

PRESS RELEASE

PSA Sultan Kudarat Province Graced Senator Ninoy Aquino, Sultan Kudarat's Kasalang Bayan

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In line with the celebration of the 35th Civil Registration Month (CRM) and as part of a broader initiative across the province to promote civil registration and support family values, the Local Government of Senator Ninoy Aquino hosted a “*Kasalang Bayan*” on 14 February 2025 at 9:00 a.m. The significant event took place at Barangay Kulaman Gymnasium participated by 25 couples in total.

The event was graced by OIC-Chief Statistical Specialist of Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Sultan Kudarat Province, Marifi P. De Asis, Assistant Statistician, Hasanah Fakri M. Ismael of PSA SOCCSKSARGEN Region, and local government officials of Senator Ninoy Aquino, headed by Hon. Mayor Randy L. Ecija, Hon. Vice Mayor Rafael George L. Flauta, III, MCR Ariel E. Sumagaysay, and Inter-Ministerial Faith President, Pastor Regin Mark C. Duldulao.

In his opening message, MCR Ariel E. Sumagaysay highlighted the local government's commitment in supporting couples in their journey towards building families and encouraged all the constituents of Senator Ninoy Aquino to prioritize registering vital events such as birth, marriage, and death, for these documents are very necessary in accessing benefits and services, both the local and national government.

OIC-CSS, Marifi P. De Asis, emphasized in her message the importance of civil registration to secure legal recognition of marriages. She stressed out that the



PSA, with its continued commitment to foster efficient civil registration services, aims to instill public awareness about the significance of official and legal documentation in building stable families and communities.

Hon. Vice Mayor Rafael George L. Flauta, III, also gave his message to the couples and expressed his gratitude to all the officials and the organizing committee for giving their time and effort to make the event possible.

Hon. Mayor Ecija, the officiating official of the said event, states that the Kasalangan Bayan is not just about weddings, it's about fostering a strong sense of community and encouraging couples to formalize their unions. He also expressed his gratitude to all participants and attendees especially to PSA-XII and PSA-SK officials and staff for gracing and making the event a success.

Special awards were also given, including the Best Dressed Couple Award, Sweetest Couple Award and the Longest Kiss Award. The Local Government of Senator Ninoy Aquino presented a simple token of recognition and modest cash prize to the winning couples.



The initiative not only highlights the local government's dedication to community welfare but also reinforces cultural values surrounding marriage and family life.

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