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Solemnizing Officers and Mayors from Bicol join the 8NC SO in Davao City

A total of 108 participants comprised the Bicol Region's delegation in the 8th National Convention of Solemnizing Officers (8NC SO) on August 6 to 8, 2013 at the SMX Convention Center, Davao City. All over the region, 50 Local Civil Registrars, 28 City/Municipal Mayors, eight (8) Solemnizing Officers and 22 other participants attended the convention to be updated on topics on marriage laws, experiences in solemnization and registration of marriages, and registration of the authority to solemnize marriage and issuance of the Certificate of Registration of Authority to Solemnize Marriage (CRASM). All the discussions were anchored on the theme "Civil Registration: Bringing Public Service Closer to the People".

Of the six provinces of Region V, Camarines Sur had the largest number of participants with 24 attendees. Camarines Norte was represented by 23 delegates, Albay with 21, Masbate with 19, Catanduanes with 12, and Sorsogon with nine participants. In her opening message, Hon. Carmelita N. Ericta, NSO Administrator and Civil Registrar General proudly announced the many accomplishments of NSO in keeping up with information and technology in enhancing civil registration system, particularly marriage registration and archiving and accessing information on Solemnizing Officers and for CRASM applications. The convention's Keynote Speaker, Chief of the Public Attorney's Office, Hon. Persida Rueda – Acosta expressed her delight that NSO had already fulfilled the theme of the convention through various innovations on civil registration geared towards quality public service delivery.

Among the many interesting papers presented in the convention were the following:

- Juan Click Information Center by Ariel R. Florendo, Director, Region VII, NSO

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