



## 44 PS-DBM MARKS YEARS OF PROCUREMENT & SERVICE

### AS IT CELEBRATES FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY

The Procurement Service – Department of Budget and Management (PS-DBM) workforce is in high spirits following this year's founding anniversary celebration bannered the theme 44 Years of Procurement and Service: One PS-DBM.

Organized by the PS-DBM Events Committee, in collaboration with other key divisions, the milestone was commemorated in hybrid mode, gathering employees of the PS Main Office, regional depots nationwide, and DBM executive officials.

The celebration kicked off on October 10, 2022 with a parade of colors of the PS-DBM functional groups: Administrative and Finance Group (AFG) as the Blue Team; Operations Group (OG) as the Green Team; Procurement Group (PG) as the Yellow Team; and the PhilGEPS Group and Regional Operations Group with Office of the Executive Director and Comptroller Division as the White Team.

The parade also served as the commencement of the 2022 Sports Fest. From when the teams took the Oath of Sportsmanship, players had their game face on as they participated in various sporting events such as basketball, volleyball, badminton, table tennis, darts, and chess. Online games like Call of Duty and Mobile Legends were also held.

These activities were aimed at highlighting stories of success and resilience, inculcating camaraderie, and upholding the spirit of unity among PS-DBM personnel.







*Honorable DBM Secretary Amenah F. Pangandaman delivers her opening remarks.*

# Bringing back the “good name”

The night that culminated the event on October 18 was graced by the presence of no less than the DBM Secretary herself, Amenah F. Pangandaman, as the Guest of Honor.

In his introductory remarks, PS-DBM Executive Director (ED) Atty. Dennis S. Santiago expressed PS-DBM's gratitude for Sec. Pangandaman's support and briefly detailed her journey as a public servant, most notable for her determination to rise through the ranks. She is now the only rose in the incumbent Chief Executive's economic team.

Candid and vocal about her support for PS-DBM whenever she gets asked about the issues and controversies surrounding the agency, Sec. Pangandaman, this time, personally conveyed her message of support before a crowd of hopeful and grateful colleagues.

“I still believe in the potential of PS-DBM to deliver on its objective to save the government in billions of pesos through bulk procurement and market price monitoring and validation... In this light, I am determined to bring back the good name of PS-DBM,” Sec. Pangandaman stressed, eliciting a symphony of claps and cheers from the audience.

Sec. Pangandaman also vouched for the competence of ED Santiago whom she believes is capable of leading PS-DBM in performing its mandate — the fulfilment of which ensures that “Filipino people get the most of every peso entrusted to the government.”

Having recently met with officials of the World Bank on October 13 in Washington, D.C., USA to forge partnership in the implementation of reforms in the Philippine government's procurement law, Sec. Pangandaman shared that systems are already in place to realize the administration's vision of bureaucratic efficiency, especially in the digitalization of the procurement processes and procedures.

“All eyes are on PS-DBM now... As one PS-DBM, let us foster hard work, integrity, and service to the people,” she concluded.



After Sec. Pangandaman's inspiring message, it was a fun-filled night that witnessed the transformation of passionate PS-DBM employees — personnel and officials alike — into talented procurement professionals as they took the center stage to showcase their skills in hosting, dancing, and singing.

The cheering competition was among the highlights of the event, with Yellow Team of PG Director Atty. Genmaries S. Entredicho-Caong emerging victorious as determined by the panel of judges from the PS Commission on Audit. Raffles, recognition of awardees, more games and performances wrapped up the celebration.

The Green Team, led by OG Director Atty. Philip T. Vera Cruz, was declared the overall champion.

"May this milestone further inspire us... Tonight, we are concluding our celebration but every day is a God-given gift of a beginning. Thus, in the days and years to come, let us continue to hold our heads up high as we provide dynamic and steadfast service to every Filipino," AFG Director Atty. Faydah M. Dumarpa said in her closing remarks that formally ended the program.

Samantha Grace E. Moscoso, lead organizer and head of the Human Resource Development Division, owes the success of the event not only to the Events Committee, but to all PS-DBM employees with strong and enthusiastic support from ED Santiago. She says that everyone's cooperation and synergy embody the anniversary's theme.

"Despite the bumps and pressure, the harmony and commitment prospered... This celebration is meaningful and significant in all ways... I am truly humbled and grateful to be part of this. I look forward to more successful events in the future," she adds.

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PS-DBM officials and employees attend a mass before the commencement of the program.



L-R: Masters of Ceremony Robert Humarang, Brian Gerona, and Thea Marie Factor with ED Santiago.



DBM Executive Officials with the PS-DBM Management.





