Local Government of General Santos City joins the entire Philippine Statistical System (PSS) in celebrating the 27th National Statistics Month this October 2016 pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 647 issued in September 1990. The city of General Santos is celebrating the 27th National Statistics Month (NSM) with the theme, “Sustainable Development: Making Statistics Count”.

Highlight of the 27th NSM month long celebration includes, Opening Program, Poster Making Contest, Impromptu Speech Contest, 1st Senior High School Statistics Quiz, 8th Gensan Secondary Statistics Challenge and Data Dissemination of the 2015 PopCen Regional and Provincial Level.

**NSM OPENING CEREMONY**

The opening program of the 27th National Statistics Month (NSM) celebration was held last October 6, 2016 at Robinson’s Place, General Santos City.

The said event was attended by representatives from Department of Interior and Local Government, National Food Authority, Philippine Statistics Authority, Department of Education, Philippine Information Authority—SarGen and the Local Civil Registrar, Philippine Information Agency, representatives from 17 secondary public and private schools.

Welcome address was given by Dennis Fel Matutina, EnP of the City Planning and Development Office represented the City Planning and Development Coordinator.

**SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**

- NSM Opening
- Public secondary schools lead the impromptu speaking and poster making contest for Secondary Schools
- MSU: leads the GENSAN SECONDARY STATISTICS CHALLENGE
- A tie for the first senior high school statistics quiz
Extemporaneous speaking and postermaking contest were held during the opening day of the NSM celebration last October 6, 2016 at Robinson’s Place, General Santos City.

There were 17 schools that participated in the events.

Winners in the Impromptu speaking were: 1st—Justin John Lius (Lagao National High School), 2nd—Yusra Hana Ambia (Fatima National High School), 3rd—Lalaine Durato (Irineo Santiago National High School of Metro Dadiangas). Winners were given trophy and medals plus a cash prize of 1st—P1000.00, 2nd and 3rd—P500.00

Winners in the Poster making contest were: 1st—Mary Maxine Nicolas (Ramon Magaysay Memorial Colleges), 2nd—Jan Paterson Poblete (New Era University), 3rd—Sharlit Ubanan (Antonio Buenano Sr. High School). First place winners received a cash prize of P1,000.00, second and third place winners received P500.00. All winners received medals and trophies courtesy of the Office of the City Mayor.
PSQ SarGen Elimination in General Santos City was held last October 27, 2016 at the Levylou Events Place, South Osmeña. The competition was participated by 19 schools in GenSan. Each school was represented by 2 contestants.

This year’s Grand Champion came from Mindanao State University—GSC Campus. This is the first time in 8 years that Mindanao State University garnered the top place.

The winners for this years StatQuiz were: First—Virnarose Stephanie B. Barsanalina (MSU-CETD); Second—Yusra Hana M. Ambia (Fatima High School); Third—Julius Carlo F. Franco (MSU-CETD); Fourth—Verna Mae Flores (Banisil National High School); Fifth—Marslegen Quisto (General Santos City National High School) and Sixth—Kryslene Joy Andres (Lanton High School). The winners got medals, trophies and cash prizes.

The Gensan Secondary Statistics Challenge is an annual competition designed to test senior high school students’ knowledge of statistics. It aims to promote, enhance, and instill appreciation on the value of the statistics among Filipino youth. It also seeks to generate greater public awareness on the importance of statistics in development planning and gain better cooperation in government statistical activities.
A Tie for the First Senior High School Statistics Quiz

The 1st Senior High School Statistics Quiz was held last October 27, 2016 at Levylou Event Place, South Osmeña, GSC. It was participated by 21 Senior High Schools both from private and public schools in the city. Each school was represented by 1 contestant.

A tie was declared for the rival schools in statistics quiz namely Mindanao State University-CETD and General Santos City National High School, winners were Bennette James F. Valencia and Ryan Joshua D. Vergara respectively. Other winners were: Second—Gleamuel Hanz Joseph B. Bacerra (Lagao National High School); Third—Andre Robyn D. Patungog (Brokenshire College SoCCSKSargen Inc.; Fourth—KylRosille Morato (Lagao National High-School—Annex). The winners got medals, trophies and cash prizes from the Office of the City Mayor.

The first Senior High School was conducted in lieu of the Philippine Statistics Quiz. (The annual Philippine Statistics Quiz (PSQ), was conducted to encourage all Filipino first time freshmen students currently enrolled during the second semester of the school year in colleges and universities all over the country. It aims to assess the competency and skills of students in statistics as acquired from the secondary education curriculum. It likewise hopes to promote, enhance, and instill awareness and appreciation of the importance and value of statistics among the students. It also seeks to generate public awareness on the importance of statistics in all development-planning activities and win overall support for all government statistical activities. The PSQ was launched in 1992 by the former National Statistics Office (NSO) and the PSAI.) This is because of the implementation of the K-12 program of the Department of Education, there is an absence of Freshmen students in colleges and universities thus PSQ cannot be conducted. To be able to continue the advocacy in the awareness and appreciation the importance of statistics the first Senior High School Statistics Quiz was born. The PSQ will resume in 2018.
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