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PNP INAUGURATES NEW POLICE BUILDING IN PANGASINAN

President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's efforts to boost the morale and modernize the Philippine National Police are now underway with the inauguration of a new police building in Mabini, Pangasinan and the issuance of 20 new police Revo patrol cars and motorcycles to various towns in the province.

PNP Director for Comptrollership, Director Reynaldo V Velasco who led the inauguration rites said the new P1-million building in Mabini town is part of the sustained efforts of PNP Chief, Director General Leandro R Mendoza to modernize the police in its continuing drive to maintain peace and order and the fight against crime all over the country.

Aside from Velasco, other PNP officers and local officials present were PRO-1 Regional Director, Senior Superintendent Arturo C. Lomibao, Pangasinan PNP Director, Senior Superintendent Leopoldo Bataoil, Alaminos City Mayor Dong Fontalera, Mabini Mayor Alimar Briana, and Pangasinan Board member Ariel De Guzman.

Velasco added that during the last six months, President Arroyo through the intercession of General Mendoza, has released some P2-billion to increase the salaries of 115,000 policemen and P1-billion to procure new equipment for modernization and new uniforms as well as the payment of retirement claims and benefits of policemen which have been pending during the past three years.

He said that the new PNP leadership has taken to task to focus on the major concerns and problems of the police to boost their morale, uplift their

lives and that of their dependents so that they can fully concentrate on their jobs.

"Aside from the recent salary increases, General Mendoza and DILG Secretary Jose D Lina Jr. have also entered into an agreement with the Department of Agriculture for joint livelihood and food assistance programs for the police," Velasco said.

He said that "cheaper but quality rice and other basic commodities are now available to policemen and their dependents through the National Food Authority." major police camps in the National Capital Region and in Regions 3 and 4 are the initial pilot project sites of the GMA Rolling Stores.

Velasco added that PNP personnel and their dependents will be encouraged to engage in agri-aqua livelihood projects to augment their income and help the Arroyo administration's food security and agriculture modernization programs. The PNP regional Office in the Autonomous Region for Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) has been chosen by the PNP Chief to be the pilot project site for this program.