), the Philippine Association of School Librarians, Inc. (PASLI), and the Association of Librarians in the Public Sector (ALPS).

Filipino readers.

The award will be bestowed by a panel of distinguished librarians in the Philippines, in alignment with core library values, and aims to amplify literacy efforts by recognizing outstanding works of children and young adult literature.

A momentous occasion during the

The culminating ceremony for The Severino Reyes Medal Award is slated for April 2, 2024, coinciding with the International Children's Book Day festivities. It promises to be a celebration of literary excellence and a testament to the enduring power of storytelling in shaping young minds.

Alliance to Promote Access to Information and Cultural Heritage

The NLP and the Philippine Information Agency (PIA) recently solidified their partnership through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signing ceremony in a bid to bolster access to information and foster a deeper appreciation for the cultural heritage of the Philippines. The event took place amidst the esteemed backdrop of the 6th Gawad Pampublikong Aklatan, held at the NLP Epifanio Delos Santos Auditorium.



The MOU signing marks a pivotal moment in the collaborative efforts between two significant institutions dedicated to enriching the intellectual landscape of the nation. Through this agreement, both the NLP and PIA have reaffirmed their shared commitment to advancing literacy, lifelong learning, and public access to essential information resources.

As the NLP and PIA embark on this collaborative journey, both agencies were filled with a sense of optimism and renewed dedication to the shared goals of promoting literacy, lifelong learning, and cultural heritage preservation.

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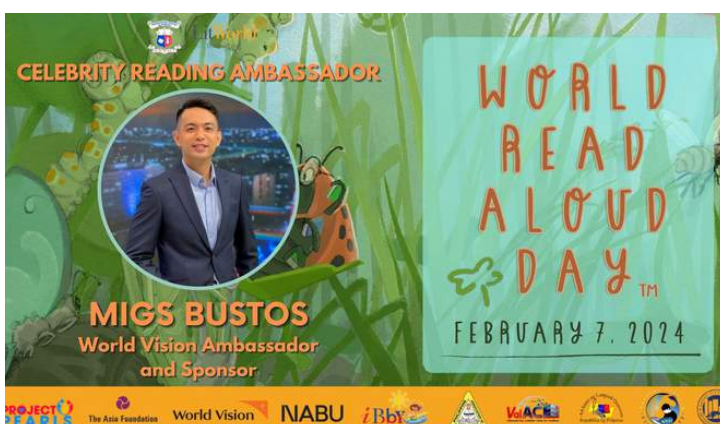
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LITERACY AND CULTURE CELEBRATIONS THROUGH CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

In a vibrant display of its commitment to promoting literacy and cultural enrichment, the National Library of the Philippines (NLP) has actively participated in a series of global celebrations, bringing the joy of reading and learning to young audiences across the nation.

On February 7, 2024, the NLP joined LitWorld in commemorating World Read Aloud Day through a dynamic online event hosted on Zoom and broadcasted live on the NLP Facebook page. Encouraging libraries and schools to organize their own read-aloud sessions, the NLP provided resources such as official posters and promotional materials, while rallying participants to use campaign hashtags including #WRAD, #WRAD2024, and #WorldReadAloudDay. Sports television news anchor and World Vision sponsor, Mr. Migs Bustos, graced the occasion as the Celebrity Reading Ambassador, captivating young audiences with a captivating story shared virtually.



This initiative received unwavering support from esteemed partners including Project PEARLS, The Asia Foundation, World Vision, NABU Organization, IBBY-Philippines, Philippine Association of School Librarians, Inc., Valenzuela City Academic Center for Excellence, Quezon City Public Library, Puerto Princesa City Library, and Davao City Library and Information Center.



Building on this momentum, the NLP continued its engagement with global literary festivities by marking World Storytelling Day and World Puppetry Day on March 20 and 21, 2024, respectively. The NLP Kuwentistas released a captivating new episode of "KUMUSTAHAN: KUwentuhan, MUSikahan, at TAwanan" through the NLP Book Cart Facebook page. Delighting audiences with tales from "Ang Pambihirang Buhok Ni Lola," authored by Rene Villanueva and illustrated by Ibarra Crisostomo, the Kuwentistas also presented a lively puppet show featuring the beloved children's book "Si Tiktaktok at Pipkaktok," also penned by Rene Villanueva.

Furthermore, on February 11 and 17, 2024, the NLP Kuwentistas took their storytelling prowess to the Caloocan Sports Complex to partake in the festivities commemorating the 62nd Cityhood Anniversary of Caloocan City. Invited to promote a love for reading and learning among children, the Kuwentistas captivated audiences with engaging storytelling sessions and captivating puppet shows.



These vibrant celebrations underscore the NLP's unwavering dedication to fostering a culture of literacy, imagination, and lifelong learning across communities. Through dynamic engagement with global initiatives and local events, the NLP continues to enrich lives and inspire generations through the power of storytelling and education.

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NLP JOINS 2024 NATIONAL WOMEN'S MONTH CELEBRATION

In alignment with the nationwide observance of the 2024 National Women's Month, the National Library of the Philippines (NLP) actively participates in promoting gender equality and women's empowerment. Under the overarching theme of transforming culture towards a more equal and inclusive future, this year's celebration is characterized by the sub-theme, "Lipunang Patas sa Bagong Pilipinas: Kakayahan ng Kababaihan, Patutunayan!" This echoes the objectives outlined in Chapter 15 of the Updated Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Plan 2019-2025, aiming to reshape gender norms and culture.

The 2024 sub-theme, "Lipunang Patas sa Bagong Pilipinas," advocates for a new Philippines where women are afforded equitable opportunities, free from the constraints of gender biases and discriminatory stereotypes. Through the tagline "Kakayahan ng Kababaihan, Patutunayan!," the celebration aims to spotlight and harness the full potential of women and girls, empowering them to actively participate in and benefit from the nation's growth and development.

In commemoration of International Women's Day on March 8, 2024, the NLP embarked on various initiatives to raise awareness about women's rights and status in society. Leveraging its digital platforms, the NLP featured select books focusing on women from its extensive collection, along with publications authored by female writers and creators registered under ISSN Philippines. These activities served to broaden the perspectives of library patrons regarding the roles and contributions of women in various spheres of life.





Additionally, NLP employees enthusiastically participated in the #PurpleFridays movement by donning purple shirts every Friday throughout March. This visible display of support underscored the NLP's steadfast commitment to advocating for gender equality and women's empowerment, recognizing their indispensable role in driving societal transformation.

Through its multifaceted initiatives, the NLP reaffirms its dedication to fostering a society where women are empowered, respected, and given equal opportunities to thrive. As a vital institution shaping cultural narratives and promoting knowledge dissemination, the NLP continues to champion the cause of gender equality, contributing to the creation of a more inclusive and progressive Philippines.



NLP ADVOCATES FOR SAFETY AWARENESS DURING FIRES AND EARTHQUAKES

In line with national initiatives aimed at promoting safety and disaster prevention, the National Library of the Philippines (NLP) has extended its support for "Fire Prevention Month," as well as actively participated in the First Quarter Nationwide Simultaneous Earthquake Drill 2024.

March has been declared "Fire Prevention Month" by virtue of Proclamation No. 115-A, s. 1966, emphasizing the importance of raising consciousness about safety and accident prevention. Concurrently, Proclamation No. 360, s. 1989 designates March as "Burn Prevention Month," focusing on disseminating campaigns on burn prevention and enhancing education in all phases of burn cases.

As stated in the first proclamation, there is an ongoing need to propagate safety consciousness among the populace throughout the year. This involves encouraging caution, vigilance, sobriety, common sense, and respect for the law to prevent fire incidents effectively.



The NLP, in support of these observances, has featured materials in social media that shows important tips and reminders aimed at preventing fires and ensuring the safety of homes and families. By sharing these resources, the NLP aims to contribute to raising awareness and fostering a culture of safety within communities.



Moreover, the NLP demonstrated its commitment to disaster preparedness and response by standing in solidarity with the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) during the First Quarter Nationwide Simultaneous Earthquake Drill 2024. The drill, conducted on March 25, 2024, at 9:00 AM, aimed to simulate response efforts in the event of a seismic event.

Under the leadership of the NLP Continuity Coordinating Team (CCT) and Incident/Emergency Response Team (IERT), NLP employees actively participated in the drill. Their involvement underscores the library's dedication to advocating for preparedness and ensuring a swift and coordinated response to various disasters and calamities.

Through these initiatives, the NLP reaffirms its commitment to promoting safety, disaster resilience, and community well-being.

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NLP LEADS THE CELEBRATION OF 65TH PUBLIC LIBRARY DAY

By virtue of Proclamation No. 563, s. 1959, designating every 9th of March as Public Library Day, the National Library of the Philippines (NLP) led nationwide celebrations marking the 65th Public Library Day. This year's theme, "Ikaw, Ako, at ang Pampublikong Aklatan: Higit Animnapu't Limang Taong Pagtutugunan," underscores the importance of collaboration among the National Library, community sectors, and public libraries in fostering growth and development.

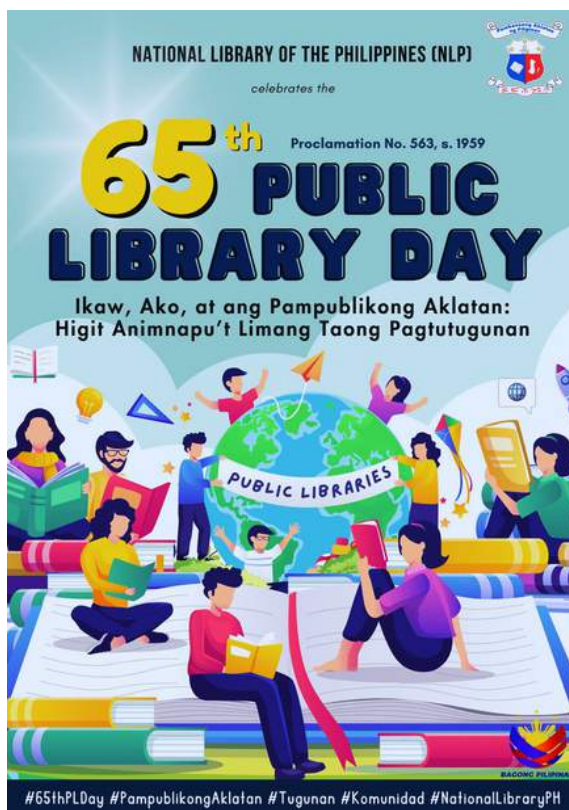
The commemoration saw participation from public libraries and barangay reading centers across the country, emphasizing the crucial role these institutions play in promoting literacy and access to information.

In line with the festivities, an official poster was unveiled and disseminated through various channels, including social media platforms and email networks, reaching affiliated public libraries nationwide.

While the official date of Public Library Day fell on a weekend this year, many public libraries chose to observe the occasion either before or after March 9, 2024. This flexibility allowed for greater participation and engagement from library patrons and stakeholders.

To amplify the event's reach, participating libraries utilized social media platforms, sharing images, videos, and updates of their celebrations using hashtags such as #65thPLDay, #PampublikongAklatan, #Tugunan, #Komunidad, and #NationalLibraryPH.

The nationwide celebration not only highlighted the significance of public libraries in community development but also underscored the collaborative efforts essential for their sustained growth and relevance.



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6TH GPA CELEBRATES EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC LIBRARIES NATIONWIDE

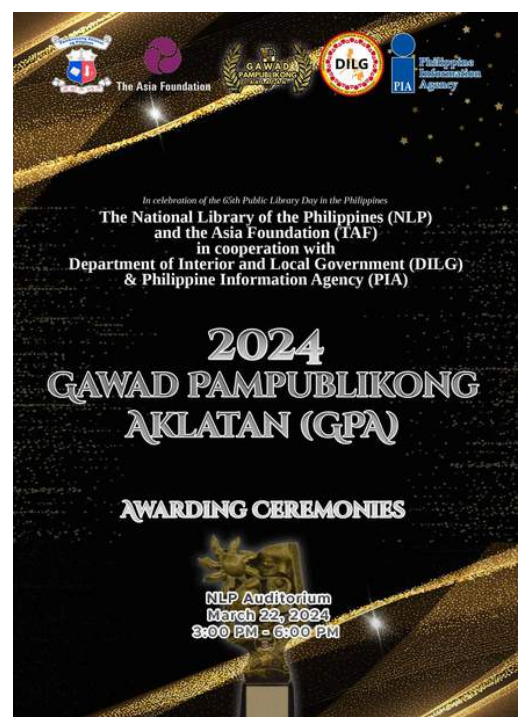


On March 22, 2024, the National Library of the Philippines (NLP) hosted the esteemed 6th Gawad Pampublikong Aklatan (GPA) Awarding Ceremonies at the NLP Epifanio Delos Santos Auditorium. This hallmark event, held in collaboration with The Asia Foundation (TAF), the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), and the Philippine Information Agency (PIA), marked a celebration of excellence in the realm of public libraries.

Streamed live via NLP's Facebook and YouTube accounts, the ceremony served as the pinnacle of Public Library Day, commemorated on March 9, 2024, under the theme "Ikaw, Ako, at ang Pampublikong Aklatan: Higit Animnapu't Limang Taong Pagtutugunan."

Formerly known as the "Search for Gawad Parangal sa Natatanging Propesyunal na Tagapangasiwa at Tagapaglingkod ng Pampublikong Aklatan," the event underwent a name change to "Gawad Pampublikong Aklatan," reflecting its expanded scope and enhanced stakeholder engagement.

Over the six years of its existence, the GPA initiative has wielded a positive influence, nurturing awardees, invigorating public libraries, and enriching local communities. Public libraries have emerged as vibrant hubs within their neighborhoods, garnering increased support from local government entities. Consequently,





communities have reaped the benefits of enhanced library programs and services, fostering heightened awareness of the libraries' role in national development.

Leading the ceremony were NLP Director Cesar Gilbert Q. Adriano and Assistant Director Edgardo B. Quiros, alongside TAF Country Representative Sam Chittick and Deputy Country Representative Myn Garcia. The event witnessed the presence of esteemed directors and heads of related agencies, including PIA Director-General Jose A. Torres, Jr., and DILG Secretary Benjamin C. Abalos, Jr., who graced the occasion as the guest of honor.

In his address, Secretary Abalos extended heartfelt congratulations to the winners, underlining the indispensable role of libraries as gateways to knowledge. "May this annual activity encourage local governments to provide programs and projects to raise the level of literacy of Filipino citizens and end illiteracy, especially in remote areas," remarked Secretary Abalos, echoing the profound impact of libraries on societal progress.



Representatives from public libraries nationwide converged to partake in the festivities, with over 83 exemplary individuals and institutions lauded for their outstanding contributions during the ceremony.

The Gawad Pampublikong Aklatan stands tall as the most esteemed accolade bestowed upon public libraries and staff, recognizing their unwavering commitment to community enrichment. As a guiding light in the realm of service excellence, the GPA continues to champion the cause of knowledge dissemination, illuminating communities across the Philippines.

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NLP RELEASES TWO ONLINE PUBLICATIONS IN 1Q 2024

To enhance accessibility and preserve cultural heritage, the National Library of the Philippines (NLP) unveiled two significant online publications in the first quarter of 2024. These publications mark NLP's goal of digitizing valuable historical and bibliographic resources.

The first publication is the English translation of an early tome from the Incunabula collection titled "History of the Province of the Holy Rosary of the Order of Preachers in the Philippines, Japan, and China: Book 1" (Historia Dela Provincia Del Sancto Rosa Rio Dela Orden Depredicadores en Philippinas, Japon y China). This translation is a part of the NLP's initiative to make rare texts more accessible to a wider audience. Supported by funding from the National Commission on Culture and the Arts, this endeavor showcases a concerted effort to bridge linguistic barriers and promote cultural exchange. Interested readers can now delve into this historical treasure trove through the NLP website via the following link: tinyurl.com/Aduarte1.

The second publication is the List of Registered Serials and Publishers 2023, also known as the ISSN Directory 2023. Compiled by the NLP Bibliographic Services Division, this directory serves as a comprehensive guide to registered serials and publishers in the Philippines. The International Standard Serial Number (ISSN), a globally recognized identifier for serial publications, is integral to this directory. It encompasses 428 serials and continuing resources accumulated over the year 2023, reflecting the diverse landscape of Philippine publishing. Researchers, scholars, and enthusiasts alike can access this invaluable resource through the NLP website via the following link: tinyurl.com/ISSN2023.

These online publications not only underscore the NLP's commitment to preserving and disseminating cultural heritage but also signify a step forward in harnessing digital technologies for scholarly pursuits. As the digital realm continues to evolve, initiatives such as these ensure that knowledge remains accessible and relevant in the modern age.

