

# **EVENT PROCEEDINGS**









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# Backgrounder

**SHINe or School Hydrological Information Network** is a school-based program that focuses on raising awareness of students on disaster risk reduction particularly to hydrometeorological-related disasters by understanding the various Hydromet hazards relating from the effects of the climate crisis (Climate change). The activity is a means of supporting the Department of Education's (DepEd) "climate change" enhanced curriculum. It is consistent with the underlying foundation that disaster awareness, mitigation and prevention begin at home and in school.

Program Objectives:

- Enhance the disaster awareness of the school's populace through its regular hydrological monitoring in effect making them prepared, hopefully preventing loss of lives and mitigating damage to properties;
- Coordinate and provide timely hydrological information to the PDRRMO, the local DRR councils at the City, Municipal and Barangay levels as a support in their operational DRR activities and their local early warning systems in their respective areas of concern;
- $\cdot$  Develop long-term strategies at the local and provincial levels from the data and information collected from the network of observations of each SHINe school groups.

## **Event Overview**

The SHINe Conference is a yearly activity that has been going on for more than a decade now, to be exact about 14 years already. The year 2023 marked the 15<sup>th</sup> SHINe Conference. The gathering was held at the Cool Waves Bulacan Waterpark Resort in Bulakan, Bulacan on December 12, 2023. A total two hundred and twenty-two (222) attendees coming from the various SHINe School beneficiaries in Bulacan Province attended the event. Each school had at least 6 participants, that is 5 students and 1 adviser.



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It was definitely a much awaited and an exciting event since this was just, lately, the second face-to-face undertaking for the SHINe program being in a video teleconferencing mode for 2 years during the pandemic time. There was a twist in the manner of hosting the event wherein together with the main emcee Mrs. Reynela Mae S. Abayon from PDRRMO was joined by two SHINe students namely, Mr. Laurence Yohanne V. Galvez and Ms. Maureen Villafuerte which turned out well and successful. The whole day event was capped with the usual presentations, raffle draws, cheering event competition and the fun-filled school dynamics.

The event was again made possible by the combined efforts of the Provincial Government of Bulacan (PGB) through its Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (PDRRMO), the Provincial Department of Education (DepEd), and the Pampanga River Basin Flood Forecasting & Warning Center (PRBFFWC) with the support of all the SHINe school beneficiaries of Bulacan. The event was also graced and supported by the representatives from the various Municipal / City DRRMOs within the province of Bulacan.

## Highlights of the 15<sup>th</sup> SHINe Conference







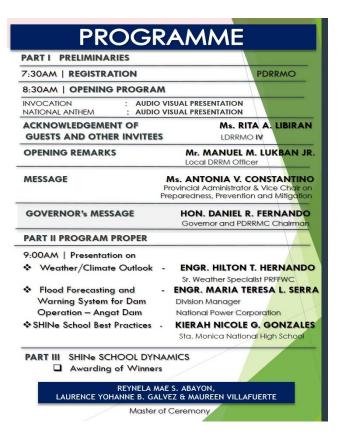
#### The Venue:

Cool Waves Bulacan Waterpark Resort is a family-oriented area that is situated in the heart of the town of Bulakan, Bulacan. The venue offers a space that is ideal for group activities particularly for conferences and team building programs. Apart from this, there are several swimming pool areas that will cater to both the young and adult swimmers.

### The Event Program:

The whole day event consisted of 3 parts with the first being getting to know the participants and opening messages and remarks from various personalities of the Province of Bulacan. Some of these personalities included the LDRRM officer of the PDRRMO, Mr. Manuel M. Lukban, Jr., and LDRRMO IV Ms. Rita A. Libiran who did the initial kick-off of the event.

The second part was basically presentations that focuses on DRRM issues such as the latest weather and climate outlook as presented by PRBFFWC and the Angat Dam FFWSD Operations given by the Division Manager from NPC. The third presentation was on SHINe school best practices which was presented by a student from Sta. Monica High School. The second part was amplified by questions and answers raffle for the students. This was a means of engaging and enjoining the participants in the flow of activities during the event.





LDRRMO officer Mr. Manuel M. Lukban, Jr. during his opening remarks to the participants



Ms. Rita A. Libiran, LDRRMO IV, basically gave the start-off for the event as she welcomed everyone in the opening part of the program.



Engr. Hilton Hernando of the PRBFFWC of PAGASA receiving a certificate of appreciation from the PGB after his presentation during the event.



Engr. Maria Teresa L. Serra, Division Manager of NPC, posed as she accepts her certificate of appreciation from the PGB after doing her presentation.

Before the commencement of the 3<sup>rd</sup> part of the event, which was actually the most anticipated portion for the participants, Atty. Nikki M. Coronel, Chief of Staff of Governor Daniel R. Fernando, relayed the inspiring message of the latter emphasizing on the importance of the participation of the school populace in the DRRM programs and activities of the province. Indeed, as was stressed, disaster awareness and preparedness begin at home and in schools.

To further add to the excitement of the event, the governor of the province thru his chief of staff gave Forty Thousand Pesos (P 40,000.00) as a token to all the attendees who were present in the event. The amount was eventually distributed thru a lottery of P 500.00 each to a blessed 80 participants.





Above shows the participants, the students and their advisers, as they earnestly listen to the presentations that they were given to during the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the event.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> and the last part of the day-long activity was the school dynamics and the awarding of winners in the said dynamics. It was in the school dynamics where camaraderie, coordination and cooperation between SHINe school beneficiaries were mainly enhanced and developed. The individual groups were formed by joining 2 school groups who will interact and work together as they tackle the various activity challenges of the dynamics. Part of the activity challenges included impromptu group cheering competition, obstacle and water-related games. Below are a series of pictures highlighting the various school dynamic challenges.



Above is a set of pictures showing the various SHINe groups as they bring out their talents in the impromtu group cheering competition.



(above picture) Sheer knowledge (with questions and answers) and teamwork are necessary in the game *"ipitin mo ang bola"* race



Focus and coordination are what it takes for the group dynamic game "fill my cup with water relay"



The group should have patience and perseverance when doing the "gem stone challenge" dynamics



Finally, It's time to chill out and mingle in the swimming pool after the school dynamics... that was FUN!!

## Some Event Pictures:









"Whatever you (we) do, work at it with all your heart as working for the LORD and not for men (Colossians 3:23)".

For more information about the SHINe program please do check us out through the following link "bulacanshine.yolasite.com" & connections below and in the next page:

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