



WORLD STATISTICS DAY CELEBRATION IN THE PHILIPPINES

In response to the letter of United Nations (UN) Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon to the heads of national statistical systems and countries all over the globe, the National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB) Executive Board approved in its second quarter meeting held on May 12, 2010 the [NSCB Resolution No. 6, series of 2010, "Enjoining Support To and Participation in the Nationwide Observance of World Statistics Day"](#). Likewise, on October 1, 2010, His Excellency President Benigno S. Aquino III issued the [Presidential Proclamation No. 43, "Declaring October 20, 2010 as WORLD STATISTICS DAY"](#).

In line with these directives, the following are the activities of the Philippine Statistical System (PSS) in observance of the World Statistics Day (WSD) on October 20, 2010 as coordinated by the 11th National Convention on Statistics (NCS), 21st National Statistics Month (NSM) and 1st World Statistics Day (WSD) Steering Committee spearheaded by the NSCB:

WSD celebration at the national level:

1. Open House Day in all statistical units and agencies of the government

Statistical offices will be open for research and consultation with statisticians of official statistics.

2. [Forum on improving awareness and trust on government statistics](#) to be hosted by the Philippine Statistical Association, Inc. (PSA)

The objective of the forum is to pool recommendations from the data users for the improvement of statistical products and services offered by the PSS. PSA is a private, non-stock and non-profit foundation established in 1951 and was incorporated in the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) in 1952. The organization envisions itself to serve as a key: (1) to foster statistics and its application in the broadest manner; (2) to promote unity and effectiveness of effort among all concerned with statistical problems; and (3) to increase the contribution of statistics to human welfare.

3. The 8th [Labor Statistics Quiz \(LSQ\)](#) organized by the Bureau of Labor and Employment Statistics (BLES)

The contest is aimed at: (1) encouraging participation of Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) staff on statistical activities; and (2) enhancing their awareness and understanding of labor statistical concepts.

4. Gender Statistics Quiz organized by the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW)

5. Announcement of Winners for the "70 Stories on Census Taking"



The contest is open for the National Statistics Office (NSO) staff. The contest aims to pool unique and unforgettable stories on census and survey taking in the country in line with the celebration of NSO's 70th anniversary.

6. 2010 Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) National Annual Statistical Assessment Cum Information Technology (IT) Plan Workshop to be held on October 18-20, 2010 at Bayview Park Hotel, Manila

The main objective of the workshop is to come up with appropriate indicators, which will serve as inputs to the ENR chapter of the Philippine Statistical Development Program (PSDP) Statistical Framework 2011-2016 and the IT Implementation Plan based on the common database system of ENR. DENR officials and technical staff from the sectoral/line bureaus, attached agencies, regional offices, central office and other units in the DENR will be participating in the workshop.

7. Demonstration on the Use of Scanners for Census Data Processing in NSO central office
8. Free seminar on rice statistics for economics and statistics students at Bureau of Agricultural Statistics (BAS) central office
9. Press releases on PSS agency websites

WSD celebration in the regions:

1. Conduct of seminar in 20 regional/provincial offices of the National Statistics Office (NSO) on "Statistics and its Crucial Role in Governance"
2. Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR):
 - a. Seminar on impact assessment organized by Department of Science and Technology (DOST)-CAR on October 18-22, 2010
 - b. Interview/radio plug on WSD at DZEQ/Radyo ng Bayan
3. Ilocos Region:
 - a. Tree planting activity to be sponsored by Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PENRO) Pangasinan
 - b. Statistics forum cum training to be organized by the PSA and Regional Statistical Coordination Committee (RSCC)-Ilocos
4. Cagayan Valley:



Regional data review of Third Quarter 2009 AgStat Production performance on October 19-21 at Bureau of Agricultural Statistics (BAS) Regional and Provincial Offices

5. CALABARZON:

Consultative Meeting with PABs to be organized by the Statistical Research and Training Center for the Statistical Handbook in Region IV-A (CALABARZON), in which the agreements and recommendations will be used in the “Livestock and Poultry Information and Early Warning System (LPI-EWS)” project

6. Bicol Region:

- a. Bureau of Fisheries and Agricultural Research (BFAR)-Bureau of Agricultural Statistics (BAS) Simultaneous Provincial Consultative Workshop to be held at BFAR 5 Provincial Fisheries Office
- b. Orientation Seminar on Updates on Statistical Operations and Civil Registration to be held at NSO Camarines Norte Provincial Office
- c. Poster-making contest on the 21st National Statistics Month (NSM) theme for high school and elementary school students organized by NSO Sorsogon Provincial Office

7. Western Visayas:

- a. Awarding of achievers in statistics in Western Visayas

The Search of Achievers in Statistics in Western Visayas is an initiative of the Task Force on WSD, which was created thru Regional Statistical Coordination Committee (RSCC) Board 6 Resolution No. 4, series of 2010.

- b. “*Hataw*” Exercise at Boardwalk, Mandurriao, Iloilo City and Fun Run Activity from Boardwalk to SM City Iloilo
- c. Release of StatView in Western Visayas
- d. Program in observance of WSD to be sponsored by the Bacolod City Government
- e. Tax orientation seminar at Revenue District No. 72-Roxas City, Capiz and Revenue District No. 74-Iloilo City
- f. Regional Field Health Service Information System (FHSIS) Consultative Workshop and Data Reconciliation to be held at Iloilo City



8. Northern Mindanao:

A workshop to be organized by the SRTC to validate and finalize of data tables for the Statistical Handbook for Broiler and Swine in Region X to be held at BAS Region X, Cagayan de Oro City

The outputs of the workshop will be used in the research project on “Livestock and Poultry Information and Early Warning System (LPI-EWS)”.

9. Central Visayas:

Information drive on the importance of statistics and civil registry at schools and selected barangays in Negros Oriental on October 2-23, 2010

10. Eastern Visayas:

- a. Launching of data board at the DZR Airport to be sponsored by City Planning and Development Office (CPDO) – Tacloban, NSCB and CAAP
- b. Program in celebration of WSD and statistical/photo exhibit at Robinsons Mall Activity Area
- c. Launch of DataTXT, which aims to provide statistical data to subscribers thru SMS
- d. Release of StatView and Eastern Visayas in Figures

11. SOCCSKSARGEN:

- a. Data dissemination cum re-orientation of the Provincial SCCs/City SCCs in SOCCSKSARGEN to be sponsored by NSCB Regional Division XII
- b. Mini-workshop on application and data analysis/interpretation techniques to be sponsored by National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) Region XII
- c. Briefing on the results of surveys conducted by NSO to be sponsored by NEDA Region XII



Other related activities:

1. [21st National Statistics Month \(NSM\)](#) with the theme: *“Towards a Philippine Statistical System Responsive to Emerging National and Global Concerns”*

The NSM, which is celebrated every October was first observed in 1990 pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 647 signed by then President Corazon C. Aquino on September 20, 1990. The NSM celebration aims to: (1) promote, enhance and instill awareness and appreciation of the importance and value of statistics to the different sectors of the society; and (2) to elicit the cooperation and support of the general public in upgrading the quality and standards of statistics in the country.

Activities in celebration of the 21st NSM include:

- a. Announcement of winner for the 2nd NSM Media Awards on October 4, 2010
 - b. Awarding of the 20th NSM Best Region and Best Statistical Activity on October 5, 2010
 - c. 5th PSS Tree-planting Activity on October 27, 2010 at Pampanga Megadike
 - d. Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP)-Department of Education (DepEd) Oratorical Contest on October 29, 2010
2. [11th National Convention on Statistics \(NCS\)](#) on October 4-5, 2010, EDSA Shangri-La Hotel, Mandaluyong City, Philippines

The convention is aimed at: (1) providing a forum for practitioners and theoreticians in the field of statistics to discuss prevailing issues and emerging developments affecting the PSS; and (2) eliciting the cooperation and support of statisticians and professionals in related fields from the government, academe, and private sector towards a more responsive statistical system. Organized by the National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB) every three years, the event also serves as the opening activity of the PSS for the month-long celebration of 21st NSM. The Statistical Information Management Exhibition (SIMEx 2010) will also be held in the convention venue.

3. [3rd Global Forum on Gender Statistics \(GFGS\)](#) on October 11-13, 2010 at EDSA Shangri-La Hotel, Mandaluyong City, Philippines

In collaboration with the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), UN Population Fund (UNFPA) and The World Bank (WB), the Government of the Philippines through the National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB), will host the GFGS. The Global Forum is envisioned to promote and coordinate international cooperation in the area of gender statistics by focusing on the institutionalization of the mainstreaming of gender in the whole national statistical system by international and regional organizations and development partners, in collaboration with NSOs and other authorities within the national statistical system. It will also serve as a venue to highlight the need for



statistics that will respond to requirements for monitoring progress towards the attainment of gender equity goals and targets, including the Millennium Development Goals (MDG), Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers (PRSPs), the Beijing Platform for Action and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW).

The 3rd GFGS will be followed by an Interagency and Expert Group on Gender Statistics (IAEG-GS) Meeting on October 14, 2010.

4. [The 19th Philippine Statistical Quiz \(PSQ\)](#)

Spearheaded by NSO and organized in collaboration with PSA, PSQ is an annual competition on statistical knowledge participated by first-year college students across the country. It is aimed at: (1) instilling the value of statistics among students; and (2) measuring the effectiveness of the high school statistics curriculum. Regional PSQ eliminations will be held on various dates on October.

5. [The 7th DENR National Statistical Quiz](#)

The objective of the contest is to promote awareness on environment and natural resource statistics nationwide. Regional participants nominated by DENR Regional Executive Directors will be participating in the finals on October 22, 2010 at the DENR Main Bldg., Quezon City

6. Year II of the Third Country Training Program (TCTP) to be held at SRTC on October 4-22, 2010 for selected staff of the Economic and Public Finance Policy Department (EPFPD) of the Ministry of Economy and Finance, Royal Government of Cambodia

The training program aims to enhance the capability of EPFPD in formulating the analytical framework, which will serve as basis for EPFPD's quality policy advice, analysis and research, and for enhancing EPFPD's statistical capacity.

7. Training on statistical report writing on October 18-22, 2010 at the SRTC

8. Exhibit of statistical data in 82 divisions/offices of the NSO for the whole month of October

9. Hanging of 11th NCS/ 21st NSM/ WSD posters/streamers on offices of PSS agencies nationwide