

Olatayan Residents to Have Light Soon

ROXAS CITY, Capiz (23 Oct.) – About P61-million has been allocated by the national government for the electrification of an island barangay of Olatayan here in line with Pres. Benigno S. Aquino III’s Sitio Electrification (SEP) and Barangay Line Enhancement Programs (BLEP).

“We will use submarine cables to bring electricity from Roxas City mainland to the island,” said Capiz Electric Cooperative (CAPELCO) general manager Edgar Diaz in an interview aired over local RMN station.

CAPELCO will then distribute the power to island residents thru grid lines which will be established around the 53-hectare barangay which has become a tourist come-on for diving, snorkeling and mountain trekking activities.

Presently, the islanders source-out electricity from a generator which operates at a specified daily schedule.

“Hopefully, Olatayan will be energized thru CAPELCO power before Pres. Aquino’s administration ends next year,” said Diaz in the interview.

He also noted that the implementation of SEP and BLEP in the province was realized and fast tracked thru the help of then Department of the Interior and Local Government Sec. Mar Roxas, Capiz congressmen Antonio A. Del Rosario as well as Fredenil Castro and Capiz Gov. Victor A. Tanco.

A belated ceremonial switch on ceremony was conducted by the Office of Capiz 1st District Cong. Del Rosario and CAPELCO at the Provincial Capitol here last Oct. 21 on about 67 sitios energized by CAPELCO for 2014 in Roxas City and the municipalities of Maayon, Pontevedra, Pilar, Panay and Panit-an.

During the ceremony, Del Rosario said that the project is a manifestation that the government is trying its best to deliver basic social services to every household towards improvement of the quality of life.

The electric cooperative is also working out for the completion of 75 more sitios provincewide scheduled to be energized by November 30.

Rural Electrification is one of the Aquino administration’s priority programs to provide energy access for more Filipinos as a key to countryside development and poverty alleviation.(JCM/AAL/PIA6 Capiz)