



# Sangguniang Panlalawigan

BATAAN CAPITOL, BALANGA CITY



## EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 144<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR SESSION (HYBRID) OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF BATAAN ON JUNE 23, 2025 HELD IN THE PROVINCE OF BATAAN

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**ABSENT:**

Hon. Jorge S. Estanislao, M.D., Board Member (On Leave)

### PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 13 Series of 2025

**AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE "BATAAN MODEL OFW FAMILY OF THE YEAR AWARD (B-MOFYA)" AS THE PROVINCIAL SEARCH FOR THE REGIONAL MODEL OFW FAMILY OF THE YEAR AWARD (MOFYA), ESTABLISHING SELECTION CRITERIA AND PROCESS ALIGNED WITH THE REGIONAL COMPETITION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

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**WHEREAS**, the Provincial Government of Bataan (PGB) acknowledges the vital contributions and sacrifices of Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) and their families in the economic and social development of the country;

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Acting Provincial Governor

**"EXCELLENT PUBLIC SERVICE TOWARDS A BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL"**

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**WHEREAS**, the Philippine government, through the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA), an attached agency of the Department of Migrant Workers (DMW), holds the annual Model OFW Family of the Year Award (MOFYA) to recognize outstanding OFW families that embody excellence, integrity, and strong family values;

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative to institutionalize a provincial-level selection process that will identify and prepare the most qualified nominees from Bataan for the regional MOFYA competition;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it ordained as it is hereby ordained by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the Province of Bataan, in session assembled, that:

**SECTION 1. TITLE.** - This Ordinance shall be known as the "Bataan Model OFW Family of the Year Award (B-MOFYA) Ordinance."

**SECTION 2. OBJECTIVES.** - The B-MOFYA aims to:

- a) Recognize and honor outstanding OFW families from Bataan that exemplify professional success, family solidarity, and community involvement;
- b) Promote the values of excellence, integrity, and civic responsibility among OFWs; and
- c) Select two (2) outstanding OFW families, one for the Land-Based Category and the other for the Sea-Based Category, to officially represent Bataan in the Regional MOFYA Search.

**SECTION 3. AWARD CATEGORIES.** - There shall be two award categories: (a) Land-Based Category for OFWs employed on land; and (b) Sea-Based Category for OFWs employed onboard international vessels.

**SECTION 4. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA.** - To be eligible for the award:

- a) The nominee must be a bona fide resident of Bataan prior to working abroad;
- b) The nominee must have worked as an OFW for at least four (4) years;
- c) The nominee must have returned to the Philippines for good within the last fifteen (15) years at the time of nomination;
- d) The family must be intact (parents and children living harmoniously);
- e) The family must not have any member with a criminal record or facing administrative or legal complaints;
- f) The family must be actively involved in civic or community-based initiatives in the Philippines or abroad; and
- g) The nominee and family must not have previously won the regional MOFYA.

Families previously nominated but not awarded at the regional level may be renominated, provided the prior nomination was at least two (2) years before.

  
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**SECTION 5. SELECTION COMMITTEE & PROCESS.** - The Selection Committee shall be composed of representatives from:


- a) Office of the Provincial Governor;
- b) Sangguniang Panlalawigan Committee on Labor, Manpower, Employment and Government Services;
- c) Sangguniang Panlalawigan Committee on Women and Family;
- d) Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager (OPPESM);
- e) Office of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer (OPSWDO);
- f) Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA); and
- g) Bataan OFW Family Circle Federation.

The Committee shall:

- a) Disseminate the call for nominations across LGUs, barangays, and migrant desks;
- b) Accept and validate all submissions (*i.e.*, nominees must submit verifiable documentation such as, but not limited to, certificates, awards, and community involvement proof);
- c) Conduct panel interviews and community validations if necessary; and
- d) Select two (2) awardees, one for each category, based on the regional MOFYA scoring system, and submit the winners' documents to the regional body.

**SECTION 6. SELECTION CRITERIA.** - The Selection Committee shall adopt the regional MOFYA scoring system below:

- a) Wholesomeness of Family Relations & Solidarity (50%):
  - 1. Emotional closeness and regular communication;
  - 2. Mutual support, shared responsibilities, navigating challenges together.
- b) Civic or Community Involvement (20%):
  - 1. Initiating or supporting community projects;
  - 2. Active roles in civic or Filipino organizations;
  - 3. Commendations or special recognition for contributions;
  - 4. Engagement in advocacies promoting welfare or community development.
- c) Education or Professional Success (20%):
  - 1. Completion or ongoing pursuit of education by the OFW and family members;

  
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2. Awards or citations in academic or professional fields;
  3. Sustained professional practice or career progression.
- d) Financial Management (10%):
1. Ownership or operation of successful enterprises;
  2. Demonstrated savings, investments, and financial stability.
- (Weights may be updated to reflect the current OWWA criteria.)

**SECTION 7. AWARDING CEREMONY & INCENTIVES. -**

- a) The awards shall be conferred every June 7, in celebration of Migrant Workers' Day;
- b) The PGB shall provide a Plaque of Recognition and a modest cash incentive for each winner;
- c) The provincial winners shall receive technical and financial support in preparing for the regional MOFYA;
- d) Additional prizes may be granted through private sponsorships, such as livelihood support, education assistance, or job reintegration opportunities.

**SECTION 8. ADMINISTRATION & IMPLEMENTATION. -** The OPPEM and OPSWDO, in coordination with the OWWA, shall implement this Ordinance annually.

**SECTION 9. FUNDING. -** Funds shall be sourced from the existing budget of the OPPEM. Additional funding and incentives may be solicited from:

- a) Private donors and philanthropists;
- b) Business chambers;
- c) Non-government organizations; and
- d) National government programs.

**SECTION 10. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. -** If any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 11. EFFECTIVITY. -** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval and compliance with the posting requirement under Section 59 of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A. 7160).

UNANIMOUSLY ENACTED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2025.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** to the enactment of the foregoing ordinance.


  
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Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan

  
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Date: 06/27/25

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