

## **State of the Municipal Address (SOMA) Mayor Fortunato “Bic-bic” Abrenila delivered on December 10, 2013 at Capt Goyo Casenas Hall, Jagna, Bohol.**

### **First 100 days and beyond**

Winning in the elections is not all that matters. There is the reality of governance anchored on the tenets of transparency, accountability, participation and “good” governance.

I thank the people of Jagna as a whole for electing me this second time. I thank God for another opportunity of serving.

My respects to our municipal vice mayor and members of the sangguniang bayan; Punong Barangays; religious organizations; representatives of the parish, NGOs, national government agencies, the private sector, the media, guests, ladies and gentlemen:

This is the first opportunity for me to report to you my First 100 Days being the local chief executive. This is the most relevant gathering as the MDC is a representation of the grassroots governance – the barangays, sectoral representation and the civil society organization.

One can only do so much in 100 days. This report is anchored on the fundamentals of governance – transparency, accountability and participation and “good” governance – administrative, social, economic and environmental.

#### **TRANSPARENCY**

The municipality adheres to the principles of the Philgeps in the conduct of Bids and Awards. Financial reports are made available to the public as dictated by the Department of the Interior and Local Government. Transaction records, contracts, financial statements are accessible to the public thru our website [www.jagna.gov.ph](http://www.jagna.gov.ph) and in conspicuous areas. The website [www.jagna.gov.ph](http://www.jagna.gov.ph) provides information as to activities within the municipality, newly implemented, ongoing and accomplished projects.

Full disclosure policy of the DILG mandates to regularly update financial documents at the DILG FDP portal on time and must be posted in 3 conspicuous areas in the municipality as well as in the website. Compliance to this mandate has a great impact in maintaining the Seal of Good Housekeeping of the municipality.

Transparency is also being practiced with the Sangguniang Bayan’s sessions which can be heard on air thru Jagna Community Radio (DYJP).

The municipality is doing its best that Jagnaanons understand the activities and processes involved in the operations of the LGU.

#### **ACCOUNTABILITY**

Executive Order No. 43 was issued pursuant to this administration's commitment to strengthen transparency and accountability. EO No. 43 designated an Asset Management Officer to look into and after the assets of the LGU. This administration has started with the inventory of assets. This inventory will be updated quarterly. The inventory is significant in updating accountabilities within the LGU. There will now be an office to monitor the status of assets and properties in the LGU and ensure that there is proper accountability of such assets and properties.

Executive Order No. 46 was issued which created a team to study the internal control system. In the same manner as EO No. 43, the administration is devising strategies to adhere to the principles of accountability. By creating a system of internal control, ethical, economical, efficient and effective governance is ensured.

#### PARTICIPATION

Participation coming from the other sectors present in the municipality is active. People's Organizations, NGOs and representatives of sectors are part of the different bodies such as the Local Development Council, Local Health Board, Local School Board, Peace and Order Council.

In planning especially in bottoms up budgeting the presence of civil society organizations, NGOs is highly significant to the municipality. It ensures that all sectors in the community has a representative in the Bottoms up Budgeting.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE GOVERNANCE

In the area of Local Legislation, the 8<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Bayan led by Vice Mayor Bonifacio J. Vitruces, Jr. has been busy the past 5 months. The SB has conducted 23 sessions. There are 4 ordinances enacted – two general appropriation ordinances, 2 general ordinances and the number of resolutions enacted is already 52. The SB had already formulated their Legislative Plan. They have also been into trainings and seminars.

In development planning, the Executive-Legislative Agenda, Annual Investment Plan, Local Poverty Reduction Action Plan and several other plans were formulated. In development planning, the Executive-Legislative and Capacity Development Agenda, Annual Investment Plan, Local Poverty Reduction Action Plan and several other plans were formulated. The Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) was approved by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan. It is now within the halls of the SB for the crafting of the provisions particularly the Zoning Ordinance.

This administration has enforced the Revenue Plan.

#### SOCIAL GOVERNANCE

Programs in the municipality related to health and sanitation, social welfare and development are ongoing.

Philos Health has continuously been helping our municipality in their quarterly conduct of barangay clinics as well as bringing in a new program which is the dental health program. Manna pack supplemental feeding is being implemented in our barangays.

In disaster preparedness, the municipality was granted by the Department of Science and Technology an automatic rain gauge located in Lubcanan, Tubod Monte. We have purchased three generator sets that we used during ST Yolanda for 3 of our evacuation centers.

Municipal Ordinance No. 2-10-2013 "An Ordinance prescribing Rules on the use of Motor Siren Device as an Emergency Alarm/Noise device for alerting the public for curfew hour regulation and for other suitable purposes" was enacted.

Executive Order No. 4 created the Municipal Incident Command System (MICS) providing therein the structure, composition as well as the functions of the team as on scene disaster response and management mechanism. This MICS is activated only in response to disasters or emergencies and situations approaching crisis level. A Command Center is activated during calamities and emergencies. We did this during last year and for ST Yolanda.

The Barangay Disaster Risk Reduction Management officers of the respective barangays were given training as to their roles vis a vis the MICS . They are the ready team to pull out for coordination purposes.

The JEMRU's services are continuous.

#### ECONOMIC GOVERNANCE

The Local Government Unit's support to the agriculture sector and the fisheries sector is ongoing. We have several implemented projects for our coastal resource management and fisheries program.

Our municipal agriculture office is continuously implementing the farmer's field school and several other agriculture programs designed at increasing rice yield and high value crop production.

The JASMeD is in full support of our micro enterprises. The JASMed is focusing on group enterprises catering to 8 local products – calamay, tableya, salabat, mais kape, banana chips, pancit yaning, ube and virgin coconut oil.

#### Awards and Recognitions

The Local Government Unit of Jagna was awarded for the third time the National Pabasa sa Nutrisyon Exemplary Award from the Philippine Association of Nutrition, Inc. during their 66th Annual Convention held at the Dusit Thani Manila last July 3, 2013.

The Municipality of Jagna received another recognition from the National Nutrition Council 7 during the 9<sup>th</sup> Nutrition Action Officer's Congress held at the Marco Polo Hotel in Cebu City last August 2. The municipality earned awards and recognition as 2012 Outstanding Municipality in the Province of Bohol and in Region 7 and Consistent Regional Outstanding Winner on Nutrition (CROWN) Award for

maintaining for 3 consecutive years as outstanding municipality in Region 7. It also received the 2012 Municipal Nutrition Green Banner Award.

On November 5, 2013 Jagna received from the National Nutrition Council a total of Php 500,000 cash award and a CROWN trophy as Consistent Regional Outstanding Winner in Nutrition (CROWN) Awardee during the 2013 National Nutrition Awarding Ceremony held at the Reception Hall, Philippine International Convention Center, Pasay City. The CROWN Award is given to a municipality, city or province that has been adjudged by the interagency regional nutrition evaluation team as outstanding in the region in the implementation of its nutrition action plan for three consecutive years.

#### WORDS OF THANKS

All these things reported would not have been possible had it not been for the efforts of the people behind the operations of the LGU – all department heads and all employees; the 8<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Bayan, the partner organizations such as the Philos Health, the Civil Society Groups, NGO's, People's Organizations, the barangays and all those who worked hard to accomplish such daunting tasks. Thank you.

#### CHALLENGE

Let us all continue to work hand in hand for the progress of our beloved town Jagna! Arriba Jagna!