

## TWO FOR THE ROAD

This year, two colleagues will again bid goodbye to public service after reaching the mandatory requirement age of 65. They may have reached that age but they will forever stay young deep in their hearts.



Come August this year, it will be hi , hello and goodbye to Mr. Antonio A. Ayen , the outgoing Regional Manager of Visayas Island Office. Tony is a true blue "Uragon" from the land of Mount Magayon, residing at Ilawod, Camalig, Albay. His elementary and secondary schooling and tertiary education were all spent in Pili, Camarines Sur. Graduating with a BSA, ED and Animal Husbandry at Camarines Sur State Agricultural College. Thereafter, he took his Masters of Arts in Public Administration from 1993 to 1995. Tony passed four Agricultural Licensure

Examinations to wit: Livestock Inspector; Farm Management Technician; Agrarian Reform Technician and Agricultural Extension Officer.

His stint as a government official started in 1971 as an Appraiser for the Rural Bank of Goa, to becoming a Supervised Credit Technician, , Farm Management Technician and then as a Livestock Inspector and finally becoming a Dairy Technologist with the now defunct Dairy division of the Bureau of Animal Industry from 1979 to 1988 in Region V. In 1989, the post of Municipal Agricultural Officer of DA Region V beckoned him up to 1997. Then another golden opportunity at National Dairy Authority opened where he opted to transfer as Project Development Officer V and was eventually designated as Regional Manager of NDA Visayas based in Mandaue City in Cebu.

He is looking forward to an enjoyable and productive retirement in his hometown in Pili, where he intends to be a fulltime farmer and complete his dairy collection to showcase his love for dairy. One day he sees himself being interviewed by Korina Sanchez , just like other personalities with a unique collection . He has already invested part of his retirement in buying a car which he will be using in going to places together with his better half, traveling to different destinations, food trips and shopping galore . His grandchildren are lucky beneficiaries, because only a slightest whimper or lambing already melts the heart of Tony and could not say No to them. Guess, this will be a real good time for him to really smell the roses so to speak!



Come October 21, 2012 our gorgeous Property Officer- Milagros Sanchez, will be retiring as well. A true blue "GI" (Genuine Ilocana) from Candon, Ilocos Sur, "Lola Doña", as we lovingly call her, leaves government service without regrets. She graduated from University of the East earning a bachelor's degree on Elementary Education. Her first stint as a government employee started at the Bureau of Agricultural Economics in 1977 as a Cashier Aide then landing as Sr. Cashier Clerk in 1984 and thereafter as Supply Officer-1 of the then Philippine Dairy Corporation.