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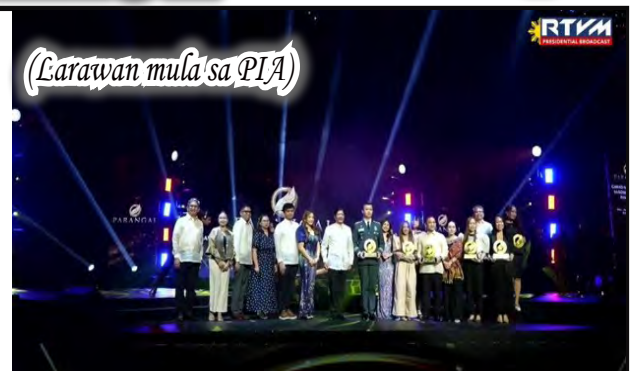
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BARANGAYS IN CAVITE GIVEN EXECUTIVE COURSE IN PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE PEACE

DASMARIÑAS CITY, Cavite (PIA) – The role of barangays in fostering lasting peace in the community is highlighted as a university in Cavite launched the Barangay Peace and Conflict Transformation (BPACT) Executive Course.

Helmed by the ninth batch of Master in Sustainable Leadership and Governance students of De La Salle University in Dasmariñas, the BPACT Executive Course aims to provide barangay officials and Sangguniang Kabataan leaders with vital skills in conflict resolution, mediation, and peacebuilding.

The program likewise seeks to empower grassroots leaders to foster inclusive, harmonious, and resilient communities.

Professor Rommel Mazo, Director of the university's School of Governance, stated that BPACT is a 13 to 15-week highly specialized course designed to support the barangay justice administration overseen by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG).

"Peace is essential in development. Progress cannot occur without peace. The state exists fundamentally to promote peace and order. Without peace and order, there is no development, no culture, no civilization," Mazo said.

Engr. Danilo Nobleza, Provincial Director of DILG Cavite, recognized the importance of the academe in its mission to empower barangays in maintaining peace and promoting development within their communities.

"This program is highly significant as we have seen how an academic institution was given the opportunity to offer a program that addresses the skills and knowledge needed for serving our

communities,"

Nobleza assured that the interior department will fully support the BPACT Executive Course by offering technical assistance and advocating for its adoption in other local governments.

For barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan officials, the inaugural BPACT course is a valuable learning opportunity designed to enhance their conflict resolution skills and prevent disputes from escalating to the courts.

Ariane Agustin, a Sangguniang Kabataan member in Tanza, Cavite urged fellow SK officials to support this initiative as part of their responsibility to inspire other youth to be involved in local governance.

"To my fellow SK officials, let's support the BPACT program. We need this because as youth leaders, we are expected to fulfill our duty and inspire the youth to participate in the community."

Matde Blancaflor from Barangay Biwas, Tanza stated the course will better equip them to resolve cases and disputes at the barangay level and prevent them from being elevated to higher authorities.

"It provides guidelines on how cases are processed at the barangay level, helping reduce conflicts and prevent issues from escalating to the courts when they can be resolved within the barangay."

Aligned with the principles of Conflict Sensitive and Peace Promotion (CSPP) from the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation, and Unity (OPAPRU), the BPACT Executive Course also supports the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal (SGD) 16, which focuses on promoting peace, justice, and strong institutions.

(PB/PIA4A)

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF LOCAL SHELTER PLAN – PROVINCIAL LEVEL

The Provincial Housing Development and Management Office (PHDMO) successfully hosted the Presentation and Discussion of Local Shelter Plan – Provincial Level on December 18, 2024, at the Ceremonial Hall of the old Provincial Capitol Building in Trece Martires City. Attended by representatives of the Provincial Urban Development and Housing Board of the province of Cavite, the event provided an overview of what local shelter planning is and how to go about the process of crafting the Provincial Shelter Plan with insights from experts and actual experiences at the provincial level.

A Technical Orientation on Local Shelter Plan was provided by EnP. Lowieann Hinanay of the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD) Environmental, Land Use and Urban Planning and Development Bureau, giving participants insights on what the plan is, its legal bases and the different components of the plan, as an introduction to the processes that the provincial board will undertake in the future.

For a more concrete presentation of the processes in the preparation of Provincial Shelter Plan, resource speakers from the Housing and Homesite Affairs Division for the Provincial Government of Batangas shared their experiences and milestones. Mr. Job Mario Balita, Housing and Homesite Regulation Officer II, and Ms. Carmina Jozcel Macaraig, Housing and Homesite Regulation Officer III, presented the Province of Batangas' Local Shelter Plan, offering a practical perspective on housing initiatives and policies.

Provincial Administrator Rodel Vincent T. Bae also graced the program in full support of the initiative of the province to prepare for the housing and other basic services needs of the people of Cavite taking into consideration growing

population as a result of continuous development and migration.

The discussion provided a platform for collaboration and knowledge exchange, reinforcing the Provincial Government of Cavite's commitment to addressing housing challenges and ensuring the provision of safe, affordable, and resilient homes for its residents.

PHDMO head Ms. Karen Camañag-Tupas expressed her gratitude to all participants and resource speakers for their valuable contributions and insights, which will undoubtedly guide Cavite in formulating effective shelter strategies in the years to come. ---JDP
(Mula sa CPIO)

Governor Athena Tolentino's Women's Welfare Program Brings Hope and Smiles to the Women of Naic

In a significant step toward uplifting women in the community, the Municipality of Naic hosted the Women's Welfare Program on December 16, 2024, aimed at providing financial support and empowerment to local residents.

Held at the municipal grounds, the program distributed ₱2,000 cash assistance to 2,000 women, showcasing a strong commitment to fostering economic resilience and promoting gender equality within the community.

The event was attended by 8th District Congresswoman Aniela Tolentino, who emphasized the importance of empowering women as a way to build stronger, more inclusive communities and invest in the future of society.

Local government officials, community leaders, and beneficiaries praised the initiative for addressing the practical needs of women in Naic. The program serves as a clear demonstration of the provincial government's dedication to advancing women's welfare by providing vital resources and creating opportunities for a better quality of life. Governor Athena

CAVITE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT HONORS EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE AT 2024 'PRAISE' AWARDS

The Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC) shone a spotlight on public service excellence during the 2024 Program on Awards and Incentives for Service Excellence (PRAISE) Awarding Ceremony, held on December 6, 2024, at The Bayleaf Cavite, General Trias City. Spearheaded by the Office of the Provincial Human Resource and Management Officer (OPHRMO), under the leadership of Ms. Maria Fe M. Satsatin, the event celebrated the invaluable contributions of Cavite's public servants in driving the province's success.

In his welcoming remarks, Mr. Rodel Vincent T. Bae, Provincial Administrator, commended the dedication of the awardees, emphasizing that Cavite's distinction as one of the leading provinces in the country is a testament to the collective efforts of its workforce. He added that Cavite's achievements are built on the commitment of every individual member of the PGC.

Recognizing Transformative Public Service, Mr. Jeffrey C. Cruz, Director of the Civil Service Commission (CSC) Cavite Field Office, highlighted the transformative power of dedicated public service. Addressing the awardees, he emphasized that every act of commitment, no matter how small, contributes to the greater good and.

Mr. Cruz also awarded the CNA Certificate to the PGCEA Officers, led by Ms. Michelle Osorio, PGCEA President.

The event recognized 85 employees across four service categories: 14 recipients from 0-15 Years of Service; 29 recipients for 16-30 Years of Service; 12 recipients for 31-40 Years of Service; and, 11 recipients for 41 Years and above. Additionally, 10 posthumous awards were given to honor the

Tolentino's Women's Welfare Program Brings Hope and Smiles to the Women of Naic. ---R.Dones
(Mula sa CPIO)

enduring legacies of departed employees.

Awardees received plaques of appreciation, grocery packs, and cash incentives ranging from ₱5,000 to ₱20,000, with posthumous awardees receiving ₱20,000 as a heartfelt tribute to their contributions.

Exemplary offices were also honored for their commitment to organizational excellence through the Good Housekeeping Awards. Under Category I, the Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager, Office of the Provincial Youth Development Officer, and Office of the Provincial Budget Officer were awarded. For Category II, the Office of the Provincial Planning and Development Coordinator, and Cavite Provincial Jail were recognized. For Category III, the Office of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan bagged the award, and lastly, under Category IV, the Cavite Municipal Hospital was recognized. The awards for the Good Housekeeping were received by the respective heads of departments and units.

In her closing message, Ms. Maria Fe M. Satsatin expressed her gratitude to Governor Athena Bryana D. Tolentino, Vice Governor Shernan Jaro, Provincial Administrator Rodel Vincent T. Bae, department heads, the secretariat, committees, and the Office of the Provincial Information Officer (PIO) for their unwavering support in making the PRAISE activities successful.

"The services rendered by our awardees will remain in our hearts as a testament to Cavite's culture of excellence in governance," Ms. Satsatin said.

The ceremony concluded with a renewed commitment to fostering innovation, collaboration, and dedication in public service, as Cavite continues to set the benchmark for excellence across the nation. --- R. Dones
(Mulasa CPIO)

ABULOY SA SIMBAHAN,
TINANGAY NG KAWATAN

HAWAK ng mga awtoridad ang lalaking tumangay ng tinatayang P1,019.00 cash na laman ng donation box ng simbahan sa Tanza, Cavite. Nasa kustodiya ng Tanza Municipal Police Station ang suspek na si alyas John na naharap sa kasong theft. Sa ulat, bandang alas-2:00 ng madaling araw ay

tinangay ng suspek ang donation box St. Augustine Church sa Brgy Poblacion, Tanza, na may laman na P1,019.00. Pero agad namang napuna ng kawani ng simbahan kaya nakatawag ng police assistance na nagresulta sa pagkakaaresto sa suspek at pagkakabawi ng natangay na pera. **(Gene Adsuara)**

P350-K, motor; nadale
ng riding in tandem

TANGAY ang tinatayang P350K cash at hinila pa ng mga hinihinalang riding in tandem ang motorsiklo ng biktima matapos siyang holdapin sa Tanza, Cavite. Personal na dumulog sa tanggapan ng Tanza Municipal Police Station ang biktima na si Ronel Reyes y Hernandez matapos holdapin ng hindi nakikilalang mga suspek na magkaangkas sa motorsiklo. Sa ulat, bandang alas-12:30 ng tanghali naganap ang panghoholdap sa Anyana Road, Brgy Bunga, Tanza. Minamaneho ng biktima

ang kanyang itim na motorsiklong Yamaha Mio na my plakang 76500A at hinarang siya ng mga suspek. Tinutukan umano siya ng baril at tinangay ang kanyang body bag na naglalaman ng cellphone, iba't ibang susi sa tindahan at mga Identification Cards. Napansin pa ng mga suspek ang belt bag ng biktima at tinangay din na may laman na P350,000 cash na kita ng tindahan. Sumibad ang mga suspek at natangay ang motorsiklo ng biktima. **(Gene Adsuara)**

Pampublikong
paaralan, nilooban

TINANGAY ng hindi nakilalang kawatan ang cash at laptop sa loob ng pampublikong paaralan sa Cavite City. Pinagahaman ng mga awtoridd ang suspek na kinilalang si alyas Andrew, ng Brgy 7 (Kapitang Kong) 870 Malvar St., Cavite City na siyang umano'y responsable sa pagnanakaw. Sa salaysay ni Jomar Bartolome, 39, binata, cook sa Dalahican Elementary School sa Brgy 2, Dalahican, Cavite City, bandang alas-5:30 ng umaga ay pumasok siya at napansin na bukas ang pintuan ng school canteen.

Tiningnan nito ang cash container at nawawala ang pera na nagkakahalaga ng P1,500 na pambili ng mga lulutu in sa canteen. Tiningnan na rin nito ang iba pang tanggapan kung saan bukas din ang Guidance Office at nawawala rin ang inisyung laptop para kay Jeanne Esguerra, 50, teacher sa nasabing paaralan. Maging ang Principal Office ay hini rin nakaligtas bagama't tanging kinainan na noodles lamang ang nakita at ang iba pang mga tanggapan ay pawang mga bukas din na nagkalat na gamit lamang ang nadatnan. **(Gene Adsuara)**

Droga, buking sa rider
na walang helmet

NABUKING ang itinatagong droga ng motorcycle rider na unang sinita sa checkpoint dahil sa hindi pagsusuot ng helmet sa General Mariano Alvarez (GMA), Cavite. Kasong paglabag sa RA 10054 (An Act Mandating All Motorcycle Riders at to wear Standard Protective Helmet) at Sec. 11 of RA 9165 (Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002) ang kinaharap ng suspek na si alyas

Bonamer. Sa ulat, pinara ang suspek pagdaan sa nakalaatag na checkpoint sa Congressional Road Brgy Maderan, GMA, bandang alas-11:30 ng gabi dahil sa hindi nito pagsusuot ng helmet. Sa pag-inspeksiyon ay bumulaga sa mga awtoridad ang tinatayang 0.9 gramo ng hinihinalang shabu na may street value na P6,120.00. **(Gene Adsuara)**

Driver, ginilitan sa leeg

PATAY ang 27-anyos na driver makaraang gilitan sa leeg ng naalimpungatan sa tulog na construction worker sa Bacoar City, Cavite. Kinilala ang biktima na si Regine Rot y Ediza, 43 binata, ng Blk 10, Lot #39, Maranao St., Camella Springville Heights, Brgy. Molino 7, Bacoar City, na namatay noon din dahil sa saksak sa leeg. Hawak ng Bacoar Component City Police Station ang suspek na si alyas Hipolito, 54, construction worker na stay-in sa Cost Saver Service Corporation Barracks, Phase 3, Springville Heights, Gawaran Avenue, Brgy.

Molino 7, Bacoar City. Sa ulat, bandang alas-11:00 ng gabi naganap ang insidente sa loob ng naturang barracks. Lasing umano ang biktima na sinasabing nagwawala at naghahamon ng away hanggang sa pumasok a loob ng barracks kung saan naabutan ang suspek na umano'y natutulog at lasing din. Naalimpungatan ang suspek at biglang tayo na kumuha ng kutsiyo at ginilitan sa leeg ang biktima na nagresulta sa kamatayan. Mabilis naaman ang pagresponde ng mga awtoridad na nagresulta sa pagkakaaresto sa suspek. **(Gene Adsuara)**

Fetus, binalot sa parcel

UMAALINGASAW na ang amoy na natuklasan ng Food Panda rider tinatayang 7 hanggang 8 buwan na fetus na nakabalot sa parcel sa gilid ng bakanteng sari-sari store sa Naic, Cavite. Ayon sa nakatuklas na si Marc Arvin y Nadal, 26, inaayos nito ang kanyang motorsiklo kasama ang isa pang rider sa repair shop malapit sa gilid ng tindahan sa bakanteng lote sa Governor's Drive Brgy Sabang Naic.

Napansin nila ang isang parcel sa nasabing lugar bandang alas-7:30 ng gabi. Pagbukas ay umalingasaw ang amoy at tumambad sa kanila ang fetus. Agad na ipinagbigay alam ang kanilang natuklasan sa Naic Police Station kung saan nakipag-ugnayan sa Naic Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) at sa pagkakakilanlan sa magulang nito. **(Gene Adsuara)**

Editorial

Tapyas o bawas sa budget

TRILYONG piso ang umaak-tibong pambansang bud-get sa susunod na taon. Sinusulat ito ay nakatak-da ang paglagda ni Pangu-long Ferdinand Marcos Jr. sa P6.352-T 2025 national budget. Sa kasaluyan o ngayong taon ay P5.768-T ang pambansang budget kaya mas mataas nasa 10.1 porsiy-ento kung ikukumpara para sa 2025. Napakaraming pasanin ng ating bansa na sadya na-mang kinakailangang gugulan. Lahat ay may pagkakagastahan ga-yunman ay nararapat na mayroong mga natatangi o ang tinatawag na dapat mga nangunguna sa talaan. Ibig sabihin ay ang pagkakaloob ng karapat-dapat at makatawriang sapat na budget para sa mga ito. Masusing pag-aaral kung tama ba o mali ang pagtapyas o pagdag-dag ng budget sa bawat ahensiya.

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ASIN Center: Salt Innovation for a Better Future

DOST Undersecretary for Regional Operations, Engr. Sancho A. Mabborang together with DOST 1 Regional Director, Dr. Teresita A. Tabaog, and PSTO-Pangasinan Provincial Director, Engr. Arnold C. Santos visited the Accelerating Salt Research and Innovation (ASIN) Center on December 11, 2024, at PSU Binmaley Campus, Binmaley, Pangasinan.

ASIN Center was established under the DOST- Niche Centers in the Regions (NICER) Program. It is a center that focuses on developing new and innovative salt production methods, improving existing processes, and identifying new markets for salt.

Dr. Elbert M. Galas, President of Pangasinan State University (PSU) expressed his gratitude to the DOST and all partner agencies and SUCs. Dr. Galas said that it is just right that the ASIN Center is being led by the PSU and established in Pangasinan since Pangasinan came from the root word "Panagasinan" which means "where salt is made." Dr. Galas said that the ASIN center will revitalize the dying salt industry in the country.

Dr. Teresita A. Tabaog, Regional Director of DOST 1 introduced the ASIN Center and updates on the OneASIN Program being led by the agency. "With all the efforts, and technologies being deployed in the salt industry in the region, we are actually giving hopes to increase the salt production in the country which will benefit the entire value chain," Dr. Tabaog added.

Usec. Mabborang congratulated PSU for leading the ASIN Center. He said that the efforts and advancements in the salt industry will provide end-to-end solutions and bright paths. He said that one of DOST's many things that are doing is to capacitate SUCs and provide facilities that will benefit students, faculties, and the country. Usec. Mabborang also

commended PSU for its commitment and accomplishment. "Marami na po kayong nagawa but we need to accelerate things with your excellent pool of experts, not for us, not for you, but for the community," he challenged. Present in the activity are the partner universities from DMMMSU, MMSU, PRMSU, representatives of the ASIN Center Steering Committee, BFAR, DENR, TESDA, DTI, DOST, and Provincial Government of Pangasinan, and DOST-PCIEERD.

DOST will continue to provide solutions, and open opportunities through science, technology, and innovation. (Bernalyn P. Martinez and Brenn Justin p. Guevarra)

CCC highlights role of 3 new ASEAN Heritage Parks from PH in biodiversity protection and climate change mitigation

MANILA — The Climate Change Commission (CCC) welcomed the inclusion of three Philippine natural wonders—Apo Reef Natural Park, Turtle Islands, and Balinsasayao Twin Lakes—among the five newest ASEAN Heritage Parks, announced by the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity.

This latest milestone brings the total number of Philippine ASEAN Heritage Parks to 14, with unique habitats that serve as sanctuaries for endangered species and vital resources for local communities.

Apo Reef Natural Park, the largest contiguous coral reef system in the Philippines and the second-largest in the world, is home to over 482 fish species and 63 coral genera, along with rare marine invertebrates and iconic species such as dugongs and whale sharks. The Turtle Islands Wildlife Sanctuary, recognized as the only major nesting habitat of the Green Sea Turtle in ASEAN and the 11th largest nesting site globally, plays a pivotal role in conserving this endangered species. Its critical importance for biodiversity conservation

HSAC empowers homeowners and buyers through Info Caravan

QUEZON CITY — The Human Settlements Adjudication Commission (HSAC) recently concluded its 2024 Information Caravan, an initiative to enhance community engagement and awareness of the citizens' rights related to real estate and homeowners' associations. Held in various regions across the country, HSAC highlighted the protection it provides homeowners and the balance it creates between urban development and housing sustainability.

Six hundred seventy-five barangay officials, homeowners' associations, and private lawyers joined the Information Caravan

in Regions 1, 2, 12, and 13. During the interactive sessions and seminars, attendees learned about the cases that can be filed with HSAC and how the Commission decides on such disputes, gaining a deeper understanding of how the agency safeguards citizens' rights and promotes justice in human settlements.

Atty. Fondador A. Cornejo of the Cornejo Law Office in Cauayan, Isabela, and a member of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP), stated: "There was a clarification on where to file cases if I encounter issues that fall under the jurisdiction of this Commission. Right now, I

can honestly tell you that this is new to us lawyers. Before, we knew that we had to go to court. But now, there is the Adjudication Commission, where we can go to help our clients." Legal professionals also underscored the importance of raising awareness about HSAC's impact. Atty. Jason R. Barlis, Chairperson of the Legal Education Board, also remarked that cases before HSAC are resolved significantly faster than those in the court, which makes justice swifter for litigants.

HSAC Executive Commissioner Melzar P. Galicia and Commissioners John-Christopher T.

Mahamud and Michael P. Cloribel expressed their gratitude to the participants and stakeholders for being the agency's partners in empowering communities with the knowledge of their rights and obligations as homeowners and buyers.

HSAC's 2024 Information Caravan imparted insights to homeowners, community leaders, and legal professionals on navigating real estate and homeowners' association disputes effectively. As the new year approaches, the Commission stays committed to ensuring prompt and fair resolution of disputes involving human settlements.

(HSAC)

DOST scholars shine in teacher licensure exam

LAOAG CITY – Two Department of Science and Technology (DOST) scholars from Ilocos Region were among the top 10 passers in the September 2024 licensure examination for professional teachers, earning recognition for their outstanding performance.

Shandie Carbonell and Patricia Balico, both graduates of Mariano Marcos State University College of Education in Laoag, placed 8th and 9th respectively, according to the Professional Regulation Commission.

Carbonell, a DOST merit scholar, achieved a rating of 93 percent.

Balico, an RA 7687 (Republic Act No. 7687, also known as the Science and Technology Scholarship Act of 1994) scholar, scored 92.80 percent.

government agencies. The inclusion of these parks in the ASEAN Heritage Parks network reaffirms the Philippines' leadership in biodiversity conservation and climate action within the ASEAN region. The CCC urges continued cooperation and investment in safeguarding these critical ecosystems for future generations. (CCC)

"Your remarkable achievement is a testament to your hard work, determination, and dedication to your academic pursuits," DOST Ilocos Norte Director Benjamin Mercado Jr.

"As you embark on this new chapter, may you continue to strive for excellence and contribute to the advancement of science and technology for our nation. The DOST-PSTO (Provincial Science and Technology Office) Ilocos Norte, is proud of your success and remains committed to supporting your journey toward a brighter future."

Balico, a magna cum laude graduate, shared on Facebook how her decision to pursue secondary education with a major in science fulfilled her passion for inspiring others.

Initially planning to take a pre-law course, she pivoted to teaching, driven by a newfound purpose and the opportunity provided by the DOST-Science Education Institute undergraduate scholarship.

"The decision to pursue education has brought me fulfillment and a sense of purpose I never expected," she said. (PNA)

Governor Athena Tolentino leads Women's Welfare Program in Tanza and Indang

Cavite Governor Athena Bryana D. Tolentino led a successful Women's Welfare Program on December 9, 2024, held in the municipalities of Tanza and Indang. The initiative, aimed at empowering and supporting women in the community, provided ₱2,000 in financial assistance to each beneficiary. The program was made even more impactful with the support of 7th District Representative Ping Remulla, Board Member Abeng Remulla, and local officials. In Tanza, the event was joined by Vice Mayor SM Matro and the Sangguniang Bayan members, while in Indang, Mayor Perfecto Fidel and the municipal council extended their full support. Governor Tolentino, in her

address, emphasized the critical role of women in community development and reiterated her administration's commitment to ensuring programs that uplift and empower them. Vice Mayor Matro and Mayor Fidel lauded the program for its immediate impact on their constituents, expressing gratitude to the provincial government and the 7th District leaders for their unwavering support. The Women's Welfare Program stands as a testament to the provincial government's dedication to inclusive growth and the empowerment of women across Cavite, fostering resilience and unity within the community.---R. Dones **(Mula sa CPIO)**

PGC Health Outreach Program extends in Noveleta

The Provincial Government of Cavite, through the Office of the Provincial Governor and the Office of the Provincial Health Officer, in coordination with the Noveleta Rural Health Unit (RHU), successfully conducted a medical and dental mission at the Noveleta Medicare Hospital on December 10, 2024. The outreach program provided free healthcare services to a total of 289 beneficiaries, including 227 recipients of medical consultations and treatments, as well as 62 dental extractions. The initiative aimed to ensure accessible healthcare services for the residents of Noveleta, especially those in need. The event was made even more significant with the presence and support of 1st District Board Member Davey Reyes Chua, who expressed his gratitude to the provincial government for their commitment to public health. This mission reflects the shared goal of prioritizing the well-being of the constituents. The medical and dental mission highlights the provincial government's dedication to strengthening healthcare access across Cavite. Governor Athena

Bryana D. Tolentino continues to champion health programs that address the needs of the community.---R. Dones **(Mula sa CPIO)**

Women's Welfare Program in Cavite City and Noveleta

In a significant move to support women's welfare and strengthen communities in Cavite, Governor Athena Tolentino spearheaded the Women's Welfare Program in Cavite City and Noveleta. The initiative provided financial assistance of Php 2,000 each to 2,000 women from the program areas, marking another step toward empowering women and fostering community development. Joining Governor Tolentino in the endeavor in Cavite City were Tagaytay City Councilor Micko Tolentino, representing Senator Francis "Tol" Tolentino, 1st District Board Member Rommel Enriquez, and key local officials of Cavite City. Vice Mayor Raleigh Rusit, along with members of the City Council, also lent their support. Their presence underscored a collective commitment to enhancing the well-being

DOT fetes top tourism industry players in Calabarzon region

LAUREL, Batangas (PIA) – The Department of Tourism (DOT) feted tourism industry players in the Calabarzon region through the Philippine Tourism Awards and Calabarzon Tourism Excellence Awards. Considered as the highest and most prestigious citation in Philippine tourism, the PTA is part of the DOT's initiative to honor local government units, academe, private companies, and other stakeholders that have shown excellence in the development and promotion of the country's tourism sector. According to DOT Regional Director Marites Castro, the PTA has two main categories: the Tourism Pillar Awards, which provide special recognition to individuals, enterprises, and destinations that have contributed to the Philippine tourism industry and the 50-year establishment of the Philippine Department of Tourism.

of Caviteña women and advancing the province's socio-economic growth. In the town of Noveleta, Tagaytay City Councilor Micko Tolentino was also present, together with 1st District Board Member Davey Chua, and local officials of Noveleta, led by Mayor Dino Chua and the Sangguniang Bayan. Their presence reinforced the united front of leaders working together to champion the welfare of Caviteñas. This sustained effort highlights the ongoing mission to empower women across Cavite, fostering economic growth and stronger family units. The Women's Welfare Program continues to be a symbol of hope and opportunity, reflecting the province's dedication to inclusivity and community development under Governor Athena Tolentino's leadership. **(Mula sa CPIO)**

"Giving recognition plays a crucial role because it inspires people to strive more, it also changes their outlook when it comes to tourism. While some may think that tourism is easy, it actually requires commitment, dedication, and the collaborative effort, especially from our LGUs," Castro said.

On the other hand, the Tourism Industry Awards is a national recognition for both private and public sectors involved in the development and promotion of the Philippine tourism industry, further categorized into institutional, individual, media and tourism product. Hailed as the Tourism Destination of the Year, Calamba City through its Cultural Affairs, Tourism and Sports Development Department (CATSDD) Head Karla Boholano said the local government recognizes the distinction as a testament to their relentless efforts in promoting the city's cultural heritage. "It is an honor, a great privilege for the local government of Calamba, under the leadership of our Mayor Ross Rizal. This is a proof that we continue to uplift the tourism industry in the city of Calamba," she added.

Boholano said that when they were invited to join the PTA, they set their sights on heritage tourism and improved its health and wellness tourism sector to boost Calamba's claim as the hot spring resorts capital of the Philippines. In addition to Calamba, the city of Biñan was also awarded as the Tourism Destination of the Year for its efforts in promoting the importance of embracing culture and heritage as a foundation for a progressive future. Overall, 24 LGUs, hotels, resorts, and companies in the Calabarzon region have received PTA distinctions from the DOT Region IV-A. **(CO/PIA-4A)**

OFWs exempted from CPD requirements – PRC

LUCENA CITY (PIA) – Licensed professionals practicing overseas are exempted from completing the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) units required for renewing their professional licenses issued by the Professional Regulatory Commission (PRC). Reynaldo Cristobal, PRC IV-A Regional Director, cited Senate Bill 2349 which exempts Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) from the CPD Act of 2016. "OFWs just have to present proof that they are OFW, and they will not be required by the PRC to earn any number of [CPD] units usually required to renew their PRC license ID," Despite no longer practicing professionals in the Philippines, OFWs with licenses in the Philippines

should not worry about their licenses expiring. Cristobal clarified, "The license itself does not expire; it is their professional ID that does. We issue the license only once, but what professionals renew with us is their PRC ID. This ID indicates whether you are in good standing with your organization, and it is our way of verifying that status." Regardless of whether they have retired or are no longer practicing professionals, Cristobal assured license holders that their certification as professionals will not be revoked. "Being a PRC license-holder is permanent and will not expire." **(PB/PIA 4A)**

Municipality of Alfonso hosted Governor Tolentino's WWP

The municipality of Alfonso hosted Governor Athena Tolentino's Women's Welfare Program, a transformative initiative that provided PHP 2,000 in financial assistance to 2,000 women. The event emphasized the vital role women play as the backbone of the community, highlighting the collective commitment

to valuing, supporting, and standing with them. Mayor Abraham "Bambol" N. Tolentino graced the occasion and expressed his full support for the program. Governor Athena's WWP program underscores her dedication to empowering women across Cavite. **(Mula sa CPIO)**

WWP brought smiles and aid to the women of Tagaytay City

Another leg of Women's Welfare Program was carried out in Tagaytay City on December 6, 2024, with 2 thousand women assembled to receive two thousand pesos in cash assistance and enjoy the camaraderie. The program was led by Governor Athena Bryana Tolentino, and joined by 8th District Representative Aniela Tolentino, Mayor Bambol Tolentino, Vice Mayor Agnes Tolentino and the members of Sangguniang Panlungsod ng Tagaytay, who spoke with unified voice on elevating the welfare of their constituents. Cong. Aniela underscored

the varied roles of women in the society, imparting "Alam po namin kung gaano kahirap maging isang babae kaya ginawa po itong programa na ito para sa inyong mga kababaihan." On a lighter note, Governor Athena commented "Alam po namin ang mga sakripisyo ng mga Boss ng tahanan", as she conveyed their utmost gratitude to and support for the women of Cavite. As the event came to an end, a gesture of appreciation was extended to Vice Mayor Agnes as she celebrated her birthday.--J. Reyes **(Mula sa CPIO)**

SM Trece Martires' Grand Magical Christmas Parade brings the magic of the season to life, delighting everyone who experiences it. The festive performances, sparkling lights, and joyful atmosphere create a heartwarming celebration. But it is the genuine reactions of children and shoppers—filled with wonder, excitement, and pure holiday cheer—that make the event truly unforgettable. Each smile, each laugh, and each shared moment serves as a beautiful reminder of the holiday spirit, leaving everyone with memories that will last a lifetime.

SM City Trece Martires' Grand Magical Christmas Parade: A Celebration of Beautiful Moments



DENR, SM collaborate to save PH 'most' critically endangered species

MANILA – As the country celebrates the holiday season, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources has collaborated with the SM Group to help save the Philippines' most critically endangered species. In her opening message at the launch of the "Save from Extinction Campaign" at the Mall of Asia Thursday, Environment Secretary Maria Antonia Yulo Loyzaga noted the importance of saving and preserving six umbrella species that are endemic to the country. "The Philippines is recognized globally as one of the 17 megadiverse countries, a title that acknowledges our islands' incredible wealth of unique species. At the same time, our country is also a biodiversity hotspot—a designation that really points out that we are in an alarming state as far as our ecosystems and the species that depend on them, including ourselves, in order to survive," Loyzaga said. She said the country is home to about 52,000 species, of which, about half are endemic, or are found only in the Philippines.

From these number of endemic species, she said about 2,000 are actually ranging from vulnerable to critically endangered, with the highest endemicity of mammals found in Luzon. The campaign centers on six iconic species – the Philippine Eagle, Tamaraw, Dugong, Philippine Cockatoo, Marine Turtles (including the Hawksbill Turtle), and the Palawan Pangolin – all of which are at risk of disappearing forever. These species, she said, play critical roles in maintaining the health of their ecosystems, and their survival is directly linked to the well-being of the environment and humanity itself. The Philippine eagle, also known as the 'haring ibon', with fewer than 400 pairs left in the wild, faces threats from habitat loss and hunting. The tamaraw, or the Mindoro-native buffalo, with an estimated population of 10,000 upon its discovery in 1896, has dwindled to just 574–610 individuals due to illegal hunting and genetic isolation. The dugongs, which are vital to seagrass ecosystems, are

at risk of being locally extinct due to habitat destruction and hunting. The Philippine cockatoo, a strikingly beautiful bird from the family of parrots, is also facing the threat of extinction, with fewer than 1,120 left due to the impact of illegal trapping and trade, and forest destruction. The marine turtles, including the critically endangered hawksbill turtle, also face threats from habitat encroachment, pollution, and egg collection. Lastly, the Palawan pangolin's numbers have sharply declined due to poaching, as it is heavily trafficked for its scales and meat, and habitat destruction. The 'Save From Extinction' campaign, which runs until Dec. 31, 2024, is a fundraising initiative aimed at protecting these critically endangered species, by offering a meaningful way for Filipinos to contribute to environmental preservation while gifting unique holiday items, featuring a range of limited-edition merchandise. Proceeds from the sales will support conservation efforts

Film industry lauds PBBM for 'walking the talk'

MANILA — Filmmakers lauded the government of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. for helping the film industry during the holding of the Konsyerto sa Palasyo: 'Para sa Pelikulang Pilipino' on Sunday, Dec. 15. The concert recognized the invaluable contribution of the film industry to the nation's arts and culture. Film Development Council of the Philippines (FDCP) Chairperson and CEO Jose Javier Reyes said the film industry greatly appreciates the efforts of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. and First Lady Louise Araneta Marcos in spearheading the fifth installment of Konsyerto sa Palasyo. "It proved, once and for all,

that this is one administration that does not just really give lip service. It's not merely a set of promises, it's not merely reaching out to the Philippine film industry when there is something needed from the people of the industry," Reyes said, referring to the Konsyerto sa Palasyo. "Here, we see a deliberate and concentrated, and concerted effort of the administration to really help the film industry, which is in dire need of the support of the government," he added. Speaking on behalf of the FDCP, Reyes also expressed his gratitude to the First Couple.

"Ang na-appreciate namin ay, hindi lang kayo nangangakong tumulong — tumutulong po kayo, at ang bagay na 'yan ay nakakapanibago at hindi niyo alam kung papaano niyo na bo-boost ang morale ng mga kasamahan namin sa industriya," he said. Actress Lorna Tolentino echoed Reyes' sentiments, saying government support such as the concert is significant for the film industry, especially at a time when the Philippine film scene is experiencing a resurgence. She hoped the program would continue. "Mahalaga para industriya ng pelikula na mabuhay ulit kasi

nga matagal nang walang masyadong tumatangkilik sa pelikulang Pilipino. Sana ito 'yung start ulit lalong-lalo na sa Metro Manila Film Fest. I think dun nagsimula muli 'yung pagiging masigasig ulit ng mga manonood ng mga pelikula," Tolentino said. For her part, actress Gladys Reyes underscored the government assistance is a tremendous boost to their industry. Reyes said the concert demonstrated the strong commitment of the Marcos administration to the film industry. "Napakalaking bagay po na alam naming may suporta mula sa gobyerno, lalo na po sa ating Pangulo. Sana po talaga tuloy-tuloy na ito ... doble po 'yung kaligayahan na malaman namin na mayroong ganitong event sa Palasyo sa pangunguna nga po ng ating Pangulo," Reyes said. "Kaya, maraming-maraming salamat po," she added. Actor Enrique Gil thanked the Marcos administration for hosting the concert. The 'Konsyerto sa Palasyo: 'Para sa Pelikulang Pilipino' coincides with the 50th edition of this year's Metro Manila Film Festival (MMFF), showcasing 10 films running from December 25, 2024 to January 7, 2025. (PND)

led by trusted partners such as the Philippine Eagle Foundation, the World Wide Fund for Nature – Philippines, and the Zoological Society of London, among others. These funds will directly benefit projects aimed at saving these animals from extinction and protecting their habitats. The Save From Extinction kiosks are located at select SM malls. (PNA)



UP FIGHTING MAROONS CHAMPION

ANG masayang tagpo ng koponang UP Fighting Maroons matapos nilang talunin ang De La Salle University Green Archers sa huling aksyon ng season 87 UAAP Men's Basketball final game 3 sa Araneta Coliseum. (REY NILLAMA)

GM Antonio, NM Bernardino sasabak sa Penang International Open

Magpapakitg gilás sina Grandmaster Rogelio "Joey" Antonio Jr. at National Master Almario Marlon Bernardino Jr. will showcase sa paglahok sa 16th Penang Heritage City International Chess Open 2024 sa Disyembre 23-27, 2024 na gaganapin sa UOV Malaysia KDU Penang University College sa Georgetown, Penang, Malaysia.

"I hope to do well in the upcoming 16th Penang Heritage City International Chess Open 2024 on December 23-27, 2024 at UOV Malaysia KDU Penang University College in Georgetown, Penang, Malaysia," sabi ng 62-year-old Antonio.

Sa 2017 World Senior Chess Championship sa Acqui Terme, Italy, Natapos ni Antonio ng 2nd place sa pagiging kampeonato ni Grandmaster Julio Granda ng Peru sa 50+ category.

"I would like to thank Penang Chess Association President and Malaysian Chess Federation Deputy President Madam See Swee Sie for inviting us to participate in this prestigious FIDE rated event," huling pananalita ni Antonio.

Sa parte naman ni Bernardino na certified United States Chess Master at online Arena Grandmasteray sabi nya"I will do my very best for the flag and country and hope to gain some elo rating points."

"I will pour all that I know in the mind boggling chess games," dagdag ng 47-year-old Bernardino na tinulungan ang Rizal Technological Colleges, Barangay Malamig, Mandaluyong City chess team sa overall champion sa National Inter-Collegiate noong dekada 90's.

Si Bernardino ang coach at delegation head ng PH chess team na nagwagi ng 2 golds at 1 bronze medal sa 32nd FIDE World Senior Chess Championship na ginanap sa Hotel Baleira, Porto Santo Island, Portugal mula Nov. 16-29, 2024.

Matatandaan na si Bernardino ay may remarkable victory matapos mag first place sa 3rd Laos International Chess Open 2024 na ginanap sa 2nd floor Parkson @ Naga Mall sa Vientiane, Laos na ginanap noong September 1-6.

Kabilang sa mga sumusuporta kay Bernradino sa chess campaign niya lokal man o internasyunal ay sina ALC Group of Companies Chairman and CEO D. Edgard Cabangon, International Billiard and Snooker Champion Marlon Manalo at Mr. Jessie Villasin.

Samantala kalahok din sa Penang ay sina International Master Angelo Young, FIDE Master Nelson Villanueva, National Master Leonardo Alidani, Jan Francis Mirano, Paul John Lauron at Scott Jacob Sy.

Hinati sa dalawang sections sa competition, ang Open Section at ang Challenger Section ayon kay Penang Chess Association President and Malaysian Chess Federation Deputy President Madam See Swee Sie.

Nakataya sa Open Section ang top prize 10,000 Malaysian ringgit habang nakalaan naman sa magkakampeon sa Challenger Section ay ang 1,300 Malaysian ringgit.

Petro Gazz's Myla Pablo, PVL Press Corps Player of the Week

Matapos ang ilang buwan sa bench, nangunguna si Myla Pablo sa pamamaraan nito para sa Petrogazz at naging mahalagang papel sa malakas na simula ng Angels sa 2024 25 Premier Volleyball League All Filipino Conference.

Si Pablo ay ipinasok sa unang anim laban sa Farm Fresh noong Nobyembre 23 matapos umupo ang regular starter na si Jonah Sabete dahil sa maliit na injured. Agad siyang gumawa ng impact para sa isang Petro Gazz team na nagre reeling mula sa straight set loss sa defending champion Creamline.

Sinamantala ng two time PVL MVP ang pagkakataong muling maitatag ang sarili sa pag ikot ng Angels, na nagbigay ng sunod sunod na standout performances sa kanilang susunod na tatlong panalo kabilang ang pagkumbinsi sa panalo laban sa mga contenders na PLDT at Signal upang ituloy ang taon sa apat na laro na panalo.

Nagtala si Pablo ng 19 points sa 17 attacks at dalawang blocks para i spark ang 12 25, 25 14, 25 14, 25 22, 25 20 panalo ng Petro Gazz laban sa High Speed Hitters.

Sinundan naman niya ito ng 15 point output para makatulong sa pagharap sa unang pagkatalo ng HD Spikers via 25 19, 25 21, 25 18 decision.

Para sa kanyang stellar performance na nagbigay daan sa Angels na umakyat sa top spot na may 5 1 standing, nagkaisa si Pablo bilang ikalimang PVL Press Corps Player of the Week na iniharap ng Pilipinas Live para sa panahon ng Disyembre 10 hanggang 14.

Inihayag ng 31 anyos na outside hitter na nakakuha siya ng tiwala mula sa kanyang mga kasamahan sa koponan at coaches, ganap na niyayakap ang papel na ipinagkatiwala sa kanya ng coaching staff ng koponan.

"Kinuha ko 'yung kumpanyansa ko sa sarili ko and also sa teammates and coaches (ko). Kumbaga, kung ano 'yung binigay sa akin na role sa team, kailangan magtrabaho ako kasi syempre minsan lang ako bigyan ng chance to play, ba't 'di ko pa gagawin 'yung best ko," said Pablo.

"Siyempre nandoon din talaga 'yung mga sumusuporta sa amin, lalo na 'yung mga Petro Gazz fans and sa mga nagitiwala sa akin. Malaking bagay talaga sa akin 'yun para ma-boost 'yung confidence ko," she added.

Ang beteranong wing spiker mula sa Tarlac ay nag edge out sa Petro Gazz teammate na si Brooke Van Sickle, Akari outside hitter Grethcel Soltones, Creamline star Alyssa Valdez, Choco Mucho ace Sisi Rondina, at Chery Tiggo young

gun Cess Robles para sa weekly award na ibinibigay ng print at online journalists na sumasaklaw sa liga, na live at on demand sa pamamagitan ng Pilipinas Live app at on www.pvl.ph.

Dahil nasa rurok na ang kanyang kumpanyansa, determinado si Pablo na panatilihin ang kanyang momentum kapag muling nagpatuloy ang PVL sa Enero, na tiningnan ito bilang isang paraan upang mabayaran ang tiwala na inilagay sa kanya ng kanyang mga kasamahana sa koponan, coaches, at pamamahala ng Angels.

"This 2024, siguro nakuha ko na 'yung confidence ko sa sarili ko. Kumbaga, 'yun 'yung hinahanap ko kaya nga sabi ko sa mga setters ko na bigyan niyo lang ako ng kumpanyansa sa loob ng court, aatakinin ko, papatayin ko kahit naga-adjust ako," said Pablo.

"Sabi ko nga kung 'di ako nagamit nung (last) two conferences, kailangan makabawi ako this All-Filipino for the mangameanta na rin and sa mga taong sumusuporta sa akin and also (para kay) coach Koji (Tszurabara) na rin."

Determinado si Pablo na ipagpatuloy ang kanyang muling pagbangon sa pagbabalik ng Petro Gazz sa aksyon sa Enero 21 laban sa Chery Tiggo habang umaasa siyang sa wakas ay maihatid ang elusive All Filipino crown.

"Sana makuha namin yung goal namin sa team siyempre ilang taon na magkakasama yun naman talaga yung goal namin," she said.



1 - 1 draw sa Philippine vs Vietnam ng ASEAN Mitsubishi Electric Cup

Nagawang ma i draw ng Vietnam ang unang puntos ni Jarvey Gayoso ng Philippine men's football team para sa ilang sandali bago magtapos ang aksyon sa ginanap na ASEAN Mitsubishi Electric Cup sa Rizal Memorial Stadium sa Maynila.

Si Gayoso, na nagpakasal apat na araw na ang nakararaan, ay inuna ang Pilipinas sa ika 68 minutong layunin na nagpadala ng karamihan sa 3,346 na mga tagahanga sa isang kapanapanabikna tagpo.

Gayunnan, uniskor si Doan Ngoc Tan ng header off a corner kick sa ikapitong minuto ng stoppage time para ilagay ang Vietnam sa board kahit na ang huling paghinga ng Pilipinas ay napunta sa goalpost mismo bago pa man iputok ng referee ang huling sipol.

Sa kabila ng pagbagsak ng puntos sa unang pagkakataon sa torneong ito, nanatiling walang talo ang Vietnam na may pitong puntos mula sa dalawang panalo at isang draw.

Nasa tuktok ito ng Group B at opisyal na makakasungkit ng semifinal seat na may alinman sa draw o panalo laban sa Myanmar sa Hanoi.

Nanatili ring walang talo ang Pilipinas ngunit tatlong puntos lamang ang maipakita, lahat via 1 1 stalemates. Naglalakbay ito sa Jakarta upang maglaro ng isang dapat manalo na tugma, Kailangang talunin ng Pilipinas ang host nito at umaasa na gumuhit o matalo ang Vietnam sa Myanmar para magtakda ng malamang semifinal date sa Thailand, ang kasalukuyang lider ng Group A.



Unang General Assembly ng POC Ipatawag ni Tolentino sa Enero

Nakatak dang ipatawag ng bagong halal na Philippine Olympic Committee (POC) president Abraham "Bambol" Tolentino ang bagong tatag na Executive Board sa Jan. 9, 2025 at ang unang General Assembly ng taon sa Jan. 16 para sa pagpapanatili ng pataas na trajectory ng Philippine sports.

Matapos ang makasaysayang two gold medal haul ng gymnast na si Carlos Yulo at ng dalawang bronze mula sa boxers na sina Nesthy Petecio at Aira Villegas sa Paris 2024 Olympics, inaasahan ng POC chief ang mas maraming tagumpay mula sa mga atletang Pilipino.

"Ito ay isang makasaysayang taon sa 2024 na itinaas ang ginagawang mas mahirap na misyon at pangitain ng POC" ang sabi ni Tolentino "Pero hindi naman imposible at ang tiwala ko sa mga NSA (National Sports Associations) at sa 'Working Team' ko ay makapagpapalakas sa ating mga atleta para makamit ang mas mataas na goals," he added.

Binigyang diin ni Tolentino na lalong mapapalakas ang template ng tagumpay na ginamit nina Yulo at Tokyo 2020 weightlifting gold medalist Hidilyn Diaz-Naranjo.

"Ang template ay sinubukan, nasubok at napatunayan nang dalawang beses sa paglipas. Para sa darating na taon na ito, ang mga sangkap ay naroon, na ginagawang mas malinaw at nakakamit ang landas sa Los Angeles Olympics sa 2028, "sabi ng PhilCycling head, na muling nahalal bilang POC president matapos makakuha ng 45 boto na kumakatawan ng 61 na mga miyembro ng pagboto.

Maraming internasyonal na kompetisyon ang nakapila sa 2025, kabilang na ang 9th Asian Winter Games na nakatakda sa Feb. 7-14 sa Harbin, China; Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games sa Jeddah at ang 33rd Southeast Asian (SEA) Games sa

Disyembre na gaganapin sa Thailand.

"Mahirap na SEA Games 'yan, pero confident ako na magde deliver ang ating mga atleta, ang ating national sports associations sa Thailand," said Tolentino.

Ang kanyang "Working Team" ay binubuo ng unang bise presidente Al Panlilio (basketball), pangalawang bise presidente Richard Gomez (modernong pentathlon), treasurer Dr. Raul Canlas (surfing), auditor Don Caringal (volleyball) at mga miyembro ng lupon Leonora Escollante (canoe kayak dragon boat), Ferdie Agustin (jiu jitsu), Alvin Aguilar (wrestling), Alexander Sulit (judo) at Leah Gonzalez (fencing).



VIET ANH BUI HOANG VS JAVIER GAYOSO - PHILIPPINES MISTULANG patin tiro sina Javier Gayoso ng Philippine team at Viet Anh Bui Hoang ng Vietnam habang naglalaban sa ginanap na Asean Mitsubishi Electric Cup sa Rizal Memorial Sports Football Field. Kung saan ay nagawa pang mag draw ang naturang kumpetisyon. (REY NILLAMA)



SUPPORTERS PHILIPPINE TEAM

TAMPOK ang mga supporters na nag ingay at nagbigay ng buong suporta para sa Philippine men's football team na nakikipag tagisan sa Vietnam team ng ginanap na Asean Mitsubishi Electric Cup sa Rizal Memorial Sports Football Field. (REY NILLAMA)

ZAMBALES ORGANIZATIONS LAUNCH A CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT OYON BAY, OTHER MARINE RESERVES

Candelaria, Zambales – The Philippine Movement for Climate Justice (PMCJ), together with nine Zambales-based organizations, conducted a consolidation activity to officially establish the campaign entitled “Oyon Bay Ilipyas, Hawanin Ana!” (Save Oyon Bay Now!), today, December 12.

Oyon Bay is a protected seascape and landscape under Republic Act No. 7586, or the National Integrated Protected Areas System Act. Zambaleños have been fighting for Oyon Bay's protection for more than three decades, as San Miguel Global Power (SMGP)'s coal-fired plant is disrupting their lives and livelihood.

Last November, PMCJ held a forum on the coal spill in Masinloc, brought about by Typhoon Kristine, which was one of the six consecutive typhoons that swept the country in less than a month. Communities have had enough of bearing the brunt of climate disasters, and lack of accountability from the government.

“We have been fighting against SMGP's coal-fired power plant for more than three decades now. While we blatantly express our opposition to the two units of expansion, we are taking all the chances we can get to strengthen the fight. We proudly launch the campaign as it shows how the Zambaleños are one with the struggle to end fossil fuels, and to push for clean energy,” said Joey Marabe of Disaster, Emergency, Land, Traffic Assistance Communicators - Panatag

(Deltacom - PANATAG). Along with Deltacom-PANATAG are the other organizations namely: Zambales Environment Defense Advocates Association (ZEDAA); New Masinloc Fishermen's Association (NMFA); Zambales Lingap Kalikasan (ZALIKA); Concerned Citizens of Sta. Cruz, Zambales (CCOS); Zambales Movement for Climate Justice (ZMCJ); Sta. Cruz Fisherfolks and Fishermen Cooperative; Samahang Magsasaka at Mangingisda ng Brgy. Taltal (SAMMBAT); Samahang Mangingisda ng Lucapon; Zambales North Payao Association (ZAMBANORPA); some individuals from Barangays Tapuac and Taltal; and the PMCJ.

“Aside from opposing the coal-fired power plant expansion, the campaign also calls for the halt of its operations entirely. We also aim to investigate its effects on the environment, lives, and livelihood of the nearby communities. We want to properly hold the perpetrators accountable for corrupting our mountains through mining, and destroying our seas through these dirty energy projects,” said Laica Rayel, Food, Land, Water, and Climate Change Campaign Officer of the PMCJ. The organizations are committed to ramp up the fight objectively and scientifically, recognizing that the change must be systematic. They planned for the activities of the campaign, as well as the formal points of unity, legal and administrative actions moving forward

Ongoing support from DepEd, BDONB boosts teachers' financial goals

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY (PIA) — Public school teachers stand to benefit from the continued support from the Department of Education (DepEd) and BDO Network Bank (BDONB), particularly in equipping them with financial knowledge to help them achieve their personal goals. For many teachers, gaining financial literacy helps them practice financial discipline and make informed decisions on budgeting, saving, and debt management. In particular, understanding where their money is going each month has alleviated a significant amount of stress for teachers, who are already burdened with the daily demands of teaching. This knowledge assists in avoiding debt traps as they are able to manage and prioritize their expenses better. Saving for future goals also gives teachers tools to start building funds for their imminent needs, including their retirement. By being financially knowledgeable, public school teachers can also impart these money

management strategies to their students.

“Here in DepEd, we're looking for ways to train our teachers on financial literacy because they can't teach that to their students if they themselves don't know anything about it,” DepEd-National Capital Region Regional Director Jocelyn Andaya said. “Our teachers play a very crucial role in teaching financial literacy to our students. It's important that at a young age, they (students) are already taught to be self-sufficient financially and know how to budget and plan for their future.”

She added that financial seminars, held in partnership with BDO Unibank's corporate social responsibility arm, BDO Foundation, train teachers—a crucial exercise given that financial literacy is already a part of the curriculum for elementary and high school students.

“Our next plan is to come up with an instrument to measure what level our teachers are at right now in terms of their own financial literacy. That's where the private sector, such

as BDO, can come in to help us not just by having more modules but also by capacitating our teachers. It should be a sustainable thing for us so that we will know the progress in, say, three years' or five years' time,” Andaya added.

BDO Network Bank (BDONB)—the community banking arm of BDO Unibank—truly values the role teachers play as the backbone of education and the true heroes shaping the future of the next generation. BDONB said it is deeply honored to have the opportunity to partner with DepEd in supporting and empowering these educators, recognizing that when teachers thrive, so do their students, their communities, and the nation as a whole.

“The teachers are really the heroes. Day in and day out, they're the ones who sometimes spend more time with our children. So it's very important that we support them because it's like supporting our own family. The success of the teachers will depend on the support they get not only from the government but even from the private sector,” said Alberto O. Quiogue, BDONB Senior Vice President and Salary Loans Group Head.

Through BDONB's tailor-fit products, services, and financial literacy seminars it regularly conducts, it is envisioned that teachers will be better equipped to reach their financial goals. Quiogue noted that teachers who possess adequate financial knowledge and confidence can perform their duties effectively, free from the mental strain of money-related issues.

“We believe that a

financially sound teacher can function and be very efficient. Teachers who have many financial problems are the ones who get bogged down and can't teach very well because there are many things in their minds,” he said. “The financial literacy program is helping them be more efficient. I think the most important thing that we promote to teachers is responsible borrowing and financial wellness. Every time we have an opportunity, we give them a little talk on financial wellness, how to achieve their financial goals by managing their money well, and knowing the difference between a good loan and bad loan.”

Always ready to support DepEd, all year round Beyond its products, community engagements, and seminars, BDONB's unwavering commitment to DepEd's programs year-round, including as a corporate partner for the World Teachers' Day celebration and other DepEd activities, demonstrates its full support for the agency's cause.

“We at BDO Network Bank are always there to support the teachers and the many endeavors of DepEd. Any support that they need, we're all out for them,” Quiogue said. “We support the Palarong Pambansa. We have the yearly Brigada Eskwela, where we help clean, paint, and fix the schools. There's also a program wherein at the beginning of the year, we give a lot of donations to the students and teachers. We're always there to help them.” **(CID Communication/PIA-10)**

DHSUD, UP ink partnership under PBBM's 4PH Program

QUEZON CITY — The Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD) and the University of the Philippines on Monday signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) for a housing project under President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s flagship Pambansang Pabahay para sa Pilipino (4PH) Program.

DHSUD Secretary Jose Rizalino Acuzar and UP President Angelo Jimenez signed the MOU during simple ceremony at the DHSUD Central Office, and subsequently inspected the proposed project site in UP Diliman. Under the MOU, the UP Management expressed its intent to participate to the flagship housing program of the Marcos Jr. administration.

The DHSUD vowed to

facilitate the construction of a 4PH building in the land identified by UP for the housing of qualified faculty and staff of UP.

The Department will also provide end user interest subsidy for qualified 4PH beneficiaries at UP.

“This MOA solidifies our partnership with UP management toward our common goal of providing decent yet affordable shelters in sustainable communities under President Marcos Jr.'s 4PH, this time for the benefit of UP constituents,” Secretary Acuzar said.

“Ang pagbubuklod natin ay magsisilbing pundasyon ng ating pinagsanib na hangad para sa ikabubuti ng mga taga-UP...hangad namin na makapagpatayo tayo ng sustainable housing sa loob ng UP, para sa mga taga-UP,” he concluded. **(DHSUD)**

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **PEDRITO PADERON BAGALAY** who died without any last will and testament on April 6, 2024 in the City/Province of Cavite left a real property specifically described as **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-12481510** containing an area of **FIFTY FIVE (55) SQUARE METERS** as the subject of the sole heir, affixed the seal by **PAOLA BELLE D. EBORA**, Vice Consul of the Republic of the Philippines at Philippine Consulate General, Dubai, United Arab Emirates last December 9, 2024 with Service No: 47044; Doc. No: 6281; Book No: 1: Fee Paid: 100 AED: O.R. No: 98447583.

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Pres. Marcos honors gov't communicators at first 'Parangal' Awards

PASAY CITY, (PIA) — President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. joined the Presidential Communications Office (PCO) on Monday, December 16, to honor government communication agencies during the inaugural "Parangal: Gawad ng Kahusayan sa Komunikasyong Pampubliko" at the Philippine International Convention Center. The event aimed to recognize exemplary communication programs that promote the 'Bagong Pilipinas' vision and combat mis- and disinformation. In his speech, President Marcos emphasized the crucial role of effective communication in leadership and governance. He said communication is foundational in building trust between the government and its citizens, urging agencies to connect with the public to enhance awareness and promote participation in governance. "Every spoken word carries with it the power to unite or to divide, to heal or to harm," Marcos said. The President highlighted the importance of communication in transforming ideas into reality and fostering a culture of excellence among government agencies. The awards recognized outstanding initiatives across various categories, including the Public Service Campaign Award, which honors agencies that effectively bridge the gap between government plans and community experiences. Awardees include the Lupon, Davao Oriental, Bataan, and Victorias City, Negros Occidental. Also, the Government Innovation Award celebrated those who embrace new systems and practices, with the Department of Information and Communications Technology bagging the recognition for National Government Agencies, following its e-government platforms that leveraged the delivery of timely

information.

In a message delivered by Senior Undersecretary Emerald Ridao, PCO Secretary Cesar Chavez highlighted that the digital affordances of today's internet age does not automatically make one a good communicator and that "best press is still good performance."

"The people expect nothing from us but honesty—in what we do, in what we convey, and in what we impart. The moment we divert from this path is the day we lose our credibility," Chavez said.

The "Kwento ng Pag-asa at Pagbabago" of the Department of Social Welfare and Development is hailed as the national level winner of the Public Service Campaign Award for championing the stories of various beneficiaries of social development programs.

The Pag-IBIG Fund, meanwhile, received the Best Government Innovation Award for GOCCs and GFIs in line with its "Feel Pag-IBIG at your Fingertips through the Virtual Pag-IBIG" initiative. Likewise, the Website of the Year under the Outstanding Digital Campaign Award goes to Pag-IBIG Fund's "Add to Cart: The Pag-IBIG Fund Online Public Auction" for making homeownership accessible.

Also, the National Privacy Commission won the Best Long-Form Content category of the Outstanding Digital Campaign Award for its "Privacy in the Spotlight" data protection explainer. While the winner of the "Best Infographic" category of the Outstanding Digital Campaign is the "MWSS RO Water Conservation and Desludging" awareness campaign which centered on the advocacy for the sustainable protection of water resources.

Moreover, the Department of Budget and Management is hailed the "Champion of Information Integrity" and the DSWD spokesperson, Assistant Secretary Irene Dumlaog as "Outstanding Public Communicator" of the Parangal.

KBP features TESDA-NCR's role in empowering PH workforce

QUEZON CITY, (PIA) — The Technical Education and Skills Development Authority – National Capital Region (TESDA-NCR) will highlight its innovative efforts to empower Filipinos through skill development and boost employment opportunities in Metro Manila during Tuesday's Kapihan sa Bagong Pilipinas media forum at the Philippine Information Agency (PIA).

TESDA-NCR Assistant Regional Director Cariza Dacuma will lead the discussion, and present an overview of the agency's strategic programs and services created to suit the workforce's evolving demands. The weekly forum will be held at the PIA Auditorium, Visayas Avenue, Quezon City on December 17, at 9 a.m. It is being broadcast over the official social media pages of PIA and PIA-National Capital Region.

Highlights include TESDA-NCR's efforts to develop benchmark standards that ensure competence and quality among skilled personnel in various industries.

The agency will also announce its certification systems aimed at improving processes for institutions that cater to middle-level workforce development.

Also, TESDA-NCR will enumerate some of its grants being offered to support technical education and training programs that aim to upskill individuals and prepare them for future labor market demands.

Moreover, the agency will discuss its trainer development programs

"Today, we honor the recipients. Tomorrow, we will achieve the Bagong Pilipinas we aspire for," President Marcos concluded, expressing gratitude to media partners and civil society for their role in shaping the national narrative. The event reflects the government's commitment to enhancing communication strategies across all agencies, aiming to foster an informed citizenry that actively participates in governance.

(JCO/PIA-NCR)

that provide educators and trainers with the resources they need to conduct top-notch technical education. During the discussion, Director Dacuma will also delve into the core services offered by TESDA-NCR, emphasizing efforts that

generate opportunities for Filipinos, particularly in Metro Manila.

Kapihan sa Bagong Pilipinas, organized by the Presidential Communications Office (PCO) through the Philippine Information

Agency (PIA), gives a platform for the delivery of timely, relevant, and accurate information about government programs and services to grassroots communities across the country. (GLDG/PIA-NCR)

Unemployment rate drops, middle class continues to grow

MANILA — The sustained strength of the country's labor market was evident in 2024 as the year-to-date unemployment rate dropped to 4.0%—well below the full-year target range of 4.4% to 4.7%.

With this, the total number of Filipinos employed rose to 48.6 million from January to October 2024.

Wage and salary workers, or those involved in formal and stable jobs, continued to make up the largest share of employed persons in the country at 63.8%.

PH achieves an all-time high GNI per capita, reflecting improved standards of living. Along with the strong labor market, the Philippines achieved an unprecedented gross national income (GNI) per capita of USD 4,335 or PHP 241,165 in 2023 as more and better economic opportunities are available for Filipinos.

GNI per capita measures the economic output per citizen, including both domestic and international earnings. A higher GNI per capita means greater economic prosperity and an increased standard of living.

This puts the Philippines on track to achieve an upper-middle-income status next year, which the World Bank defines as countries having GNI per capita ranging between USD 4,516 and USD 14,005 for 2025.

Prices remain broadly stable, growth momentum strengthened by rate cuts. The country's year-to-date inflation rate of 3.2% has stayed firmly within the DBCC's assumption of 3.1% to 3.3%, reflecting the government's effective interventions to ease supply pressures for key food items, especially rice. In particular, rice inflation has continued its downtrend from 22.5% in June 2024 to 5.1% in November this year as a result of the implementation of Executive Order (EO)

No. 62 in July 2024, which lowered import tariffs on rice.

The continued drop in rice prices, including the set up of more Kadiwa Stores nationwide, has benefitted the bottom 30% of households as headline inflation for the said group declined to 2.9% in November 2024 from 5.8% in July.

The overall inflation rate is expected to average 3.1% to 3.3% for the full year, significantly lower than 6% in 2023.

This favorable domestic inflation outlook allowed the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) to be the first in ASEAN to start its monetary policy easing, cutting policy interest rates to a cumulative 50 basis points (bps) and slashing reserve requirements across all financial intermediaries by 250 bps to boost growth.

New laws signed to boost investments and revenues, revitalize tourism, and strengthen food security. The DOF's priority reform measures advanced well in Congress in 2024. Among those successfully enacted that will fast-track the entry of more foreign investors into the Philippines include the Corporate Recovery and Tax Incentives for Enterprises to Maximize Opportunities for Reinventing the Economy (CREATE MORE) Act and the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Code.

Meanwhile, among the priority revenue reform measures signed into law were the Ease of Paying Taxes (EOPT) Act, the Value-Added Tax (VAT) on Non-Resident, the Real Property Valuation and Assessment Reform Act, and the VAT Refund Mechanism for Non-Resident Tourists Act. All these will boost revenue collection and bring the Philippine tax system to par with global standards.

The President also signed into law the Amendments to the Agricultural Tariffication Act which enhances the capabilities of the government to protect Filipino consumers by extending market interventions to stabilize rice prices during periods of volatility and to prevent manipulative pricing and hoarding.

The rest of the DOF's revenue reforms are in the advanced stages in Congress, namely the Rationalization of the Fiscal Mining Regime, the Excise Tax on Single-Use Plastic Bags, Package 4 of the Comprehensive Tax Reform Program, and the Motor Vehicle Road User's Tax.

More Filipinos lifted out of poverty in 2023, on track to reduce incidence to a single-digit by 2028.

All the strategic growth-enhancing initiatives undertaken by the Marcos, Jr. administration are aimed at achieving the most important number, which is cutting poverty incidence to a single digit or 9% by 2028.

In 2023, the administration successfully reduced poverty incidence among Filipino individuals to 15.5% from 18.1% in 2021, and the pre-pandemic rate of 16.7% in 2018. This means that 2.40 million Filipinos were lifted out of poverty from 2021 to 2023. The figure is lower than the government's target of 16.0% and 16.4% for the year, putting it on track to hit its goal of lifting eight million more Filipinos out of the poverty line by 2028. A recent Macro Poverty Outlook for the Philippines released by the World Bank projected that the country could cut its poverty incidence to 9.3% in 2026—two years ahead of the 2028 target with the continuous improvement in the labor market and the easing of the inflation rate. (DOF)

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
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OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
CITY OF IMUS, CAVITE

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
(otherwise known as PAG-IBIG Fund),
Mortgagee,

-versus-

EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF
REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER
ACT 3135 AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118
FC Case No. 19264-24

ERICSON B. ALMERO married to
CHERRY M. ALMERO,
Mortgagors.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118 filed by **HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (otherwise known as PAG-IBIG FUND)**, mortgagee, with principal office at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, against **ERICSON B. ALMERO married to CHERRY M. ALMERO**, mortgagors, with residence and postal address at Blk. 1 Lot 3 Goodwood Subd., Carsadang Bago II, Imus, Cavite and/or Lot 18 Block 9 Pallazo Bello Subd., Barangay Calsadang Bago, Imus, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of September 10, 2024 amounts to **FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY SEVEN PESOS and 27/100 (Php 528,587.27)**, Philippine Currency, including interest and penalty charges but excluding attorney's fees, sheriff's fees, and all other charges incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff IV will sell at public auction on **January 28, 2025** at 10:00 a.m. or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Office of the Clerk of Court, RTC-Imus, Bulwagan Ng Katarungan, Aguinaldo Highway, Imus City, Cavite to the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following properties with all the improvements therein, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2013029036

"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 18, BLOCK. 9 OF THE SUBD. PLAN PSD-04-188612, BEING A PORTION OF PCN-04-002067, L.R.C. REC. NO. 8843), SITUATED IN BARANGAY OF CALSADANG BAGO, MUN. OF IMUS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON. BOUNDED ON THE S., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 19; ON THE W., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY LOT 5; ON THE N., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY LOT 17, ALL OF BLOCK 9, OF THE SUBD. PLAN; AND ON THE E., ALONG LINE 4-1 BY ROAD LOT 9 (8.00 M. WIDE), PSD-167296.. xxx CONTAINING AN AREA OF FORTY (40) SQUARE METERS. xxx"

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above stated time and date.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **February 4, 2025** at 10:00 a.m. without prior notice.

Prospective bidders/buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the titles to the said properties and encumbrances thereon if any there be.

Imus City, Cavite, Philippines, December 9, 2024.

MARIA CHONA D. TANGUANCO
Sheriff IV

APPROVED:

ARMIE A. FRANCISCO
Clerk of Court VI

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Mortgagee,

EJF-2024-101

-versus-

For: EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE
OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER
ACT 3135, AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118

JINKEE F. GALMAN,

Mortgagor/Borrower.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial petition for sale under Act No. 3135, as amended by Act 4118 filed by the mortgagee, **HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund)**, with postal address at The Petron Mega Plaza Building No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, against the mortgagor/borrower, **JINKEE F. GALMAN**, with postal address/es at 1.) No. 0648-A D. Purok 4 St., Purok 4, Sucat Muntinlupa City; and 2.) Lot 14 Block 43 Phase 3 Terraverde Residences Brgy. Bancal, Carmona, Cavite, and for the satisfaction of the mortgaged debt which as of 31 October, 2024 amounts to **ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED FORTY TWO THOUSAND ONE PESOS AND 64/100 (Php1,542,001.64)**, exclusive of all legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned or his duly authorized representative will SELL at public auction on **January 23, 2025** at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon at the Court Room of Branch 109, Regional Trial Court, Hall of Justice Building, Carmona, Cavite to the highest bidder for CASH or MANAGER'S CHECK, in Philippine currency, the mortgaged property/ies with all the improvements thereon to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF
TITLE NO. 057-2023016185

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BARANGAY OF BANCAL, MUNICIPALITY OF CARMONA, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON, bounded and described as follows:

LOT NO: 14, BLOCK NO: 43, PLAN NO: PCS-04-030902 PORTION OF: CONS.-SUBD. OF LOT 15, BLK-28, PCS-04-030820 (RESERVED AREA); LOTS B-2, B-3, B-4 AND B-6 ALL OF PSD-04-243578; LOT B-5-A, PSD-04-248426 AND LOTS B-7-A AND B-7-B BOTH OF PSD-04-248366, LRC RECORD NO.146623

LOCATION: BARANGAY OF BANCAL, MUNICIPALITY OF CARMONA, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON

BOUNDARIES:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2	SW	LOT 13, BLOCK 43, PCS-04-030902
2-3	SW	LOT 11, BLOCK 43, PCS-04-030902
3-4	NW	LOT 12, BLOCK 43, PCS-04-030902
4-5	NE	ROAD LOT 52, PCS-04-030902
5-1	SE	LOT 16, BLOCK 43, PCS-04-030902

TIE POINT: BLLM NO. 1, MUNICIPALITY OF CARMONA, PROVINCE OF CAVITE

TO CORNER	LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE
	1	S.75 ° 27'W	3405.55 M.
	1-2	N.46 ° 32'W	4.33 M.
	2-3	N.46 ° 32'W	2.67 M.
	3-4	N.43 ° 28'E	9.00 M.
	4-5	S.46 ° 32'E	7.00 M.
	5-1	S.43 ° 28'W	9.00 M.

AREA: SIXTY THREE SQUARE METERS (63), MORE OR LESS

DESCRIPTION OF CORNERS: ALL POINTS ARE REFERRED ON THE PLAN AND ARE MARKED ON THE GROUND BY P.S. CYL. CONC. MONS. 15X50 CMS

BEARINGS: TRUE

DECLINATION:

DATE OF ORIGINAL SURVEY: AUGUST 22 TO 25, 1917

DATE OF SUBD/CONS SURVEY: JANUARY 5-30, 2017

DATE OF APPROVED SURVEY: MARCH 5, 2018

'BAWAL BASTOS LAW' IKINALAT SA PUBLIKO

NAGSAGAWA ng Ceremonial Placement ang pamunuan ng Cavite Police Provincial Office (PPO) sa mga tricycle at pampublikong sasakyan upang ipalaganap ang panuntunan ng "Bawal Bastos Law" o Safe Spaces Act (RA11313.)

Mismong si Cavite Police Director PCOL Dwigt Alegre ang nanguna sa pagkakabit ng mga sticker sa loob ng mga tricycle at mga PUV kung saan nakapaloob na ipagbigay alam sa hotline number ng lokal na pulisya ang anumang nakikita o nararanasang pambabastos. Layon ng batas na ito na protektahan ang lahat ng

tao mula sa Gender-Based Sexual Harassment (GBSH) na karaniwang nagaganap sa mga pampublikong lugar/sasakyan, online platforms, workplace, paaralan at pribadong lugar.

"Ang paggalang ay hindi isang opsyon lamang, kundi isang obligasyon", at mahalagang maitaguyod ang respeto at dignidad sa bawat isa, lalo na umano sa mga pampublikong lugar, ang panggigipit, verbal abuse at mga hindi naaangkop na pag uugali ay hindi kailanman dapat maging bahagi ng pang araw araw na buhay ayon" ayon kay Alegre. *(Gene Adsua)*

Lolo nagtatabas ng damo, dinedo

PATAY ang 76 anyos na caretaker makaraang pagsasaksakin sa madamong bahagi ng lote sa Amadeo, Cavite. Naisugod pa sa Rural Health Unit ang biktima na si Isidro Dimayacyac y Manumbale, may-asawa, ng Brgy Sta Cruz 2, Dasmarinas City, at stay-in sa Sitio Manda, Brgy Bucal, Amadeo subalit idineklarang dead on arrival. Kinilala naman ang suspek na si alyas Ralphie, ng Brgy Bucal, Amadeo. Sa ulat, bandang alas-2:20 ng hapon naganap ang

insidente sa madamong bahagi ng lupa na binabantayan ng biktima bilang caretaker kung saan nagtatabas ito ng damo at lumapit ang suspek na kaagad isinagawa ang pananaksak.

Matapos ang pananaksak ay tumakas ang suspek dala ang ginamit na patalim.

Hindi naman binanggit sa ulat kung ano ang motibo sa pananaksak habang nagsagawa ng follow up operation ang pulisya sa pagkakaaresto sa suspek. *(Gene Adsua)*

GEODETC ENGINEER: ELMERITO C. ROBLES NOTES:

xxxNOTHINGFOLLOWSxxx

Prospective buyers and/or bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title of the said property and the encumbrance thereon, if there be any.

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on **January 30, 2025** at the same time and place without further notice.

5th day of December, 2024 at City of Carmona, Cavite.

BON GERARD D. ASCAÑO
Clerk of Court VI
& Ex-Officio Sheriff

Prepared by:
JOSEPH R. DIOKNO
Sheriff In-Charge

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PMCJ on 2025 PH National Budget: Resources Must Be Allocated to Social Protection, Climate Crisis Impacts Mitigation and Adaptation; Not For Patronage Politics, Interest of the Wealthy Few

As massive floods and catastrophic incidents continue to speak about our country's response to the climate crisis, voices from the climate justice movement will be heard on all the fundamental national issues, even, especially when it comes to the national budget. We, the Philippine Movement for Climate Justice, express our dismay and our loss of trust and confidence in the Congress as the 2025 National Budget shows a clear disconnect between government expenditure vis-a-vis the people's needs and recovery efforts, in light of the ongoing climate crisis.

Budget allocations to various government programs, that are interrelated in the efforts for survival and a liveable future for all, are crucial and must be subjected to public scrutiny that largely calls for a more transparent and participative manner of budget proceedings. As one of the poorest and vulnerable nations, the Philippines must be resilient to the climate shocks resulting from the intensification of climate change impacts.

THE ISSUE AT A GLANCE

Both Houses of the Philippine Congress on a bicameral conference committee approved the final version of House Bill No. 10800 or the proposed Php 6.352 trillion national budget for 2025 on December 11. The budget remained controversial up to its enrollment of copies to the President for its final approval and adoption due to its questionable budget cuts on zero state subsidy for PhilHealth while the Office of the Vice President retained its budget despite her ongoing investigation on corruption and threat to the life of the Presidency and the generous budget for Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) over Department of Education (DepEd).

Before the national budget's approval, it follows a budget cycle that requires a citizen engagement through the Budget Partnership Agreements with civil society organizations (CSO), Bottom-up Budgeting (BUB), and other participatory budgeting mechanisms to be exhausted in preparation of their proposed budgets. However, these mechanisms evidently failed to promote a pro-people and whole-of-nation approach but instead still delivered an anti-poor and anti-development budget for the Filipino people.

The consensus among Senators on the approval of the national budget remained

contentious due to their contrasting stances. The national budget determines which office must be prioritized in terms of its needs but it also shows the determination of the government to act vigorously according to the social and economic needs of the Filipinos.

ON DEBT

We have been establishing, not only on the local but also on the global scale, that the fund for climate change adaptation and mitigation should not be accessed through loans. As it stands, the 2025 National Budget is expecting a budget deficit of PHP 1.5 trillion while the debt burden including the principal repayments will reach over PHP 2 trillion. This glaring figure means that debt-service payments would cover 32.37% of the national budget, overshadowing expenditures for social services.

The country's Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP) Subprogram 2, which supports the implementation of nationally determined contribution (NDC)—the commitment to help advance global efforts to stabilize the world's climate under the Paris Agreement—are to be funded using the US\$500-million policy-based loan to the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

The World Bank's US\$600-million Philippines First Energy Transition and Climate Resilience development policy loan, which aims to scale up the adoption of clean energy technologies and improve water management across water uses, is set to be approved by 2025.

While we welcome the increase of allocation for climate change expenditures compared to 2024, issues on the continued borrowing of the government in the name of climate action must be addressed. Not only will the country allocate its majority of the resources for loan repayments, but these climate loans that come with conditionalities will add up to the outstanding debt portfolio of the country.

The country's serious debt situation makes it vulnerable to external shocks that can lead to economic instability and stunting growth. These loans from International Financial Institutions (IFIs) have historically pushed the privatization of public services from water, electricity, transportation, education, and healthcare services. This business-as-usual scheme of creating long-term debt obligations impedes the country's efforts in recovery and long-term goals that are in

line with the Paris Agreement.

ON CLIMATE INSURANCE

The government's National Adaptation Plan (NAP) 2023 - 2050, which builds on the National Framework Strategy on Climate Change (NFSCC) and the National CCAP, serves as the basis for identifying key sector outcomes as "pillars for adaptation actions for societal well-being, stability, and economic resilience".

The NAP talks about improving climate insurance and ensuring its inclusiveness through government subsidization such as the Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation. However, it lacks a structured process to effectively and efficiently reach the basic sectors. There were also mentions of using private financing which is blatantly and vaguely ironic.

When the country was hit by multiple consecutive typhoons, billions of agricultural damage and losses were incurred. Farmers and fisherfolk are the sectors that are primarily affected by these and so, the people's resilience must be built for future shocks.

The logic of insurance speaks of anticipatory action, which is the preemptive approach for the country as our basic sectors are disaster-vulnerable. The mentioned plans lack the actual implementation effective for the essential sectors that hold the country together when it comes to the campaign to attain food security.

ON INFRASTRUCTURE

When we talk about climate disasters, we sure hear of the current administration's prioritization of flood-control projects. A big chunk of the national budget is allocated to the Department of Public Works and Highways—a matter which must be greatly examined as the flood-control projects can't be felt with the massive flooding in the country in times of typhoons and heavy rainfall.

In July, the President boasted about the five thousand flood control projects and days later, Typhoon Carina submerged various regions in the country. We challenge the government that the prioritizing of flood control projects must be reviewed as large infrastructures also exacerbate climate impacts. Real mitigation projects must be implemented with actual positive outcomes and preservation and protection of river basins and watersheds near flood mitigation facilities. From the National Expenditures Program, the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management

Fund, also known as the Calamity Fund has a funding allocation of PHP 31 billion. The Congress version of Calamity Fund is now down to PHP 20.5 billion. At the same time, there has also been another PHP 500 million decrease in this budget during the approval of the Bicameral Conference. We stand that these budget cuts must be reinstated to strengthen government efforts to prepare communities ahead of a natural disaster and implore strategic anticipatory action measures.

ON HEALTH

Batangas residents have been fighting fossil-fueled power plants in their area as thousands of respiratory and heart diseases, including in children, keep on rising due to the said dirty projects. Last September, Toledo residents voiced their opposition to coal plant expansion, urging the company to comply with the law by conducting health impact assessments as their community's health is on the line.

Budget allocation for Health is essential to people's well-being and defunding PhilHealth is a serious issue. Even if PhilHealth has a PHP 284 billion budget for 2025, there would be a zero allocation for subsidy as it removes the PHP 74 billion state subsidy which could be used to expand coverage and absorb the burgeoning informal sector.. This goes to show that apart from the blame game that the government narrative is showing by pointing out the agency's failure to spend its resources, it highlights the incapacity of the current government to address the underspending of agencies, addressing issues of anomalous transactions, and acting on corruption.

It violates the people's constitutional right to health. Defunding PhilHealth will increase the people's cost to afford healthcare services; which the Universal Health Care Act mandates that all Filipinos must have immediate access to benefits.

Respiratory and cardiovascular diseases, which are the typical ailments people get from fossil projects, are already proven costly as these require specialized treatments; which will have coverage limitation on this budget cut.

It is often overlooked how these budget cuts on health highly affected the poorest of the poor in terms of access to healthcare facilities, services, and even tracking of severely impacted communities due to fossil fuel projects.

ON ENERGY

The country's continued reliance on fossil fuels may be argued to be brought about by existing programs on energy that offer band-aid solutions, without fully committing to the transition to clean energy.

Programs such as these are the rural electrification program facilitated by the National Electrification Administration (NEA) that boasts as "new and reengineered" by the notorious EPIRA Law. Under the National Total Electrification Roadmap (NTER), the total electrification project has energized only 3,468 households or 11 percent of its target, as of September 2023.

NTER specifically mentioned that the archipelagic geography poses a significant challenge to achieving total electrification that calls for higher government involvement. They revealed that the country's insufficient infrastructure remains a significant impediment to delivering essential services like electricity, particularly in remote and isolated areas.

Recognizing that apart from the need to address the unreliability of energy sources from the fossil-fueled energy industry of the country, energy access in the geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas in the Philippines is still a problem. The subsidy for the National Power Corporation for its Missionary Electrification Program (MEP) must be given priority and not a budget cut of PHP 730 million. Under the 2025 National Expenditure Program, the proposed allocation for the implementation of the MEP is PHP 1.6 billion, the Congress reduced it to PHP 1.120 billion and now approved at only PHP 870 million. Increasing its budget is important in bringing electricity to off-grid areas that will ensure access to electricity in areas where extending the grid is technically or economically challenging.

More than ever, public resources must not be used to fund detours on false solutions that enable the continued use of fossil fuels in the energy mix and will trap more Filipinos into poorer situations because of higher electricity prices. While we welcome the allocation of PHP 45 million to the implementation of Energy Virtual One Stop Shop, we challenge the government even further to prioritize and fast-track the application of renewable energy technologies, as the goal should be to replace and phase out fossil fuels

and not just to augment parts of the energy sources for renewables.

In times of crisis, a "prosperity budget" of the few is misleading, insensitive, and unacceptable. For a country to prosper, the government must prioritize the welfare of the general public in these convoluted times.

The lack of comprehensive understanding of the situation of the marginalized has been evident in the continued dole-out programs of the government enabled by the public officials in the recent bicameral conference committee.

Even if the controversial Ayuda sa Kapos ang Kita Program (AKAP) was slashed to more or less PHP 26 billion, it still survived and kept in the national budget. The aid approach to multiple crises is alarming, if not tiring, when various sectors call for a systemic change.

This morning, the Office of the Executive Secretary released a statement stating that the scheduled signing of the budget bill will not push through on December 20, to "allow more time for rigorous and exhaustive review". This is after all the criticisms raised on the bill, as its current version reduced budget in so many agencies for social protection programs; all in the name of politicians' budget for the upcoming 2025 elections, dubbed in the hundreds of billions of unprogrammed appropriations.

Being the worst budget in recent years, it deserves all the calls to the President to veto it. What we want from the government is to adequately fund the people's needs, and not defend the defunded budget items. We, climate justice advocates, must retaliate when the legislature continues to oppress the people through fiscal processes and decisions. As the climate crisis continues to devastate our country, we must stand our ground, slam false narratives, and amplify our calls.

Development action is directly related to climate action. We call to empower communities and civil society organizations to join the struggle for climate justice, while continuing being critical to the government. This is to not only strengthen the movement but also to ensure that communities and the vulnerable people of the country are prepared and prioritized in our fight for a cleaner, greener and sustainable future.



POGO HUB SA KAWIT, CAVITE TULUYAN NG NAKA-PADLOCK

TULUYAN ng abandonado ang mga istraktura na unang ipinatayo bilang POGO Hub sa Island Cove sa Kawit, Cavite matapos itong tuluyang ipadlock.

Siniguro naman nina Secretary of Interior and Local Government (SILG) Jonvic Remulla, at Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) Chairman Alejanro Tengco na naipatupad ang kautusan ng Pangulong Ferdinand Marocs Jr na maipasara lahat ng mga POGO Hub sa Pilipinas kabilang ang POGO Island Cove sa Kawit.

Napaalis na rin ang lahat ng mga dating empleyado at mga umuokupa sa loob ng POGO Hub gayundin ang mga kagamitan sa lahat ng opisina nito at tanging ang ilang construction workers na nagbabaklas ng ibang kagamitan na niwan

at mga security guards na nagbabantay sa kanilang ginagawang pagbaklas sa loob ng nasabing POGO hub. Ayon kay Remulla, personal nila itong binisita upang masiguro at maipakita sa publiko na sinunod ang kautusan ng Pangulo na ipasara ang lahat ng POGO sa Pilipinas.

Bukod kina Remulla at Tengco, naging saksi rin sa pagpapasara ng POGO Hub sina Regional Director PB Gen Paul Kenneth T Lucas, Cavite Provincial Director Police Col Dwight Alegre at iba pang opisyaes.

Sinusulat ito ay wala pang plano kung ano ang gagawin sa inabandonang gusali pero ayon kay General Manager Ron Lim ng First Orient Corporation ay nasa may-ari na umano ang desisyon. **(Gene Adsua)**

Chinese national, 1 pang babae; timbog sa buy bust

TIMBOG ang isang Chinese national gayundin ang 28-anyos na babae sa ikinasagang buy bust operation ng mga awtoridad sa Navotas City kamakailan.

Ang naturang Chinese national ay 40-anyos na lalaki at siya kasama ang babae, na kapwa residente ng Barangay Manganvaka, Subic, Zambales, ay naaresto dakong alas-6:16 ng umaga. Magkatuwang ang Northern Police District at Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency sa nasabing operasyon. Sa naturang buy bust operation na isinagawa sa Navotas

City ay nagresulta pa sa pagkakasabat sa hinihinalang shabu na tinatayang nasa P15.1 million ang halaga. Nabatid na aabot sa 2,226.6 gramo ng hinihinalang shabu ang nakumpiska sa operasyon.

Nasa pangangasiwa ng Navotas City Police Station ang dalawang suspek na kapwa naharap sa kasong paglabag sa Republic Act 9165 o ang Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002. Kaugnay naman nito ay pinuri ng liderato ng NPD ang mga operatiba sa matagumpay na operasyon. **RUBEN LACSA**

Operations manager ng security agency, inireklamo ng 2 binatilyo

INARESTO ng mga awtoridad ang operations manager ng security agency na inireklamo ng dalawang menor de edad makaraang paputukan umano sila ng baril sa Gen Trias City, Cavite.

Kinilala ang inaresto na si alyas Emmanuel, 37, operations manager ng LGA Security Management Corp, at residente ng Phase 3 Bldg 03 Lot 03 Sec 4 Belvedere, Brgy Pasong Kawayan 2, Gen Trias City, na inireklamo ng mga biktima na sina alyas Aaron,

17, at Gabriel, 16; kapwa residente ng Belvedere, Brgy Pasong Kawayan 2, Gen Trias City.

Sa ulat, sinaway umano ng suspek ang dalawa sa Phase 3 Belvedere Brgy Pasong Kawayan, bandang alas-5:30 ng hapon na nauwi sa mainitang pagtatalo.

Bunsod nito ay kinuha ng suspek ang kanyang kalibre 40 Taurus pistol at ipinutok sa harapan ng mga menor de edad.

Agad namang nagsumbong



Aksidente sa lansangan, 3 sugatan

SUGATAN ang tatlo katao, kabilang ang papatawid na pedestrian na nabangga ng mag-amang magkaangkas sa motorsiklo sa Dasmariñas City, Cavite.

Pawang ginamot sa Asia Medic Hospital ang pedestrian na si Rose Ann Maliksi y Argabioso, 36, ng 097 Paliparan 1, Dasmariñas City; ang driver ng motorsiklo na si Ronald Gonzales y Reyes, 60; at anak nito na si John Paul Gonzales y Fernandez, 27,

kapwa residente ng Caimito St Golden acres Subd Talon 5, Las Pinas City.

Sa ulat, minamaneho ni Ronald ang kanyang motorsiklo at angkas ang anak na si John Paul sa kahabaan ng Molino-Paliparan Road, Brgy Paliparan 11, Dasmariñas City, at aksidenteng nabangga ang biktima habang tumatawid bandang alas- 2:00 ng hapon. Dahil sa insidente ay pawang nasugatan ang tatlo. **(Gene Adsua)**

Quezon gov't nagpaabot ng tulong sa mga apektado ng landslide sa Lopez, Quezon

LOPEZ, Quezon (PIA) — Nagpaabot ng tulong ang pamahalaang panlalawigan ng Quezon para sa mga pamilya at indibidwal na naapektuhan ng pagguho ng lupa sa Barangay Matinik sa bayan ng Lopez na naganap noong Sabado ng gabi, Disyembre 14.

Ito ay alinsunod na rin sa direktiba ni Gov. Angelina Tan para sa agarang pamamahagi ng kinakailangang tulong, pagsasa-ayos ng kalsada at ng iba pang pinsalang idinulot ng nasabing insidente.

Ayon sa pamahalaang panlalawigan, agad silang kumilos sa pamamagitan ng pakikipag-ugnayan sa Barangay Disaster Risk Reduction and

Management Council (BDRMC), paglikas ng mga residente, pagsasaayos ng trapiko, at pagbabawal ng access sa mga mapanganib na lugar. Ayon kay Dr. Mechor Avenilla, Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) Officer ng Quezon, nakipag-ugnayan na sila sa Mines and Geosciences Bureau upang magsagawa ng assessment at alamin ang sanhi ng nangyaring pagguho ng lupa.

Dagdag pa nito, pinayuhan niya ang mga residente ng naturang barangay na huwag munang bumalik sa kanilang mga tahanan dahil delikado at posibleng magkaroon muli ng paggalaw ng lupa.

Ang 35 bahay na matatagpuan sa tabi ng riles ng tren ay tuluyang nawasak kung kaya't nananatili sa evacuation center ang nasa mahigit 51 pamilya o 164 na mga indibidwal.



Pagbabago sa sarili mo, epektibo na regalo kay Kristo ngayong Pasko

MALIGAYANG Pasko po!

Kaakibat ng Pasko ang regalo para sa pamilya o kaanak, kaibigan, kasamahan o kahit kanino pa man.

Mayroong nagbibigay ng regalo bago pa man ang Pasko o pagkatapos na.

Ganoon din kapag sasapit ang Bagong Taon, may nagbibigay ng regalo na after New Year na kasi nga ay mahaba naman ang Holiday seasons.

Sa mga hindi pa nakakapagbigay ng regalo na nahihirapan para sa Christmas gift ay mayroong paalala ang Philippine Animal Welfare Society.

Huwag umanong isipin at balakin bilang Christmas gift ang mga alagang hayop dahil ayon sa grupo ay hindi laruan o material na bagay ito.

Pero paano naman kung alam mong talagang animal lover ang pagbibigyan at tiyak na mapag-alaga at mapagmahal sa alagang hayop.

Nasa inyo na po iyan kung alagang hayop pa rin ba ang choice ninyo bilang Christmas gift sa kaanak, kaibigan o kasamahan.

Payo naman ng grupo na

sakaling may magbibigay nga na regalo na alagang hayop ay tanungin ang sarili kung ito ba ay tamang makakalinga na kung sa tingin na hindi naman maaalagaan ay makabubuting tanggihan o ibalik na lamang sa nagreregalo sa pamamagitan ng maayos na paliwanag.

Tinanggap ang regalo para lamang hindi mapahiya ang nagregalo subalit ang kawawa o ang magsasakripisyo ay ang alagang hayop.

Napapag-usapan ang regalo ay dapat na tayo mismo ay mayroong gift kay Kristo para sa kapanganakan.

Regalong ispiritual ang dapat nating ibigay sa Pasko o sa kapanganakan ni Kristo. Ibig sabihin ay pagbabago sa ating sarili ang regalo na epektibo para kay Kristo ngayong Pasko.

Alam ng bawat isa sa atin ang mga dapat baguhin na kailangang huwag yumakap sa mali bagkus ay palaging sa tama lamang.

Ang tanong ay kaya ba natin ibigay na regalo kay Kristo ngayong Pasko ang pagbabago sa ating sarili?

Ayon kay Rodel Libranda, isa sa mga residente ng nasabing barangay, ang dating tuwid na riles ng tren ay nagmistulang letrang S at naging bundok mula sa dating patag na kalsada. Sa ngayon ay delikadong daanan ang highway sa Barangay Matinik habang lumubog naman ang mga bahay na dating kapantay ng highway.

Nagsasagawa pa rin ng pagsisiyasat ang Philippine National Police – Lopez at Municipal DRRMO kung ano ang naging sanhi ng pagputok na nagmula sa

ilalim ng lupa.

Samantala, inatasan din ni Gov. Tan ang Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) 4th Engineering District sa pangunguna ni Engr. Rodel Florido na tulungan ang mga pamilyang apektado ng pagguho ng lupa.

Naging paulit-ulit ang mababaw na pagguho ng lupa sa nasabing lugar, kaya't patuloy ang pagbabantay at pag-iingat ng mga awtoridad at mga residente. **(Ruel Orinday, PIA Quezon)**