

Mayor Beng Climaco has appointed Dr. Jane de la Cruz Bascar, a woman with impeccable credentials and years of work experience in both government and private sectors and the corporate world, as the new head of the City Human Resource and Management Office (CHRMO).

Bascar, who has been with the Climaco administration since July 1, as an executive assistant, holds a doctoral degree in Development Studies and a masteral degree in Business Management. She was an Asian Development Bank full scholarship grantee and a summa cum laude graduate of the Ateneo de Zamboanga University.

“With her impeccable credentials and years of experience, we have no doubt that Dr. Jane Bascar has the skills, competencies and expertise to accomplish the demands and responsibilities expected o a human resource management officer,” Mayor Climaco said in her weekly press briefing Monday morning where she presented Bascar.

The mayor said Bascar has been with the City Government as an executive assistant since July and later as head of the recovery cluster and that “we have seen how she performed her tasks and so without reservations and with confidence we say that she will be an asset in the executive department, as we strive to deliver quality service to all our constituents”.

While she is tied up with concerns related to the internally displaced persons (IDPs) and preparations for the implementation of the Zamboanga City Roadmap to Recovery and Reconstruction (Z3R), Climaco said she is not remiss in her duties and responsibilities to all the sectors of the society.

“And to help our administration achieve its goals and targets, we make sure that we have the right people in the right place,” the mayor declared as she cited other programs undertaken by her administration to pursue the Security, Health and Education (SHE) program.

For her part, Bascar expressed gratitude to the mayor for giving her the privilege to serve the city through the CHRMO. “This was never in my plan, in fact, I was living a quiet life in the Ateneo de Zamboanga when the invitation came from out of the blue to join Ma’am Bang in

serving the city.”

She admitted that she agonized over decision knowing that if she said yes, her world would turn upside down. “And indeed when I joined City Hall, what happened was beyond my worst imagination. First, we had the siege, then came the IDPs and then the string of controversies. Perhaps had I know that this was what was waiting for me here, I would have had second, third, fourth and fifth thoughts before saying yes.”

She continued: “But I guess sometimes in life we never know where God wants to put us. For some reasons beyond our comprehension we are placed where we never imagined ourselves to be, some things fall on our lap without even our asking for it and all we have to do is to embrace it. And there are times no matter how much we strive after something that we want so badly it always stays beyond our reach.”

Bascar appealed for prayers and support and cooperation from the CHRMO staff and all city government workers to help her have a human resource department that is truly responsive, that will look after the welfare of the employees, motivate the employees so they will improve their productivity and ultimately to serve the public better.

She vowed to perform her new task with all sincerity, integrity and humility.

Bascar is a certified public accountant, a career service professional and writes the column “Springs of Joy” published in Daily Zamboanga Times. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clemencio Bascar, a columnist, author, poet, songwriter, playwright and former Vice President of the Western Mindanao State University. — Sheila Covarrubias