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## NAMRIA's past and present female achievers feted



*former Deputy Administrator Cruzado*



*Engineer Cayapan*



*Ms. Llaneta*



*former division Chief Nepomuceno*



*former Deputy Administrator Papa*



*Ms. Santos*



*former division Chief Viernes*



*NAMRIA's female workforce who are actively helping others*

**F**or the first time in the history of the celebration of Women's Month in NAMRIA, the agency paid tribute to its past and present women officials and employees with unique achievements. The rigorous selection was undertaken by the NAMRIA GAD Focal Point System led by Resource Data Analysis Branch (RDAB) Director, Dr. Rijaldia N. Santos with Deputy Administrator Efrén P. Carandang as adviser. There were seven individual awardees and one group awardee for this year.

Retired NAMRIA Deputy Administrator Evangeline De Castro-Cruzado was honored for being first female NAMRIA administrator; current member of the Career Executive Service Board; first president of the National Union of Career Executive Service Officers; and first female awardee of Academic Excellence or Class Valedictorian from the civilian sector, Master in National Security Administration, Regular Class 18, National Defense College of the Philippines.

Retired NAMRIA Deputy Administrator Linda San Diego Papa was honored for being pioneering NAMRIA Gender and Development (GAD) champion; the first NAMRIA GAD Focal Person; and longest serving NAMRIA female leader who advocated the heightened use and application of Geographic Information System technology at NAMRIA and the realization of the country's spatial data infrastructure through the Philippine Geoportal Project.

Engr. Charisma Victoria de la Cruz-Cayapan, Engineer III of the Photogrammetry Division, Mapping and Geodesy Branch, was honored for being NAMRIA's hardworking and effective spokesperson for the National Geodetic Network; the agency's "charismatic" worker for the promotion and advancement of the network's development; and a Master's degree graduate, cum laude, in Navigation and Related Applications from Politecnico di Torino, Turin, Italy.

Ms. Maria Celeste Lobiano Llaneta, a job-order employee, was honored for being a long-serving, very efficient, and hardworking female cleaning staff member of NAMRIA.

A posthumous citation was given to Ms. Felisa Melad Nepomuceno. She was honored for being pioneering lady cartographer in NAMRIA and the first and until her retirement, the longest serving chief of the Cartography Division, former NAMRIA Mapping Department.

Ms. Carina Allam Santos, Information Officer IV of the Geospatial Information Services Division-Geospatial Information System Management Branch, was honored for being NAMRIA's courageous and persevering spokesperson for the rights of persons with disabilities. She was a two-time awardee of the Cerebral Palsied Association of the Philippines, Inc. She was also honored for completing her Master of Applied Science degree in Coaching Psychology at the University of Sydney under the Endeavour Awards, "the Australian Government's internationally competitive, merit-based scholarship program" (source: <http://sydney.edu.au>). While still a student, she volunteered with the Cerebral Palsy Alliance in New South Wales in July 2010-November 2011, educating primary school students about disability.

Ms. Milagros Felipe Viernes, retired division chief, was honored for being the first chief of the former Media Production Division, Information Management Department; co-founder and first female president of the Organization of NAMRIA Employees; and co-founder and first female president of the NAMRIA Multi-Purpose Cooperative.

Finally, NAMRIA's female workforce—grandmothers, wives, mothers, daughters, sisters, aunts, nieces—were honored for their courageously and selflessly raising their family or taking care of relatives or voluntarily giving help to those in need.

The pictures of the honorees with accompanying write-ups on their achievements are in posters displayed at the NAMRIA main office in Taguig City and at the Hydrography Branch office in San Nicolas, Manila.

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