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The Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) here were jubilant as Gov. Exequiel B. Javier declared during the Human Rights Forum of Persons with Disability recently that he had allocated 1.2 million pesos for the construction of the Center for PWDs as this vulnerable sector of the society "needs more".

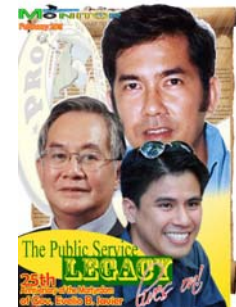
On the same occasion, Javier, together with the Association of Disabled Persons, Handicap International and the mayors of the municipalities of Barbaza, Laua-an and San Jose launched the Persons With Disability Affairs Office (PDAO), headed by the newly appointed OPDA Officer, Ms. Amie M. Dava. The office was created by virtue of RA 10070, an act which amends the Magna Carta for Disabled Persons.

According to Dava the PWDs in the province totals to 12,231, of these, 556 are male and the rest, a little less than 11,000, are female. Out of this number 80% is unemployed, 10% is out of school youth.

Diana Domingo, an employee of the PSWD, narrated how she struggled to get her college diploma, how she was first rejected in her attempt to apply for work at the Municipal Hall of Tibiao until she finally landed a job at the PSWDO. She also proudly declared that because of her work at the new capitol, she was able to send her two younger siblings to college. She also hastened to add that she was also a recipient of prosthesis from the Handicap International which she used during her graduation in college. Her narration drew emotional reactions from her fellow PWDs.

"Disability is one of the main concerns of the Commission on Human Rights, thus it made investigations on violations of human rights against PWDs," said Commission of Human Rights Region VI Director Atty. David M. Bermudo. CHR is likewise concerned with PWDs' rights to monitor government's compliance to the UN Convention of its Rights, provide legal assistance and access to education by making sure that educational institutions are

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barrier-free. Thus realized, a PWD could be considered “able” and contributory to nation building.

Bermudo also presented the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability (UNCRPD), which he stressed that under the Philippine Human Rights Plan the PWDs belong to the eighteen (18) vulnerable sectors of the society.

In the open forum that followed, members of the panel from the regional offices of DOLE, DSWD, DPWH, CHR and from the Office of the Persons with Disability in Antique (PDAO) answered queries from the participants which ranged from non-granting of discounts in the transportation, medicines and basic commodities for the disabled, to how to become members of the Handicapped International or other similar organization. The two municipal engineers present, Engr. Edgar Tanchuan of San Jose de Buenavista and Engr. Teofisto Mosquera, the president of the Association of Municipal Engineers in the province, proudly announced what their respective offices had done for the welfare of the PWDs particularly on the workplace accessibility.

Hon. Edgar D. Denosta member of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Antique issued the statement of support coming from the Committee of Finance of the provincial board in which he is the Chairman. In closing, Hon. Dino Roel T. Operiano espoused that being a PWD does not mean that life ends there, being disabled and useless. “It’s only a mind thing,” he added. “With the right attitude, and determination and understanding and with the right aid from those concerned these PWDs could lead a productive life. He also thanked those stakeholders who shared their concerns, time, and efforts for this almost neglected sector of society.

The Forum was held in coordination with Handicap International, the Province of Antique, through the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office through its Chief, Mr. Lazaro Petinglay, the Association of Disabled Persons in Antique and the three municipalities of Barbaza, San Jose and Laua-an. Its theme is “The New Face of EDSA : Democracy, Equality, and Human Rights of Antiquenos with Disabilities” with a sub theme “Equal Employment Opportunities & Workplace Accessibility”. A similar gathering was also held simultaneously at the Iloilo’s Sarabia Manor Hotel likewise with the same themes.

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	Last week	3615
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