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PGC Praise Awardees 2023



On December 07, 2023, the Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC) held the Recognition of PGC Praise Awardees 2023 at the Bayleaf Hotel in the City of General Trias, Cavite. The ceremony celebrated the dedicated service and outstanding contributions of government employees, highlighting their commitment to public service.

The event, hosted by Atty. Khervy B. Reyes and the Ms. Denesse S. Cajulis, featured an array of distinguished guests, including Mr. Rodel Vincent T. Bae, the OIC-Provincial Administrator for Internal Affairs. Mr. Bae set the

tone for the evening by extending a warm welcome to the attendees, recognizing the significance of their collective efforts.

Dir. Maria Theresa R. Poblador, Director II of the Civil Service Commission (CSC) Cavite Field Office, delivered an inspirational message, emphasizing the importance of public service and the impact it has on the community. Her words resonated with the audience, setting the stage for the subsequent recognition of exemplary employees.

The PRAISE Committee took center stage to award plaques and cash incentives to 36 service awardees aged between

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DOST disaster food passes palate of kids

The Department of Science and Technology's disaster food passed the palate of kids in Quirino.



This was confirmed through the consumer survey of DOST through the Industrial Technology Development Institute in collaboration with the Provincial Science and Technology Office Quirino and Municipal Social Welfare Development Office of LGU-Diffun on Ready-to-Eat (RTE) foods to 20 senior citizens and 20 elementary school children in the Province of Quirino on December 6, 2023.

This activity aims to evaluate the acceptability of RTE retort foods – Ginisang Monggo and Chicken Corn Soup as an aid for disaster relief

efforts in the country.

During the taste testing, participants tried each pack of RTEs and provided useful feedback to determine the acceptability of the products for all ages. This is to ensure and determine when the preferences of each age group are attained without compromising its nutritional value.

Mr. Ermin S. Orendain, Senior SRS of DOST ITDI led his team and Engr. Rocela Angelica B. Gorospe, PSTO Director with Mr. Jonathan A. De Jesus, PSTO Staff assisted in the conduct of the activity.

Sa Cavite City: Aginaldong Noche Buena Pack, handa na!

Sana all, madalas nating naririnig, nababasa.

Sana nga, dahil sa Cavite City, sabi ni Mayor Denver Reyes Chua sa kanyang Facebook post, handa nang ipamigay ang Noche Buena Pack para sa 35,000 pamilya sa lungsod.

Sabi ng makisig na alkalde, "It's the most wonderful time of the year sa Cavite City."

Makatatanggap ng Noche Buena Pack ang lahat ng residente ng siyudad, sabi ni Mayor Denver.

Ito ay upang maing tunay na merry ang Pasko ng mga residente ng Cavite City.

Sabi ni Mayor Reyes Chua: "Sama sama natin ipag diwang ang mas pinasayang pasko dito sa Cavite City at sabay sabay nating pag saluhan ang regalo naming Noche Buena para sa inyo."



T.E.E.N.DIG KABATAAN KAWIT, BUKAS NA! Buong Puso at Malasakit nating sinusuportahan ang pagbubukas ng T.E.E.N.DIG KABATAAN Center sa Emiliano Tria Tirona Memorial National Integrated High School ngayong araw. Tulad nga ng sinabi ni Mommy Armie, nasa mahalagang bahagi ng paglaki ang mga kabataang Kawiteño kaya naman bilang parte ng ating #AlagangAngeloAguinaldo, layunin natin silang magabayan. Maraming salamat po sa DOH, DepEd, kay Cong. Jolo Revilla, sa ating RHU, at sa lahat ng nasa likod ng programang ito. #RatedTripleA #PusoAtMalasakitParaSaAtingKawit #MayorAguinaldo

Empowering Municipal and City Treasurers in Cavite: A Training on the Verification of Fuel Dispensers for Petroleum Products

In a proactive move towards ensuring precision in fuel dispensing practices, the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) CALABARZON, through the Provincial Science and Technology Office (PSTO) Cavite, conducted a training on the Verification of Fuel Dispensing Pumps. This insightful event took place at Revilla Hall, New Bacoor City Hall, Brgy. Bayanan, City of Bacoor on December 5, 2023.



Attended by Municipal and City Treasurers representing 22 Local Government Units (LGUs) of Cavite, the primary objective of the training was to empower these officials with the necessary skills for the proper calibration of measuring instruments associated with fuel dispensing stations. The initiative aligns with the directives outlined in the DOE Department Circular No. DC 2017-11-0011, specifically Rule VI Section 23, which mandates the mandatory calibration and sealing of dispensing pumps every 90 days.

According to the circular, dispensing pumps used in retail outlets must undergo proper calibration and subsequent sealing by authorized entities. Under Section 24, these authorized calibrating entities are identified as the City or Municipal

Treasurer and the DOST-National Metrology Laboratory (NML).

The training received a touch of distinction with the warm welcome remarks from Atty. Edith C. Napalan, City Treasurer of Bacoor. Leading the charge was Engr. Brigido K. Casanova, Science Research Specialist II and Laboratory Head of DOST Batangas - Regional Volumetric Calibration Laboratory (RVCL) and assisted by Mr. Mark Anthony B. Acidella, PTA VI of DOST-Cavite. The training, attended by a total of 66 participants, commenced with an introduction to DOST-RVCL and the mandates of DOST in the calibration and verification of measuring instruments used in petroleum products.

The participants delved into the history, requirements, and

components of fuel dispensers, covering topics such as preparation, preconditioning, regulatory tests such as electronic display, zero setting, price computing, nozzle cut-off, to name a few, and metrological controls during verification. Emphasizing the importance of compliance, Engr. Casanova stressed that fuel dispensers must pass all tests, and the verification sticker must remain untampered.

A crucial part of the training involved the verification of fuel dispensers at identified gas stations in Bacoor, Cavite. Engr. Casanova provided a hands-on demonstration of the fuel dispenser parts, proper verification techniques, and the correct method of completing the sample

data sheet. Participants were also given the opportunity to actively engage in the verification process.

The successful culmination of this training signifies a significant stride towards promoting accuracy and fairness in fuel dispensing practices in LGU-Bacoor and its

neighboring areas in Cavite. The dedication of the participants, coupled with the support from DOST Cavite and DOST Batangas, contributes to the overarching goals of ensuring consumer protection and fostering fair competition in the fuel industry. **(By Verjo Angelle M. Sisante)**



Health outreach program for the people of Alfonso. On December 12, 2023, the provincial government of Cavite, through the office of the Provincial Governor-Extension and Office of the Provincial Health Officer, conducted a successful health outreach program in Brgy. Poblacion 1, Alfonso, Cavite. A total of 183 patients benefitted, with 161 receiving medical consultations and 32 undergoing dental extractions. The General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital medical and dental team, played a crucial role, guided by the Pamaskong Handog theme, "Kalusugan ay Kayamanan, Ating Pag-ingatan". The mission's success was attributed to collaborative efforts between local leaders and health professionals, exemplifying the provincial government's commitment to grassroots healthcare. The team distributed medical prescriptions, multivitamins, supplements, and mosquito-repellent lotion, contributing to community health and preventive care. This initiative not only addressed immediate health concerns but also fostered a culture of health-conscious living, highlighting the effectiveness of community-driven healthcare efforts. (OPIO)

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SMC marks a decade of building homes, empowering communities, with P3-B investment

Since 2013, in the aftermath of typhoons Sendong and Yolanda, San Miguel Corporation (SMC) has been at the forefront of building resilient housing communities nationwide.



SMC Bulacan housing

Partnering with several organizations including Gawad Kalinga and Habitat for Humanity, SMC has invested P3.05 billion in the last decade to build or help provide new homes for families impacted by natural disasters, and various development projects.

SMC President and CEO Ramon S. Ang, acclaimed as a "Hero of Philanthropy" by Forbes Asia, emphasizes that providing

Bukidnon, Negros Oriental, Davao, Surigao, and Bohol, among others.

By the time the pandemic happened in 2020, SMC's program had evolved from simply building houses to advancing holistic community development.

Its latest housing community in Sariaya, Quezon serves as a model. It features disaster-resilient and eco-friendly homes and amenities that

livelihood training program nationwide, while assisting informal settlers in various locations secure titled properties and build permanent homes in various locations.

"Wherever San Miguel operates, progress follows. Our aim is to ensure that those we help are equipped for long-term success," Ang said.

"But just as important as housing and jobs is having a sense of



SMC Sendong CDO GK



SMC Yolanda housing

Better World Community Centers: Better World Tondo, a food bank, feeding, learning, and health center; Better World Diliman, a ready

market for excess farm produce to support local farmers; Better World Cubao, a center for women's health and issues that also has a clinic and

livelihood training facilities, and Better World Smokey Mountain, a learning center for adults and children living in the former Smokey Mountain landfill.



SMC Sariaya housing

secure housing is the first step in empowering families for nation-building.

"Housing is a basic need. To enable Filipinos to participate in nation-building, we must first support the family unit. Providing safe homes for those affected by calamities or without a home has been our first step to transforming their lives," he said.

SMC has built homes and communities in various areas nationwide, including Iligan City, Cagayan de Oro,

include a multi-purpose center, covered court, livelihood center, e-library, as well as a fishermen's wharf and a public market ran by the residents themselves.

Training programs on entrepreneurship, personal finance, food processing, farming, and other income-generating activities have also been provided to residents.

In partnership with the Technical Skills Development Authority (TESDA), SMC has extended this skills and

community. Being part of a supportive network is essential for their long-term success," Ang said.

This is what brought the company to its current flagship social development program, the SMC Better World Community Centers.

The project utilizes SMC's unused properties as well as other resources, to scale up the capabilities of partner organizations, to address pressing issues at the community level.

SMC currently has four

7th KAWAYAN FESTIVAL

Kasabay ng pagdiriwang ng 296th Maragondon Founding Anniversary, idaraos ang inaabangang Kawayan Festival 2023.

296th MARAGONDON FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY
UNLAD ANGAT KULTURANG MARAGONDON

DECEMBER 14-17, 2023

Inianunsiyo ito ni Mayor Lawrence 'Umbe' Arca na sinabing bahagi ang festival sa programang Unlad Angat Kulturang Maragondon!

Kamakailan din, tumanggap ang Maragondon ng Ideal Functionality rating mula

sa Local Committees on Anti-Trafficking and Violence Against Women and their Children (LCAI-VAWCI) functionality assessment.

Bukod sa tuloy-tuloy na programa sa edukasyon, kalusugan, peace and order, pinalalakas ang industriya ng agrikultura sa

munisipalidad at ang trabaho at kabuhayan ng mga mamamayan nito.

Tunay na isinasabuhay ng pamamahala ni Mayor Arca ang #UmaakasyonAgad#AlagangJA sa ramdam na ramdam ang pag-Unlad at pag-Angat ng Maragondon.

DOST...

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the scientists and the grassroots."These gaps accelerate communication process and transfer technologies ...," he said. The success of DOST endeavors is into the dealings with the academe in the ability to communicate the significance of science and technology to the Filipino people.

Media people, he said are great allies in DOST advocacies.

Communication as Lifeblood of Progress

Meanwhile, Engr. Sancho A. Maborang, DOST undersecretary for regional operations, who delivered his speech via Zoom, said "communication and the press play a highly pivotal role in the promotion of science, technology in an era defined by rapid advancements and groundbreaking discoveries, the need for communication cannot be overstated," adding that the power of the press can propel the society toward a future enriched by science, technology and innovations (STI).

Communication is

considered the lifeblood of progress. The press considered as the fourth estate has an immense power to share public opinion, influence policy decisions and foster an information culture, that values and supports scientific development, according to Maborang.

As communicators, the press can make complex scientific terms more accessible and understandable by the general public, the DOST official added.

BIRTH OF PAPI

PAPI chairman emeritus Johnny Dayang, recalled how the organization was established in 1974 when there was no media organization yet and there were few newspapers. PAPI to this day, after 27 years, continues to struggle to serve the nation "and very active in expanding the frontier of press freedom," Dayang said. He was a former president or official of PAPI, Manila Overseas Press Club (MOPC), National Press Club (NPC).

Sen. Robinhood C. Padilla, chairman of the Committee on Public

Information and Mass Media, whose video message was played to about 150 Congress guests, cited the importance the media plays in information dissemination.

"Ating tandaan ang mahalagang papel ng media sa pamamahayag ng impormasyon at kaalaman ukol sa ating mga programa at proyekto, local man o national na pamahalaan."

Director general Jose "Joe" Torres of the Philippine Information Agency (PIA), talked on the challenges of using artificial Intelligence (AI) in today's media. "AI has revolutionized news and data gathering through efficient automation, reduction of human error and faster results," he stressed.

Other speakers in the event were the Hon. Flordeliz Cabanlit-Fargas Trece Martinez Cavite executive judge; Dr. Richard Nixon Gomez, general manager of Bauertek Corporation; Mel Ciriaco of Unigrow Philippines and Dr. Teresita Tabaog, DOST Region 1 director. Everyone discussed matters related to each respective field of expertise.



EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF JOSE SUMAGAYSAY CALAJATAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THE PUBLIC THAT this Deed made and executed by and among: WE, JOSEFINA T. CALAJATAN, widow, JOY CALAJATAN SABINO married to Ronel Alcobar Sabino and JOAN CALAJATAN OROSCO, married to Jovie Orosco, all of legal ages, all Filipino citizens and all residents of Brgy. Ibayo Silangan, Naic. Cavite hereby: DECLARE AND MAKE MANIFEST: 1. THAT, we are the only heirs being the surviving wife and children of the deceased, JOSE SUMAGAYSAY CALAJATAN who died on March 31, 2002 at Iloilo City, Iloilo; 2. THAT, at the time of his death, the deceased was a resident of Tanza, Cavite and died without any obligation to any person or persons and died without any will; 3. THAT, the deceased, JOSE SUMAGAYSAY CALAJATAN, left as his estate a unit located at Lot 8, Block 10, Area B-1, DBB Dasmariñas City, Cavite; 4. THAT WE, hereby divide and adjudicate as we have hereby divided and adjudicated among ourselves the above-described unit including all our Interests and participation, equally, Pursuant to Sec. 1 Rule 74 of the Revised Rules of Court; 5. THAT WE, JOY CALAJATAN SABINO married to Ronel Alcobar Sabino and JOAN CALAJATAN OROSCO, married to Jovie Orosco, hereby agreed as we hereby agree to waive our rights, interests and participations over the unit located at Lot 8, Block 10, Area B-1, DBB Dasmariñas City, Cavite, in favor of our mother, JOSEFINA T. CALAJATAN, widow, of legal age, Filipino citizen and a resident of Brgy. Ibayo Silangan, Naic, Cavite. This has been the subject of EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF JOSE SUMAGAYSAY CALAJATAN duly executed on November 25, 2023 at Naic, Cavite by the HEIRS before Notary Public, ATTY. JOSE A. MENDOZA as per Doc. No. 313, Page No. 64, Book No. XXI, Series of 2023.

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PGC Praise...

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60 and 64 years old, as well as 35 service awardees aged 65 and above. The ceremony not only acknowledged the length of their service but also celebrated the quality and dedication these individuals brought to their roles within the Provincial Government of Cavite.

A poignant moment occurred with the presentation of a Posthumous Awardees Video, honoring the memory of 18 employees who had passed away. This solemn tribute showcased their contributions and the lasting impact they made during their tenure. Following this, plaques

were awarded to the families of the posthumous awardees, ensuring their legacy lives on.

Board Member Mauricio C. Sison graced the event, acknowledging the guests and participants, further elevating the significance of the ceremony. Mr. Alvin S. Mojica, Provincial Administrator for Community Affairs, delivered the closing remarks. He underlined the significance of the recognition, stating that it goes beyond compliance with the Civil Service Commission's standards. PA Mojica stressed that the event is a heartfelt acknowledgment of the hard work and unwavering

dedication of the employees of the Provincial Government of Cavite.

In essence, the Recognition of PGC Praise Awardees 2023 was a testament to the commitment and excellence displayed by the employees of the Provincial Government of Cavite.

The ceremony not only celebrated their years of service but also paid homage to those who had left an indelible mark on the organization.

The event concluded with a sense of pride and unity, as the awardees and their colleagues reaffirmed their dedication to serving the people of Cavite with passion and distinction. (OPIO)

Cavite gives back to the dedicated BHW and BNS

To give back to the laudable dedication and efforts of Barangay Health Workers (BHW) and Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS) across Cavite province, the provincial government of Cavite, with Governor Jonvic Remulla leading the team, distributed incentives allotted to the barangay health frontliners on December 11, 2023 at Cavite State University-Silang Campus.

Two-thousand four hundred (2400) BHW and eight hundred thirty-eight (838) BNS received the incentives, amounting to a total of Php 27,695,400. Gov. Remulla was accompanied by Hon. Aidel Paul Belamide, 5th District Board Member and Committee Chair on Finance, Budget and Appropriations; Silang Mayor Atty. Alston Kevin Anarna, Vice Mayor Edward Caranza, and Sangguniang Bayan Members during the program. (OPIO)



DOST-CALABARZON nagtatag ng pasilidad para sa produksyon ng Tubig Talino sa Agoncillo, Batangas

Opisyal na binuksan ng Department of Science and Technology (DOST)-CALABARZON, sa pamamagitan ng kanilang Provincial Science and Technology Office sa Batangas (PSTO-Batangas), ang pasilidad para sa produksyon ng Iodine-fortified Drinking Water (Tubig Talino) para sa Bilibinwang Multipurpose Cooperative (MPC) sa Brgy. Bilibinwang, Agoncillo, Batangas noong Disyembre 8 2023.



Ang aktibidad ay pinangunahan nina: Atty. Cinderella Valenton-Reyes, Punong Bayan ng Agoncillo; Engr. Francisco R. Barquilla III, Assistant Regional Director for Technical Operations ng DOST-CALABARZON; Ms. Felina C. Malabanan, Provincial Director ng PSTO-Batangas; Dr. Maria Melissa Ariola, Public Schools District Supervisor ng Kagawaran ng Edukasyon Agoncillo Sub-Office; Ms. Jocelyn Catada, Agrarian Reform Officer I ng Department of

Agrarian Reform-Batangas; Mr. Rolando H. Endozo, Chairperson ng Bilibinwang MPC; at si Mr. Carlito Enriquez, General Manager ng Bilibinwang MPC. Samantala, si Dr. Imelda Angeles-Agdeppa, ang Director ng DOST Food and Nutrition Research Institute (FNRI), ay nagbigay ng kaniyang mensahe sa pamamagitan ng isang recorded video. Nagsagawa rin ng presentasyon at talakayan tungkol sa teknolohiyang Tubig Talino si Ms.

Trinidad II T. Arcangel, Senior Science Research Specialist ng DOST-FNRI. Ang pagpapatupad ng teknolohiyang Tubig Talino para sa Bilibinwang MPC ay isang bahagi ng Grants-in-Aid Community-based project ng PSTO-Batangas. Layunin ng proyektong ito na ipatupad ang teknolohiyang Tubig Talino bilang isang bagong oportunidad sa negosyo ng kooperatiba na makakatulong sa programa ng gobyerno para labanan ang iodine deficiency disorders (IDD)



sa bansa. Upang magkaroon ng kanilang sariling branding, tinawag ng kooperatiba ang kanilang iodine-fortified drinking water na "Watalino". Ang Tubig Talino na binuo ng DOST-FNRI ay isang purified o pangkaraniwang inuming tubig na may kasamang Water Plus Iodine (I2) na maaaring inumin ng mga tao upang madagdagan ang kanilang konsumo ng iodine, para sa mas mabuting kalusugan. Ayon sa FNRI, ang 5 ml ng Water Plus Iodine I2 ay sapat na upang makagawa ng 20 liters ng Tubig Talino, at kaya nang tugunan ang 33% na pangangailangan sa iodine ng katawan ng isang tao. Batay rin sa pagsasaliksik

na isinagawa ng DOST-FNRI, ang Tubig Talino ay malaking tulong upang mapabuti ang academic performance ng mga mag-aaral. Isinagawa ng DOST-FNRI ang pagsasanay sa technology transfer para sa Bilibinwang MPC noong Marso 6-7, 2023. Tinuruan ang mga production worker ng Bilibinwang MPC sa paghahanda ng iodine premix at chemical analysis titration method upang matukoy ang dami ng iodine na kinakailangan para sa isang iodine premix. Kasama rin dito ang pagtukoy kung gaano karaming premix ang kinakailangan para sa paggawa ng iodine-rich drinking water. Ipinahayag ni Mr. Enriquez ang kanyang pasasalamat sa DOST-

CALABARZON at PSTO-Batangas sa kanilang walang sawang suporta sa pagtatag ng pasilidad para sa produksyon ng Tubig Talino. Binigyang-diin niya ang kahalagahan ng pagsasanay sa technology transfer na nagbigay sa mga production worker ng Bilibinwang MPC ng mga kinakailangang kaalaman at kasanayan sa paghahanda ng iodine premix. "Truly, DOST has not just provided us with a business venture after the Taal volcano eruption and COVID-19 pandemic, but also a mission to help improve children's academic performance and contribute to the prevention of iodine deficiency disorder," saad ni Mr. Enriquez. (Ni Harley G. Margallo)

DOST 1 PRESENTS ITS PROGRAMS, PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

THE Dept. of Science and Technology (DOST) presented its various programs, projects and activities before the 27th National Press Congress of the Publishers Association of the Philippines, Inc. (PAPI) at Fort Ilocandia Resort Hotel on Dec. 11-13, in Laoag City, Ilocos Norte.



Dr. Teresita A. Tabaog, DOST Region 1 director through an AVP (audio visual presentation) reported DOST's various projects, programs and activities. With Congress' theme "Media's crucial role in encouraging agricultural scientific and technological innovations in LGUs," she outlined the various activities DOST 1 is currently doing in the agricultural industry and other sectors.

DOST 1 deals with scholars, local government units (LGUs), Micro and Small Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and other stakeholders. It sees to it that the result of the project is used "for maximum economic and social benefits for the people."

The agency, according to Tabaog, due to its vastness, has sectoral planning councils. Like agriculture which is linked to Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development (DOST-

PCAARRD), which identifies what are to be prioritized when it comes to agriculture, aquatic and natural resources.

She recalled that DOST had high performance rating during the time of Covid-19 because of different projects to counter the virus. DOST was linked likewise to the Dept. of Health (DoH) and other institutions.

DOST had projects like testing kits and masks out of bamboo. Tabaog said that other important agencies linked to the department are the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) and Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHILVOCS).

Meanwhile, the Research and Development Institute (RDI) is where the local technologies come from and the regions transfer these. The Food, Nutrition and Research Institute (FNRI) takes care of technology relating to

foods. DOST has 16 regional offices and 80 science and technology offices.

Another very important project is Small Enterprise Technology Upgrading Program (DOST-SETUP) for small businessmen. This offers projects like food processing, furniture, decors and handicrafts, aqua, metals, halal products and services and salt processing, among others.

Applicants' business should have been in existence for at least three years and they should submit documentary requirements. "Now you can see that the govt. investment has impact. Hindi lugi ang gobyerno," Tabaog explained.

To date, Tabaog said DOST has assisted 225 businessmen in 2019 alone and with a total of P162,180,000 and gross sales of over P3-billion.

Another project is the Community Empowerment through Science and Technology or CEST that empowers lives and builds

communities in Region 1. Another project is NICER or Niche Centers in the Regions for R&D. DOST has lot of other projects in every region.

MAKING PH THE HOST OF LOSS AND DAMAGE FUND TO ENSURE COUNTRIES MOST AFFECTED BY CLIMATE CHANGE ARE HEARD – PBBM

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. has reiterated his call for the Philippines to host the Loss and Damage Fund saying doing so will symbolize inclusivity as it will ensure that the needs of countries most affected by climate change will be addressed.

In the country statement delivered by Environment Secretary Ma. Antonia Yulo-Loyza during the 28th Conference of the Parties (COP28) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Dubai, President Marcos said the Philippines is willing to host the Board of the fund "and to confer to such Board the legal personality and legal capacity as necessary for the discharge of its roles and functions."

"Doing so will serve as a poignant reminder of the pressing need to address the disproportionate impacts faced by developing nations. It would symbolize a commitment to inclusivity, ensuring that the voices and experiences of the most affected countries are heard and considered

in shaping global climate policies," he said.

Loyza, in a separate statement, said the country's hosting of the Loss and Damage Fund is similar to the country's hosting of the Asian Development Bank for over 50 years and the regional headquarters of World Bank since the 1970s.

The Philippines, according to Loyza, is also vying for a seat in the Loss and Damage Fund Board.

The President, in the country statement, said the Philippines is qualified to host the Fund as it stands at the forefront of those directly affected by climate devastation and advocates an inclusive, transparent and accountable approach in addressing climate crisis.

The President also stated that the Philippines "advocates an inclusive, transparent, and accountable approach in addressing climate change and its repercussions" reiterating the Philippines' commitment to the G77 and China, and strong support to Cuba's chairmanship.

He said it is imperative for COP28 to ensure that the outcomes of the Global Stocktake will sufficiently inform parties in enhancing climate actions and international cooperation based on equity and climate justice.

He also urged the formulation of a New Collective Quantified Goal on Climate Finance "reflective of evolving needs and priorities of the most vulnerable nations. This must encompass sub-

goals aligned with the public sector, ensuring predictability in funding amounts and timelines."

"We must now acknowledge that we are off-track, and immediately operationalize the means of implementation of the Paris Agreement by mobilizing and scaling up climate finance for mitigation, adaption, and loss and damage," he said.

The President also called on developed countries to roll out intensified support in terms of finance, technology transfer, and capacity building for developing countries in the form of specific programs aimed at emission reduction and avoidance.

"We further call for substantial support for National Adaptation Plans and the Global Goal on Adaptation, emphasizing the necessity for a clear framework and targets to be defined and adopted," President Marcos stated.

"The Philippines stresses the need for a universally agreed-upon definition and framework for Just Transition within the Paris Agreement to avoid ambiguity and ensure unified implementation," he added.

Before concluding the statement, the President reiterated the urgency for climate finance to flow from developed to developing countries "in blended but principally grants-based approach that is accessible, transparent, predictable, and efficient, while not burdening already vulnerable nations." / PND



XTREME GRAND OPENING SA ROBINSONS IMUS CITY, ginanap ang cutting ribbon ceremony para sa ikatatlalong branch ng Xtreme Home Appliances nitong December 9, 2023, level 3. Mula sa kaliwa, Chief Engineer Mr. Diomher Ceria, Marketing Manager Mr. Drake Armante, Xtreme Retail Head Mr. Meng Melgar, Robinsons Mall Manager Ms. Jennifer Gamboa at Marketing Head Ms. Paula Dizon. Makakabili ng mga murang appliances mula December 9 hanggang December 25. Mayroong 1 year warranty at 7 days replacement. (Photo by: Renante Clarianes/Marites Leonillo/Cavite Press Corps.)

DOST-CALABARZON Commences the 2023 Junior Level Science and Technology Scholarship Orientation

Committed to nurturing talented and deserving students in the fields of Science and Technology, the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) CALABARZON, through its Scholarship Unit, conducted its annual Junior Level Science S&T Scholarship Orientation on December 3, 2023, at the Lima Park Hotel in Lipa-Malvar, Batangas.

Approximately 355 scholars actively participated in the orientation, strategically divided into two sessions: the morning session catered to RA7687 and Merit qualifiers, while the afternoon session focused on RA10612 qualifiers. This segmentation allowed for a more personalized and targeted approach to disseminating essential information.

The primary focus of the orientation was to familiarize the scholars with the comprehensive S&T policies, privileges, benefits, and service obligations inherent in the scholarship. Furthermore, the event provided an opportunity to address queries and concerns raised by participants, ensuring clarity and understanding among the scholars and their guardians.

In the morning session, Ms. Cleofe B. Austria, Science Research Specialist II of DOST CALABARZON Scholarship Unit, led a discussion on two scholarship programs: the MERIT Republic Act No. 2067 and RA 7687 Republic Act No. 7687. The session shed light on the significance of these programs in promoting scientific education and fostering careers in science and technology.

The MERIT Republic Act No. 2067, previously known as the NSDB or NSTA Scholarship, has a longstanding history since its inception in 1958. This program has been dedicated to identifying and supporting students demonstrating exceptional aptitude in science and mathematics. It is designed to cultivate the talents of individuals willing to pursue careers in the fields of science and technology and remains a flagship program offered by the DOST-Science Education Institute (SEI).

Republic Act No. 7687, known as the "Science and Technology Scholarship Act of 1994," serves as a vital framework for extending scholarships to exceptionally talented and deserving students. The primary objective of this act is to support individuals



whose families' socio-economic status falls within specific cut-off values of defined indicators.

Qualifying for this scholarship necessitates an individual's commitment to pursuing fields of study classified as priority disciplines, encompassing the basic sciences, engineering, other applied sciences, as well as science and mathematics teaching. RA 7687 aims to ensure that deserving individuals, despite limited financial means, have access to quality education in crucial scientific and technological fields, contributing directly to the country's scientific development and innovation.

While the MERIT Republic Act No. 2067 targets exceptional students with high potential, RA 7687 focuses on students from economically challenged backgrounds, aiming to bridge the gap by offering opportunities for academic pursuits in priority scientific disciplines.

In the afternoon session, Ms. Evelyn Calderon, Administrative IV of the Department of Education (DepEd) Calamba, served as the

resource speaker for the event. She discussed Republic Act (RA) No. 10612, also known as the 'Fast-Tracked Science and Technology Scholarship Act of 2013'. This law aims to strengthen the Science and Technology (S&T) Scholarship Program, managed by both DOST and DepEd.

Under this law, DOST selects and gives scholarships to eligible students, while DepEd supports scholars through mentoring and training. RA 10612 is crucial in developing expertise in science and technology in the Philippines. It provides a clear path for scholars through education and skill-building. After completing their studies, scholars commit to using their knowledge in the Philippines, contributing to the country's scientific and technological progress. This law not only promotes learning but also drives the nation's development and innovation for a better future.

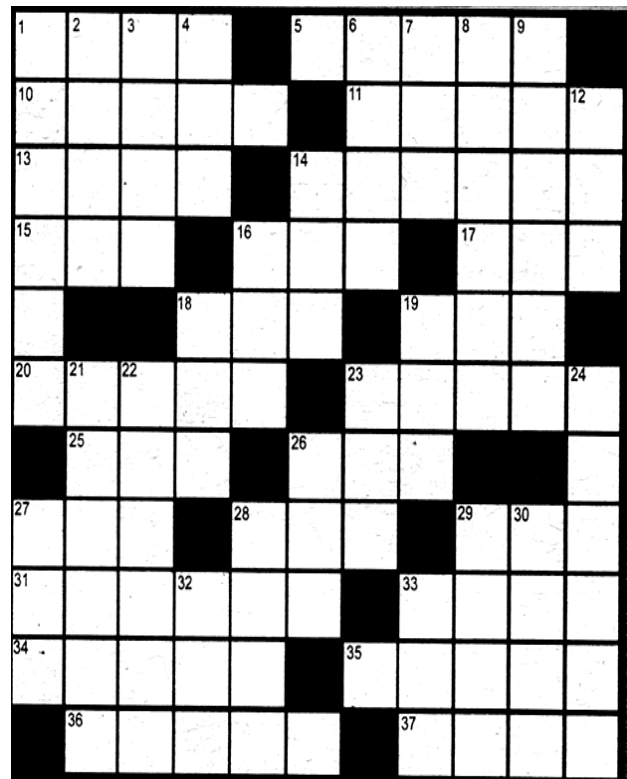
After the orientation, the following proceedings involved a verification process for the completed Scholarship Agreement and other necessary documents. Moreover, an optimized distribution

process was set up to efficiently provide the necessary Letter of Introduction for opening Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) accounts to accelerate the processing of financial assistance for the 2023 Junior Level Science S&T Scholarship (JLSS) qualifiers.

The orientation session served as a platform to not only acknowledge the achievement of the qualifiers but also to ensure they and their parents were well-informed about the steps involved in the scholarship application process. By delivering a thorough understanding of the policies and procedures, the aim was to equip the new scholars with the necessary knowledge and tools to navigate the scholarship program effectively.

This educational initiative remains a testament to DOST CALABARZON's commitment to fostering a talented pool of S&T enthusiasts, poised to make substantial contributions to the nation's scientific and technological advancement. *(By Harley G. Margallo)*

PALAI SIPAN



PAHALANG

- 1 Marahil
- 5 Kasuotang pambabae
- 10 Nag-iisa
- 11 Kerida
- 13 ___ de coco
- 14 Taginting
- 15 Palayaw ni Gloria
- 16 Banco de ___
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- 23 Unos
- 25 Apelyidong Tsino
- 26 Silver: daglat
- 27 Sampu: Ingles
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- 34 Lutong bigas
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- 36 Nguya
- 37 Uri ng bean

PABABA

- 1 Kweba
- 2 Pinong kikul
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- 22 Nanay
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SAGOT SA NAKARAAN



Ang unang magnifying glass ay ginawa ni Roger Bacon noong 1250.

DOST, PAPI TALK ON BENEFIT OF PARTNERSHIP ON 27TH NATIONAL PRESS CONGRESS IN FORT ILOCANDIA

THE huge success of the Publishers Association of the Philippines Inc. (PAPI) 27th National Press Congress held in Fort Ilocandia Resort Hotel, can be attributed to a good partnership with the Dept. of Science and Technology (DOST) and other organizations.



This was the gist in general, of the speeches of the agency officials and other science experts during the summit in Laoag City, Ilocos Norte last Dec. 11-13.

This year's theme "Media's crucial role in encouraging agricultural scientific and technological innovations in Local Government Units" benefit not only the farmers. "In our pursuit of sustainable agriculture, media plays a crucial role that serves as a powerful tool for communicating, educating and motivating local communities not only in agriculture, science and

technology but through different information that is accessible and relatable and have the potential to inspire widespread adaption of innovative farming practices," said Ilocos Norte Vice Gov. Cecilia Araneta Marcos, who represented Gov. Matthew Marcos Manotoc. She further said that the collaboration between media and science and agriculture offers opportunities for the country's development.

The DOST has been leading the way in pioneering the advancement that could reform agriculture

landscape, she told the audience of PAPI members and DOST officials from all over the country.

On the other hand, PAPI national president, Nelson Santos underscored the huge role of DOST through Secretary Renato U. Solidum, as Press Congress' keynote speaker. The agency, along with Ilocos Norte provincial government and Laoag City were among PAPI partners in organizing the summit.

Solidum in delivering his video message, said that DOST can't stand alone in bridging the gaps between

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Refresher Discussions on the 2021 Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 9904 (Magna Carta for Homeowners and Homeowners' Associations)



On December 13, 2023, the Provincial Housing Development and Management Office organized a seminar entitled "Refresher Discussions on the 2021 Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 9904 (Magna Carta for Homeowners and Homeowners' Associations)", at the Ceremonial Hall of the Provincial Capitol Building. Attended by 52 participants from Pinagbuklod Village, Pinagkaisa Village and Pinagkaloob Village in Kawit, and the LRTA Relocation Site in Barangay Santiago, City of Gen. Trias, the event provided updates on the legislation to guide officers and residents.

Ms. Mary Grace Nova, delivered the opening message on behalf of Provincial Administrator for Community Affairs, Mr. Alvin S. Mojica stressing the importance of staying updated on regulations governing homeowners' rights and responsibilities, underscoring community engagement and adherence to the Magna Carta for Homeowners and Homeowners' Associations.

The seminar's highlight was a presentation by Ms.

Nini G. Sanchez, Officer-in-Charge of the Community Development Section at the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD), providing a comprehensive overview of RA 9904.

The informative session was followed by an open forum, allowing participants to engage with Ms. Sanchez directly, seeking clarifications and sharing experiences.

The event concluded with a closing message

from Ms. Ma. Karen B. Camañag-Tupas, expressing gratitude for the attendees' active participation and emphasizing the importance of applying gained knowledge to build stronger communities.

In essence, the seminar served to empower participants to positively contribute to their neighborhoods in alignment with the goals of Republic Act No. 9904.

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Binabati po natin ang Our Lady of Fatima Parish sa Binakayan para sa pagkakatalaga sa ating simbahan bilang isang ganap na diocesan shrine. Ito na po ang ikalawang pandiyosis na dambana sa ating Kawit na siyang patunay po na ang ating bayan ay hindi lamang mayaman sa kasaysayan kundi sentro na rin ng malalim na pananampalataya. Muli, congratulations po Diocesan Shrine and Parish of Our Lady of Fatima - Binakayan! #RatedTripleA #PusoAtMalasakitParaSaAtingKawit #MayorAguineldo