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## Achievement Unlocked!

Known for his passion, compassion, and action, Congressman Presley C. De Jesus, ISELCO-I Board President, NELECA President, PHILRECA President, and PHILRECA Party-List Representative, strikes again with another achievement.

Last December 14, 2020, Cong. Presley has made history. He, a first term in the 18th Congress, was elected as Chairman of the House Committee on Cooperative Development having 25 members and holding around 18,500 cooperatives in the country.

In a span of two years, after being elected as Representative of PHILRECA Party-List in 2019, he had already established his name before the 18th Congress and sits as Vice Chairman of three (3) House Committees as well as member for the majority of eleven (11) House Committees.

### Committee Memberships

- Cooperatives Development - Chairman
- Disaster Resilience - Vice Chairman
- Energy - Vice Chairman
- Land Use - Vice Chairman
- Economic Affairs - Member for the Majority
- Good Government And Public Accountability - Member for the Majority
- Government Reorganization - Member for the Majority
- Health - Member for the Majority
- National Defense And Security - Member for the Majority
- Natural Resources - Member for the Majority
- Peace, Reconciliation And Unity - Member for the Majority
- Public Accounts - Member for the Majority
- Public Order And Safety - Member for the Majority
- Public Works And Highways - Member for the Majority
- Strategic Intelligence - Member for the Majority

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# TALE of GENUINE DETERMINATION

"The best way to predict your future is to create it". – Abraham Lincoln  
Coming up with ideas about what we want to do, we begin to think. As we think, we begin to move forward and materialize the things we think. As we take actions, we begin to create our future. It's just a default future for us, until we choose to take charge.

For Dir. Mark Lester R. Cadeliña, creating his future is no easy job. It took him a lot of hardship and efforts to pursue his dream, but at least, save him from future regrets.

Born on March 16, 1987, he is second among three siblings. He finished his education with a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing at the Southeast Asian College Inc. Quezon City, Manila, and now happily married to Dr. Mar Kristine Pua-Cadeliña with one adorable child.

During his early years, his leadership skills started to manifest in different areas of his life. He was elected as the Sangguniang Kabataan Chairman from 2002-2007, became the Dental Representative at Dentist Corporation from 2011-2012, and having the desire to serve the community, he was elected as Barangay Kagawad from 2013-2018 of Brgy. Diamantina, Cabatuan, Isabela. He also passed the International Certification Examination based upon established standard of competency, he was registered as a Certified Sterile Processing and Distribution Technician at Lebanon, USA.

With all the achievements he had, Dir. Mark is now a successful businessman. He said, "Mahalin, maging matapat sa iyong sarili at sa iyong trabaho, dahil naniniwala ako na kung wala ito, walang tagumpay – mahalín mo ang iyong ginagawa at kung mahal mo ito, ginagawa mo ito ng maayos".

Appointed on February 2019 at the age of 32, representing District X covering the municipalities of Cabatuan and Luna, Dir. Mark is one of the novel and youngest members of the ISELCO-I Board of Directors.

Young as he is in the Cooperative, his enthusiasm to learn more and his active participation in the grassroots level made him the Chairman on Committee on Education, Information, and Barangay Affairs of ISELCO-I. Aside from informing or educating the member-consumer-owners through ISELCO-I Hour Radio Program, he is also actively participating in the programs and activities of the Cooperative.

Despite his young age, he is able to maximize his time and talent in performing his duties and responsibilities as a member of the Board and as a member-consumer-owner.

Dir. Cadeliña is a down-to-earth leader, who knows how to communicate and work with his colleague smoothly, a jolly person who is well loved by his friends, and a person with good interpersonal skills. When asked what advice he could give to young and aspiring leaders of today, he said, "Be patient, teachable, humble, grateful, moldable, fair, and act with integrity."

His hard work and perseverance fuel his desire to serve not only the people of Cabatuan and Luna but the member-consumer-owners of the Cooperative as a whole. Dir. Cadeliña is also an active member of the Junior Chambers International.

"The best way to predict your future is to create it", he said. Indeed, he is creating one.





# NEA ADMINISTRATOR AT AKO PADAYON PILIPINO PARTY-LIST REP. BUMISITA SA ISELCO UNO

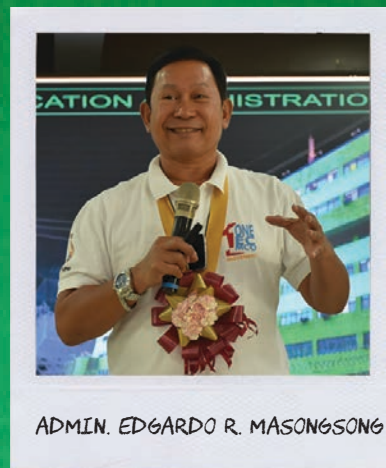
**M**ainit ang naging pagsalubong ng mga empleyado ng ISELCO Uno sa pagdating ng dalawang kilalang pinuno ng electrification movement na sina National Electrification Administration (NEA) Administrator Edgardo R. Masongsong at Kinatawan ng Ako Padayon Pilipino Party-List Adriano A. Ebcas noong ika-15 ng Disyembre, taong 2020.

Sa kabila ng kinakaharap na pandemya ng bansa ay hindi ito naging hadlang upang mabisita ng mga naturang pinuno ang ISELCO Uno para makita at makumusta ang estado ng Kooperatiba sa paghahatid nito ng serbisyo sa member-consumer-owners sa gitna ng new normal.

Naganap din ang isang consultative meeting na pinangunahan ni Admin. Masongsong, Rep. Ebcas, at PHILRECA Party-List Rep. Presley C. De Jesus na dinaluhan naman ng mga miyembro ng Hunta Direktiba, pamunuan, at kawani ng Kooperatiba.

Sa pagsasalita ng Administrador, kaniyang hinimok ang higit na pagpapaigting ng electric cooperatives sa kanilang serbisyong pang-elektrisidad para sa kapakanan ng MCOs lalo na ngayon na halos lahat ng gawain sa tahanan, paaralan, opisina, at establisyemento ay nakasalalay sa kuryente.

Isang hamon ang kaniyang iniwan sa mga kawani ng Kooperatiba at kaniyang tinuran na ang batayan ng kagalingan ng isang Kooperatiba ay hindi na lamang sa antas ng kategorya nito, dami ng miyembro, at laki ng koleksyon, kundi sa tuluy-tuloy na daloy ng serbisyo sa kuryente.



ADMIN. EDGARDO R. MASONGSONG



HON. PRESLEY C. DE JESUS



HON. ADRIANO A. EBCAS



ADMIN. MASONGSONG DELIVERING HIS SPEECH



GM COLINGAN OF PHILRECA DELIVERING HER MESSAGE TO ISELCO-I



GM MONTANO PRESENTING ISELCO-I YEAR END REPORT



# TV DISTRIBUTION



Bilang isa sa mga Corporate Social Responsibility ng ISELCO-I, kasama ang PHILRECA Party-List, sinimulang magbigay ng isang unit na telebisyon sa bawat barangay sa lahat ng nasasakupan ng kooperatiba.

Hindi man makapagdaos ng mga personal na meeting dahil sa COVID-19, naging online ang mga pagtitipon na ginanap, kaya naman naisipan ng Kooperatiba na bilang tulong sa member-consumer-owners ay bibigyan ang bawat barangay ng TV. Ito ay magsisilbing tulong sa

opisyales upang magamit sa kanilang mga birtwal na pagpupulong ngayong panahon ng pandemya.

Kalakip ng telebisyonang ito ay ang USB/Flash Drive na naglalaman ng mga programa at proyekto ng ISELCO-I at PHILRECA na maaaring ipalabas tuwing mayroong barangay assemblies. Ito ay upang maipahatid sa MCOs ang mga programa ng kooperatiba lalong-lalo na sa usaping medikal, mortuary assistance, at maging libreng kuntador at iba pang benepisyo ng MCOs.

Personal na bumibisita ang mga miyembro ng hunta direktiba, kawani at District Member-Consumer-Owner Officers ng ISELCO Uno kasama ang PHILRECA staff sa distribusyon sa bawat barangay bilang parte ng Information and Education Campaign ng EC. Mayroon ding inilaang oras para sa member-consumer-owners na ipahatid ang kani-kanilang mga hinaing upang ito ay agarang matugunan at lalong mapabuti pa ang serbisyo ng kooperatiba.

Ayon sa opisyales ng mga barangay, ang proyektong ito ay tiyak na makatutulong sapagkat kanilang mas nararamdaman ang pag-aalalay at pagmamalasakit ng Kooperatiba.



## BLOODLETTING ACTIVITY, ISINAGAWA SA KOOPERATIBA

Noong ika-15 ng Disyembre 2020 ay idinaos ang taunang Blood Letting Activity ng Kooperatiba kung saan ay boluntaryong nagbigay ng dugo ang labing-limang empleyado. Ang tema ng blood donation ay "Give Blood and make the world a healthier place." Ito ay matagumpay na naidaos sa pakikipagtulungan sa blood bank team ng Southern Isabela Medical Center (SIMC).

Ang dugo ay isang napakahalagang regalo na maaaring maibigay sa isang tao na nangangailangan nito. Ang mga taong nangangailangan ng dugo ay mga taong may cancer, blood disorders, mga maooperahan, at mga taong nawalan ng madaming dugo dahil sa pagkadisgrasya o sakuna.

Ang boluntaryong pagbibigay ng dugo ay isang simple at ligtas na proseso na umaabot lamang ng lima hanggang sampung minuto. Ang isang malusog na indibidwal ay kadalasang nakakapagbigay ng kalahating litro ng dugo at sinasabing ang isang donasyon ng dugo ay maaaring makasasagip ng tatlong buhay.

Ayon sa Philippine Red Cross, ang isang taong malusog ay pwedeng makapagbigay ng dugo kada tatlong buwan. Maaari lamang makapagdonate ang mga may edad 18 pataas, timbang na hindi bababa sa 50 kilograms, may malusog na pangangatawan at dapat maipasa ang health and blood assessment/screening.

Hindi lamang ang taong tumanggap ng dugo ang nakikinabang dito kundi pati rin ang taong nagbigay. Ilan sa mga benepisyo ng pagbibigay ng dugo ay libreng checkup ng dugo, maaaring mabawasan ang panganib ng pagkakasakit sa puso at atay, nababawasan ang tyansa ng pagkakaroon ng cancer sa dugo, at mas mababa na level ng cholesterol sa katawan. Nakakatulong din na mapanatili o makabawas ng timbang ang regular na pagbibigay ng dugo.





## PANTAWID LIWANAG PROGRAM 3

Isang daang member-consumer-owners mula sa iba't-ibang bayan at lungsod na nasasakupan ng ISELCO-I ang nakatanggap ng tulong pinansyal mula sa Pantawid Liwanag Program 3 (PLP 3) na naganap noong ika-29 ng Disyembre 2020, sa ISELCO-I Headquarters, Victoria, Alicia, Isabela.

Ang PLP 3 ay ang ikatlong yugto ng programang isinusulong ng 121 Electric Cooperatives sa bansa sa tulong ng pondong inilaan ng PHILRECA Party-List, APEC Party-List, RECOBODA Party-List, at Ako Padayon Pilipino Party-List, na naglalayong makapagbigay ng ayuda sa mga mamamayang Pilipino, higit lalo sa mga mahihirap na MCOs, bilang pagtugon sa krisis na dulot ng pandemya.

Napag-alaman na P300,000.00 ang pondong inilaan ng PHILRECA Party-List sa ISELCO-I MCOs sa PLP 2, gayundin sa PLP 3, sa pamumuno ng kinatawan ng partido, Rep. Presley C. De Jesus, na siya ring Presidente ng ISELCO-I Board of Directors.

Ang tulong pinansyal na natanggap ng bawat benepisyaryo ay hinati sa dalawa, kung saan ang limampung bahagdan (50%) ay kanilang take home pay, habang ang nalalabing limampung bahagdan (50%) naman ay pambayad ng kanilang power bills.

Laking pasasalamat ng MCOs na nakatanggap sa walang humpay na pagsusulong ng ISELCO-I at PHILRECA Party-List sa mga adbokasiyang nakatuon sa pagpapalakas ng bawat member-consumer-owner. Umaasa sila na hindi lamang dito magtatapos ang ganitong uri ng programa.





## REVISED ISELCO-I EMPLOYEES' HANDBOOK, LAUNCHED

After more than two decades, the ISELCO-I Employees' Handbook has been revised and was officially relaunched on February 3, 2021. The event, led by Engr. Virgilio L. Montano, General Manager & CEO, and Dir. Presley C. De Jesus, Board President, was held at the Arthur Hall, ISELCO-I Main Office, Victoria, Alicia, Isabela.

### COMMITTEE ON THE REVIEW OF EMPLOYEES' HANDBOOK

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The handbook, which also contains the Code of Employees' Discipline, was drafted in accordance with the 1987 Philippine Constitution, existing laws, statutes, rules and regulations, and Cooperative policies.

As it is not possible to establish an exhaustive regulation for every conceivable situation, ultimately, the Cooperative relies on the sense of responsibility of employees for their own actions and conduct.



# Congratulations!

## ENGR. VIRGILIO L. MONTANO

for having been elected as the new BOD Treasurer and Chairman on Credit & Loans Committee of the Rural Electrification Financing Corporation (REFC), Director and Chairman on Audit Committee of the Rural Electrification Trading Corporation (RETC), Director of Rural Electrification Energy Corporation (REEC), and Regional Treasurer of National Association of General Managers of Electric Cooperatives (NAGMEC).





# ISELCO-I joins competitions in

The 41st PHILRECA Annual General Membership Meeting, Year-End Strategic Conference, and Thanksgiving was virtually attended by all 121 Electric Cooperatives to celebrate new milestones of the Association and the One EC-MCO Movement with the theme "Charging for the Future: Strengthening the One EC MCO Movement Towards a Resilient Rural Electrification Program".

As part of the celebration, there are four (4) events that were hosted where in the ECs are encouraged to participate, showcasing their talents, creativity, and skills: Souvenir Program Cover Design Competition, Songwriting and Music Video Competition, Film Making Competition, and Photography Competition.


ISELCO-I participated in all these events and won a consolation prize for each category. The Cover Design Competition features the Co-op's milestones throughout the recent years as well as the unity of the 121 Electric Cooperatives towards rural electrification. For the Songwriting and Music Video Competition, the entry was performed by ISELCO-I's Transformer Band that focuses on the linemen and the Power

Restoration Rapid Deployment (PRRD) Task Force for typhoon Ulysses. For the Film Making Competition, the entry for the documentary category focuses on the Sitio Electrification Program particularly on Isla Verde, Ramon. An entry made by an ISELCO-I MCO it for the narrative category using the horror genre with a premise circulating around an unscheduled power interruption and how linemen do their job no matter how challenging times are. Finally, for the Photography Competition, linemen at work and helping the lives of the member-consumer-owners by providing quality service, were featured.

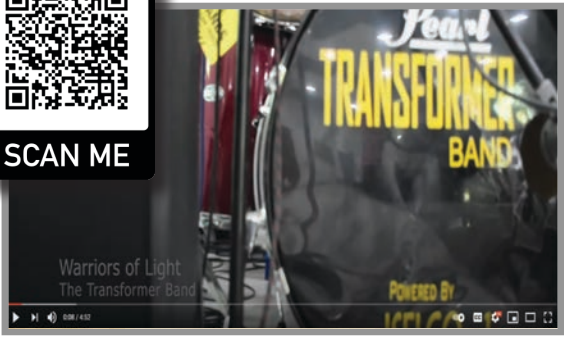
Entries for these events are inspired by how the whole rural electrification sector followed its mission and advocacy notwithstanding challenges specifically during earthquakes and typhoons, volcanic eruptions, and life-threatening COVID-19 pandemic. Furthermore, this yearly event was made to acknowledge and honor individuals, organizations, and electric cooperatives for their selfless contribution to the attainment of PHILRECA's advocacy which is the Rural Electrification Movement.

## MUSIKA NG LIWANAG at Pag-asa

Songwriting Competition



**SCAN ME**




Warriors of Light  
The Transformer Band

Powered by ISELCO-I

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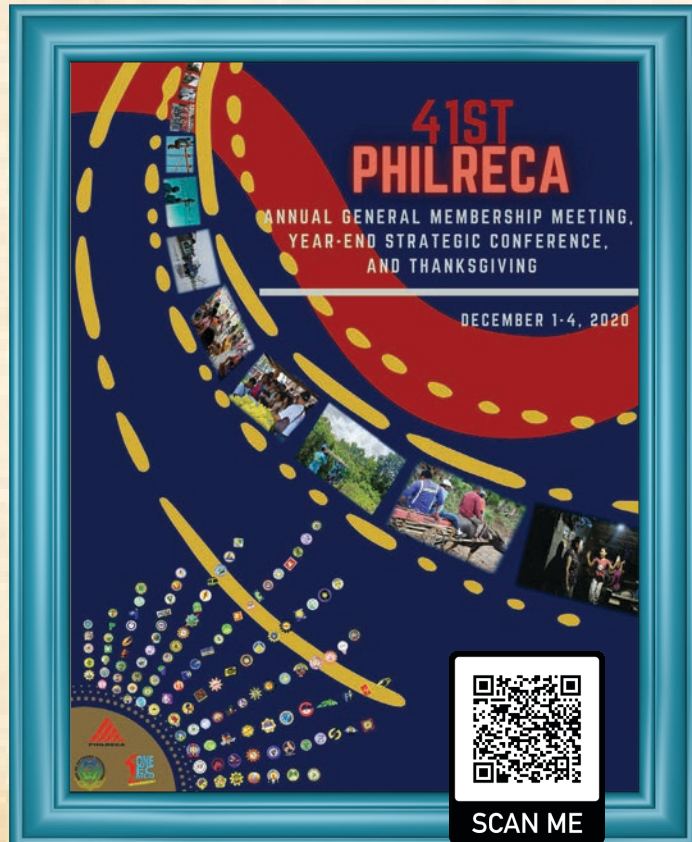


**WE ARE THE WARRIORS OF LIGHT**

Warriors of light  
Your strength is your heart  
Taking all risks without any doubt  
Keeping yourself sane from what they say  
Struggling in the dark is not a game

REF:  
Sometimes we just need to hang on ...

SHOW MORE



## DISENYO NG LIWANAG at Pag-asa

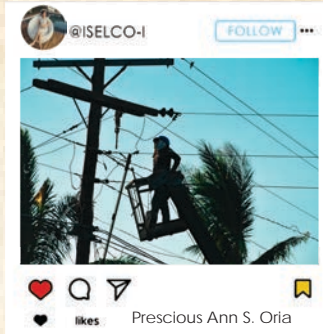
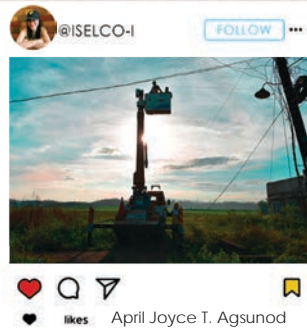
Souvenir Program Cover Design Making Contest



# celebration of the 41st PAGMM

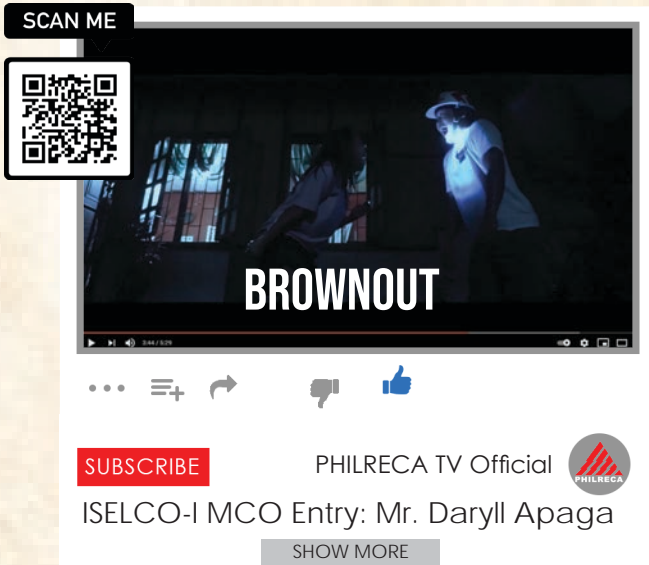
## IMAHE NG LIWANAG AT PAG-ASA

Photography Competition



## KWENTO NG LIWANAG AT PAG-ASA

Documentary and Short Film Competition



A deline is having an online class when suddenly a lightning struck that caused a power interruption. Because of what happened, she vented out her frustrations to ISELCO-I, her local electric cooperative. She immediately looked for a flashlight to find her housemates. Little did she know that her housemates are nowhere to be found. Feeling eerie, she then went to their living room when she saw something moving. As a strong wind knocks off all the candles, she got scared and run away outside the house. She then discovered that the one that's moving is an ISELCO-I lineman fixing the electricity.

The team used horror genre as a metaphor for brownout. In general, we tend to demonize electric cooperatives if there's a power interruption because we think that they're not doing their jobs. But in contrary, the electric cooperatives are doing all they can just to give us energy, even if there's typhoon.





# ISELCO-I bags multiple

“Respect, Recognition, and Reward flow out of good deed and performance.”

~N. R. Narayana Murthy

**W**ith the vision of being an excellent power service distributor that brings delight and a brighter community to every member-consumer-owner (MCO), over the years, despite facing tremendous difficulties and various predicaments, ISELCO-I continued to soar high and provided quality service to its MCOs. As of today, the Cooperative is confidently standing for brighter hopes of thousands of households to be energized in the future.

To serve and to deliver high quality electric service to our member-consumer-owners are ISELCO-I's greatest principle. In this perilous time, a time of pandemic, ISELCO-I continues to fulfill its advocacy to reach and provide lights of hope to every household in the region and it takes pride in remaining as an excellent power service distributor.

Thus, during the 2020 PHILRECA Awards from the Wires, ISELCO-I received various awards as a statement of its excellent work towards its goal and future endeavors. We dedicate these awards to all of our member-consumer-owners for your relentless support and commitment to our beloved Cooperative. You're the reason for us to soar high and continue improving our services to deliver light, hope and smiles to everyone's faces.

Fly High, ISELCO-I!



**PARAMOUNT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** – for an exemplary performance as a triple-A (AAA) category EC in the pursuit of total electrification and sustainable rural development notwithstanding all difficulties confronting the rural electrification movement.



**5 YEARS OF POWERHOUSE EXCELLENCE AWARD** – for consistently exhibiting an exemplary performance as a triple-A (AAA) category EC in the last five years in the pursuit of total electrification and sustainable rural development notwithstanding all difficulties confronting the rural electrification movement.



**LIMELIGHT AWARD** – for being the front runner in the pursuit of total electrification and sustainable rural development notwithstanding all challenges confronting the rural electrification movement.



**EXTRA MILE AWARD** – for implementing the Pantawid Liwanag Program, as well as other initiatives that are aimed to uplift the lives of the MCOs in the pursuit of total electrification and sustainable rural development notwithstanding all difficulties confronting the rural electrification movement.

# Awards from PHILRECA



**MODEL MEMBER-EC AWARD** – for being an outstanding member-EC of PHILRECA notwithstanding all difficulties confronting the rural electrification movement. With determination, perseverance, and diligence, ISELCO-I was able to clear all obligations to the Association.



**STRONG COMMITMENT TO BROTHERHOOD AWARD** – for unwavering support and upholding the true spirit of bayanihan in helping the affected Electric Cooperatives and member-consumer-owners during typhoons Tisoy, Quinta, Rolly, and Ulysses through the Power Restoration Rapid Deployment – Task Force Kapatid (PRRD-TFK).



**STRENGTH IN NUMBERS AWARD** – for encouraging and supporting its officers and employees to partake in trainings, webinars and other activities of PHILRECA in pursuit of Rural Electrification and Development amidst all challenges confronting the rural electrification movement.



**CONSTANT CONTRIBUTOR AWARD** – for their continuous support to the goal of the One EC Network Foundation, Inc. (OECNF) in uplifting the lives of our dear brothers and sisters in the sector.



**EC BROTHER'S KEEPER AWARD (Engr. Virgilio L. Montano)** – for sharing his gift of leadership and for being an inspiration and instrument to PHILRECA and the One EC-MCO Movement by efficiently handling ISELCO-I and NUVELCO at the same time since the year 2019.



**LEGENDS OF THE MOVEMENT AWARD (Roel Galiza †)** – for being a committed Warrior of Light whose passion for service has continuously provided inspiration for PHILRECA and for the whole One EC-MCO Movement.

# ISELCO- 49TH FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY

**F**orty-Nine (49) years have passed since the humble start of Isabela-I Electric Cooperative, Inc., contributing to the fulfillment of the Rural Electrification in the Philippines.

Forty-nine years is a long time. From its founding, ISELCO-I has set out prime accomplishments in giving quality and reliable electric service to its member-consumer-owners. Currently, ISELCO-I has been providing electric service to thirteen (13) municipalities and two (2) cities. Since August of 1981, ISELCO-I had been providing continuous electricity to its MCOs, from 42,337 household connections, the figures rise up to 227,199 as of February 2021.

The theme for this year's founding anniversary was aligned to the theme of Bayanihan Act III which states, "Arise as One: Championing National Development and Building Sustainable Communities through Rural Electrification".

Last year, ISELCO-I contributed to the goal of Rural Electrification by giving the residents of Brgy. General Aguinaldo, Sitio Isla Verde, Ramon, Isabela access to electricity, benefitting 66 households who haven't experienced having electricity for the past four (4) decades. This only shows that despite the pandemic, ISELCO-I remains true to its commitment and advocacies to further the goal/mandate of rural electrification in serving each and every member-consumer-owner in the coverage area.

The celebration of the 49th Founding Anniversary of ISELCO-I started with a Thanksgiving Mass and followed by a simple celebration. It was attended by the Awardees, Department Managers, headed by the General Manager and CEO, Engr. Virgilio L. Montano, and Board of Directors headed by Hon. Presley C. De Jesus, to limit the number of people and to ensure the safety of each attendees. Branch Offices were also enjoined to participate in the celebration through virtual conference.



# 2020

## Collective Bargaining Agreement Signing

Three (3) years after its renewal last 2017, the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) between the Board-Management and Samahang Manggagawa sa Kooperatiba (SAMAKO) of the Cooperative was once again discussed, negotiated, and renewed bearing the new benefits, both economic and non-economic, due to all regular employees in accordance with existing labor laws, regulations, and Cooperative policies.

After scrupulously deliberated during Labor-Management Committee Meetings, represented by both the Management and Labor Union sides, the CBA was finalized and approved, as presented to the Board of Directors of the Cooperative.

The official signing of the 2020 Collective Bargaining Agreement took place at the Palazzo Marcelino, Balintocotoc, Santiago City last March 8, 2021. It was attended by different dignitaries inside and outside the Cooperative – the Board of Directors of Isabela I Electric Cooperative, Inc. (ISELCO-I) headed by the PHILRECA Party-List Representative, Hon. Presley C. De Jesus; some members of the Board of Directors of Quirino Electric Cooperative, Inc. (QUIRELCO), the Management of ISELCO-I led by the General Manager & Chief Executive Officer, Engr. Virgilio L. Montano; the SAMAKO Officers headed by the Union President, Mr. Rufo S. Singson, Jr.; and selected staffs of the Cooperative.

The event was merely just a short one due to the pandemic, yet still a memorable one. After graceful messages were delivered by the GM & CEO of the Cooperative, SAMAKO President, and PHILRECA Party-List Representative, the occasion put emphasis on the signing of the agreement with its documentation still following the safety measure protocols for COVID-19.





# MAGING PANATAG

*Kasama natin ang PANGINOONG Makapangyarihan. Ang Dios ni Jacob ang ating kanlungan.  
-Salmo 46:11*

Sa panahon natin ngayon, mas madali na lang ang makakuha ng impormasyon tungkol sa iba't ibang mga bagay. Napupuno ng mga ito ang ating isipan. Dahil dito, mas nagiging mahirap ang paglalaan natin ng oras para sandaling manahimik upang pagbulayan ang Salita ng Dios at manalangin.

Sinasabi naman sa Salmo 46:10, "Tumigil kayo at kilalanin ninyo na Ako ang Dios." Ipinapaalala nito sa atin na maglaan tayo ng oras para sa Dios. Marami ang nagsasabi na mahalagang bahagi ng kanilang araw ang paglalaan ng oras sa pagbubulay ng Salita ng Dios at ang pananalangin. Sa pamamagitan ng mga ito, mas lalo nilang nakikita ang kabutihan at kadakilaan ng Dios.

Tulad ng sumulat ng Salmo 46, mawawala rin ang ating takot (tal. 2) kapag naranasan natin ang katotohanang "Ang Dios ang ating kanlungan at kalakasan. Siya'y laging nakahandang sumaklolo sa oras ng kagipitan" (tal. 1). Sa patuloy na paglalaan ng oras sa Dios, magiging payapa ang ating isip at magkakaroon tayo ng kapanatagan dahil alam natin na ang Dios ang siyang may hawak ng lahat (tal. 10).

Patindi man ng patindi ang kaguluhang nangyayari sa ating mundo, bibigyan tayo ng kapayapaan, kalakasan at kapanatagan ng ating mapagmahal at makapangyarihang Dios. -David C. McCasland

*Ama naming Dios, inilalapit po namin sa Inyo ang aming magulong isipan. Ituro po Ninyo sa amin kung paano huminto sandali at kilalanin na Kayo po ang Dios.*

Source: Our Daily Bread

## *Narayray ni Arapaap*

*ni John Mark Mariano  
Divinan, Jones, Isabela*

**"** Suruten ni ayost ti tugot, nadamili iti panaglabas  
Sagturong ti masakbayan."

Silaw ti Isabela, wen dakami a nakaimatang iti kinapudno. Masansan a pannaog dagiti dadakkel mi "inkay agadal kadagiti leksyon yo, alaem ta siryob wenno kingki ta rugyananyon". Balikas a saan a napukaw nu di ketdi naituket iti panunot mi. A kas dagiti naadi-adi a bulong iti silag ken banban.

A nangsaped ti bukod nga arapaap, Nagna iti panawen ket adun iti maimatangan a panagbaliw ken nakarikna ti ilulung-aw. Tiempo ni kalgaw ken nepnep, saanen a magawidan iti idudur-as ti agdama a panawen.

Tay primitibo a kingki siryob a inkam ususaren tatta adda iti lawag iti uneg iti balay. Adun a panagbaliw a naripar sigun iti pannakaadda iti kuryente ditoy pasdek mi. Agtutubo a saanen a

makapadas iti agrimat-rimat a lawag, nangisit nga asok iti rupa, panagusar iti primitibo a kannawidan a silaw tapno iti gagar ken anep makaadal.

Itan iti panagsubli iti narayray a maiyarig iti ballailaw nga awanen iti maudi ta adda kan ISELCO Uno a nangted iti gundaway ken paset kadakami. Silalagip kami unay kadagiti napalabas ket naimaldit iti puso ken panunot tunggal taga Isabela kangrunaanna kadagiti agtutubo a nagbalin nga inspirasyon iti kingki a silaw inggana naaddaan iti kuryente. Dakkel a yaman nga idin tun a panawen maramanan mi iti nam-ay a maijaya iti baro a panawen.

**ISELCO Uno mataginayon ka.**  
Kuyog ni arapaap dagiti napanglaw.  
Sagot mo a silaw adun ti nakaadal!

## ISELCO-I: THE BEACON OF LIGHT

By Leslie Angelo E. Libed  
Rizal, Alicia, Isabela

Oh! what a time to be alive!  
To witness those blinding lights!  
Shining, shimmering, splendid!  
Taking a photo would be candid!

Oh, wait.  
Let me get this straight.  
How can a city be this great?  
If it's a dream I don't want to be awake!

This is like a firefly show  
I can see everything glow  
I'm from the 1830's  
What are those trees  
with bulbs around it?

It used to be so dark  
Why did it become so bright?  
It doesn't feel like night  
Walking alone?  
It seems I might.

Who are you?  
You are from ISELCO-I?  
You installed these wondrous things,  
Didn't you?  
Oh, how kind of you  
To transform our barrio

These hardworking linemen  
Perfectly put this lining  
So we can see our 'sinaing'  
Prepared every evening.

In 2021 I couldn't imagine  
A night without this scene  
A street that is so bright  
That it feels like daylight  
Please ISELCO-I  
Continue providing light.



Nearly a half of a century, a Cooperative was born by its articles of incorporation, the Isabela-I Electric Cooperative, Inc. or ISELCO-I. The cooperative, our cooperative, is envisioned to be an excellent service distributor in the archipelago focused on bringing delight to the Member-Consumer-Owners. The Cooperative now exists by its MCOs, commonly defined as Member-Consumer-Owners. Now, who owns the Cooperative? It's "US", the MCOs. Therefore, ISELCO-I is clearly not a family corporation. It's not only yours, but it's ours. And all the working force manning our Cooperative are not excluded in their rights of ownership because of their entitlement as member, as consumer, and as owner therein the Cooperative.

What is ISELCO-I yesterday? What is it today? And what is it tomorrow? Definitely, even how many brilliant people in and out there who will man ISELCO-I on their success and failures, ISELCO-I restores its dear name. ISELCO-I's name is ISELCO-I. We remember the people who founded our Cooperative, we thanked them in their good times and in bad times. They have done much something right more on their way and stay in the Cooperative than something that goes wrong. Truly, the logic of logic is no one is perfect. 50 years ago, there were men and women who didn't expect that someday they will play a great role in our Cooperative such as our ISELCO-I President/Chairman of the Board of Directors and PHILRECA Representative, Congressman Presley C. De Jesus, and the honorable Virgilio L. Montano, General Manager & Chief Executive Officer. Thank you very much for your brilliant minds that God has given you both, for your courage and determination in administering our Cooperative for so good. And of course, the honorable members of the Board of Directors, I applaud your excellent performances. GOD BLESS YOU ALL, Mesdames and Gentlemen. To the whole family of ISELCO-I, on behalf of the officers and members of the MCO I represent, we uphold our motto, "United we Stand, We Stand United".

It is very heartwarming to see and feel that when we gather together, there are no barriers, no one is old, and no one is young. Why? Because we feel the spirit of family, and all of us are smart in our teamwork.

ISELCO-I was founded in 1972, how old are we in that memorable year? Past is still partiple as no one can defy time as it passes by. It is now at the present time of our turn, to determine the fate of our Cooperative. The rumors of privatization is inevitable as a fruit of a far and erroneous suppositions. Ours is ours, and we are dedicated to defend what is ours. I say it again, "The MCOs' heart is the MCO, and our promise of tomorrow is bright"... for you ISELCO UNO.

Let's refresh the door of OWNERSHIP and ENTITLEMENT. In the year 1972, ISELCO-I there exists and has had earned more or less forty-nine (49) years, fractioned by a five hundred eighty eight (588) months, two thousand three hundred fifty two (2,352) weeks, sixteen thousand four hundred sixty four (16,464) days and serves the Member-Consumer-Owners a diligent if not a promising 395,136 hours of electrical service. MCO owns ISELCO-I for a period of 395,136 hours and still clicking on, this is how ISELCO-I gives us service despite being a non-profit Cooperative. Service is our entitlement. Think positive, just think how our payments is being broken down in the figures of our billings. Learn to understand and love the sacrifices of ISELCO-I, our very own cooperative.

Rusell Flores, is the last and we do hope will be the last, gave his all sacrifices, in service, our lineman, a fallen Warrior of Light leaving behind a young and grieving widow not ready to face a new world on how to raise her young offspring.

TODAY. The Hours of ours is defined. And tomorrow, the hours of ours is yet to be defined. It's unpredictable. But one thing is right in common and in general, "United we Stand, We Stand United". STAY SAFE. We have family waiting for us, let us go home COVID-FREE.

## NEA, ECs LAUDED FOR ACHIEVING 14-MILLION CONSUMER CONNECTIONS

The National Electrification Administration (NEA) and the 121 electric cooperatives (ECs) were lauded by Cabinet Secretary Karlo Nograles for surpassing the 14-million mark in consumer connections, an important milestone in the government's rural electrification drive.

"For the past five decades, NEA has been vital in improving the lives of our people by providing total electrification in our rural areas," Nograles said during the NEA-EC Communicators' Conference held via Zoom on March 6, as he congratulated NEA Administrator Edgardo Masongsong and the ECs for this accomplishment.

"With the electric cooperatives as the agency's implementing arm in the mandated mission of rural electrification, even in economically unviable areas, the NEA continues to implement the Sitio Electrification Program (SEP)," the Cabinet Secretary added.

Data from the NEA Information Technology and Communication Services Department (ITCSD) showed the ECs have connected 522,905 new electricity consumers last year, 14 percent higher than the 460,000 target set by the agency.

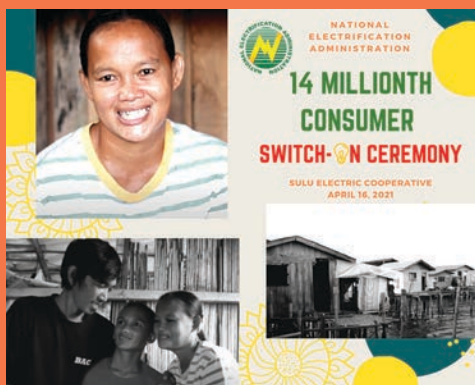
With this, the NEA ITCSD said the total consumer connections have now reached 14.253 million within the franchise areas of 121 ECs nationwide, while the number of unserved consumers in the ECs' coverage areas is now down to 1,550,510 based on the 2015 census.

Meanwhile, Nograles also thanked the NEA and the ECs for responding to the electricity service requirements of the resettlement sites identified by the National Housing Authority (NHA) for super typhoon Yolanda survivors.

He specifically mentioned the Pope Francis Village in Tacloban City, which will finally be connected to the power distribution lines of the Leyte II Electric Cooperative, Inc. (LEYECO II).

The Cabinet Secretary, during the NEA-EC Communicators' Conference last Saturday, also sought the support of the NEA and the 121 electric co-ops nationwide in the campaign against malnutrition and hunger dubbed "Pilipinas Kontra Gutom (PKG)."

Organized in November last year, PKG is a multisectoral, anti-hunger movement spearheaded by the government's Task Force Zero Hunger chaired by Nograles.



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# PHILRECA, ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES ACTIVATE “TASK FORCE KAPATID” TO ASSIST POWER RESTORATION IN QUINTA, ROLLY AFFECTED PROVINCES

Groups of electric cooperatives, spearheaded by the Philippine Rural Electric Cooperatives Association, Inc. (PHILRECA) and in cooperation with the National Electrification Administration (NEA) and One EC Network Foundation, are now on standby for deployment to provinces affected by Typhoon Quinta (international name: Molave). The Bicol Region, Oriental and Occidental Mindoro, and Marinduque are among the areas that were severely affected by the said typhoon.

To help in the power restoration efforts in the affected provinces, cooperatives are on standby for final clearance and confirmation – Region 2 power coops are to be deployed to Marinduque, while Region 6 coops are to be deployed to Oriental Mindoro and Occidental Mindoro. All other member-electric cooperatives were enjoined by PHILRECA thru their Regional Task Force commanders to reactivate the task force team with safety officers for deployment anytime.

In addition to complying to local safety and health protocols of their destinations, members of the Task Force will have to wait for the inter-island travel to be allowed by the Philippine Coast Guard as sea travels to provinces affected by the typhoon are suspended until weather conditions improve. These three provinces are all isolated island provinces and can only be reached via ro-ro transport.

Meanwhile, electric cooperatives from Regions 3 and 8 are also being mobilized to help in the restoration of expected damages that Super Typhoon Rolly will bring especially in the Bicol provinces. Initially expected to go through the same path as Quinta, Super Typhoon Rolly made landfall in Catanduanes and is expected to bring catastrophic wind damage in Catanduanes, Camarines Sur, northern portion of Albay, and the eastern portion of Quezon.

PHILRECA members who are not able to send manpower/equipment to the Task Force are helping the organization and the affected provinces in other ways like logistics, expertise, and coordination.

Electric cooperatives nationwide have issued multiple advisories informing their member-consumer-owners to prepare and be on alert considering Super Typhoon Rolly (International Name: Goni) is currently the strongest typhoon on Earth this 2020. The coops are also hoping for understanding from their MCOs on the power outages especially in areas that are severely hit by Quinta and Super Typhoon Rolly.

Task Force Kapatid, initially launched in 2002, is a volunteer service whereby ECs group together to mobilize their personnel and logistics to assist other ECs needing immediate rehabilitation of distribution lines in times of calamities in order to speedily restore power service to member-consumer-owners and alleviate the plight of the rural folks.

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