

PRESS RELEASE

Strengthening Bonds and Celebrating Love with Kasalan ng Bayan

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PSA SDN Officials participated in the “Kasalan ng Bayan” in the different city/municipalities of Surigao del Norte.

21 February 2025 – SURIGAO DEL NORTE. The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Surigao del Norte celebrates the month of love by participating in the “Kasalan ng Bayan” in the different city/municipalities of the province. These events are more than a wedding ceremony, it represents a leap towards addressing the legal and familial issues faced by unmarried couples who have chosen to build families together.

On Valentine’s Day, 14 February 2025, couples expressed their love and affection as they tied the knot during the “Kasalan ng Bayan.” Twelve couples were solemnized in the Municipality of San Francisco, 21 couples in the Municipality of Placer, 38 couples in the Municipality of Tagana-an, and 60 couples in the Municipality of Socorro. The City of Surigao



recorded the most, with 108 solemnized couples and had the oldest couple at 56 years old.

On 17 February 2025, the Municipality of Dapa facilitated marriages of 20 couples, while only one special couple in the Municipality of Burgos. The importance of marriage goes beyond the numbers and statistics; it establishes the identity of a person.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'V. G. AVELINA, JR.', written over a faint circular stamp or watermark.

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