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Sarmiento challenges DILG, PNP, other attached agencies to step-up performance



Secretary Sarmiento addresses officials of the DILG and its attached agencies on targets and goals for 2016 at the annual New Year's Call event.

At the onset of the year, Secretary Mel Senen S. Sarmiento announced his challenges to the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and its attached agencies namely the Philippine National Police (PNP), National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM), Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP), Local Government Academy (LGA), and the Philippine Public Safety College (PPSC).

"In the remaining six months of President Aquino's term, much should still be done. The DILG can do more, must do more, to contribute to development and inclusive growth," said Sarmiento during the traditional annual New Year's Call on the Secretary. In attendance in Camp Crame were heads and regional officials of the DILG and attached agencies.

This 2016, he said, the DILG will implement another program that aims to further capacitate local government units (LGUs) in their governance functions: the *Konkreto* at Ayos na Lansangan at Daan Tungo sa Pangkalahatang Kaunlaran (KALSADA) program. "We need to hasten the capacity building of our local engineers to meet this new task. The DILG has been proactive in seeking a Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Public Works and Highways to accomplish this."

"Let us also ready the new set of guidelines for the Seal of Good Local Governance — which among others will require LGUs to draw-up their performance scorecard. Our target is to make the scorecard a part of the orientation course of the new set of local officials, come July 1," he added.

Peace and Order

For the PNP, Sarmiento voiced that his 'biggest challenge' to them at present is maintaining a peaceful and orderly 2016 elections.

Thinking ahead, the Secretary pointed out that PNP ought to consider coming up with plans and policies that by year 2030, 70% of the population will be living in the urban areas.

He also scored on expectation that the police will be among the first to respond to any situation that climate change may bring.

As to the NAPOLCOM, Sarmiento urged them to come up with a seal

and performance scorecard for local chief executives dealing mainly with security. "Align your objectives with the PNP's Patrol Plan 2030. This is a whole of government approach which leads to a whole of nation initiative."

Roadmap to Global Standards

Sarmiento pushed the BFP and BJMP to finish and implement their respective strategic roadmaps, and in fact, surpass targets every year to improve services and be at par with global standards.

"Your roadmap will be very useful in guiding your institution to achieve your vision of a Fire Safe Nation by 2034. I likewise assure you that we will carry on our goal of ensuring that each Filipino in all LGUs will have access to fire stations and fire trucks," he said.

For the BJMP, he said, "Do your research and come up with the best master plan for your facilities. This will greatly help in the decongestion of our jails."

Theory and Practice

"My special request to LGA is to make peer-sharing the underlying principle of your planned activities. I strongly believe that the best teacher to a mayor is a fellow mayor. Aside from the general topics to be covered, we must also develop specialized courses that would tackle timely concerns like disaster risk reduction and effects of rapid urbanization," said Sarmiento.

For the PPSC, he urged, "Continue addressing the disconnect between the needs of the uniformed service and the curriculum being offered in our learning institutions. Let us make sure that our 'supply' meets the 'demand' of our three major services."

Sarmiento reaffirmed his commitment in continuing the modernization of uniformed services.

"We are the backbone of our country's local government units. We are nation-builders. Remember this in all your endeavors this 2016," he said as his resounding message to the DILG family.

- Nesreen Cadar Abdulrauf, ICRD-PACS

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