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A total of 18,125 metric tons of garlic from the Itbayat Garlic Farmers Producers Association were delivered to the Sual Seaport in Pangasinan, through the collaborative effort of the Department of Agriculture-Inspectorate and Enforcement (DA-IE) office and the Philippine Navy (PN).

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The produce, amounting to P1.95 million was purchased by Fresh Buys Ph of Baguio City. The shipment, loaded on the PN sea vessel is composed of 11,001 kilograms (kg) of large garlic, 5,407.5 kg of medium garlic, and 1,716 kg of small garlic.

James Layug DA Assistant Secretary and DA-IE head stressed that the Department will continue to launch projects, in collaboration with other agencies, to improve the lives and livelihood of Filipino farmers and fishers across the nation.

“We will continue to strengthen our Market Linkage Program,” he said adding that DA-IE will act as a liaison for the federal, state, and local governments.

“If all stakeholders in this industry work together, this will be feasible,” Layug stressed.