PFDA earns bigger net in 3rd qtr

The Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA) generated a gross income of PHP 502,231,651.15 million up to the third quarter of 2014, representing about 5.46% increase from the gross income of PHP 476,240,637.51 million for the same period in 2013. Subsequently, the agency’s net income for 2013 also exceeded the net earnings in 2013 by PHP 1,926,394.38 million for the same period. This figure may still increase significantly if proceeds for the last quarter of the year are finally included.

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**Table 1**

The gross financial output is comprised of income from the PFDA’s fish port complexes as indicated in the consolidated statement of income and expenses reported by the Finance Services Department (FSD). The growth in earnings is attributed to the significant increase in revenues in five regional fish ports, spearheaded by IFPC, which generated 25% increase, and CFPC, which collected an increase of 17.30% as compared in 2013 (see Table 1). The NPFPC, GFPC and SFPFC also generated increments, ranging from 2.40% in GFPC to 10.28% in IFPC.

Of the total gross income for the 3rd quarter of 2014, 50.38 percent was contributed by the agency’s premier fish port—the NPFPC, followed by the GFPC which accounted for 48.18 percent (see Table 2). Combined, the two fish ports accounted for 74% of the total agency’s earnings.

Across all regional fish ports, Business Income contributed 68.39% (see table 3) of the Gross Income.

FSD holds FMRR for GCG compliance

The Finance Services Department conducted a seminar-workshop on Financial Management and Reportorial Requirements (FMRR), attended by 55 accountable officers from the Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA) Central Office and regional fish ports and held at the Central Office on October 1-3, 2014. Some managers also joined the workshop which was run in coordination with the Administrative Services Department’s Human Resource Division.

The objective of the seminar was to familiarize and inform all accountable officers about new forms and additional reports that are being required by the Governance Commission for GOCCs (GCG) and Commission on Audit (COA). Further, the seminar was expected to enable PFDA officers and employees to have a thorough appreciation of the pertinent laws, rules and procedures relative to financial and budgetary matters.
IFPC to open new processing plant for investors

Anticipating income regeneration, Iloilo Fish Port Complex (IFPC) looks forward to the completion and formal launch of its 500-square-meter marine processing plant which shall be leased out to big processing companies.

Still under construction, prospective lessees had already signified their interest to build partnerships with the port. The project is expected to revitalize investments in the marine industry of Iloilo.

The rehabilitation of the port’s old processing plant was proposed in 2009 when Japan International Cooperation Agency conducted a study on IFPC; however, due to the tsunami that hit Japan in 2011, the agency’s recommendation of a new facility construction inside the port did not materialize.

Because of increase in companies that are involved in fish processing, IFPC pursued the plan by constructing a new plant with the assistance of Senator Franklin Drilon and funding from the Department of Agriculture.

The design of the plant and other ancillary facilities was completed with consultations from the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources. The plant’s structure was planned to meet the requirements of the Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points (HACCP) and European Union standards.

Further, the IFPC management will implement a stringent Maintenance Program which will require port engineers to check from time to time the facilities rented out to the clients.

Aside from the marine processing building construction, IFPC is also overhauling other port amenities such as harbor facilities, market hall, refrigeration building, water supply system, gales, perimeter fence, and power and electrical lines. (Mona Barbara Brodick)

GSFPC initiates 'Giving Thursday'

In the tradition of giving and sharing of blessings from the bounty of the sea, the General Santos Fish Port Complex (GSFPC) hoped to start its own giving day, inspired by the United States’ “Giving Tuesday,” a US movement to create a national day of giving at the beginning of the holiday season and often stylized as #GivingTuesday. GSFPC with the members of GSFPC Employees’ Multi-Purpose Cooperative (GEMPCO) led the outreach program at the Purok Sta. Gemma Community at Brgy. Tambler on December 11, 2014. Gensan’s very own “Giving Thursday” bridged the cooperatives to the community by giving out rice and grocery items to 40 of its families.

GSFPC Officer-in-Charge Port Manager Custodio L. Balasing, Jr. who started this collaboration with the employees’ cooperative encouraged all personnel to donate rice and other goods for this outreach program. More than 200 kilos of rice were collected, re-bagged and distributed.

Part of the outreach program was a feeding activity sponsored by the GEMPCO. The cooperative spent no expense with a Jollibee meal treat for every kid, with the Jollibee mascot himself making the meal complete for the kids.

The community children were also gathered for some fun time as they played popular parlor games. Being naturally energetic and cheerful at heart, the children actively participated and enjoyed the matches immensely.

The children’s happiness was immeasurable and every smile showing the community members appreciation of giving and sharing gave significance to this outreach activity. Truly, it was a #GivingThursday for the GSFPC. (Fritzie Leviste)
Sweeter the second time around

Reg. 4-B wins Gawad Saka Capture Fisheries 2014

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Regional fisher Tauro, a Negros Occidental native who moved to Sablayan, Oriental Mindoro to till his father’s five-hectare rice field. He is a Tauro of All Trades. The Region IV-B’s returning finalist Ernesto C. Tauro, a fisher since 1984, finally got to taste the sweet fruit of his 30 years of labor. Tauro, 54, received his first ever National Gawad Saka Award for Capture Fisheries Category at the Philippine International Convention Center on December 18, 2014. The Gawad Saka Award, which aims to recognize outstanding fishes and farmers all over the country, came with P150,000.00 cash prize.

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The search for Capture Fisheries category uses the following criteria:

1. The fisherman—Character and Management Skills—with 15 points;
2. Fishing Operation—Actual Fishing, Post-Fishing Practices, Productivity of Fishing Operation, Sustainability, and Other Fishery-Related Activities/Business—with 35 points;
4. Socio-Economic—Family and Community—with 15 points; and
5. Other Sources of income with 5 points.

The National Technical Committee (NTC) for the Capture Fisheries category is composed of employees from the Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA) and Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources. PFDA General Manager Eduardo Chu serves as the Chairman, Girlie Haring as Vice Chairman, Maria Theresa Francisco as Member and Amber Lyn Alonso as Coordinator/Secretary. Irene Fernadez and Marylene Mantriza of BFAR also serve as members of the NTC.

For more than two decades that the agency is involved in supporting this program to recognize outstanding fishermen nationwide, government workers and other fishers, even the NTC members, who conduct field validations, get inspired by how a love for the sea can change lives such as that of Tauro’s. (Amber Alonzo)
How to celebrate Christmas in many ways

1. Go out of the four corners of the building. This year, the PFDA committee for the Christmas party decided to celebrate the season outside the office premises to give a much lighter ambiance, leaving all the work behind for just a single day. The focus on this year’s celebration is on the small families, may it be a department or a unit, which were expected to be in unity even in recreational activities.

2. Hire a not-so-high-end band that offers first-rate performance. To complete the light ambiance, the agency, through the assistance of its general manager, hired a band for a joyful, danceable party.

3. Put up a photo booth for memories’ sake. Setting up a photo booth does not need to be expensive. This year, the PFDA committee on the Christmas celebration set up an improvised photo booth. The backdrop materials were all recycled Christmas decors and the booth accessories were sourced out from an employee. Who said photo booths require budget? This one did not.

4. Make raffle draws for everyone. It is a usual thing that raffle draw winners are often called as lucky ones for having their names or entries picked up in random. Yet, for PFDA, it is important that each one will go home carrying a raffle gift. This year, General Manager Eduardo Chu purchased gifts himself to complete the 167 presents for the rank-and-file employees. True enough, everyone went home with a present on hand. Some even got not-handy gifts such as washing machine and television.

5. Never miss out to thank the Lord. Of course, the spirit of Christmas, of giving and of sharing, will not be complete without remembering the reason for the season. The PFDA also heard the word of God through holding a service/mass before the program started. Getting reminded of why the Savior is born is what fills the spirit of Christmas after all.