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NAGSALITA sina Dr. Rogelio "Jong" F. Varela Jr., Chair of Department of Surgery of Healthway Qualmed Hospital, at Dr. Rohan Andrade De Sequeira, Cardio-endocrinologist & Founder of Society of Medical Harm Reduced Advocates (SOMHRA), patungkol sa pananawagan para sa pagbabawas ng kapinsalaan dulot ng paninigariilyo makaraang ganapin ang Harm Reduction & Nicotine Summit sa EDSA Shangri-La Manila Mandaluyong. **(REY NILLAMA)**



BAHAGI sa naging pahayag ni dating Gobernador ng Ilocos Sur na si Luis "Chavit" Singson sa ginanap na press conference sa Kamuning Bakery Cafe Quezon City. "Ang kahirapan sa pag unlad ng bansa bunsod sa umano ay paglilihis sa isyung pambayan. Kung kaya ay naguguluhan ang Tao." **(REY NILLAMA)** – story p.3



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KONSEPTO UPANG MABAWASAN ANG PANGANIB SA PANINIGARILYO SA HARM REDUCTION AND NICOTINE SUMMIT

SA pamamagitan ng pagpili at hindi pagpipigil, 18,000 Pilipino at patuloy na dumadami ang nananawagan para sa isang bansang walang usok.

Ang panawagan ay ginawa sa Harm Reduction & Nicotine Summit na may temang: "Pagtataguyod ng Maayos na Talakayan tungkol sa Pagbabawas ng pinsala mula sa Tabako" na ginanap kamakailan sa EDSA Shangri-La.

Ang kaganapan ay inorganisa ng pitong tagapag-ayos kabilang ang Nicotine Consumers Union of the Philippines (NCIP), SINAG, at iba pa.

Kinilala ni Anton Israel mula sa NCUP ang mga tagapag-ayos, ang kanilang adbokasiya, at mga naabot na tagumpay. Binanggit ni Israel na 170,000 Pilipino ang nasasawi bawat taon dahil sa paninigarilyo, nawawalan ng pagkakataong kumita, at naaapektuhan ang buhay ng milyun-milyong iba pa. Binanggit niya ang matagumpay na gawi ng paninigarilyo sa Sweden at vaping sa ibang mga bansa. "Hindi nagsisinungaling ang mga numero kaya narito tayo upang ibalik ang Agham," sabi ni Israel.

Ipinakita ni Dr. Rogelio "Jong" F. Varela, Jr., Tagapangulo ng Kagawaran ng Surgery ng Healthway Qualmed Hospital, ang konsepto ng pagbabawas ng panganib.

Si Dr. Varela ay may diabetes ngunit uminom siya ng Coke at kalaunan ay uminom din ng iba pang soda, kaya nang muling uminom siya ng Coke, hindi na ito tulad ng dati ang lasa.

Binigyang-diin niya na nang sabihin niya sa kanyang mga pasyente na ang paninigarilyo ay nagdudulot ng kawalan ng kakayahang magkaanak at problema sa pagtayo ng ari, nagsimulang maging interesado ang mga ito. "Kailangan nating ituro sa kanila na ito ay nagdudulot ng kawalan ng kakayahang magkaanak at problema sa pagtayo ng ari," sabi ni Dr. Varela.

Naabot ng Sweden ang mas mababa sa 5% o

4.5% na pang-araw-araw na paninigarilyo, na siyang kahulugan ng panitikan ng Europa ng walang usok. Pagsapit ng 2025, magiging walang usok ang Sweden dahil sa 4.5% na pang-araw-araw na paninigarilyo.

Ang laganap ng paninigarilyo sa Pilipinas ay ganoon na mayroong 14 na milyong naninigarilyo. Sinabi ni Dr. Varela, "Kailangan nating maging walang tabako at tumigil sa paninigarilyo. Kung makita nating naninigarilyo ang mga pasyente, sabihan sila na huminto sa paninigarilyo kung hindi natin sila matuturuan."

"Naabot na natin ang rurok ng patakaran. Kailangan nating makipag-ugnayan sa mga tao at turuan sila. Talaga namang kailangan nating palawakin ang mga pagsisikap upang matulungan ang mga pasyenteng ito," dagdag pa niya.

Sinabi ni Dr. Rohan Andrade de Sequeira, cardio-endocrinologist at Tagapagtatag ng Society of Medical Harm Reduced Advocates (SOMHRA), na sa India, mayroong 1.35 milyong pagkamatay bawat taon, at 267 milyong kabuuang gumagamit ng tabako para sa isang bansa na may populasyon na 1.4 bilyon.

Idinagdag ni Dr. Sequeira na 8.5% ng kabataan ay gumagamit ng oral na tabako. Binanggit niya na 38% ng mga pagkamatay ay sanhi ng sakit sa puso tulad ng Ischaemic heart disease, stroke, at cerebrovascular disease.

"Noong 2023, may 168,000 bagong kaso ng kanser sa bibig kada taon," sabi ni Dr. Sequeira. "Sa tingin ko, nangunguna na ang Pilipinas sa pagbabawas ng panganib," dagdag pa niya.

Binigyang-diin ni Dr. Sequeira na ang nicotine mismo ay hindi sanhi ng kanser. Malinaw ang agham: Ang nicotine ay hindi carcinogen. "Dapat maituwid ang maling impormasyon na ang paninigarilyo ay nagdudulot ng kanser. Ang mga byproducts nito ang nagdudulot ng kanser," sabi ni Dr. Sequeira.

3 katao, tiklo sa P714K halaga ng 'bato'

TIKLO ang tatlo katao, na pawang High Value Individuals, sa ikinasang buy-bust operation ng mga awtoridad na nagresulta sa pagkakasamsam ng P714K na halaga ng hinihinalang shabu kamakailan sa Bacoor City, Cavite.

Ang mga suspek ay kinilala sa mga alyas na Boss, Christian; kapwa residente ng Parañaque City; at Emmanuel, naninirahan sa Bacoor City.

Ang matagumpay na buy-bust operation ay isinagawa dakong ala-1:30 ng madaling araw sa Bacoor City nitong Oktubre 14.

Pinangunahan ng mga operatiba ng Drug Enforcement Unit ng

Bacoor City Component Police Station ang operasyon sa pakikipag-ugnayan sa PDEA na isang police poseur buyer ang matagumpay na nakabili ng iligal na droga mula sa mga suspek.

Nasamsam mula sa pag-iingat ng mga suspek ang isang unit white Toyota Hilux; isang piraso ng P1,000 bill (buy-bust money); isang knot-tied transparent plastic bag na naglalaman ng puting kristal na pinaniniwalaang shabu; at anim na heat-sealed transparent plastic sachet na naglalaman ng pinaniniwalaang shabu na may tinatayang kabuuang timbang na 105 gramo at may standard drug price value na P714,000.00.

2 HVI, huli sa buy bust

HULI ang dalawang High Value Individual matapos ang matagumpay na buy-bust operation na isinagawa ng kapulisan kamakailan sa Dasmariñas City, Cavite, Ang dalawang suspek, na sina alyas Bi at Ge, kapwa residente ng Dasmariñas City, ay naaresto dakong alas-6:00 ng gabi nitong Oktubre 13.

Isinagawa ang operasyon ng magkasanib puwersa ng Provincial Drug Enforcement Unit ng Cavite Police Provincial Office, Dasmariñas City Component Police Station at Regional Police Drug Enforcement Unit 4A, na may koordinasyon sa

PDEA.

Sa nasabing operasyon ay nakumpiska ang tatlong piraso ng heat-sealed transparent plastic sachet na naglalaman ng puting kristal na pinaniniwalaang shabu na may tinatayang kabuuang timbang na humigit-kumulang 100 gramo, at may standard drug price value na P680,000.00; isang piraso ng P500 bill (buy-bust money); at isang unit ng android cellphone.

Ang operasyon ay isinagawa gamit ang Alternative Recording Device na nasaksihan ng isang media representative at isang halal na opisyal ng barangay.

MWP, timbog sa Bacoor City

TIMBOG ng isang City Level Most Wanted Person sa operasyong isinagawa ng pulisya kamakailan sa Bacoor City, Cavite.

Ang akusado na si alyas Cobra, residente ng Bacoor City, ay naaresto dakong alas-4:15 ng hapon nitong Oktubre 14. Gamit ang Alternative Recording Device ay isinagawa ang operasyon ng mga tauhan ng Warrant Section ng Bacoor Component City Police Station.

Ang pagkakaaresto ay sa bisa ng warrant of arrest na inilabas ng RTC Branch 201, Las Piñas City, nitong Oktubre 6, na may

inirekomendang piyansa na P300,000.00.

Ito ay para sa kasong paglabag sa Section 3 ng Republic Act 10883 (Anti-Carnapping Act of 2016).

Most wanted sa Cavite 'nasakote ng Indang MPS

ISANG Provincial Level Most Wanted Person ang arestado kamakailan ng mga tauhan ng Indang Municipal Police Station.

Ang akusadong si alyas Emie (lalaki) residente ng Indang, Cavite, ay naaresto dakong ala-1:10 ng tanghali nitong Oktubre 15.

Gamit ang Alternative

Legarda – Indigenous Peoples, nagsisilbing haligi ng bansa

Sa selebrasyon ng Indigenous Peoples Month ngayong Oktubre, ipinagdiwang ni Senadora Loren Legarda ang malaking ambag ng Indigenous Peoples (IPs) sa kultura, pagkakakilanlan, at tradisyon ng bansa, pati na rin sa tuluy-tuloy na kaunlaran.

"Buhay na ang natatanging kultura at kaugalian bago pa man dumating ang mga mananakop. Hindi lamang ito karangan, ito'y kayamanang sandigan ng bansa," giit ni Legarda.

"Matagal na nating kinilala ang mga katutubo bilang pundasyon ng bansa. Sila ang naglatag ng maraming kaalaman at tradisyong tinatamasa natin hanggang ngayon," dagdag pa niya.

Bilang pangunahing may-akda ng batas na nagtatag ng National Indigenous Peoples Day tuwing Agosto 9, sinabi ni Legarda na patuloy na hinaharap ng mga katutubo ang samu't saring suliranin. Kabilang dito ang mga isyu sa ancestral domain, matitinding bagyong dala ng climate change, at unti-unting pagkawala ng tradisyon dahil sa globalisasyon.

Giniit ng four-term senator na hindi ganap na mabubuo ang isang bansa kung hindi kikilalanin at pag-aaralan ang kanilang mga tradisyon, at kung hindi pangangalagaan ang kanilang kabuhayan at kalusugan.

"Maraming kaalaman ang hatid sa atin ng Indigenous Peoples laban sa climate change, sa food security, at sa pangangalaga ng kalikasan dahil matagal na nilang napatunayang mabisa ang mga tradisyong ito," ani Legarda.

"Doon natin mabubuo ang isang maunlad na kinabukasang mayaman sa kultura at ligtas

Recording Device ay isinagawa ang pag-aresto sa bisa ng warrant of arrest.

Ito ay may kaugnayan sa kasong Section 10(A) in relation to Section 3(B) (1) of Republic Act No. 7610. May inirekomendang piyansang P160,000.00. para sa pansamantalang kalayaan ng akusado.

kapag ipinagdiriwang at pinapahalagahan natin ang kanilang mga karapatan," dagdag pa ng senadora.

"Hindi sila ang may pangangailangan sa atin, dahil nagmumula sa kanila ang ating pagka-Pilipino, at natutuklasan natin ito sa araw-araw, salamat sa kanilang mga naiambag."

Maraming batas at panukala ang naisulong ni Legarda upang pagbutihin pa ang lagay ng mga IP. Kabilang dito ang National Cultural Heritage Act of 2009 at ang Cultural Mapping Law na nag-aatas sa lahat ng LGU na tukuyin at itala ang kanilang yamang kultural.

Suportado rin niya ang Schools of Living Traditions, na nagtuturo ng tradisyonal na paggawa ng mga produktong gaya ng tela.

Si Legarda rin ang pangunahing may-akda ng Philippine Tropical Fabrics Law, na nagtataguyod ng paggamit ng lokal na tela sa uniporme ng mga opisyal at kawani ng gobyerno.

Bukod pa rito, itinampok din ang karunungan ng iba't ibang IP sa documentary series na "Dayaw," na ideya ni Legarda. Siya rin ang host ng naturang programa.

OVP-SMSO NAGHATID NG TULONG SA MGA PAMILYANG APEKTADO NG LINDOL SA MANAY, DAVAO ORIENTAL

Kasunod ng 7.4 magnitude na lindol sa Davao Oriental noong October 10, 2025, naghatid ng tulong ang OVP - Southern Mindanao Satellite Office sa mga pamilyang apektado sa Municipality of Manay.

Namahagi ang OVP-SMSO ng mga relief boxes, RiICE boxes, tents, blankets, flashlights, at laruan sa mga residente ng iba't ibang barangay kabilang ang Brgy. Central, Brgy. Holycross, at Brgy. San Ignacio, pati na rin sa Manay Hospital at MDRMO personnel.

Ang pagkilos na ito ay patunay ng mabilis na pagtugon ng OVP-SMSO sa mga komunidad na nangangailangan ng agarang tulong sa panahon ng sakuna. **(OVP)**

Editorial

Dapat ay maging responsable ang lahat

BINIGYANG linaw ng Department of Health na walang namamayaning bagong virus sa bansa lito ay sa kabila ng napapaulat na pagtaas ng mga kaso ng influenza at influenza-like illnesses. Sa panahon ng tag-ulan o mula Hunyo hanggang Nobyembre ay inaasahan ang bahagyang pagtaas ng trangkaso. Kaya naman walang nakikitang da-

hilan ang kagawaran na muling ibalik bilang mandatory o obligado ang pagsusuo ng facemask. Tanging apela lamang ng DOH ay sa sandalling may sintomas ng ubo at sipon ay magkusa na para sa pagsuo ng facemask upang maiwasan ang pagkahawa. Lalo na ang mga mag-aaral pati mga magulang at mga guro ay isagawa ang paggamit ng facemask na mayroong sintomas ng naturang karamdaman. Dapat ay maging responsable ang bawat isa o maaari namang magsuo ng facemask may sintomas manowala.

Imbestigasyon ng mga ghost projects, ng ICI bigyan prayoridad ang Ilocos Norte

Sinabi ng negosyante at dating Gobernador ng Ilocos Sur na si Luis "Chavit" Singson na dapat iisa lamang ang salita ng lahat, na binanggit na naguguluhan na ang mga tao ngayon. "Sa ngayon, hirap tayong umunlad kung ganito ang paraan ng pamamahala sa pamamahala na ililihis lamang nila ang isyu," sabi ni Singson. "Marami ang nagsasabi na ito (proyektong kontrol sa baha na multo) ang pinakamalaking scam na nangyari sa bansa," dagdag niya. "Para maniwala ang mga tao kay Pangulong Marcos, dapat niyang unahin ang kanyang lalawigan. Kung malinis siya, tulungan natin siya," sabi ni Singson. "Bigyang prayoridad ang kanyang lalawigan. Magkalapit lang ang aming mga lalawigan. Tapat kami sa Ilocos Sur," dagdag pa niya. "Sinababi ko sa ICI, bigyang prayoridad ang Ilocos Norte. Sa Senado, tinakpan nila ito at nang lumitaw ang Ilocos Norte, huminto sila sa imbestigasyon," sabi ni Singson.

"Ibig sabihin, maraming isyu ang kailangang tugunan ngunit naililhis ito mula sa tunay na isyu," dagdag niya. "Bakit kailangan nating lumipat sa ibang proyekto – mula sa kontrol ng baha patungo sa kalsadang pang-agrikultura," sabi ni Singson. **"Mabilis makalimot ang mga Pilipino. Sa Guinness Book of Records, tinaguriang pinakamasamang Pangulo ang kanilang ama," dagdag niya.** Si Chavit Singson lamang ang nagsabi na walang sinuman ang makakatalo kay Inday Sara sa pagkapangulo. "Noon, ang araw ko ay puro pera – pera ang lahat. 5,500 na mga munisipalidad, halos lahat ay nag-usap tungkol sa kanilang mga sariling problema," sabi ni Singson. Matagal na niyang hinihintay hanggang sa naging "Antay Marcos" siya. "Parang kami ang naloko. Paano nagawa ni Sara Discaya na makalikom ng P31 bilyon para sa mga proyekto sa kontrol ng baha. At ngayon ako

na ang inaakusahan ng katiwalian," sabi ni Singson. "Paano nagawang makapasok ng mga Discayas sa Ilocos Norte gamit ang 38 proyekto. Ipakita ang kanilang mga proyekto doon. Ang nangyari ay 'mga taktika ng paglilihis'. Wala nang mga proyekto para sa kontrol ng baha," dagdag pa niya. Sa rally noong Setyembre 21, sinabi ni Singson na wala namang mangyayari sa mga rally dahil may sariling agenda sila. "Tawirin natin ang mga linya ng partido. Walang Duterte. Walang Dilaw. Walang pampulitikang kulay," sabi ni Singson. Binigyang-diin niya, "Dapat magkaisa ang mga Pilipino, lalo na ang kabataan, upang sa tuwing magkakaroon ng rally, isa lamang iyon, ngunit ang kabataan ang dapat magpasya, at sigurado akong maraming susuporta sa inyo." Sinabi ni Singson na ang Setyembre 21 ay magulo dahil ang bawat isa ay para sa sarili. Namahagi siya ng pagkain sa panig ng Corinthian ng EDSA

noong rally at maayos naman ang lahat, ngunit nang dumating ang hapon, inamin ng mga taong naka-maskara na binayaran sila ni Martin Romualdez upang sumali sa rally. Pinaalalahanan ni Singson ang AFP at PNP tungkol sa kanilang tungkulin na protektahan ang mamamayan at ang Estado. Binanggit niya ang Seksiyon 3, Artikulo 2 ng Konstitusyon ng Pilipinas na nagsasaad, "Ang kapangyarihan ng sibilyan ay nakakataas sa militar sa lahat ng panahon." Sinabi niya na ang AFP at PNP ay hindi tagapangalaga ng Pangulo at ng Estado, kundi sila ay tagapangalaga ng sambayanang Pilipino. Naniniwala si Singson na maraming susuporta sa AFP at PNP kung gampanan nila ang kanilang tungkuling ayon sa Konstitusyon. Binanggit niya ang grupo na nagsabi na ang P205 milyong pondo ni Marcos mula sa PDAF ay napunta sa mga pekeng organisasyon, ngunit wala namang nangyari tungkol dito.

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Kandila ng buhay at kamatayan

DUMARAMI ang tila may kahilingan na kung maaari ay bawian na ng buhay ang lahat ng mga kurakot. Mga pulitiko, opisyal at tauhan ng gobyerno maging mga contractor na sangkot sa maanomalyang flood control project. Kung pwede nga lang sana na makiusap at humiling sa Poong Maykapal na unahin ng kunin ang buhay ng mga mayroong kinalaman sa pagnanakaw sa kaban ng bayan o sa nasabing anomalya. Kumbaga ay sila muna ang priority na bawian ng buhay at huwag ang mga lumalaban ng parehas. Pero mukhang malabong matupad ang ganitong panalangin dahil sa ating naririnig hinggil sa sinasabing buhay at kamatayan. Sa paglitaw natin sa mundo o pagluwal sa sinapupunan ng ina ay nakahanda na ang ating kandila. Diyos ang sinasabing

magsisindi ng mitsa o magbibigay ng apoy sa kandila ng bawat isisilang sa mundo. Tanging Diyos lamang din ang ihip ng apoy o magpapatay ng mitsa subalit sinasabing sa pagkakasilang pa lamang ay may kaakibat na kaagad na takdang panahon ng pananatili sa mundo. Animo'y mayroon na agad na akmang haba o sukat ang kandila ng bawat isa sa atin. Tulad ko na iba ang kahilingan sa bawat pagdarasal na bigyan pa ng mahabang buhay ang aking mga mahal sa buhay. Ang mitsa ng kandila ng isa sa mga mahal ko sa buhay ay nawala na ang liwanag o apoy batay sa kapasyahan ng Diyos. Paalam Blessie, salamat sa pagmamahal at patawad sa mga pagkakasala ko sa iyo. Nasa kaharian ka na ng Poong Lumikha na wala ng sakit o karamdaman pa, hanggang sa muling pagkikita Blessie.

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PGC EMPLOYEES EMPOWERED THROUGH CIVILIAN SELF-DEFENSE INTRO WORKSHOP

In a proactive move to promote personal safety and preparedness among its workforce, the Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC), through the Cavite Office of Public Safety, spearheaded the Civilian Self-Defense Intro Workshop held on October 10, at the New Provincial Government Center in Trece Martires City. The activity drew the participation of more than 100 PGC employees, who eagerly took part in the hands-on training designed to enhance awareness, confidence, and readiness in handling real-life threats or emergencies. Leading the workshop were Ms. Yonina Colleen Chan, Mr. Ronald Bardinas, and Mr. Von Eric Ng of Krav Maga Philippines, who shared essential techniques and practical strategies rooted

in Krav Maga's principle of efficient and instinctive self-defense. The instructors guided participants through a series of drills focused on situational awareness, defensive postures, and response tactics against potential attacks, emphasizing the importance of presence of mind and quick decision-making. The event served not only as a fitness and empowerment activity but also as a vital step in strengthening the province's advocacy for safety and well-being among its employees. By equipping government personnel with basic self-defense knowledge, the PGC continues to demonstrate its commitment to fostering a secure and resilient workplace. — **OPIO**

Cavite Career Caravan Opens Employment Opportunities to Baileños

The Cavite Career Caravan continues to bring employment opportunities closer to Caviteños as it made its stop at the Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo Town Plaza on October 10, through the initiative of the Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager (OPPESM) headed by Ms. Rizalie P. Enero. The activity provided job seekers with a convenient venue to explore local and overseas employment opportunities, with around 60 applicants participating in the event. Out of these, eight applicants were hired on the spot, a testament to the program's effectiveness in linking job seekers with employers. Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo Mayor Dennis Glean, together with the Sangguniang Bayan members, graced the event and expressed their appreciation to the Provincial Government of Cavite for its continued efforts to create livelihood opportunities and strengthen employment support services across the province.

Also present were national agencies and partner institutions with programs and services related to employment, further assisting applicants with job matching, documentation, and career guidance. Through the Cavite Career Caravan, the Provincial Government of Cavite reaffirms its commitment to empowering Caviteños by promoting gainful employment and fostering inclusive economic growth in the province. — **OPIO**

Free health services for residents of Brgy. Cabuco

In its continuing effort to promote accessible healthcare for every Caviteño, the Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC) through the Office of the Provincial Governor – Medical Mission Team, in partnership with the Office of the Provincial Health Officer (OPHO), conducted a medical and dental mission in Barangay Cabuco, Trece Martires City on October 7. The health outreach activity catered to around 500 beneficiaries, who

In a concerted push to strengthen HIV/AIDS response at the provincial level, the Department of Health – Center for Health Development CALABARZON (DOH-CHD CALABARZON) convened the Cavite Inter-Agency and Local HIV/AIDS Coordinators Dialogue on October 8 and 9, at Hotel Lucky Chinatown in Binondo, Manila. The two-day event brought together members of the Cavite Inter-Agency and Local HIV/AIDS Council from various municipalities and cities in Cavite, along with DOH regional and local staff, community-based organization (CBO) partners, and other stakeholders.

With the goal of fostering policy coherence, improving service delivery, and strengthening coordination among sectors, the dialogue served as a venue for updates, sharing of best practices, collaborative planning, and capacity building.

The program officially opened with the opening message from Dr. Nelson C. Soriano, Provincial Health Officer I, who commended the efforts of the participating agencies and local government representatives. He emphasized the importance of strong coordination, shared responsibility, and evidence-based interventions in addressing the growing HIV challenge in Cavite.

availed themselves of various free health services including medical and dental consultations, tooth extraction, X-ray, and ECG. Beneficiaries also received free prescribed medicines, ensuring that residents not only received proper diagnosis but also the necessary treatment and medication. The medical mission was made possible through the dedicated service of healthcare professionals from the OPHO and the Provincial Medical Mission

Cavite Inter-Agency and Local HIV/AIDS Coordinators hold dialogue to strengthen provincial response

Mr. Glenn Philson Madronio, HIV Program Manager, delivered a comprehensive update on the state of the regional HIV/AIDS program. He presented recent epidemiological data, progress on testing and treatment uptake, gaps in geographic coverage, and challenges in linkage to care and retention.

Atty. Jhonna Joy V. Hernandez of the Initiatives for Dialogue and Empowerment through Alternative Legal Services (IDEALS, Inc.) led a session on the local legal and regulatory framework for HIV/AIDS programs. She discussed the HIV/AIDS Local Policy Ordinance, the functions of the Local AIDS Council, and the elimination of stigma and discrimination. Her presentation emphasized the importance of institutionalizing HIV services at the municipal level through the formulation of local ordinances aligned with Republic Act No. 11166 (Philippine HIV and AIDS Policy Act of 2018). She also highlighted the role of Local AIDS Councils in ensuring effective program implementation and promoting a supportive, stigma-free community.

Following her presentation, participants engaged in group workshops to translate the legal and policy concepts into actionable strategies. Among the key thematic areas were refining the standardized referral system, addressing communication challenges, and identifying ideal practices to improve coordination and strengthen local HIV/AIDS

responses.

Mr. Sysom Maquera presented the latest developments in CBO-led outreach efforts. He highlighted successes in peer-led testing, linkages to care, targeted interventions in key populations, challenges in sustainability, and proposals for strengthening support systems and partnerships with local governments.

Ms. Haydelisa Maderazo, Provincial HIV Coordinator, delivered the accomplishment report of the Office of the Provincial Health Office which covered service delivery milestones, facility expansions, training initiatives, integration of HIV services into primary health care, and coordination with LGUs and partner agencies.

Meanwhile, Ms. Rhea Shiela Romero, Senior Technical Specialist, presented an update on the procurement strategies for HIV facilities, highlighting the ongoing efforts to ensure the timely and efficient delivery of essential medical supplies and commodities to support uninterrupted service delivery in health facilities.

The presence of Dr. Joselito R. Feliciano, Executive Director of the Philippine National AIDS Council,

added more significance to the event. He provided an overview of the country's HIV Prevention Roadmap 2025–2030 and shared insights on the national government's strategic direction in addressing the rising number of HIV cases in the Philippines.

In his closing address, Mr. Glenn Philson Madronio thanked all participants for their active engagement and reaffirmed the DOH's commitment to supporting local HIV response. He urged continuous collaboration, policy support, and timely implementation of the action plans drafted during the dialogue.

One of the major outputs of the two-day dialogue was the commitment of each LGU to formulate its own HIV/AIDS Ordinance to serve as the legal backbone for implementing local HIV programs, ensuring sustainability, and enhancing rights-based approaches in addressing the epidemic.

To ensure legal soundness and alignment with national frameworks, the drafted ordinances will be reviewed and validated by IDEALS, Inc., a recognized partner organization providing technical assistance on governance and policy development. — **OPIO**

PGC empowers Cavite farmers through “Livelihood on the Go”

To support the province's agricultural sector and promote value-adding in local produce, the Office of the Provincial Cooperatives Development Officer (OPCDO) spearheaded the “Livelihood on the Go” training on Fruit Processing on October 7, held at the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist (OPA) Compound in Trece Martires City.

The hands-on training gathered more than 40 farmers from various municipalities of Cavite, who were eager to learn practical techniques in processing fruits into marketable products aimed at increasing income opportunities and reducing post-harvest losses.

Ms. Myrachel P. Cuadra, OIC of the OPCDO, and OPA Head, Engr. Anna Pamela Cruz graced the event and delivered their messages of

support, emphasizing the Provincial Government's continuing commitment to empower Caviteños through sustainable livelihood and entrepreneurship initiatives.

Meanwhile, Ms. Sheryl Loyola, OPCDO - Livelihood Division Head, discussed the various programs and services of the OPCDO designed to assist farmers, cooperatives, and micro-entrepreneurs in developing livelihood ventures and enhancing product competitiveness.

OPCDO's “Livelihood on the Go” program aims to uplift the economic well-being of Caviteños by delivering accessible, skills-based training and livelihood opportunities that empower individuals and communities to achieve sustainable income and self-reliance. — **OPIO**

Team, with the assistance of barangay health workers and volunteers.

The initiative is part of the PGC's ongoing mission to deliver essential health programs closer to the communities, underscoring Governor Abeng Remulla's commitment to improve public health and ensuring that quality medical services reach every Cavitenos. — **OPIO**

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION
NAIC, CAVITE
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
AND EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (HDMF),
Petitioner-Mortgagee,

-versus-

FNC-2022-142

CECILIE R. LEAÑO,
Respondents-Mortgagors.
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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

WHEREAS, upon extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act No.3135, as amended by Act No. 4118 filed by **HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (HDMF)**, Mortgagee, with postal address at the Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City against **CECILIE R. LEAÑO**, Mortgagors with postal address at **530 ST. FRANCIS SUBD., SAN JUAN I, GEN TRIAS CAVITE**, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **September 26, 2022** amounted to **FOUR HUNDRED FORTY SIX THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED NINETY FOUR PESOS & 86/100 (P 446,194.86)** Philippine currency, excluding penalties, Attorney's Fees and expenses of the foreclosure, the undersigned authorized Sheriff IV, will sell at public auction on **November 11, 2025 at 9:00 in the morning** or soon thereafter at the Regional Trial Court Naic, Cavite, to the highest bidder in **CASH** or in **MANAGER'S CHECK** and in Philippine Currency the property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF
TITLE NO. 057-2019010268

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

LOT NO: 15, BLOCK NO: 20, PLAN NO: PCS-04-031172
PORTION OF: CONS-SUBD. OF LOTS 2977 & 2978, FLS-986-D, NAIC ESTATE (VS-04-000597)
LOCATION: BARANGAY OF TIMALAN, MUNICIPALITY OF NAIC, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON
BOUNDARIES:
LINE DIRECTION ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2 SW LOT 4, BLOCK 20, PCS-04-031172
2-3 NW LOT 14, BLOCK 20, PCS-04-031172
3-4 NE ROAD LOT 3, PCS-04-031172
4-1 SE LOT 16, BLOCK 20, PCS-04-031172

TIE POINT: MON. NO. 17, NAIC ESTATE, PROVINCE OF CAVITE

LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE
TO CORNER 1	S. 48 ° 17' E	1816.15 M.
1-2	N. 41 ° 25' W	3.50 M.
2-3	N. 48 ° 35' E	8.00 M.
3-4	S. 41 ° 25' E	3.50 M.
4-1	S. 48 ° 35' W	8.00 M.

AREA: TWENTY EIGHT SQUARE METERS (28), MORE OR LESS

Prospective bidders So the encumbrance existing thereon, if any there be.

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 **November 18, 2025** at the same time and at the same place mentioned above without further notice

Municipality of Naic, Province of Cavite, October 1, 2025.

JANELLE V. LAGADON, MBA
Sheriff IV

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HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (HDMF)

The Provincial Government of Cavite, through the Office of the Provincial Cooperatives Development Officer (OPCDO), in coordination with the Provincial Cooperative Development Council (PCDC), led the 2025 Cavite Cooperative Month Celebration on October 10, at the Strike Gymnasium, City of Bacoor. This year's theme, "Cooperatives United in Purpose and Action, Sharing Prosperity to Build a Better World," highlighted the vital role of cooperatives in promoting economic inclusivity and community development. The event began with a trade fair and exhibits officially opened through a ribbon-

Medical and Dental Mission
in Allenville Townhomes, Kawit

On October 9, the Provincial Government of Cavite, through the Office of the Provincial Governor's Medical Mission Team, in collaboration with the Office of the Provincial Health Officer and 1st District Board Members Juan Ysmael R. Gandia and Romel R. Enriquez, successfully conducted a medical and dental mission at Allenville Townhomes Covered Court in Brgy. Manggahan-Lawin, Binakayan, Kawit. Medical professionals from Dr. Olivia Salamanca Memorial District Hospital, together with the dedicated Barangay Health Workers of Barangay Manggahan-Lawin, generously extended

Cavite celebrates Cooperative Month 2025,
strengthening unity and shared prosperity

cutting ceremony led by Governor Francisco Gabriel D. Remulla and guests. During the opening program, Bacoor City Mayor Strike B. Revilla and Cavite PCDC Chairperson Ms. Ma. Teresa O. Daño delivered their welcome and opening messages, followed by inspiring remarks from Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) Usec. Alexander Raquipo, Rep. Lani Mercado-Revilla, Vice Governor Ramon Vicente H. Bautista, and Vice Mayor Rowena Bautista-Mendiola. Governor Remulla

gave the Solidarity Address, emphasizing Cavite's strong cooperative movement. The event's Keynote Speaker, Senator Joseph Victor G. Ejercito, underscored the importance of empowering cooperatives as key partners in national growth and local sustainability through a video message. Afternoon highlights included the King and Queen of Koop-Munity 2025, The Koop-Cup, and special intermission numbers that celebrated

cooperative talent and unity. The Closing Program featured the awarding of certificates to outstanding cooperatives and partners, recognizing their commitment to cooperative excellence. Mr. Ismael F. Fampula, Provincial CDS of CDA-Region IV-A, delivered the closing remarks, commending the collaborative efforts of Cavite cooperatives in driving shared prosperity and sustainable development across the province.— **A. Sarte (CPIO)**

LGU NEEDS TO BE RECOGNIZED AS
DOST PARTNER IN CEST PROGRAM

The local government of Kalilangan headed by Mayor Atty. Raymon Charl O. Gamboa is one of the recognized partners of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) during the Bukidnon CEST Forum: Bridging STI-driven Development for All, held on October 9, 2025, at Loiza's Pavilion, Casisang, Malaybalay City. The Community Empowerment through Science and Technology (CEST) Forum 2025 brings together DOST partners, local leaders, and stakeholders to showcase how science, technology, and innovation (STI) can drive sustainable and inclusive development across Bukidnon communities.

Facilitated by the Department of Science and Technology – Northern Mindanao (DOST-NM) through the Provincial Science and Technology Office (PSTO) Bukidnon, the forum bears the theme "Bringing STI-Driven Development for All." This aims to strengthen the implementation of community-based projects that will improve livelihoods, enhance sustainability, and enhance sustainability. Health and nutrition, protecting nature, and developing disaster resilience. Yes Engr. Send the N. Ratilla, Regional Director of DOST-NM, delivered the keynote message, highlighting STI's vital role in empowering local communities and promoting inclusive growth. Among the distinguished guests and in attendance is Congressman Jonathan Keith T. Flores (represented by Mr. Roque Rios Jr.), Malaybalay City Mayor Atty. Warren Pabillaran (represented by Mr. John Valmores), Malitbog Mayor Gary D. Casino (represent ni Ms. Marianne T. Casino), Talakag Mayor Renato Sulatan Jr., Maramag Vice Mayor John Lester Malack

Tan, Mr. Alberto Bigcas, Atty. Francesco Manuel P. Valdez, Rep. Marjorie Jaraula, and Dr. Carina Joanne V. Barroso, with more than 200 participants from all over Bukidnon. Representing Kalilangan in this activity a delegation composed of LGU employees and MAFA Inc. Coffee Farmers, one of the leading community-based groups in the municipality supported through the CEST Program of DOST. Their participation highlights strong collaboration with the local government in the science and technology sector in promoting economic growth driven by innovation and sustainable livelihood opportunities. Through this initiative, DOST-NM reaffirmed its mission to bring science closer to humanity—empowering communities through innovation and forging pathways toward sustainable progress.

The afternoon session of the Bukidnon CEST Forum 2025 featured presentations of DOST technologies and programs under CEST entry points, featuring innovations in economic development, environmental protection, disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation, health and nutrition, and human resource development. Participants were also introduced to SARAI Technologies, an intelligent agricultural tool designed to help farmers make informed, data-driven, and sustainable decisions.

Through recognizing LGU Kalilangan and its partner communities, MAFA Inc. Coffee Farmers, DOST-NM highlighted the importance of collaborative governance in advancing Science, Technology, and Innovation as cornerstones of inclusive and sustainable community transformation in Bukidnon.

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MPT SOUTH RECOGNIZED AS KEY TOURISM PARTNER AT CAVITE TOURISM EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2025

Metro Pacific Tollways South (MPT South), a subsidiary of Metro Pacific Tollways Corp. (MPTC), has once again been recognized as a valued tourism partner by the Office of the Provincial Government of Cavite during the Cavite Tourism Excellence Awards 2025, held last September 30, 2025, at the Cavite Provincial Capitol, Trece Martires City.

The Cavite Tourism Excellence Awards serves as a platform to recognize individuals and organizations whose invaluable contributions help shape the province's tourism landscape and promote Cavite as a thriving cultural and travel destination.

MPT South received a Plaque of Appreciation from Cavite Tourism, marking its second consecutive year of recognition for its strong partnership and contribution to the province's tourism initiatives.

Through its tourism advocacy program, Biyaheng South, MPT South has actively collaborated with the Department of Tourism Region IV-A (DOT IV-A) and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) IV-A on various initiatives that spotlight Cavite's rich heritage and culture.

Some of these initiatives include the following: Cavite Tourism Passport, Tara! Let's Explore Cavite, Tara! Let's Explore Manila, Biyaheng South Summer Tour and Experiential Tour, and various trimestral tours that have encouraged travelers to rediscover the beauty of the south, made accessible through Manila-Cavite Expressway (CAVITEX) and Cavite-Laguna Expressway (CALAX).

"This recognition inspires us to continue bridging communities through our expressways and initiatives that celebrate the culture, people, and destinations of the South. Together with Cavite Provincial Tourism Office, we aim to keep driving tourism forward," said Arlette V.

Capistrano, Vice President for Communication and Stakeholder Management of MPT South.

This recognition follows MPT South's recent win at the 21st Philippine Quill Awards, where it earned an Award of Merit for its Biyaheng South tourism advocacy program, underscoring the company's growing impact in promoting local travel, culture, and sustainable mobility.

MPT South remains steadfast in its mission to promote sustainable tourism and inclusive growth in Southern Luzon by providing motorists with safe, convenient access to the region's thriving destinations and cultural landmarks.

About Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation MPTC is the leading toll road developer and operator in the Philippines and the holding company of premier tollways, including NLEX, SCTEX, CAVITEX, CALAX, NLEX Connector, and CCLEX in Cebu.

Woven Paths

Narda Dellova, 38, an Iraya Mangyan and CARD client from Puerto Galera, proudly showcases her handcrafted Mangyan woven products. Each piece is a reflection of her culture, creativity, and resilience.

In the peaceful mountains of Talipan, Aninuan in Puerto Galera, Narda Dellova works with steady hands. At 38, her fingers move with the grace of decades of tradition, artistry, and purpose. Each weave reflects the life she has built, the challenges she has overcome, and the dreams she continues to chase.

Narda's story begins far from the bustling towns and busy streets. She is a proud member of the Iraya Mangyan, one of the eight Mangyan ethnolinguistic groups native to Mindoro Island. They are skilled in traditional crafts, particularly basket weaving using nito vines and buri palm leaves. Their weaves, rich in symbolism and beauty, are more than just objects; they are cultural expressions passed down through generations. Born into a humble family where farming is their way

of living, Narda spent her early years surrounded by rows of rice paddies, vegetables, and the simplicity of mountain life. "We grew what we needed. My parents worked the land, and we sold what we could in our community," she shares.

But when the time came for her family to leave the highlands and settle closer to the town, something new was planted in Narda's heart—a seed of creativity nurtured by her mother's hands.

"My mother began weaving baskets made from buri palm and nito vines. At the age of 10, she learned the craft with natural ease, absorbing not just the technique, but the heritage embedded in each loop and knot," Narda recalled. Despite her passion for learning, financial hardships forced Narda to put her dreams of formal education on hold. Instead, she devoted herself to weaving and helping her parents to support the family's needs.

Now, Narda has her own family, with a husband who works as a construction worker and a daughter studying at Mangyan



Elementary School. She stands at the heart of her family's livelihood, weaving not just baskets, but a better future.

Each of Narda's handmade creations made with nito vines and buri palm leaves, such as flowerpot holders, fruit trays, jewelry boxes, coasters, organizers, earrings, and more, tells a story. The materials, gathered from the mountains or collected with help from neighbors, are transformed over days, weeks, and even months into intricate pieces of functional art. "Every item is a piece of my effort, my culture, my hope," she said. But her journey took a transformative turn in 2013, when CARD staff visited her community. Introduced

to the products and services of CARD Bank, a microfinance-oriented rural bank, Narda saw an opportunity she couldn't pass up. With a starting loan of PHP 4,000 and eventually growing up to PHP 32,000, she was able to invest in her weaving and meet her family's needs.

"Being a client of CARD Bank has helped me in many ways, especially when we had nothing and I needed capital to continue my work," she shares.

Her involvement didn't end with financial support. Through CARD MRI Hijos Tours, a tour company under CARD MRI, Narda became a part of the Home Stay Tour program launched in June 2025 in Puerto Galera. Her crafts, along with the works of fellow Iraya Mangyan weavers, now take center stage at Bahay Tabudan, a traditional weaving house at the Mangyan Village in Aninuan, Puerto Galera. Here, the participants and visitors not only buy crafts. They can also witness the magic of weaving through live demonstrations.

"I'm happy to teach others about our craft. Through Hijos Tours, more people now understand and appreciate our culture and skills," she says.

As she weaves, her eyes are set on the future, particularly on her daughter, who is now the same age she was when she first learned the craft. "I told her that, aside from education, weaving is a gift I want to pass on. I have started teaching her already," Narda smiles.

She hopes that one day, their Mangyan-made products will reach a broader market, touching hearts beyond their island home. And with every fiber, every weave, every story shared, Narda Dellova proves that no dream is too far when it is stitched with passion, purpose, and pride.

A Celebration of Creativity, Culture, and Craftsmanship at SM City Dasmariñas!



The OTOP Next Gen Trade Fair and Exhibit 2025 officially opened on October 6, 2025, at SM City Dasmariñas, showcasing Cavite's homegrown excellence through a vibrant display of creativity, culture, and local talent.

The opening ceremony was graced by Cavite Governor Jonvic "Abeng" Remulla, Dasmariñas Vice Mayor Hon. Dennis "Third" Barzaga, members of the City Council and Provincial Board, and DTI Cavite representatives, who expressed their continued support for local entrepreneurs and small businesses.

CAVITE'S ECONOMIC PROGRESS SHOWCASED AT THE 2024 PROVINCIAL PRODUCT ACCOUNTS DISSEMINATION FORUM

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) led the 2024 Provincial Product Accounts (PPA) Dissemination Forum held on October 14, 2025 at The Bayleaf Hotel, City of General Trias, Cavite, bringing together representatives from the public and private sectors to discuss the province's economic standing and development trajectory. The forum served as an avenue to present the most recent official statistics on Cavite's economic performance, providing stakeholders with crucial insights into the province's growth trends, key industries, and contribution to the regional economy. The data, gathered through the PPA system, offers a detailed picture of economic activities at the provincial level—an essential reference for policymakers, planners, and investors in shaping strategies that promote inclusive and sustainable development. In a recorded message, Regional Director Charito C. Armonia of PSA Region IV-A highlighted the role of the PPA as a reliable instrument in assessing local economic conditions and progress. She emphasized that accurate and timely data empower leaders to design evidence-based policies that directly address the needs of their communities. Meanwhile, Mr. Claire Dennis S. Mapa, National Statistician and Civil Registrar General, in his message, expressed appreciation to the participating stakeholders for their continuous support in the implementation of the Provincial Product Accounts initiative, noting that collaboration remains key in improving the quality and accessibility of local statistics. The highlight of the event was the presentation of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the Province of Cavite delivered by Ms. Raquel C. Ronario, OIC of PSA Cavite, which showcased the province's sustained economic growth from 2022 to 2024 across

all major industries. Representing the Office of the Provincial Planning and Development Coordinator (OPPDC), EnP Gela Rushane S. Sale, Project Evaluation Officer II, attended the forum on behalf of EnP Engr. Lorna Leyran, OPPDC Head. In her presentation on the Statement on the Economic Performance of Cavite, Ms. Sale reported that the province's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) continued its upward trajectory from 2022 to 2024, with growth recorded across all major industries. The Services sector remains the key driver of Cavite's economy, while the Agriculture sector posted a remarkable 6.67 percent growth, signaling a strong recovery. She attributed this performance to the shared efforts of the Provincial Government and its city and municipal partners, guided by the vision of making Cavite a haven for industries, a province of abundant resources, and a place of boundless opportunity—where people and businesses thrive under sound governance and a safe, progressive environment. An engaging open forum followed the presentations, where participants had the opportunity to clarify technical points, discuss data interpretation, and exchange insights on how statistical information can be maximized for economic planning and project development. The interactive session underscored the collective goal of fostering data-driven governance at the provincial level. Concluding the activity, Ms. Liberty Q. Jacob, Senior Statistical Specialist of PSA Cavite, delivered the closing remarks, expressing gratitude to all attendees for their active participation and commitment to evidence-based policymaking. She reiterated PSA's dedication to promoting statistical literacy and collaboration among local government units, ensuring that statistics not only inform

but also inspire action for progress. — **OPIO**

Stronger Together: CSOs and LGU unite to shape Cavite's governance future

In a united effort to strengthen participatory governance, the Provincial Government of Cavite, through the Office of the Provincial Planning and Development Coordinator (OPPDC), in partnership with the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Cavite, convened Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) for the Joint Organizational Meeting for Local Special Bodies held at the New Provincial Government Center, Trece Martires City on October 9, 2025. Provincial Administrator Engr. Gilbert V. Gandia warmly welcomed participants, highlighting the indispensable role of CSOs as vital partners in shaping inclusive and responsive local governance. Engr. Lorna R. Leyran, Provincial Planning and Development Coordinator, led the introduction of members of the Local Special Bodies, which include the Local Development Council, Local Health Board, Local School Board, and Local Peace and Order Council. She underscored the importance of these bodies as platforms for meaningful collaboration between government and civil society in crafting policies and programs that address community needs. The meeting featured a series of comprehensive presentations by DILG Cavite officials. LGOO III Niña Norisa C. Maranga discussed the roles and functions of the Local Development Council, followed by LGOO III Maria May M. Ambata, who tackled the Local Health Board, while LGOO II Amiel Dela Rosa elaborated on the functions of the Local School Board. These discussions equipped CSO participants with a deeper understanding of their active role in local

Philippines bags 6 titles at World Travel Awards 2025

The Philippines once again proved its global tourism prowess after clinching six major recognitions at the

prestigious 2025 World Travel Awards (WTA) Asia and Oceania Gala Ceremony held on Monday (Oct. 13). This year, the country marked its eighth win as Asia's Leading Beach Destination, highlighting its pristine coastlines and world-famous beaches. As a strong testament of its thriving marine life and dive sites, the Philippines also claimed its seventh consecutive recognition since 2019 as Asia's Leading Dive Destination. A back-to-back victory as Asia's Leading Island Destination was likewise earned, solidifying the country's place among the region's most captivating tropical getaways. Tourism Secretary Christina Garcia Frasco lauded the recognition as a testament to the country's sustained commitment in further strengthening the industry and the tireless efforts of tourism frontliners and stakeholders across the country. "These awards reaffirm the country's place among the world's premier destinations. More than the recognition, this is a celebration of the people, especially our tourism frontliners—the guides, hospitality workers, weavers, boatmen, and

countless others—whose warmth, hospitality, and resilience continue to inspire travelers from all over the globe," Secretary Frasco said.

"As the Philippine tourism industry continues to capture global recognition, we remain committed to strengthening the country's position as a top destination of choice. We continue to empower our people with meaningful livelihood opportunities, foster sustainable growth in our local communities, and ensure that every traveler experiences the world-class warmth and hospitality that define the Filipino brand of service with excellence," the tourism chief added.

The Philippines Department of Tourism (DOT) also earned a global distinction as the Asia's Leading Tourist Board, recognizing its steadfast commitment to promoting a resilient, inclusive and globally competitive tourism industry. Several iconic Philippine destinations likewise received individual accolades at this year's WTA, with Boracay's back-to-back win as Asia's Leading Luxury Island Destination and Clark Freeport Zone global recognition as Asia's Leading Meetings and Conference Destination. The annual gala ceremony gathered industry leaders and government officials from Asia and Oceania to honor and award excellence across all sectors of the global travel and tourism industry.

Established in 1993 and regarded as the industry's ultimate hallmark of quality, the WTA celebrates destinations and organizations that set the benchmark for world-class hospitality and tourism. (DOT)

The MOU marks the beginning of a shared journey to highlight Oriang's enduring legacy and the contribution of women in nation-building. Lakambini: Gregoria de Jesus is set to open on 5 November in theaters nationwide.

The NHCP is the national government agency mandated to promote Philippine history through its museums, research, and publications, and to preserve historical heritage through conservation and the marking of historic sites and structures. (**NHCP**)

NHCP and Pelikulove collaborate to honor Gregoria de Jesus at 150

ERMITA, MANILA — The National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) and Pelikulove, producer of the upcoming film *Lakambini: Gregoria De Jesus*, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) last September at the NHCP Central Office in Ermita, Manila. The partnership coincides with the 150th birth anniversary of Gregoria "Ka Oriang" de Jesús, commemorated last May 9, 2025. The milestone commemoration is one among the three to be remembered by the NHCP this year, along with Emilio Jacinto and Gregorio del Pilar, who were all 21 years old during the revolution of 1897. Beloved by two revolutionaries, *Lakambini: Gregoria De Jesus* is based on the Palanca

award-winning script by Rody Vera and brought to life onscreen by respected award-winning filmmaker Jeffrey Jeturian and emerging creative director Arjanmar Rebeta. The film stars Lovi Poe, Gina Pareño, and Elora España as Ka Oriang, with Rocco Nacino as Andres Bonifacio, featuring the special participation of Paulo Avelino and the late Spanky Manikan as Julio Nakpil. Described as a creative meta-documentary, *Lakambini* blends herstory, interviews, anecdotes from descendants and historians, the voices of artists, and the unfinished biographical film narrative shot in 2015 into a bold new cinematic format, reimagining how the life of Gregoria de Jesús can be retold for today's audiences.

LAS NIEVES KAMPEON SA MINDANAO LEG IP GAME'S 2025



ANG LAS NIEVES NA OVERALL KAMPEON SA IP GAMES 2025

ANG buong koponan ng Las Nieves sa kanilang group photo matapos ang awarding ceremony sa pag tatapos ng Indigenous Peoples Games 2025 sa Beuanavista Central Elementary School Buenavista, Agusan Del Norte kasama sa larawan sina Maria Angelica Rosedell Amante Agusan Del Norte Governor, Buenavista, Agusan Del Norte Mayor Joselito T. Robles, Lito Cinco kinatawan ng Philippine Sports Commission at iba pang opisyal (REY NILLAMA)

MATAGUMPAY na nag kampeon ang bayan ng Las Nieves sa kanilang dalawang unang pwesto, dalawang ikalawang pwesto, at isang ikatlong pwesto sa 5 na palaro upang maging pangkalahatang kampeon sa katatapos lamang na Mindanao na yugto ng taunang Laro ng mga Katutubo ngayong taon. Kasama sa pagho-host ng provincial LGU ng Agusan del Norte at ng munisipalidad ng Buenavista, ang kaganapang pinasimulan ng Philippine Sports Commission ay nakaakit ng humigit-kumulang 500 kalahok mula sa 11 LGU kabilang ang Lungsod ng Butuan, na ginagawang pinakamalaking bahagi ito sa kasaysayan ng IP Games. Ito rin ang pinakasuportado dahil ang dalawang LGU na pinamumunuan nina Gov. Angel Amante at Mayor Joselito Roble ay nagbigay ng lahat ng kinakailangang suporta kasama ang lokal na Kagawaran ng Edukasyon at ang Pambansang Komisyon sa Mga Katutubo

(NCIP). "Lubos kaming nagpapasalamat sa Philippine Sports Commission sa pagbibigay sa amin ng pagkakataong ito at ninanais naming gawing regular na kaganapan dito ang kompetisyon ng tradisyonal na laro tuwing buwan ng IP na Oktubre," sabi ni Gov. Amante na nagsilbing inspirasyon sa lahat ng LGU sa kanyang lalawigan. Sa kanyang bahagi, inamin ni Mayor Roble na tinanggap niya ang trabaho sa pagho-host ng IP Games noong nakaraang taon kahit na hindi siya pamilyar sa mga detalye, ngunit sa ating nasaksihan, ang pagtutulungan dito ng iba't ibang tribo sa isang palakaibigang kompetisyon, lahat ng iyon ay sulit. Ibinahagi ng PSC, na kinakatawan dito ni Lito Cinco habang si Comm. Matthew Gaston ay nasa ibang bansa, sa kanyang pangwakas na talumpati na dalawang LGU ang nagtulak ng antas patungo sa bagong lebel at ito ay magiging

malaking hamon na ulitin ito sa hinaharap. Ang cultural night na bahagi ng kaganapan sa unang pagkakataon ay umaasa kaming magiging regular itong bahagi sa mga susunod na yugto.

Ang Las Nieves ay nagwagi sa mga palaro ng bag-ud at palo sebo, nagtapos bilang pangalawa sa lubok-humay at bangkaw, at nagtapos sa Nasipit bilang pangatlo sa takyang.



CULTURAL NIGHTS

KINATAMPUKAN ng mga may 11 kalahok Indigenous Peoples ang cultural night kung saan ay nakisaya sina Maria Angelica Rosedell Amante Agusan Del Norte Governor at Buenavista, Agusan Del Norte Mayor Joselito T. Robles, bago matapos ang 2 na araw na kumpetisyon para sa iba't ibang kaganapang palaro. (REY NILLAMA)



OVERALL WINNER LAS NIEVES SA PAG TANGGAP NG KANILANG PREMYO

TINANGGAP ng Las Nieves representative ang kanilang overall winner mula kina Maria Angelica Rosedell Amante Agusan Del Norte Governor at Buenavista, Agusan Del Norte Mayor Joselito T. Robles, kasama si ang kinatawan ng PSC Lito Cinco, opisyal ng NCUP-PICCIL at iba pang mga opisyal. (REY NILLAMA)



Gentry Open 2025: Anzures bagong 'Godfather' sa tennis

Nakahanap na ng bagong ninong ang tennis at kasama niya ang panibagong pag-asa na maibabalik ang tennis sa matayog na puwesto nito sa Philippine sports. "Sa loob lang ng isang taon sa tennis, iba na ang pakiramdam at excitement kumpara sa paglalaro ko ng basketball, football, o golf. Ang komunidad ng tennis ay napakasigla at nakakaengganyo," sabi ni Hayb Anzures, presidente ng Gentry Timepiece at pinuno ng organizing committee para sa Gentry Open Tennis Championships, sa world-class na 2,000-seat, 11-San Centerhard-Courolet Tennis San Center Agustincan sa Bulgio. "Ang pag-angat ni Alex Eala sa entablado ng mundo ay nagbigay sa lokal na tennis ng isang bagay na dapat pasayahin, at naramdaman kong kailangan kong gumawa ng isang bagay upang mag-ambag at tumulong sa higit pang pagpapaunlad ng isport sa lokal na eksena," idinagdag ni Anzures, isang 31 taong gulang na nagtapos sa Business Management sa Far Eastern University. Sa napakalaking P2 milyon na kabuuang prize pot, ang Gentry Open ay tumatayo na ngayon bilang pinakamalaking lokal na paligsahan sa tennis sa aspeto ng gantimpala ng pera — na nalampasan maging ang iconic na Philippine Columbian Association (PCA) Open.

"Ang men's singles champion ay tatanggap ng P300,000, at mamimigay kami ng cash prizes at mga espesyal na regalo mula sa aming mga sponsors hanggang sa ika-15 puwesto sa main draw," sabi ni Anzures, na nanguna rin sa mga opisyal at bisita sa ceremonial serve sa opening rites ng tournament. Nangunguna sa larangan na puno ng bituin ang nangungunang dalawang manlalaro ng bansa, sina AJ Lim at Eric Jed Olivarez, na mamumuno sa punong-puno ng kapangyarihan na halo ng mga beteranong campaigner, mga sumisikat na bituin, at walang takot na mga batang baril na lahat ay sabik na lumaban para sa supremacy sa kung ano ang magiging pinakaaabangang lokal na tennis event ng taon. Parehong competitive ang women's singles draw, kung saan ang mga sumisikat na bituin na sina Mikaela Vicencio at Tiffany Nocos ang nangunguna sa field sa paghahangad ng P100,000 nangungunang premyo, habang ang runner-up ay magbulsang P50,000. Ang torneo, ay ginanap katuwang ang Palawan Pawnshop, Palawan Express, at Palawan Pay bilang Official Event and Tournament Partners. Tampok na tagapagtaguyod ang GWM — Great Wall Motor Philippines, ang Gentry Open

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Higit pa sa kompetisyon, ang Gentry Open 2025 ay naglalayon din na iposisyon ang Bulacan bilang isang umuusbong na hub para sa tennis at sports tourism — na naglalagay ng pundasyon para sa kung ano ang naiisip ng mga organizer bilang taunang pambansang tradisyon ng palakasan. Para sa karagdagang impormasyon, makipag-ugnayan kay Sarah Ofracio sa 0966-213-4355.



GENTRY OPEN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP OFFICIAL MAKIKITA sa larawan ang pangulo ng Gentry Timepiece at organizer Hayb Anzures (pangalawa mula sa kaliwa) kasama ang mga opisyal at sponsors sa pagbubukas ng Gentry Open Tennis Championships.