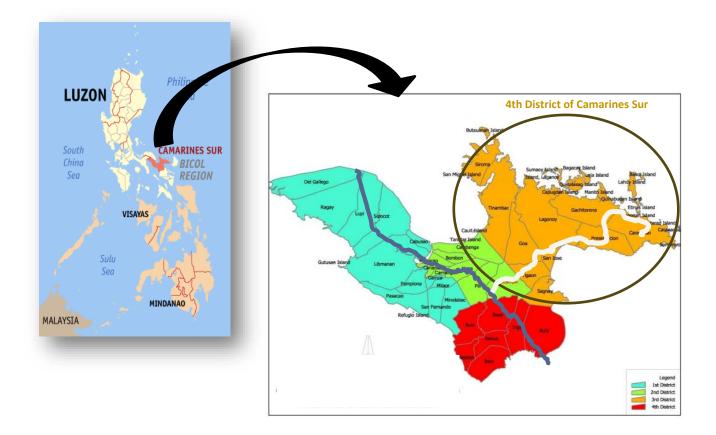


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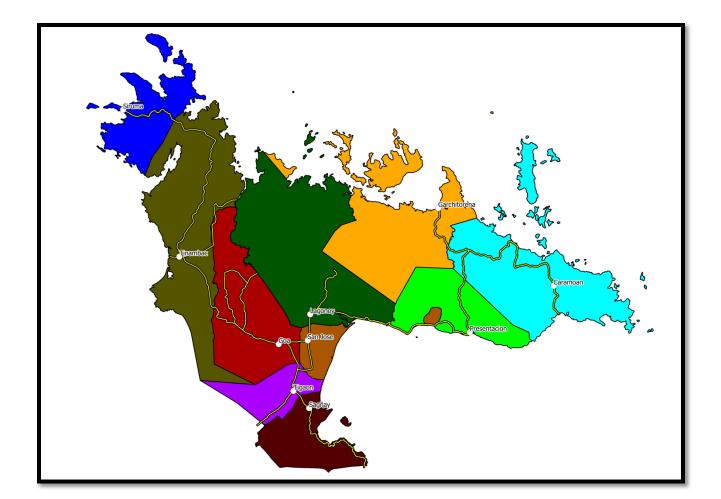
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Tree Planting Activity



Pursuant to PDA Board resolution no. 19 series of 2013 Approving the Release of P142,000.00 and Further Authorizing the Disbursement Of said Amount for the Tree Planting Activity, the PDA spearheaded the first of a series of tree planting activities in the municipalities of Partido.

With the active leadership of PDA Board Chaiman and Tinambac Mayor Ruel Velarde, the tree planting activity was conducted in Cawaynan Spring Watershed Area, near the source of the PDA Water Supply System for the municipality.

The tree planting activity is envisioned as a continuing undertaking of the agency in support of the Partido Water Supply System project. As the district's major provider of level III water, the agency recognizes the need to actively conduct tree planting activities to ensure the sustainable supply of water for the district.

The activity was participated in by the students and faculty of the Cawaynan High School, Local Government Unit of Tinambac and the PDA Board of Directors and employees. A total of ____ Pili trees were planted. The PWSS-Tinambac employees shall monitor the growth of the trees.

The PDA shall further conduct tree planting activities in other Partido municipalities by 2013.



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Mobile Information Technology CLassroom

PARTIDO DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION QUALITY EDUCATION SA PARTIDO PROGRAM Mobile Information Technology Classroom Project 2012 MITC SUMMARY OF EVALUATION January to December 2012

	TEACHERS' EVALUATION				STUDENTS' EVALUATION					
SCHOOL	PRE-TEST Respon- dents	PRE-TEST Passing rate	POST- TEST Respon- dents	POST- TEST Passing rate	PRE-TEST & POST- TEST Variance	PRE-TEST Respon- dents	PRE-TEST Passing rate	POST- TEST Respon- dents	POST- TEST Passing rate	PRE-TEST & POST- TEST Variance
SECOND ROUND IMPLEMENTATION - (HIGH SCHOOLS)										
1. Burabod HS - Garchitorena	2	100%	2	100%	-	18	0%	30	50%	50.00
2. Binagasbasan HS - Garchitorena	5	40%	5	100%	60.00	30	0%	30	83%	83.00
3. Balaton HS - Lagonoy	9	67%	9	100%	33.00	64	3%	64	80%	77.00
4. Tandoc HS, Siruma	6	83%	6	100%	17.00	237	20%	237	51%	31.00
5. Vito HS, Siruma	6	50%	6	100%	50.00	204	25%	204	53%	28.00
TOTAL	28	68%	28	100%	50.00	553	10%	565	63%	28.00
FIRST ROUND IMPLEMENTATION (ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS)	1	I		1	I		I		<u> </u>	
1. Tigaon Central Pilot ES-Tigaon	46	41%	46	80%	39.00	207	93%	207	95%	2.00
2. Libod ES -Tigaon	6	33%	6	100%	94.00	20	5%	20	100%	95.00
3. Tigaon North Central ES- Tigaon	17	6%	17	76%	70.00	101	67%	101	95%	28.00
4. Don Tomas Garchitorena ES - Tig	7	0%	7	100%	100.00	23	35%	23	96%	61.00
5. Tinawagan ES - Tigaon	18	17%	18	100%	83.00	83	43%	83	92%	49.00
6. Mabalodbalod ES - Tigaon	14	64%	14	100%	36.00	79	61%	79	67%	6.00
7. Salvacion ES - Tigaon	8	13%	8	100%	87.00	67	40%	67	75%	35.00
8. Panagan ES - Tigaon	6	17%	6	100%	83.00	20	10%	20	100%	90.00
9. Gingaroy ES - Tigaon7	4	25%	4	100%	75.00	19	74%	19	89%	15.00
10. Consocep ES - Tigaon	4	0%	4	100%	100.00	17	0%	17	71%	71.00
11. Caraycayon ES - Tigaon	7	0%	7	100%	100.00	35	34%	35	100%	66.00
12. Huyon-huyon ES	14	14%	14	79%	65.00	68	87%	68	94%	7.00
13. Cabalinadan ES	7	0%	7	71%	71.00	11	55%	11	100%	45.00
14. Juanita Clerigo ES	5	80%	5	100%	20.00	37	41%	37	65%	24.00
15. Casuna ES	5	80%	5	100%	20.00	30	67%	30	90%	23.00
16. San Miguel ES	7	43%	7	86%	43.00	23	70%	23	78%	8.00
17. Abo ES	7	71%	7	71%	-	17	24%	17	65%	41.00
18. San Antonio ES	5	80%	5	100%	20.00	36	64%	36	92%	28.00
TOTAL	187	32%	187	92%	20.00	893	48%	893	87%	28.00









Mobile Information Technology Classroom

As originally designed in the Memorandum of Agreement between the PDA and the Department of Science and Technology-Science Education Institute (DOST-SEI) in 2008, the MITC participants are secondary school students and teachers.

However, after careful evaluation, both parties mutually agreed to change its participants to elementary school pupils since majority of the public secondary schools in Partido now have computer laboratories and IT lessons included in their curriculum. Comparatively, most public elementary schools in Partido still have no access to computers, thus, the deployment of the MITC to these schools addresses the need to break the technology barrier among grade school pupils to help them keep up with private schoolers in the technology age.

For its 2012 deployment, the MITC served a total of _____ pupils, and _____ teachers.

Competent IT instructors from the Partido State University handled the MITC lessons for the participating schools.

The MITC module highlights Basic literacy on computer software, hardware, internet use and trouble shooting, with emphasis on using the commonly used MS Word, Excel and Powerpoint.

Participants are subjected to Pre-test and Posttest to asses their IT knowledge before and after the MITC lessons. This is an important evaluation tool for the MITC program.

The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Department of Science and Technology was renewed on _____ following a three-year initial deployment in public secondary schools in Partido. As stipulated in the MOA, the PDA shall oversee the upkeep and maintenance of the MITC, including its equipment. Near the end of 2012, the MITC was scheduled for a major repair, rendering it unserviceable, thus for its deployment in some schools towards the end of 2012, the laptop units and equipment were brought to the participating schools.



MITC-Summer Computer Literacy						
Barangay	Deployment Date	Number of Participants				
1. Caraycayon	May 7-9, 2012	12				
2. Tinawagan	May 14-16, 2012	14				
3. Huyon-huyon	May 17-19, 2012	10				
4. Coyaoyao	May 21-23, 2012	12				
5. Casuna	May 24-26, 2012	6				
6. San Antonio	May 28-30, 2012	7				
7. Gubat	May 31- June 2, 2012	12				
8. Mabalodbalod	June 4 - 6, 2012	11				
9. Panagan	June 7 - 9, 2012	8				
10. Salvacion	June 11 - 13, 2012	16				
11. Gigñaroy	June 14 - 16, 2012	10				
12. Libod	June 18 - 20, 2012	8				
13. Cabalinadan	June 21 - 23, 2012	14				
14. May-anao	June 28 - 30, 2012	9				
TOTAL		149				

Acting on the request of the Alternative Learning System (ALS) in Tigaon through its Local Government Unit, the MITC computers were also deployed to several barangays in the municipality of Tigaon throughout the May-June school break. For this special MITC classes, a total of 149 out-ofschool youths were given free computer literacy classes. PSU instructors also facilitated the MITC classes





Career Orientation Seminar

In partnership of the Partido State University, the PDA concluded five (5) years of actively spearheading the conduct of Career Orientation Seminar (COS) in the secondary high schools in Partido. As in the previous years, the conduct of COS aims to instill in the students a wider understanding of educational and career opportunities to help them make meaningful life choices.

The COS module involves the IEC on current labor trends, scholarship options and educational opportunities to encourage students to seek further education after completing secondary school. Parents are also invited to attend the COS to motivate them to seek viable options suited for their children.

The increase in PSU enrollment has been recognized to have direct positive impact on PSU enrollment.

With the conduct of COS firmly institutionalized, the PDA is considering handing over the conduct of the district-wide COS to the PSU by 2013.

		Number of Participants								
Name of School	School Year 2008-2009		School Year 2009- 2010		School Year 2010- 2011		School Year 2011-2012			
	Students	Parents	Students	Parents	Students	Parents	Students	Parents		
TIGAON	982	43	879	86	850	35	643			
GOA	734	65	520	102	525	40	599	27		
SAN JOSE	407	0	305	25	0	0	353	0		
LAGONOY	592	52	331	15	550	0	506	0		
TINAMBAC	788	0	778	0	790	0	609	36		
PRESENTACION	309	44	205	0	0	0	259	0		
CARAMOAN	650	26	471	0	570	0	600	0		
GARCHITORENA	148	22	198	0	150	0	237	0		
SAGÑAY	373	0	237	5	225	0	316	0		
SIRUMA	194	0	211	0	105	0	163	0		
Grand Total	5,177	252	4,135	233	3,765	75	4,285	63		

CAREER ORIENTATION SEMINAR UPDATES





With the impending full implementation of the K+12 educational system, the PDA recognizes the need to innovate educational support mechanisms that will help the district transition to the new system.

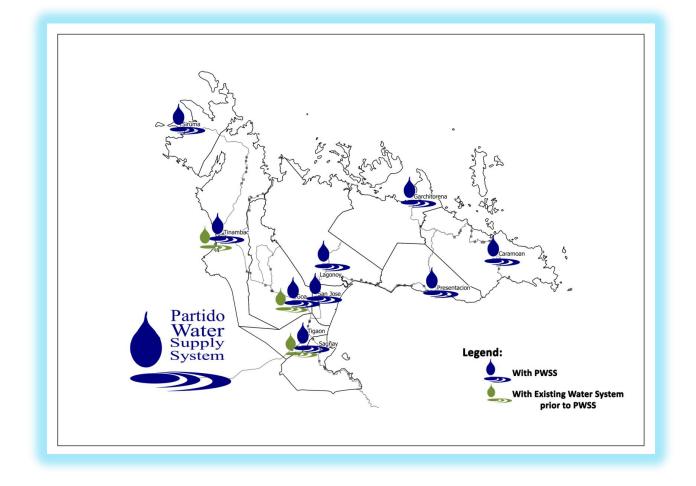
As the PDA slowly phases out of the other Q-Ed Program components, new interventions are being crafted and designed in consultation with other concerned agencies. Since the DepEd is strengthening the educational system , the PDA is looking into the introduction of a Placement Center that will cater to the needs of the district's graduates. This shall involve agencies such as the Department of Labor and Employment, Department of Trade and Industry, Department of Education, Technical Skills Development Authority and the Partido State University.

Initial exploratory discussions with these agencies were conducted by the end of 2012.



Tigaon (23)	Sagñay (19)	Goa (34)	San Jose (29)	Lagonoy (38)
1 Abo	1 Del Carmen	1 Abucayan	1 Boclod	1 Agpo
2 Caraycayon	2 Mabca	2 Bag. Grande	2 Camagong	2 Amoguis
3 Соуаоуао	3 Nato	3 Bag. Pequeño	3 Catalotoan	3 Binanuahan
4 Gingaroy	4 San Antonio	4 Belen	4 Danlog	4 Burabod
5 Gubat	5 San Isidro	5 Buyo	5 Del Carmen	5 Dahat
6 Huyon-huyon	6 San Roque	6 Catagbacan	6 Dolo	6 Gubat
7 May-anao	7 Sto. Niño	7 Digdigon	7 Kinalansan	7 Himagtocon
8 Poblacion	8 Turague	8 Gimaga	8 Manzana	8 Loho
9 Salvacion		9 Halawig gogon	9 Minoro	9 San Francisco
10 San Antonio		10 Hiwacloy	10 Sabang	10 San Isidro Norte
11 San Francisco		11 La Purisima	11 Salogon	11 San Isidro Sur
12 San Rafael		12 Matacla	12 San Antonio	12 San Rafael
13 Talojongon		13 Napawon	13 San Juan	13 San Ramon
14 Tinawagan		14 Panday	14 San Vicente	14 San Roque
15 Vinagre		15 Pinaglabanan	15 Soledad	15 San Vicente
16 *Panagan		16 San Benito	16 Sta. Cruz	16 Saripongpong
17 * Mabalodbalod		17 San Isidro	17 Telegrafo	17 Sta. Maria
18 *San Miguel		18 San Jose	18 *Bagacay	18 Tabog (Agcata)
		19 San Juan Bautista	19 *Mampirao	
		20 San Juan Evangelista	20 *Calalahan	
		21 Tagongtong	21*Pugay	
		22 Taytay		

Presentacion (18)	Tinambac (44)	Garchitorena (23)	Caramoan (49)	Siruma (22)					
1Pili	1 Bagacay	1 Barangay 1	1 Bikal	1 Barangay Poblacion					
2 Sta. Maria	2 Binalay	2 Barangay 2	2 Binanunahan	2 Vito					
	3Bolao-balite	3 Barangay 3	3 Cadong						
	4 Canayonan	4 Barangay 4	4 Caputatan						
	5 Cawaynan	5 Pambuhan	5 lawod						
	6 Filarca	6 San Vicente	6 li						
	7 La Purisima		7 Droc-osoc						
	8 Mananao		8 Salvacion						
	9 New Caluaan		9 Solnopan						
	10 Salvacion Pob.		10 Tawog						
	11 San Isidro Pob.		11 Terogo						
	12 San Pascual		12 Lubas						
	13Sogod		13 Paniman						
	14 Sta. Cruz								
	15 Salvacion								
	16 *Camagong								
	17 [*] Union								
	18 *Buenavista								
	19*Magtang								
	20 *Cagliliog								



By the end of 2012, the Partido Water Supply System has served a total of 12,076 households. With 2012 revenues amounting to _____ and collection efficiency of _____, it is the main income generating project of the PDA. Its eight water system continuously provides safe, affordable potable water, while expansion projects are being undertaken to reach out to more households and barangays in Partido.

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total No. of Active H/H Connections	6,973	7,975	8,703	9,265	9,669	9,762	11,366	11,589	12,076
Total No. of New Connections for the year	4,890	1,262	864	950	706	778	1,166	788	847
Total Vol. Of water billed/sold (cu.m.)		1,632,635	1,808,812	1,894,676	1,968,985	2,148,190	2,500,120	2,451,464	2,574,274
Ave. Monthly Consumption/HH	0.00	17.06	17.32	17.04	16.97	18.15	19.20	17.63	18.17
Total No. of Barangays covered/served			105	105	106	108	115	116	117



The PWSS has institutionalized the conduct of IEC on proper and efficient water use to new consumers as part of its social responsibility as a potable water service provider. New consumers are informed of the existing current water tariffs in the country, watersaving measures and their responsibility as water users.

To facilitate the timely issuance and distribution of the water bill to its consumers, the PWSS has also fully implemented the Read-and-Bill metering, effectively reducing the manpower requirement and greatly eliminating the probability of billing errors due to manual bill reading. Eight units are being utilized in the district by trained personnel.

By virtue of ______ and PDA Board Resolution in ______ 2012, consumers whose connections are named after Senior Citizens are given 5% discount. The existing minimum water tariff of P210/m³, one of the lowest rates in the country has been in effect since 2011 and is being maintained despite the price increase in basic commodities and the hike in water rates in other parts of the country.

Emergency Response Teams composed of plumbers are always on standby, ready to respond to reports on leakages and water disruption notices.





While the PWSS seeks to serve more household connections, it seriously acts against water pilferage in consonance with the RA _____ or water pilferage act of _____. As of December 2012, _____ illegal connections have been found out and those who were found guilty were accorded the appropriate penalty.

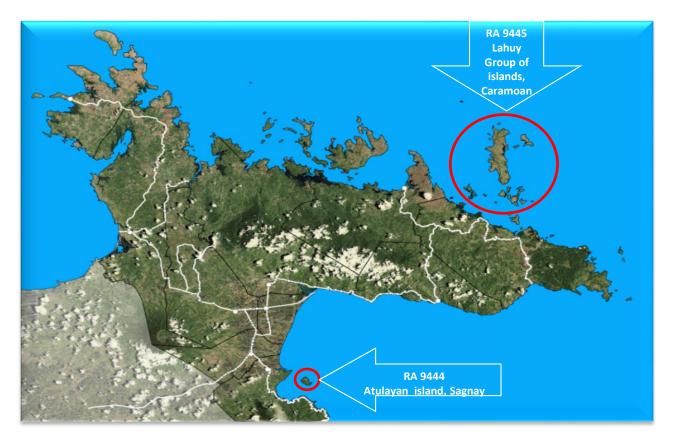


On a zero-interest loan from the government of Denmark, the Partido Water Supply System continues to be the district's major provider of safe, sustainable and affordable potable water.

Its eight water systems are designed to cater to the water need until 2015, thus, the management is seeking possible options to cater beyond 2015. The PDA puts premium on consumer safety and sustainability of supply, thus, expansion projects are carefully studied for feasibility, plant maintenance are being undertaken periodically and water conservation measures are strictly implemented.



Tourism Zones in Partido



TOURISM

Under the Republic Act 7820, the PDA is mandated to "prepare, undertake, and implement a comprehensive and integrated development program for the district."

Chapter 4 of the Master plan for Development of Partido stipulates that "Deliberate efforts shall be undertaken to develop the tourist spots in the district to make the area a major tourist destination. This shall promote eco-tourism as part of the Plan's strategy to accelerate growth and development. A program shall also be evolved to develop areas for domestic tourist to spur economic activities."

On May 9, 2007, then President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo signed into law Republic Act 9445 (An Act Declaring the Islands of Lahuy, Cotivas, Guinahuan, Luksuhin, Malibagan and Masag, Off the Northeastern Coast of the Municipality of Caramoan, Province of Camarines Sur as Tourist Zones). This law specifies that the preparation of a Tourism Master Plan for the Lahuy Group of islands shall be undertaken by the Department of Tourism (DOT), Partido Development Administration (PDA) and various stakeholders.

Following this, the PDA initiated the preparation of a Tourism Master Plan (TMP) for the Lahuy Group of Islands. As the PDA does not have enough financial and technical capability to undertake such project, the PDA management agreed to prepare the TMP in house, with the assistance of a professional volunteer from the Australian Volunteer for International Development (AVID) program and to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the LGU for resources sharing, staffing complementation and capability building of the tourism LGU based staff.



Ms. Lynette Hatton, the Australian professional volunteer was deployed to PDA on January 31, 2012. Originally, the plan was for the volunteer to assist PDA in finalizing the Terms of Reference (TOR) and review the output of the contractor. This was changed though, with the concurrence of the Administrator because Ms. Lyn Hatton insisted that given her extensive academic background and broad experience in tourism, she be the one to lead the preparation of the Tourism Master Plan. Thus it was agreed that the PDA shall undertake the preparation of the Master Plan in-house with Ms. Hatton as the Team Leader under the direct supervision of the Division Chief.

Since the onset of the TMP preparation, the PDA has coordinated with the Department of Tourism (DOT) Regional Office in Rawis, Legazpi City. Data gathering and researches have also been undertaken by the team. While the DOT has expressed willingness to provide hands-on assistance in the preparation of the plan, its workload and limited staff complement has rendered it physically unable to send representation in TMP meetings and consultations.

The team also conducted project briefings to the Sangguniang Bayan of Caramoan and Sagnay to promote awareness and acceptability of the undertaking. Overall, the local Sanggunian Bayan of the two municipalities favor the preparation of the TMP in the proposed scheme.

Site validation in other Partido municipalities were also conducted to assess their tourism potential and gather relevant data that may be considered for inclusion in the TMP.





While Caramoan remains to be the district's top tourism drawer, other municipalities in the area have their unique potential. Beaches, religious events, local festivals, distinct cuisine, centuries of churches and historic ruins have been drawing tourist to visit. Resorts and restaurants have also started in the locality.

In the early 2000s, the PDA endeavored to promote Caramoan and other Partido municipalities as torrist destinations. In partnership with the Department of Tourism, training regarding Basic Tour Guiding Techniques and Hospitality Management were conducted. The PDA and the DOT also conducted Basic Orientation on Tourism to the Partido LGUs. In the absence of accommodation facilities, homestays were promoted as alternative accommodation. The PDA also joined trade fairs and tourism exhibits in Naga City and Intramuros, Manila to promote Partido, with Caramoan as a major destination. These activities immensely help of around Partido, particularly Caramoan into the tourism market.





Caramoan has remained largely undiscovered and unexplored until it was featured in various news and local television programs. Local and foreign travelers, initially backpackers and domestic tourists, started to explore the beaches of the peninsula. Hostels and other types of accommodation facilities offering tour packages started operation in mainland Caramoan. The advent of the internet facilitated the promotion of the tourism industry in Caramoan.

When the Provincial Government developed Gota Beach and actively promoted tour packages, Caramoan gained immense popularity. It has since served as one of the venue, among other Caramoan beaches, for several international hit reality series "*Survivor*" and some local movies and television shows.

An initial site visit to Caramoan was conducted between March 18-23, 2012. This activity aimed to orient the team on the general physical status of the focal areas, the geographic location of the residents, community facilities and physical environment including the beaches and the residents on the islands. The changing tidal patterns were also discussed.

Of the six identified areas in Republic Act no. 9445, Lahuy, the biggest island composed of 4 barangays has a population of 5,501 (as of 2010 census) or 12.24% of the Caramoan's total population. The other islands are either uninhabited or sparsely populated.

As evident in the vast number of accommodation facilities in its mainland, Caramoan has visibly catered to tourists. Initial interviews with tourism industry operators reveal that over the past few years, the municipality has seen a mix of both domestic and foreign tourists, who have learned about Caramoan either through the internet or by word of mouth. The team also noted that most accommodation owners already offer packaged tours. Tourism is thriving in Caramoan and visitor arrival is steadily increasing.



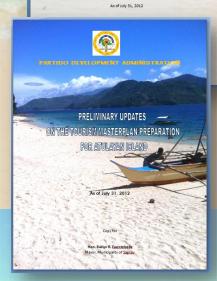
For Atulayan Island, the team also conducted familiarization visits and consultations between April-July 2012. Similarly, the local Sanggunian Bayan expressed willingness to partner with the PDA in preparing the TMP. The team conducted site validation visits to Atulayan Island and conducted consultation with the community and finalized the Preliminary updates on the Tourism Master Plan preparation in July 2012.

In August 2012, Ms. Hatton filed her resignation with the AVID program, expressly terminating her volunteer work with the PDA as the TMP team leader. The PDA accepted her resignation.

Lacking the technical expertise and manpower to finish the TMP, the PDA explored other possible partnership with the academe. By the end of December 2012, the Partido State University (PSU) and Bicol State College of Applied Science and Technology (BISCAST) were identified as possible partners, with the PSU shall lead the team, while the BISCAST shall develop and prepare the physical infrastructure developments of the plan. A Memorandum of Agreement shall be signed by the parties in 2013.



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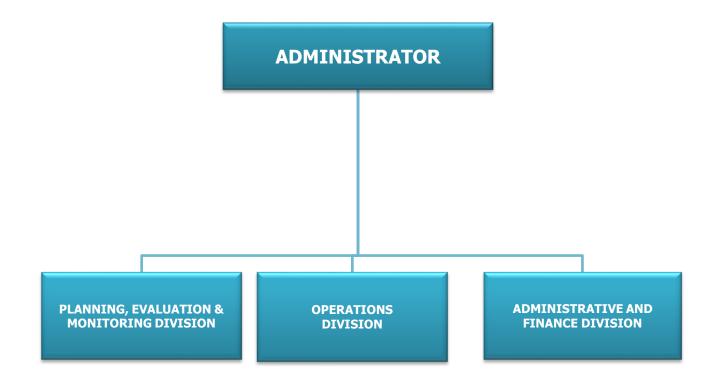






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