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## **PSA Cotabato participates in the Linang 2025: An In-Depth Conference on the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of RA 12009 (NGPA)**

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Hosted by the Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA) – South Cotabato Chapter in collaboration with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) Region XII, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) – Cotabato with the leadership of its OIC-Chief Statistical Specialist, Norhayyah A. Tula actively participated in the Linang Conference 2025: An In-Depth Conference on the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of RA 12009 (NGPA), held on May 15-16, 2025 at the EMR Convention Center, Koronadal City.



This two-day conference brought together procurement officers, CPAs, BAC members, and local government officials from different provinces and regions to explore the newly published IRR of RA 12009, the New Government Procurement Act. This law, signed by President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. in July 2024, replaces the decades-old RA 9184 and modernizes the Philippines' procurement system to make it more transparent, participatory, and accountable procurement framework.

Delegates from PSA – Cotabato Province gained comprehensive updates and in-depth discussion on the implementation of Republic Act No. 12009 also known as the New Government Procurement Act (NGPA) from the very knowledgeable and dynamic Regional Director of DBM Region XII, Akmad J. Usman, CPA, MBA, CESO III.



Among the important features of the New Government Procurement Act is the mandatory professionalization of procurement practitioners, which requires all procurement practitioners in government to undergo certification and capacity-building programs, and promotes the formation of a career path for public procurement professionals.

The participants actively engaged in a lively technical session, panel discussions, and interactive activities designed to equip government agencies with the tools to implement the new procurement guidelines effectively. The sessions aimed to enhance financial planning and management in government agencies while ensuring compliance with existing procurement laws and standards.

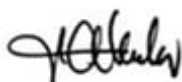


*In photo are the participants of the two-day Linang Conference on May 15-16, 2025 at the EMR Convention Center, Koronadal City.*

As the conference come to a close, participants gather for a photo opportunity which serves multiple purposes beyond just capturing a moment. It symbolizes unity, collaboration and shared commitment among participants, reinforcing the conference's goal of strengthening governance capabilities and professional development.

As the Linang Conference continues to empower government workers with the tools and knowledge to better serve the public, PSA Cotabato Province remains steadfast in its mission to uphold integrity, innovation, and efficiency in public service.

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