

NDA supports Sta. Maria Dairy MPC's new Milk Processing Plant



Sta. Maria Dairy MPC (SMDMPC) Board of Directors led by its Chairperson Dr. Jayson Perez (2nd row , fifth from left) and the new Board of Directors Mr. Agapito Gener Jr. , 2nd row fourth from left) , Mr. Ulderico del Rosario (2nd row 6th from left) and Mr. Fermin Tacazon (first row fourth from left) with NDA Staff from left second row) Ms. Flor Reyes Information Officer, Dr. Charito Gimeno OIC, North Luzon Field Office, Dr. Edelyn Juan Roving Veterinarian and Mr. Loreto Baarde Development Management Officer V-Coop.Dev't posed for a souvenir photo during the Annual General Assembly conducted on March 20, 2010 at SMDMPC Milk Processing Plant.

The oldest dairy cooperative in the Philippines assisted by the government , the Sta. Maria Dairy Multi Purpose Cooperative conducted its 19th Annual General Assembly in Paso Bagbaguin, Sta Maria , Bulacan on March 20, 2010.

Highlight of this event is the election of new officers. The new officers are Mr. Ulderico del Rosario, Mr. Agapito Gener Jr and Mr. Fermin Tacazon.

Dr. Charito Gimeno in her message said that this GA congratulated the coop and noted that despite the many obstacles that they hurdled, they were able to reach its 19th year. She said that SMDMPC was considered the oldest milk processing plant run and managed by a cooperative in the Philippines and must continue its legacy to uplift the economic status of its members, alleviate malnutrition and develop the local dairy industry .

During the presentation of the Financial Statement of the coop, the BOD lamented that typhoon " Undoy" last year almost crippled the operations of the milk processing plant. The typhoon destroyed a total amount of P627,000 worth of facilities, equipment and milk products of the cooperative. They are optimistic that with the government's assistance they will be able to overcome the gargantuan challenges that they will be facing.

Recognizing the coop's contribution to the development of the local dairy industry, the Department of Agriculture, through its implementing agency the National Dairy Authority, readily gave P6M for the immediate transfer and construction of the new milk processing plant in Pulong Buhangin, Sta. Maria Bulacan. This will surely boost milk production and will foster a more solid foundation in this part of the region.

Considered as one of the pioneers in dairying , Sta. Maria Dairy MPC and its Milk Processing Plant to date has a total herd inventory 395. Production as of February reached a total of 25,615.50 liters.

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