



## PS-DBM CARRIES ON WITH PROCUREMENT AND SERVICE IN CELEBRATING THE HOLIDAY SEASON

As the year comes to a close, procurement and service remain at the core of operations of the Procurement Service – Department of Budget and Management (PS-DBM) after facilitating strategic activities in the last quarter of 2022.

In the PS-DBM Year-end Assessment held on December 15-16, officials and employees looked back on the agency's commitments for 2022, and evaluated the level of accomplishment for each target. In the same evaluation, other crucial matters such as the existing initiatives, programs, and projects; performance gaps; risks, issues, and concerns; actions taken; agreements; and areas for improvement were assessed. The activity also springboarded the plans and goals for 2023.

It was also on December 16 when the PS-DBM 4th Quarter Sports Fest concluded, which brought back the same teams among functional groups during the 44th anniversary celebration in October: Office of the Executive Director (OED) with PhilGEPS Group and Regional Operations Group (ROG) - White Team; Administrative and Finance Group (AFG) - Blue Team; Operations Group (OG) - Green Team; and Procurement Group (PG) - Yellow Team.

Aimed at improving workplace culture and keeping employees mentally and physically healthy, the sporting events that commenced on November 28 included basketball, volleyball, badminton, table tennis, darts, chess, scrabble, and online games Mobile Legends and Call of Duty.



# The **GIFT** of **GIVING**

Enlivening the spirit of the holiday season, all year-end activities of PS-DBM are anchored on the theme “*Pasko at Serbisyo para sa Diyos, Bayan, at Mamamayan.*” This envisions the employees’ continuous fulfillment of service for God, Country, and the Filipino people.

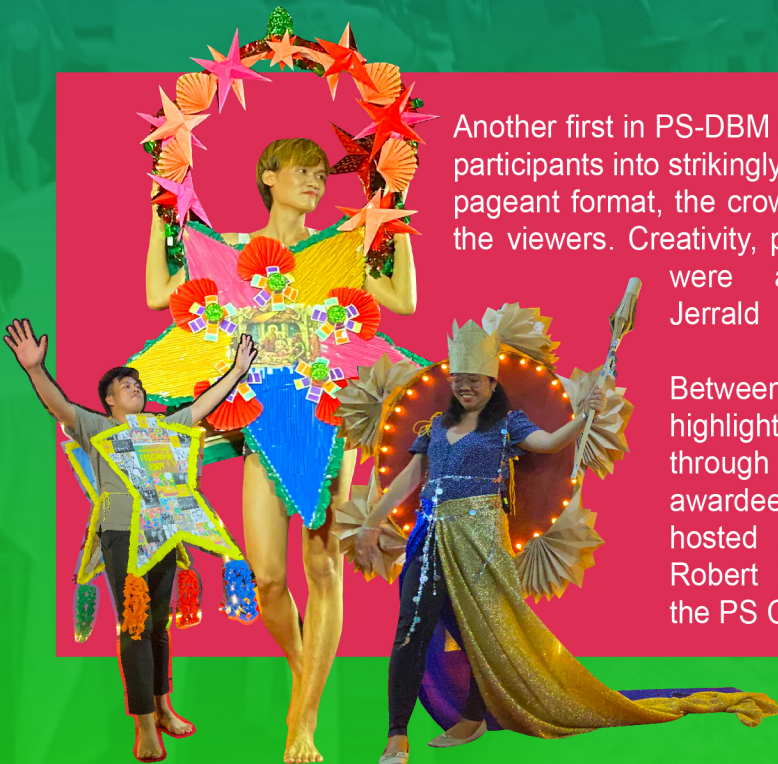


ED Santiago formally commences the PS-DBM Christmas celebration with his opening remarks.

“Ang Christmas ay panahon ng *pagbibigayan*. What’s a better way to give than to give yourself? ... Let’s celebrate each other... We thank everyone for making PS a formidable team, that is why we call it ONE PS-DBM... Let’s look forward to a promising year next year, of course with all your contribution and participation,” ED Atty. Dennis S. Santiago said in his opening remarks during the agency’s Christmas Party on December 20.

The night of the celebration — facilitated in hybrid mode to gather all employees of PS Main and regional depots nationwide — kicked off with “*Himig Pasko*,” the first-ever chorale competition in PS-DBM. The joyful music from the showcase of Christmas songs, carols, and medleys filled not only the air but also the listeners’ souls.

Judged based on voice quality, interpretation, stage presence, and costume, the Green Team of OG Director Atty. Philip Vera Cruz — composed of personnel from the OG Director’s Office, Warehouse and Delivery Division, Marketing and Sales Division (MSD), and Inspection Division — exhibited the winning performance to clinch the historic victory.



Another first in PS-DBM was the “*Taong-Parol*” challenge, which transformed the participants into strikingly vibrant human-sized Christmas lanterns. Presented in a pageant format, the crowd’s participation for the audience impact criteria hyped the viewers. Creativity, presentation, resourcefulness, and adherence to theme were also determined. Green Team’s representative, Jerrald Dancalan, eventually emerged as the top model.

Between these competitions were other segments that highlighted the skills and talents of the PS-DBM workforce through games and performances. Raffles and recognition of awardees also formed part of the program, hosted by Atty. Lyodichie Camarao of Legal Division and Robert Humarang of MSD, with guests and judges from the PS Commission on Audit.





Finally, with much anticipation, the overall championship was bestowed upon the Yellow Team of PG Director Atty. Genmaries Entredicho-Caong — also winning the “Pasko Sa Nayon” contest for their sustainable, creative, and visually impactful workstation decorations.

The event concluded with the crowd on their feet as The Dawn’s *Salamat* played.

“*Salamat at tayo’y magkasamang muli... Salamat at tayo’y may pinagsamahan. Salamat, tunay kong kaibigan*” aptly expressed everybody’s message for one other — instilling gratitude, appreciation, and camaraderie among all.



## The **GIFT** ✨ ✨ of **FAMILY**

While colleagues are undoubtedly considered family, nobody is as dear as our loved ones. In recognition of the importance of fostering ties of kindred, the PS-DBM Family Day was held on December 22 — getting together employees’ family members, children, and pets at the workplace.



Speaking before a crowd of kids, their parents and guardians, AFG Director Atty. Faydah Dumarpa reiterated PS-DBM's commitment to cultivate a culture of work-life balance in the office. This, she believes, will boost the morale and confidence of employees as they find more meaning at work.

It was evident in the smile on the guests' and visitors' faces that the event was a good time as they joined in activity booths that featured fun games such as basketball, ring toss, bottle shooting, balloon popping, drawing and coloring, among others. They were also treated to an enchanting experience with a magic show.



Children put their hands together as they enjoy the program.



A kid takes his shot at one of the activity booths.



Stuffed toys are claimed as prizes for various games.



Groups of friends line up for the photo booth.



Children showcase their creativity in coloring printed pages of random figures.

These year-end activities were spearheaded by the Events Committee chaired by Samantha Grace Moscoso, along with members from each functional group.



