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To : **AUX COMMO BETHLEHEM HOLAYSAN JR PCGA**  
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(Attn: Station Staff for Community Relations Service, S7)

Subj : **AFTER ACTIVITY REPORT**  
**DOT7 CAMPAIGN: Turista iWas Scam**

Date : March 23, 2026

Encl : A. List of Participants / Attendance sheets  
B. Pictures taken during the activity

I. **TIME COVERED:** 1300H-1700H, March 23, 2026

II. **VENUE:** Parklane Hotel, Cebu City

III. **MISSION:**

The 202<sup>nd</sup> CGAS & 209<sup>th</sup> CGAS PCGA actively participated in these preparatory engagements, contributing insights on tourist safety in line with its mission of promoting the safety of life and property at sea, protecting the marine environment, and supporting maritime security operations.

IV. **CHRONOLOGICAL EVENTS:**

The Turista iWAS Scam: Anti-Scam Program for Tourists was successfully conducted on March 23, 2026, at Eugenia Hall, Cebu Parklane International Hotel, through the joint initiative of the Department of Tourism Region VII (DOT7) and Police Regional Office 7 (PRO7). The program aimed to strengthen awareness, prevention, and enforcement mechanisms against tourism-related scams in Cebu and Bohol. It brought together key stakeholders from government agencies, law enforcement, media, and the private tourism sector, particularly hotel and resort operators, to align efforts in safeguarding tourists and enhancing the credibility of the region as a safe travel destination.

Prior to the official launch, a series of coordination meetings and planning sessions were conducted among DOT, PNP, and tourism stakeholders to ensure alignment of objectives, messaging, and operational strategies. The 202<sup>nd</sup> CGAS & 209<sup>th</sup> CGAS

PCGA members actively participated in these preparatory engagements, contributing insights on tourist safety, particularly in coastal and high-traffic tourism areas. The 202<sup>ND</sup> & 209<sup>TH</sup> CGAS together with the PCG also supported the integration of the program into community-based initiatives, reinforcing its mandate on safety of life and property, environmental protection, and public awareness. This collaborative groundwork ensured that the program was cohesive and implementation-ready at the time of launch.

The event highlighted strong government commitment through opening messages from DOT7 and PRO7, emphasizing a unified and multi-sectoral approach to tourism protection. Key presentations included the introduction of the Turista iWAS Scam program, which focuses on tourist awareness, reporting mechanisms, enforcement coordination, and digital platform monitoring. Mr. Marlon R. Barrientos delivered the keynote presentation, discussing current scam typologies affecting tourists and underscoring the need for vigilance across the industry. A significant component of the program was the presentation by AUX CAPT CENELYN MANGUILIMOTAN DALNAY PCGA on the proposed Hotel and Resort Online Booking Anti-Scam Framework, addressing issues such as fake booking platforms, impersonation schemes, and the need for standardized verification protocols and compliance measures among establishments.

An open forum and press conference facilitated by PIA7 allowed stakeholders to raise concerns, share experiences, and discuss operational challenges, particularly in handling scam incidents and reporting gaps. The event concluded with a pledge of support from stakeholders and media, led by PCOL Kimberly E. Molitas, followed by a ceremonial signing to formalize commitment toward collaborative implementation of the program.

The private sector was well represented by key figures from the hospitality industry, including AUX CDR NIGEL PSALM YAP PCGA, 202<sup>nd</sup> CGAS & of Pescadores Suites Moalboal, Anya Unchuan of Cebu White Sands Resort and Spa, & Michelle Lawrence of Kandaya Resort. Their participation demonstrated strong industry alignment and commitment to enhancing guest protection and addressing online booking scams.

Overall, the program resulted in strengthened multi-agency coordination among DOT, PNP, PCGA, and tourism stakeholders, increased awareness of emerging digital scam threats, and the initiation of a standardized framework for anti-scam measures within the hotel and resort sector. It also highlighted the importance of establishing clear reporting mechanisms, rolling out sustained information campaigns, and ensuring continued stakeholder engagement. The inclusion of the PCG & PCGA in both preparatory and operational phases further reinforced the program's capacity for community-level implementation, particularly in coastal tourism areas. The successful launch of the Turista iWAS Scam program marks a significant step toward promoting a safer, more secure, and more sustainable tourism environment in the region.

V. **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Recommended conferment of appropriate awards to all PCGA participants in the said event.



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**Noted by:**

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**202<sup>ND</sup> SQUADRON**

1. AUX CDR NIGEL PSALM YAP PCGA
2. AUX LCDR RONALD GERALDEZ PCGA
3. AUX LCDR BRENDON MABANO PCGA
4. AUX LCDR IAN DOMINIC TABANAG PCGA

**209<sup>TH</sup> SQUADRON**

1. AUX CAPT CENEALYN MANGUILIMOTAN DALNAY PCGA

## B. Pictures taken during the activity



