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USAID-mentored Zamboanga City Officials take oath as licensed environmental planners



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On July 1, 2017, newly licensed environmental planners from Zamboanga City and nearby provinces of Zamboanga del Norte, Zamboanga del Sur and Zamboanga Sibugay took their oath as professional environment planners and were inducted into the Philippine Institute of Environmental Planner-Zamboanga Peninsula Basilan-Sulu-Tawi-Tawi (PIEP-ZAMPEN BASULTA) Chapter. Eight out of eleven new environmental planners from Zamboanga City are local government officials. USAID's Strengthening Urban Resilience for Growth with Equity (SURGE) Project helped these eight officials and government planners from the other Cities Development Initiative (CDI) partner cities prepare for the annual environmental planner licensure exam through training and review sessions, and reference materials as part of its support to strengthen local capacity of CDI cities in urban development. Zamboanga City Mayor Maria Isabelle Climaco highlighted the city's continued support in enhancing the skills and knowledge of its officers. She posed a challenge to the new environmental planners to find solutions to the environmental issues in Zamboanga City. During the induction ceremony, USAID-mentored Zamboanga City Planning and Development Coordinator Mr. Rodrigo Sicat was elected as the first President of the PIEP-ZAMPEN BASULTA Chapter.