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## DTI honors 2020 SPRINTS Huwarang DTI Awardees



*Department of Trade and Industry Secretary Alfredo E. Pascual commended Huwarang DTI awardees, Executive of the Year, DTI-Davao Del Norte Provincial Director Romeo L. Castanaga and Employee of the Year, Center for International Trade Expositions and Missions' (CITEM) Windy P. Anonuevo during the SPRINTS 2020 awarding ceremony on 3 August 2023.*

**DTI Davao Del Norte Provincial Director Romeo L. Castanaga** and **Center for International Trade Expositions and Missions (CITEM) Senior Trade and Industry Specialist Windy P. Anonuevo** bagged the Executive of the Year and Employee of the Year, respectively, in the System on Performance Rewards and Incentives (SPRInts) 2020 held 3 August 2023 via Zoom.

Themed *“Tapestries of Tenacity: Celebrating DTI Resolve and Creativity,”* the awarding ceremony lauds DTI employees and officials for their heroic acts done in the public interest, through sustained work performance, and consistent manifestation of outstanding work outputs. These Huwarang DTI have outstandingly exemplified *Serbisyong Higit Pa Sa Inaasahan* amidst the COVID-19 Pandemic.

In his congratulatory message, **DTI Secretary Alfredo E. Pascual** lauded all the DTI Bayaning Kawani for their remarkable achievements and unparalleled commitment to public service and expressed his utmost respect and admiration for being the driving force behind DTI's success.

*“An organization is likened to be a fabric and the people in it are the fiber that produces a rich tapestry, especially during times of challenges where color and weave intertwine into a strong canvas. This year’s theme aptly describes the achievement of the men and women working behind the Department who made the distinction of overcoming tremendous odds during a trying pandemic to help the nation get back on its feet,”* the Secretary said.

Guest of Honor **Civil Service Commission (CSC) Chairman Karlo Alexei B. Nograles** delivered his heartfelt keynote to all *Bayaning Kawani*. *“As a former Cabinet Secretary, I worked with the DTI in various initiatives to make sure that the delivery of services remain uninterrupted despite the varying levels of quarantine implemented in 2020 & 2021. I got to witness firsthand your commitment to public service and now as CSC Chairperson, kita at ramdam pa rin ang patuloy na paglilingkod ng DTI sa ating mga kababayan as we strive to build back more,”* Nograles said.



*SPRINTS Awards Guest of Honor Civil Service Commission Chairperson Karlo Alexei B. Nograles cited the contribution of all DTI Bayaning Kawani and highlighted DTI’s outstanding services to the public especially in times of crisis.*

Moreover, he underscored DTI's acts of excellence and *malasakit* in public service amidst the pandemic.

*“Despite the challenges and apprehensions, the Lingkod Bayani of DTI performed their sworn duties and responsibilities including price monitoring activities to ensure*

compliance with Standard Retail Prices (SRPs), ensured stable supply of food and medical products in coordination with manufacturers and continued to assist Micro Small Medium Enterprises (MSMEs),” he added.



*Management Service Group (MSG) Undersecretary Ireneo V. Vizmonte congratulated Huwarang DTI awardees who exemplified “Serbisyong Higit Pa Sa Inaasahan” amidst the Covid-19 Pandemic in 2020.*

Likewise, **DTI Management Services Group (MSG) Undersecretary Ireneo V. Vizmonte** affirmed Huwarang DTI awardees for their remarkable resilience and unwavering determination displayed throughout the challenging year of 2020.

*“Today, we shall witness the culmination of 2020 DTI SPRINTs Award, a platform to celebrate and honor exceptional resolve demonstrated by DTI employees who overcame adversities and continue to fulfill their responsibilities amidst the pandemic,” Usec. Vizmonte said.*

During the awarding ceremony, Executive of the Year Castanaga, in his acceptance speech said, *“I’d like to dedicate this recognition to my family, DTI, and DTI-Region 11 who manifested Serbisyong Higit Pa Sa Inaasahan. Indeed, overcoming adversities in the midst of a pandemic is our greatest achievement. Again, I congratulate my fellow Kawani for the leadership and commitment you’ve shown amidst the pandemic.”*

On the same note, Employee of the Year Anonuevo dedicated the recognition to her CITEM family, particularly the agency’s former Executive Director who served as the driving force behind the digital transformation in CITEM, and the whole DTI family.

*“It is truly a privilege to accept this award. I understand that 2020 was never an easy year for everyone and for that, I’d like to share this award to all employees of DTI who managed to pull through despite all and delivered what is expected of us. Thank you as well to my former Executive Director who was my mentor and the one who made it*

*possible to cultivate an environment of innovation and for us to grow and learn. She paved the way for allowing young emerging leaders to lead in CITEM,” she said.*

Functional Groups and Island Groups finalists received recognition for Most Innovative Idea Award and Heroic Service Award for Outstanding Government Service.

Also, *Serbisyong Tapat* (10-40 years in service), and *Salamat, Mabuhay* (retirees) Awardees were also recognized during the event.

Attending the online event were DTI officials and employees including **Office of the Secretary Chief of Staff Undersecretary Carolina P. Sanchez, Management Service Group (MSG) Undersecretary Ireneo V. Vizmonte, Regional Operations Group (ROG) Undersecretary Blesila A. Lantayona, ROG Assistant Secretary Leonila Baluyut, Human Resource and Administrative Service (HRAS) Director Joel R. Cruz, Planning Management Service (PMS) Director Robert T. Arceo, and Knowledge Management and Information Service (KMIS) Officer-in-charge Alfonso M. Valenzuela.**

The SPRInts awards program is led by HRAS, in cooperation with PMS and KMIS under the MSG.

SPRInts was established by virtue of Executive Order No. 292 (Administrative Code of 1987), Civil Service Commission Memorandum Circular No. 01 Series of 2001 (Program on Rewards and Incentives for Service Excellence), and Department Order No. 15-12 (Strategic Performance Management System) as amended by Department Order No. 113, Series of 2017 (DTI Program on Rewards, Awards and Incentives for Service Excellence).

<b>2020 SPRINTS Winners, Finalists &amp; Semi-Finalists</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Office</b>	<b>Award</b>
Romeo L. Castanaga	Region 11	Executive of the Year
Windy P. Anonuevo	CITEM	Employee of the Year
Edna D. Dizon	Region 3	Finalist, ExoY
Marissa C. Argente	Region 4-A	Finalist, ExoY
Maridel D. Dengal	Region 9	Finalist, ExoY
Emerson Q. Labang	TPG	Finalist, EoY
Pedro T. Defensor, Jr.	CDA	Finalist, EoY
Marivic V. Aguilar	Region 7	Finalist, EoY
Maricris I. Gabia	Region 10	Finalist, EoY

Joseph H. Dela Pena	NCRO	Finalist, EoY
Mary Anne C. Dy	Region 2	Finalist, EoY
Melanie G. Binauhan	IPOPHIL	Finalist, EoY
Grace DC. Aduca	Region 9	Semi-Finalist, ExoY
Rachel S. Remitio	Region 11	Semi-Finalist, ExoY
Al-Zamir I. Lipae	Region 9	Semi-Finalist, ExoY
Ma. Guiza B. Lim	BIS	Semi-Finalist, EoY
Napoleon Ferdinand L. Melendres	MSG-OSEC	Semi-Finalist, EoY
Freedcarmariam D. Gonzaga	CARAGA	Semi-Finalist, EoY
Ricci H. Torio	FTEB	Semi-Finalist, EoY
Ma. Theresa g. Faustino	BTIPR	Semi-Finalist, EoY
Wena M. Buston	CAR	Semi-Finalist, EoY
Benigno Q. Ponce	Region 1	Semi-Finalist, EoY

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