

CY 2017 Third Quarter Regional Economic Situationer (RES)

a quarterly update on the economic performance of the Cagayan Valley Region

A quick glance at Cagayan Valley's economy during the third quarter of CY 2017:

• **Macroeconomy**

- ⇒ Inflation Rate at 3.8%
- ⇒ Unemployment Rate up to 2.3%
- ⇒ Underemployment rate up to 8.0%

• **Agriculture and Fishery**

- ⇒ Palay production up by 17.82%
- ⇒ Corn production up by 21.26%
- ⇒ Fruit production down by 7.56%
- ⇒ Vegetable and root crop production up by 9.43%
- ⇒ Non-food and Industrial Commercial Crop up by 5.54%
- ⇒ Livestock production up by 0.91%
- ⇒ Poultry production down by 4.75%
- ⇒ Fisheries production down by 7.63%

• **Others Sectors**

- ⇒ BNR No. of Firms up by 16.62%
- ⇒ BNR investments down by 8.73%
- ⇒ LBP loans up by 24.89%
- ⇒ Number of construction up by 29.04%
- ⇒ Value of construction up by 43.35%
- ⇒ Crime volume down by 29.20%

Brief Summary

The region experienced a more favorable economy during the third quarter of 2017 given positive performances in agriculture and industry sectors.

The agriculture sector has shown strong performance during the third quarter of the year with higher total productions in palay, corn, other crops and poultry. Cagayan Valley Region maintained its top rank in corn and third spot in palay contributing 27.14 percent and 8.92 percent, respectively of the total national output. On other crops, vegetables and root crops and non-food industrial commercial crops showed positive performances due to the sustained financial and technical assistance of San Miguel Corporation to contract growers, provision and use of hybrid seeds, and recovery of plantation areas from the damages of Super Typhoons last year.

On Industry and Services sector, key indicators recorded continuous expansion during the period: DTI's Business Name Registration (BNR) posted higher number of firms registered and more jobs generated. The number and value of construction activities in the region also increased. A favorable business climate was also maintained as crime volume decreased compared to the previous year.

On inflation, prices of basic goods and services picked up to 3.8 percent, this is still within the inflation target of the government. Food commodities inched up particularly on rice, corn, meat, fish, and fruits, among others., Non-food commodities also picked up due to high fuel prices.

In terms of labor situation, the region displayed improvement in employment given a high employment rate (97.7%) and low unemployment and underemployment rate.

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