

More blood, More life
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The Department of Health (DOH) Center for Health Development-Visayas Region, in cooperation of the Philippine National Red Cross, UNICEF, Philippine Blood Coordinating Council and Province of Bohol held its 5th National Blood Summit with the theme: “*more blood, more life*” on the 7th of June 2011. The said venue was chosen because of the first blood compact or the first “*sandugo*” happened on March 16, 1565.

This world blood donor day included updates and reports on national status with regard to safe blood donation to which a patient will be receiving. Dr. Milagros M. Viacrusis reported the status of National Voluntary Blood Service Program. Hon. Vice Mayor Allan L. Rellon of Tagum City, shared his experienced on donor recruitment in his area of jurisdiction, Dr. Amado O. Tandoc III, tackled the Confirmatory Testing Algorithm of RITM-NRL and Dr. Elizabeth Y. Arcellana-NOQUI discussed the arising problem of HIV cases in the Philippines, which is a threat to safe blood that may infused to the patients. Dr. Cherry T. Demaala and two of her staff attended and participated this big event at Alona Kew White Beach Resort, Panglao, Bohol. This two-day activity was very momentous and noteworthy in striving to improve the services in promoting and saving lives. The team was very grateful to join this summit not only for improving their skills and knowledge but also for the benefit of the Dujalinians who will be the direct recipient of the quality health care services.

On the other hand, the Municipality of Braulio E. Dujali had four awardees for galloner donor of Blood Sufficiency Program held at *Bulwagan ng Lalawigan, Mankilam, Tagum City* last July 29, 2011. The awardees were Mariano D. Rodriguez and Elizalde A. Toriaga both from Brgy. Magupising, Rolando C. Bastida of Brgy. Cabayangan and Jackielou F. Tamondez from Brgy. Dujali, this municipality. They received plaques of recognition and cash gifts as gratitude for their passion in giving blood to fellowmen.

The awarding ceremony was attended by Hon. Donna Mae L. Baldonado who gave her testimony as blood recipient, Dr. Cherry T. Demaala, Municipal Health Officer and Sharon B. Lacorda, RMT, Municipal Blood Coordinator. The MHO envisioned to increase the number of blood donors next year by encouraging more people to donate blood from the private sector, religious group, school and government employees.

Recently, Mayor Moral and Dr. Demaala received the “Sandugo Outstanding Local Government Executive Hall of Fame Award” for four (4) consecutive years and “Local Chief Executive Award for Barangay Level”, held at Diamond Hotel, Roxas Boulevard, Manila on July 25, 2011.



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Mayor Moral together with the MHO deeply recognized and appreciated the people behind this program especially the donors because without them said program should have been useless and meaningless.