

## DTI brings “Balik Eskwela Diskwento Caravans”



In its effort to bring discounted goods to consumers, DTI brought “Balik Eskwela Diskwento Caravans” to the public in time for the commencement of School Year 2018-2019. School supplies and some basic necessities and prime commodities were sold on sale, which ranged from 5% to 80%.

### Diskwento Caravans Mounted

Province	Date	Sales Generated	No. of Beneficiaries
Camarines Norte	May 4-5, 2018	212,221.00	335
Camarines Sur	May 16-18, 2018	282,951.52	2500
Catanduanes	May 10-11, 2018 (Gigmoto)	120,000.00	300
	May 21-25, 2018 (Virac)	33,000.00	
Masbate	May 25-26, 2018	159,000.00	168
Sorsogon	May 29-31, 2018	170,579.00	420
<b>Total</b>		<b>977,751.52</b>	<b>3,723</b>

The public was thankful that goods like school supplies and some basic necessities and prime commodities were brought right at their doorstep, at discounted prices. A project that is a partnership between manufacturers and distributors, its objective is to bring relief to consumers from the rising prices of goods and to help parents stretch their budget.

## DTI expands monitoring of prices to more stores

Following the instruction of the President, DTI Secretary Ramon M. Lopez ordered the Regional and Provincial Offices to expand the monitoring of prices to more stores and at the same time check stores' compliance to Suggested Retail Price (SRP).

With the Secretary's order, DTI-5 Regional Director Jocelyn L.B. Blanco instructed the provincial offices to double the number of stores being monitored regularly. From 128 stores covered throughout the region, it was increased to 161 or an increase of more than a hundred per cent. Provincial offices were likewise ordered to take immediate steps to ease consumer woes and protect them from profiteers taking advantage of the effects of the Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN) law.

Stores found not complying with the SRP shall be sent letters of inquiry (LOI) for them to explain in writing their reasons for not being able to observe pricing their goods within the SRP.



DTI-Camarines Sur Provincial Office Trade & Development Specialist (TIDS) Glenda Ragos checks store's compliance to SRP.

## DTI-5 receives PRIME-HR Bronze award

Director Jocelyn L.B. Blanco received the Certificate of Recognition given to DTI-5 as PRIME HRM Bronze Awardee from the Civil Service Commission during the awarding rites held on May 24, 2018 at Taal Vista Hotel, Tagaytay City.

Being **ONE** of only three (3) agencies awarded in Bicol Region and the **ONLY** National Government Agency (NGA) among the three, RD Blanco was very happy that DTI-5 successfully garnered the award.

Accordingly, DTI-5 has shown maturity in all four core human resource systems with its stringent recruitment and selection process; adequate training of staff; improved performance of the agency through implementation of measures and processes in accordance to ISO and other international standards.

RD Blanco challenged the DTI-5 team to reach for the highest level.

She said the agency will continue to improve on its Human Resource systems and to comply with Civil Service rules and regulations to further improve the delivery of public service and ensure the competence of public servants.



DTI-5 RD Jocelyn L.B. Blanco with CSC-5 RD Cecille Nieto & CSC-5 ARD Daisy Bragais