

CAPUTIAN IA RENDERS 100% LABOR TO PROTECT CHECKGATE OF CABACUNGAN CIS

Caputian Irrigators Association (CIA), Inc. of Cabacungan communal Irrigation system provides all the labor and manpower requirement in the Protection works at the existing Checkgate Head structure. The IA conducts "bayanihan" or scheduled maintenance day where all members assemble at the dam to work on the repair of the protection dike. Protection works consist of Boulders Riprap at the Checkgate head structure which started on June 11, 2012 with the association taking charge of the manpower requirement. NIA Davao del Sur IMO in Digos City prepared the plans and delivered the construction materials; supervised and monitored construction works until it attained 100% physical completion on July 10, 2012. Adm. Antonio S. Nangel during his visit to NIA-XI, monitored the project status of Cabacungan. He stressed to expedite project construction. Findings of the joint inspection

of NIA, Region XI staff with Mindanao Rural Development Program (MRDP) personnel to Cabacungan Communal Irrigation System (CIS), Malalag, Davao del Sur conducted on March 6, 2012 revealed that portion of the right bank of the creek, immediately upstream of the structure has started to cave in and erode. Recommendation followed for an immediate repair to ensure stability and protection of the dam. As this is hazardous to the head structure of the system, the threat of possible breakdown may happen and might hamper rice production and more loses. The on going rehabilitation works on the canal systems of Cabacungan CIS under MRDP is simultaneously undertaken.



Cabacungan CIS Protection dike on-going repair by IA(upper photo); completed protection dike (lower photo)

DAVAO DEL NORTE FIA ADVOCATES ACQUISITION OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT

The Davao del Norte District 1 and District 2 Federation of Irrigators Association(DDNFIA) held its 2nd IA Congress on September 6-7, 2012 at Raj Hotel, Tagum City with a theme, "Sustainable NIA-IA-LGU Collaboration – the key towards Rice Self Sufficiency". Forty-eight (48) IA Presidents attended and successfully advocated their concern among others, Reiterate Request for four(4) Brand new units Long Reach Backhoe and four(4) units Wheel Type Backhoe for Davao del Norte IMO. They proposed to retain 50% of ISF Collection on Back Accounts at IMO Davao del Norte intended for the procurement of four (4) units long reached backhoe. Engr. Cornelio M. Bautista, Jr., Division Manager, Irrigation Mgt. Office(IMO) Davao del Norte, advised the body to prepare and submit resolution of LALIKRISFIA requesting for the retention of 50% of ISF collection for Back Accounts at IMO Davao del Norte intended for the

procurement of heavy equipment and another resolution requesting for the immediate release of funds for the rehabilitation of Lasang dam. These resolutions should be submitted to Sr. Deputy Administrator Antonio A. Galvez during the day.

Deputy Administrator Galvez, supported the drive of the group and said that if this request will be approved and permitted by the Central Office, then the other regions could also benefit and take advantage with this alternative position to obtain equipment in their respective regions/IMO. Other Resolutions moved during the congress were: Immediate Release of funds for Repair of Lasang Dam Afflux Dike; Repair of Bagong Silang Main Canal, Lasang RIS; Repair of Saug Diversion Dam; Bench Flume at Main Canal West Battalion Area at Saug RIS; Drainage Improvement of All NIS; Repair of all Defective and Non-functional Steel Gates; NIA Roads, Funding for Road maintenance and Wet and Dry Season 125 KGS. @ 15 Pesos/kg Flat Rate.



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Diversion Structure (Intake) of San Pedro CIS, Caraga, Davao Oriental washed out during the Typhoon Pablo land fall at Davao Oriental on December 4, 2012. Photo courtesy of Engr. Jimmy J. Ceros, Acting Davao Oriental IMO.

Typhoon Pablo Ravages 801M NIA-XI Irrigation Structures

by: Bernadette G. Robin

DAVAO CITY, Tropical Typhoon "Pablo" strikes Davao region in Mindanao dawn of December 4, 2012 making its landfall devastating to the provinces of Davao Oriental, Compostela Valley and Davao del Norte killing people to an increasing death tolls, families held homeless, agri crops perished and destroyed infrastructure. Generating a combination of fast moving high winds gusting at a speed of 130 kilometers per hour, everything were subjected to its immense forces and heavy rains

flooded the low-lying typhoon-ravaged provinces. Destruction of dams, irrigation structures, canals and massive siltation entail a validated damage cost of P 801,000,000.00 in the aftermath of the disaster affecting seven(7) National Irrigation Systems (NIS) and forty-five (45) Communal Irrigation Systems (CIS) with a total area of 11,331 hectares of rice farmlands and banana plantations.

NIA-XI Regional Irrigation Manager Modesto G. Membreve mobilized immediately the IMOs to inspect the damages

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NIA-XI INTERVENTIONS TO TYPHOON AFFECTED AREAS

Led by RIM Modesto G. Membreve, IMO Managers Carlito A. Carrasco and Jimmy J. Ceros of Compostela Valley and Davao Oriental respectively effect interventions to address the farmer-irrigators' immediate needs using NIA-XI's current resources while waiting for the releases of the program of works submitted for the repair of damaged structures.

Typhoon Pablo's damages bring about tremendous problems on affected irrigated areas and the farmer-irrigators in particular prompting the NIA-XI to deliver irrigation services that ensure mitigation measures. Diversion structures, irrigation facilities and rice lands are destroyed and silted during the typhoon. Uprooted coco trees, timber logs, fragments, remains and other rubbish in shambles scatter all over the silted rice fields which hamper farming activities for the coming cropping season. As

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ADM NANGEL CONCURS MINDA CLUSTER COMMITMENTS

NIA Administrator Antonio S. Nangel signs concurrence of Mindanao Cluster Commitments signifying agreement to expedite irrigation project implementation and checked performance during the Strategic Planning Seminar and Workshop on CY 2013 Program and CY 2012 Accomplishment and Performance for Mindanao Cluster at Grand Men Seng Hotel, Davao City on December 4-7, 2012. Mindanao Cluster which consists of NIA regions 9-13 represented by its Regional Managers, Division Managers, IMO managers and the EOD Staff committed a remarkable average of 83.98% to be accomplished in physical project implementation by the end of December 2012 and will complete the projects in March 2013. Commitments formulated were based on workshop outputs on the Project Implementation Status, Catch Up Plans, Gantt Chart on Procurement process of FY 2013 Programs and Projects; and DA's Food Staples

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RIM MODESTO G. MEMBREVE ... *Welcome to NIA-XI!* ... from Page 1

Engr. Modesto G. Membreve assumes his post as NIA-XI Regional Irrigation Manager (RIM) effective October 16, 2012 vice outgoing RIM Julius S. Maquiling who takes on the position of Area Manager for Mindanao under the Project Inspectorate and Advisory Group (PIAG) by virtue of the memorandum reshuffling of RIMs issued by the NIA Board as recommended by the NIA top management. NIA-XI regional office staff led by RIM Maquiling welcomed RIM Membreve during the flag raising ceremonies on October 15, 2012 at the NIA-XI compound, Davao City. Born on February 12, 1954 in Buenavista, Bohol and among the brood of parents, Melchor and Lanciana, RIM Modesto Guisado Membreve, from childhood, has grown to have an inherent intellect that at an early school age, he has garnered academic excellence and consistently an honor student until he completed his studies and turned to be a registered Civil Engineer. He later on built and nurtured a family of five (5) children with wife, Evelyn. Working in a stint of 35 years with the National Irrigation Administration (NIA), RIM Membreve advanced his career both as a Civil Engineer and a public servant. Rising from the ranks, he became Regional Irrigation Manager for Region 7, Tagbilaran City, Bohol; reassigned as RIM to NIA-13 in 2011, Caraga Region and recently, as RIM of NIA-XI in Davao City.



MODESTO G. MEMBREVE
Regional Irrigation Manager

A formal ceremony with Senior Deputy Antonio A. Galvez representing Adm. Antonio S. Nangel was held on October 22, 2012, at the NIA-XI Covered Court, Davao City. RIM Membreve accepted the key of responsibility to take on the management of NIA-XI from RIM Maquiling. The ceremonial turn-over program was attended and witnessed by the officers and members of the Association of Regional Directors and Operations Managers (ARDOMA), IMOs Managers and Section Chiefs of the Davao region and the Region XI Confederation of IAs (RCIA-XI). RIM Membreve shared his management experience and strategies in NIA-13



A prosperity pose of ARDOMA members, NIACO and NIA-XI Managers with Sr. Deputy Adm. Antonio A. Galvez and Deputy Adm. for Engineering & Operations Robert C. Suguitan. Taken at NIA-XI Regional Office, Davao City during turn-over ceremony on Oct. 22, 2012.



RIM Modesto G. Membreve accepts the key of responsibility from outgoing RIM Julius S. Maquiling during the turn-over ceremony held on October 22, 2012 at NIA-XI regional office, Davao City in the presence of Senior Deputy Adm. Antonio A. Galvez (inner right) and Adm. Robert C. Suguitan, Deputy Adm. For Engineering and Operations (inner left).

Caraga Region and vowed to put his best efforts in upholding viability of NIA-XI. Turning over the tasks, RIM Maquiling conveyed his gratitude for the support that NIA-XI staff have afforded him during his short stay in the region. He believed that the spiritual dedication he has inculcated with the NIA works shall live on. Deputy Senior Adm. Galvez in his inspirational speech stressed that situations as reshuffling leadership from time to time are norms in irrigation service. Some accept the positions as promotion to other places and others stay. It is the task and functions to be performed that count. The persons appointed to the positions wherever they are assigned are expected to perform the tasks. As such, the tasks for irrigation remain despite the frequent reshuffling or reassignment of personnel.

NIA-XI STAFF ATTENDS SEMINAR-WORKSHOP ON VIDEOGRAPHY

by: Lina M. Montilde, PRO, NIA-XI

The Public Relations Officer (PRO) Lina M. Montilde along with the programmer, Xerxes Abellano of NIA Region XI attended a ten-day on Video and Audio Production seminar-workshop at Camp John Paul Sta. Rita, Masinloc, Zambales. It was participated by forty (40) participants nationwide which was conducted by the Public Affairs and Information Staff of NIA Central Office, EDSA, Quezon City. Expert speakers led by Regional Director Robert Mendoza Baldago of Philippine Information

Agency (PIA), Region 3 facilitated the whole duration of the seminar-workshop. Hands-on activities on videography using the Sony Vegas software was applied in throughout the training from September 25 to October 3, 2012. The activity was very exciting since the major output of the whole duration is a production of a one (1) minute teaser of each region. NIA-XI conceptualized the presentation of the teaser reflecting the real image of NIA-XI. After a series of brainstorming and critiquing, the final NIA-XI teaser was finally produced using the caption "NIA-XI LEADS THE WAY".

Badagoy IA's Oplan Tabang

Badagoy Irrigation Association (BIA) of Davao del Sur allocated P 134,483.10 from their IA funds for the BADAGOY IA OPLAN TABANG which they created to extend assistance to Compostela Valley fellow irrigators and other victims. Mobilizing the team of Oplan Tabang, the BIA board of directors, employees and district members procured logistics as purchasing the grocery items and collected clothings from the BIA members and in their irrigation community. Repacking activities and loading of packages were held participated in by BIA officers and members. The team conducted the meeting to discuss the itinerary and mechanics of relief operations.



In the early hours of dawn on December 14, 2012, the Oplan Tabang Team started off the travel from Magsaysay, Davao del Sur to Compostela Valley IMO on board the truckloads of relief goods and upon arrival made the proper coordination before the actual tasks. Distribution points were established that hastened delivery of relief packs to a total of 1,113 families. After the Oplan Tabang, the group visited the remnants of typhoon Pablo and the blues surrounding the place at Barangay Andap. It was already dark when they got home.

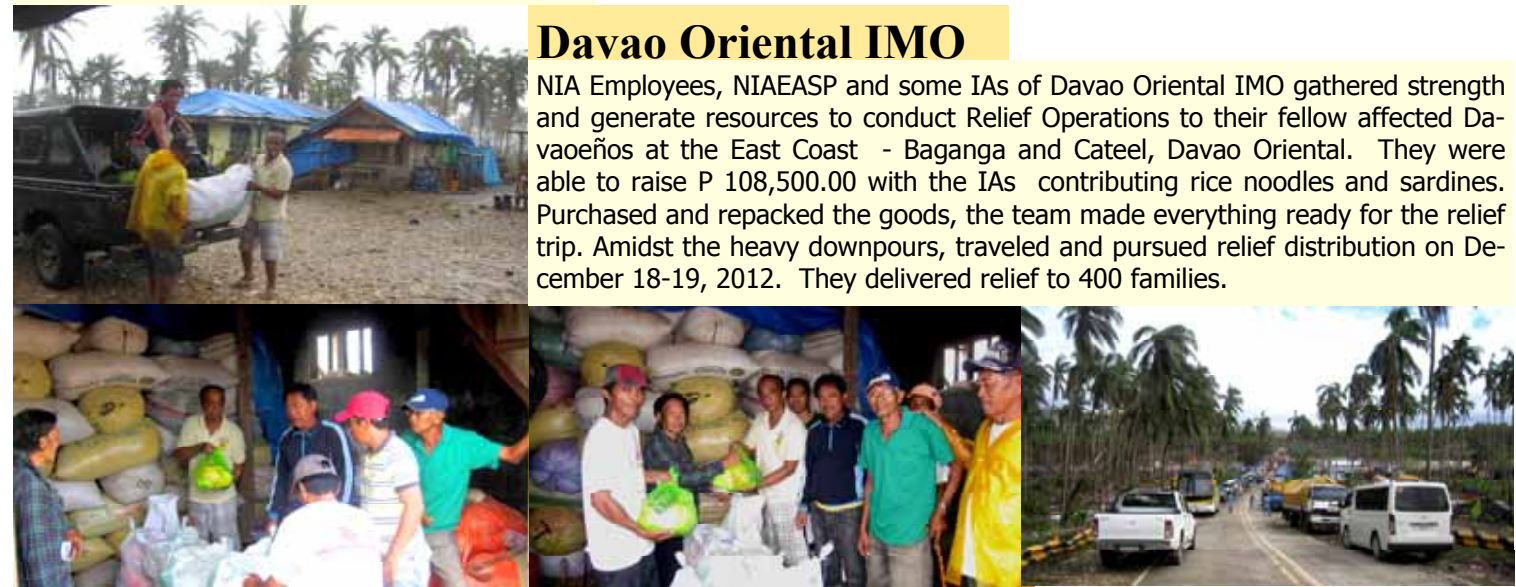
Davao del Sur IMO

Both the Davao del Sur IMO and the Irrigators Associations raised funds and food items for the Relief Operations that they jointly conducted. On December 27, 2012, the NIA Staff delivered clothings and food stuff in relief packs at Compostela Valley IMO where they set up the distribution point. Readily packs of assorted goods were given to 529 affected families who hailed from Compostela Poblacion based on the listing provided by the DSWD. Other goods they brought and the clothing were repacked and distributed. After the distribution, the team took time in visiting the sites damaged by typhoon Pablo before they finally completed their emergency response tasks.



Davao Oriental IMO

NIA Employees, NIAEASP and some IAs of Davao Oriental IMO gathered strength and generate resources to conduct Relief Operations to their fellow affected Davaoños at the East Coast - Baganga and Cateel, Davao Oriental. They were able to raise P 108,500.00 with the IAs contributing rice noodles and sardines. Purchased and repacked the goods, the team made everything ready for the relief trip. Amidst the heavy downpours, traveled and pursued relief distribution on December 18-19, 2012. They delivered relief to 400 families.



NIA-XI RELIEF OPERATIONS

NIA-XI deeply express concerns over the plight of the typhoon Pablo affected families that the regional office, the IMOs, the IAs and the NIAEASP have voluntarily joined efforts in responding to their emergency needs. In the spirit of sharing, both IAs and NIA staff took the initiative of organizing their own Emergency Response and Relief Distribution scheme to wit:

(Other sharing efforts and relief operations of groups and individuals shall be published next issue as Stream's gesture of gratitude, thanks!...)

NIA-XI Regional Office Relief Activity:

A collection campaign enjoining NIA-XI employees to donate in cash and in kind is organized by the NIA-XI Regional Office to extend assistance to Typhoon Pablo affected families in conjunction with the effort of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) of the Department of Agriculture. The Admin Division passed around a collection sheet among the NIA-XI regional employees and collected a total of P 20,240.00 as of December 14, 2012. Purchasers were designated who bought the goods consisted of rice, canned goods, mineral water and candles. Employees packed the goods which were transported by two (2) NIA pick-ups, one pick-up bound for Compostela Valley and another for Davao Oriental on Friday, December 14, 2012 which were in convoy with other BFAR vehicles. Several packs of clothes, shoes and usable items were also transported in the

same vehicles. The goods sent to Davao Oriental were supervised by Aida Jaron, Accounting Processor A while the goods forwarded to Compostela Valley were overseen by Ceferina J. Morala, Financial Planning Analyst and Rodrigo Buenaventura, Driver Mechanic. The goods were received by the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council (PDRRMC) command post in Compostela Valley and in the Municipal Office of Davao Oriental for distribution. Collection Campaign is going on. At present, donations in kind are accumulating.



Davao del Norte IMO

The DAVAO DEL NORTE IMO staff delivered rice, noodles, coffee, sugar, sardines and used clothings to Compostela Valley for 510 families on December 27, 2012 worth P 50,000.00 they took from their Christmas party budget. NIA staff rendered their "labor of love" in packing the goods for the victims. In spite of the floods that badly hit LALIK RIS, during the typhoon Pablo, some of Davao del Norte IAs have undertaken their own relief operations to typhoon victims of Compostela Valley.

Compostela Valley IMO

Despite the damages that this IMO has gotten the most during the landfall of typhoon Pablo where both the employees and the IAs were affected, Compostela Valley IMO led by Manager Carlito A. Carrasco initiated the drive to extend relief assistance. The IMO did not hold their customary Christmas Party. In stead, the budget in the amount of P 80T was given as cash assistance to NIA affected Staff and relief distribution to 1,500 farmers which packs contain rice, canned goods, noodles and water on December 11-15, 2012. The NIAEASP chapter thereat has also partaken in the IMO's emergency response activities that it shared P55,000.00 to 34 NIA Staff of Compostela Valley IMO and P20,000.00 to Davao Oriental 15 affected Staff.

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caused by the typhoon and transmitted the initial data to the Department of Agriculture (DA). In the Regional Management Committee (RMC) meeting with DA Sec. Proceso J. Alcala at DA- RFU XI, Davao City on December 7, 2012 with the heads of the attached agencies, RIM Membreve reported the irrigation structures and facilities destroyed, related the affected areas and presented the extent and cost of damages. As DA Sec Alcala advised, the data were validated and submitted to DA and to the Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council XI (RDRRMC XI) for inclusion to Fund Allocation.

On December 19, 2012, a Dialogue and Consultation with Farmer-leaders spearheaded by DA Sec. Alcala in the company of Asst. Sec. Dante S. Delima and NIA Adm. Antonio S. Nangel at Nabunturan, Compostela Valley was held with Gov. Rodolfo del Rosario of Davao del Norte and Gov. Arthur Uy of Compostela Valley representing the host affected provinces, RIM Membreve attended the consultation along with the DA Sector Heads. Farmers raised their



Damaged Road Crossing and Protection Dike at Nuevo Iloco CIS, Mawab, Compostela Valley during Typhoon Pablo's landfall on December 4, 2012.

concerns during the consultation. Among others, those pertaining to irrigation, requested for chainsaw to be used in clearing the irrigated area from fallen and uprooted trees and other debris. RIM Membreve committed to send a team to inspect the site.

DA Sec Alcala disclosed that the government could not give everything, but will prioritize the immediate needs. He pledged to be transparent and true when it comes to the government's capability to provide. Ceremonial Turn-Over of DA's initial support was held composed of Palay Certified Seeds, OPV corn seeds, Assorted vegetable seeds, relief goods, laminated sack, tractors for rice and corn w/ free fuel and operator and coconut seedlings for the typhoon stiken provinces of Compostela Valley, Davao Oriental and Davao del Norte.

After the consultation, RIM Membreve joined the meeting



Destroyed canal at Abijod CIS, Cateel, Davao Oriental incurred during Typhoon Pablo's landfall on December 4, 2012.

with DA Sec Alcala and the sectoral heads held at DA-PQS, Panacan, Davao City where the taskforce named ALAYON ("bayanihan") was formed. DA Alcala designated Asst. Sec. Dante S. Delima as head. ALAYON (bayanihan) meets weekly for evaluation and updates where RIM Membreve presented the damage reports, updates on the interventions and recommendations on irrigation related issues.

RIM Membreve said that farmers in these difficult moments, could hardly cope with hardships that they are facing. Although the typhoon hit the area when most farmers have harvested, the coming cropping will pose problems on resources in restoring destroyed irrigation systems. As farmers are in dire need of help, he encouraged to give anything and something the farmers need through the Administrative Section of NIA-XI.

RCIA-XI PARTICIPATES IN THE NATIONAL CONVENTION OF FOOD STAPLE PRODUCERS

Twelve (12) officers of Region XI Confederation of IAs (RCIA-XI) led by its president, Saturnino Simbajon participated in a two-day DA sponsored event named, **National Convention of Food Staple Producers held at Manila Hotel on December 12-13, 2012** with the theme, "Pagkaing sapat, Magsasakang angat, Tagumpay nating lahat". Highlighting the farmers' role in achieving rice and major staples sufficiency as part of the Aquino administration Food Staples Sufficiency Program (FSSP), the convention serves a venue that sustains and strengthens partnerships with the IAs and

other farmer groups according to DA Sec Proceso J. Alcala. Accomplishment were taken and stronger relationships among the farmers were fostered that enhance the farmers' contribution in achieving the goals of FSSP. The participants formulated the Platform of Action and Advocacies in a workshop in which the next day, the Platform and Commitments were presented to the DA Secretary they formulated in support of the FSSP for the IA group. During this occasion, the convenors witnessed the launching of the National Year of Rice (NYR) advocacy campaign RCIA-XI participants were accompanied by the NIA-XI IDD staff.

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Silted dam of Ngan CIS, Compostela Valley during landfall of typhoon Pablo on December 4, 2012.



Rice field full of timberlogs at Lateral A-1 West, Baturu RIS, Compostela Valley during landfall of Typhoon Pablo on December 4, 2012.

this is an indication of loss of farmers' means of livelihood, NIA-XI resolved to make the land ready for irrigated rice production. With a POW in the amount of P 556,000.00, clearing and grubbing of debris, desilting and sand bagging were undertaken for Compostela Valley and Davao Oriental utilizing heavy equipment as backhoes, trailers, bulldozers and dump trucks; mechanical chainsaw and service vehicle. The works were done through contract and account works which manpower were taken from the irrigators associations and hired labor. Compostela Valley LGU's Governor Arturo Uy donated fuel of 13,000 liters and 600 liters from Congresswoman Ma. Carmen Zamora. In Davao Oriental, the LGU provided the backhoe while trailer was rented from private sources. NIA utilized its bulldozer in excavating, clearing and desilting of wastes and other garbage which fuel was purchased out of the NIA available funds. Restoration of irrigated area started to a total of 3,495 hectares out of 5,011 target area to be restored or 69.74% as of to-date. This initial intervention contributes to local development. As to livelihood, 6,995 hectares to be restored shall benefit 5,177 households or families and generate 3,336 jobs.

RIM Membreve made regular attendance to ALAYON (bayanihan)'s weekly meeting at the DA headed by Asec Dante S. Delima. He kept the sectoral agencies heads abreast of irrigation assistance to farmers to sustain point of coordination activities with them.



RIM Membreve attending Meeting at DA

CONG. DEL ROSARIO LEADS GROUNDBREAKING AND MOA SIGNING OF PAMACAUN SIP

Project funds of 15.75M is allocated for the implementation of Pamacaun Small Irrigation Project (SIP) earmarked for construction in CY 2012. Cong. Antonio Rafael G. del Rosario of District 1, Davao del Norte laid the capsule of plans at Brgy. Pamacaun, Asuncion, Davao del Norte during the Groundbreaking ceremonies on August 10, 2012. Assisting him were Asuncion Muni. Mayor Joseph Nilo F. Parreñas and Pamacaun Barangay Chairman Roberto Espina. Led by NIA-XI Regional Manager Julius S. Maquiling, in the company of Division Manager Cornelio M. Bautista, Jr. of the Davao del Norte IMO, and Andres P. Martinez, IA President of Pamacaun Communal Irrigators Association (PAMACIA), carried out the digging rites.

PAMACAUN Small Irrigation Project (SIP) is located at Brgy Pamacaun, Asuncion, Davao del Norte with a potential irrigable area of 300 hectares. Its IA, Pamacaun Irrigators Association (PAMACIA), proponent to the project, has 106 farmer-members and registered to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) for the acquisition of their legal name that qualified them to enter into contract with NIA-XI and do irrigation transactions. Tapping Ilog Creek, NIA shall develop the Diversion Dam, Canal systems and farm facilities in the amount of P 15,747,571.24 as stated in the Program of Works (POW). Signing of Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between NIA & Pamacaun SIP in the formal program ensued immediately after the groundbreaking, to define duties and responsibilities of each parties in the project implementation witnessed by all the IA members and the barangay people.

his gratitude to the National Irrigation Administration as this project is such a big help to the farmers who have been waiting for the realization of irrigation for four(4) long years. Now that this has come to certainty, Pamacaun shall be in progress. With this, he related that as per Pres. Noynoy Aquino's information, the Philippines will have the capability to export rice and will no longer fully import from other Asian countries. Following his talk, he ran down other projects in the barangay. The release of P1M for the potable water and the gym, the completion of water needs two(2) kilometers of hose and the gym still needs roofing. He said that in the coming elections if he will be re-elected, he could surely visit again and complete these projects.



Cong. Antonio Rafael G. del Rosario of District 1, Davao del Norte (3rd from Right Standing in white shirt), Mayor Joseph Nilo F. Parreñas of Asuncion, Davao del Norte and Pamacaun Brgy. Chairman Roberto Espina laid the capsule of plans. Led by RIM Julius S. Maquiling, Davao del Norte IMO Manager Cornelio M. Bautista, Jr. and PAMACIA IA President Andres P. Martinez, the groundbreaking ceremony was held at Barangay Pamacaun, Asuncion, Davao del Norte on August 10, 2012.

Cong. Antonio Rafael G. del Rosario, in his speech con-

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Sufficiency Prpogram (FSSP) NIA's Commitment. Signing ceremonies were executed between Adm. Nangel and respective RIM or his assistant Engineer.

Hosting the seminar is NIA-XI led by RIM Modesto G. Membreve who welcomed the participants and vowed to make them happy and their stay in Davao City a comfy one. He hoped that the outputs of this training will help the Mindanao regions accomplish CY2012 targets and plan for CY 2013.

Adm. Nangel imparted a remarkable and inspiring points on being smart, proactive and the essence of management and leadership. When he received the proposal of this seminar, he did not have a second thought but to sign and approve at once, Adm. Nangel said, because this is accomplishing the succeeding projects. Noting that since the NIA field workers are frontiers in producing rice, they are expected to deliver services to the farmers. Workshops are not enough to increase the capabilities of NIA staff but they have to be keen and smart. He cited that in just a look at an irrigation structure, a designer should be able to calculate the discharge measurements. He also announced that the CNA shall be given to NIA employees before the christmas vacation begins.

Facilitating the seminar were NIACO Operations Department Manager Mariano G. Dancel with System Management Division Manager Augustrese Torres and staff who said that this training sees the projects undertaken as targetted and that the regions and IMOs oversee the operations and implementation of billions worth of projects. As such, they cluster this strategic



NIA Adm Antonio S. Nangel (4th from Left Front row standing) shakes NIA-XI Division Manager Encarnacion S. Soriano (3rd from Left Front row standing) after signing NIA-XI's commitment during the Strategic Planning Seminar and Workshop held at Grand Men Seng Hotel, Davao City on December 4-7, 2012. Witnessing the signing ceremony are L-R, Operations Department Mariano G. Dancel; NIA-XI Div Mgr. for Finance & Adm. Caridad K. Sison; L-R Sitting - PLAG Mindanao Area Manager Julius S. Maquiling; NIA-10 RIM Felix M. Razo and NIA-9 RIM Alejandro L. Alberca; At back standing from Left, SMD Div. Mgr. Augustrese Torres, NIA-XI IMO Managers, Staff and regional office Engineers.

planning seminar workshops into Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao Clusters to effectively get the participation on committing irrigated areas to be self sufficient onward, he added. He showed appreciation for the conduct of this seminar because by this, they were able to monitor and draw commitments to accomplish targets and track workplans for CY 2013 and CY 2014. Despite the typhoon, the accomplishment which were presented during the workshop will mean a lot to the agencies concerned.

PARISFIA VISITS NAPAL-CONEL IA AT SARANGANI

by: Tony Apiag, IDO - Davao del Sur IMO

Padada River Irrigation System Federation of Irrigators Association (PARISFIA), under Davao del Sur IMO conducted an Educational Trip last September 18-19, 2012 to visit the outstanding Irrigators Association, 1st runner up Nationwide Awardee Napal-Conel Road IA (NACORIA) Inc. at Lagao, General Santos City, Sarangani Province. As per their objec-

tive, this visit enabled them to interact with the farmers of the said IA and gain innovative ideas in terms of Operation and Management. Through this activity, the farmers could develop their individual IA, improve their performance and become one of the outstanding IAs nationwide. The IAs visited the historical sites of the said location and nearby provinces, like Gumasa Beach Resort, Glan, Sarangani Province for their meeting with an atmosphere close to nature. They also headed for Lake Sebu, a natural lake in the municipality of Lake Sebu, South Cotabato within Allah Valley where wonders of nature are worth the travel to that place. The IAs learned that the place has been recognized as the country's most important watershed and makes the participants acquire an idea on the importance of maintaing this kind of water impounding facilities. This is one of the many bodies of water tapped by irrigation systems serving the provinces of Sultan Kudarat and South Cotabato.



PARISFIA (6 IA s of Padada RIS, Davao del Sur) TEP at Napal-Conel IA, Sarangani Province on September 18-19, 2012.

Assisted by the NIA personnel, PARISFIA express their gratitude the support extended to them in their quest more knowledge and technology enhancement.