

## Bataan PhilHealth Summit and Konsulta Member Registration 2023

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ealth is Wealth" and "An 66 ounce of prevention is better than a pound of *cure*", these were the famous health quotes reiterated by Bataan Province's 3rd District Representative, Congresswoman Maria Angela "Gila" Garcia during the Nationwide Simultaneous PhilHealth Summit and Konsulta Member Registration held on June 3, 2023. As one of PhilHealth Regional Office (PRO) Ill's leading health advocate and champion, Cong. Gila pointed out the great partnership of the province with PhilHealth over the years. She also understand the health care facilities' role on health promotion and disease prevention among Bataeños.

The momentous event was graciously hosted by the Mariveles Mental Wellness and General Hospital (MMWGH) which is also an accredited Konsulta provider. Dr. Lourdes Evangelista, retired Medical Director of the said facility, fulfilled the mission of changing the public mindset towards MMWGH from a mental or psychiatric facility to one with a wholistic approach to healing. The previously known "Pulang Bubong" (red roof) in Mariveles transformed into a green roof symbolizing hope for everyone as the facility opens its doors to serve not just the mentally-challenged but also those needing preventive services, laboratory and diagnostic tests and maintenance medicines through the PhilHealth Konsulta.

Banner photo: LHIO Angeles Head Annabelle B. Imana, Councilor Danilo Banal, LHIO Bataan Head Edmond M. Manuel, Mariveles Vice-Mayor Angelito S. Rubia, Cong. Maria Angela "Gila" Garcia, Acting Vice President Edgardo F. Faustino, MMWGH Dr. Lourdes Evangelista, Public Affairs Unit Head Monifer S. Bansil, Public Relations Officer Dinna G. Tolentino, LHIO-Bataan Team, Dona Alonzo of AFAB, Vincent Isip, Laarni Maglaqui, Relia Villegas, and AFAB employed members.





First-Patient Encounter with Cong. Gila Garcia, Mariveles Vice-Mayor Angelito S. Rubia, Councilor Danilo Banal, LHIO Bataan Head Edmond M. Manuel, Acting Vice President Edgardo F. Faustino, MMWGH Dr. Lourdes Evangelista, LHIO-Bataan Team, and AFAB employed members

Employees from the different companies of the Authority Freeport Area of Bataan (AFAB) expressed gratitude for the opportunity to take part in another PhilHealth milestone where First-Patient Encounters (FPEs), consultation, laboratory tests and dispensing of maintenance medicines were undertaken successfully with an initial 32 of the targeted 10,000 employees in succeeding Konsulta Summit events.

Also present during the event were Mariveles Vice-Mayor Angelito S. Rubia and Councilor Danilo Banal representing Mariveles Mayor Ace Jelo Concepcion, Dona Alonzo of AFAB representing Administrator Mohammed Pangandaman, Vincent Isip, Laarni Maglagui, Relia Villegas and the



Partner Konsulta Provider Mariveles Mental Wellness and General Hospital team, and patients availing first-patient encounter with Cong. Gila Garcia, AVP Edgardo F. Faustino, LHIO Bataan Head Edmond Manuel, LHIO Head Anabelle B. Imana, PAU Head Monifer S. Bansil



contingent from the Mariveles Mental Wellness and General Hospital.

The undertaking was spearheaded by Edmond M. Manuel of LHIO Bataan and team together with the ever supportive Acting Vice President Edgardo F. Faustino, LHIO Angeles Head Annabelle B. Imana representing Acting Branch-A Manager Dra. Rowena Z. San Mateo, Public Affairs Unit Head Monifer S. Bansil, and Public Relations Officer Dinna G. Tolentino.

Indeed, the battle cry of PhilHealth with members, partner local government units and that of providers in the province of Bataan, "Para sa kalusugan ng mga Bataeños, magpa-PhilHealth Konsulta, Now Na! One *Team Bataan!"*, lives on. ###





