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## Cavite takes the spotlight for Megaworld's township investments

With a strong presence anchored on having five townships spanning more than 1,000 hectares, Megaworld continues to build CBDs and themed developments in this South Luzon province.

Cavite is one of the provinces standing to benefit from the country's massive "Build Better More" infrastructure program.

The province, known as the "historical capital of the Philippines," has long been among the most competitive provinces in the country, and the arrival of several big-ticket road, rail, and airport

developments in and around Cavite will undoubtedly bring its potential as a key growth area and economic hub in Luzon to even greater heights.

As a testament to its strong belief in the immense potential of Cavite, property giant and pioneering developer Megaworld has been pouring significant investments into Cavite by establishing five townships and integrated lifestyle communities — the most in any province in the Philippines to date — spanning a total of nearly 1,500 hectares or

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Megaworld's 140-hectare Maple Grove township in General Trias is fast taking shape as Cavite's central business district.



**PASKUHAN SA KAWIT 2023:** Maraming salamat po sa inyong lahat na nakasama natin sa ating Paskuhan sa Kawit 2023! Dahil sa inyo, naging mas masaya ang pagdiriwang natin. Maraming salamat din kay Ms. Gigi de Lana at sa Gigi Vibes na nakipagrakrakan sa atin at kay DJ Jhaiho na nagpainit pa ng ating programa. Congratulations din sa ating mga kapwa Kawiteño na nag-uwi ng Aguinaldo! Muli, maraming salamat po sa inyong lahat at isang may Puso at Malasakit na Pasko! #PaskuhanSaKawit2023 #RatedTripleA #TaraSaKawit #PusoAtMalasakitParaSaAtingKawit

## MPT South Gears Up for 2023 Holiday Traffic Surge on CAVITEX and CALAX

Metro Pacific Tollways South (MPT South), a subsidiary of Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC), is gearing up for the anticipated surge in traffic on the Manila-Cavite Expressway (CAVITEX), including its C5 Link segment, and Cavite-Laguna Expressway (CALAX) as the holiday shopping and travel season enters full swing.



From the third to the last week of December 2023, the toll road company anticipates a 15% to 20% surge in traffic for CAVITEX, primarily from motorists in Cavite heading to Manila. The average daily traffic count is projected to increase to 208,000 vehicles, up from the current 181,000. Meanwhile, for CALAX, MPT South expects a significant 35% increase in traffic, rising to 47,000 from last year's 35,000 figures. This surge is attributed to travelers from Manila going to Tagaytay and nearby cities and municipalities via the recently opened Silang

(Aguinaldo) Interchange, providing motorists with quicker access to tourist destinations.

With this, MPT South will be placed on 'high-alert' status and reinforce "Safe Trip Mo, Sagot Ko", a motorist assistance program mobilized during holiday peaks across its high-speed road networks, starting 6AM of December 22 to 6AM of December 24, 2023; 6AM of December 26 to 6AM of December 27, 2023; and from 6AM of December 30, 2023 to 6AM of January 2, 2024. This program includes additional on-ground manpower for services like traffic

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# DOST-Day Care Center receives school equipment from the Metrobank Foundation, Inc.

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 Angelie M. Sisante)*



MDM in Pulong Saging, Silang: The Provincial Government of Cavite took the lead in organizing a health outreach event on December 18, 2023, in Brgy. Pulong Saging, Silang. The initiative, designed to tackle the community's healthcare challenges, proved beneficial to approximately 500 residents. Medical professionals provided services like health check-ups and distribution of essential medications. The team focused on common health issues prevalent in the community. Simultaneously, the dental team provided much-needed oral health services. Basic dental check-ups and extractions were conducted to address dental issues that might have been neglected due to limited access to dental care. (OPIO)

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# Successful Evaluation, Assessment, and Planning Meeting Celebrated with Multisectoral and Sectoral Batch of KMME-MME Program

**BINANGONAN, RIZAL |** In a landmark event, the DTI Rizal Provincial Office recently concluded the KMME-MME Evaluation, Assessment, and Planning Meeting cum Provincial Graduation with the mentee-graduates of the 2023 KMME-MME Program.

During the first part of the event, Mr. Eric Montoya, the proud owner of Mr. Dagupeño and a distinguished mentee-graduate of KMME Rizal 2019, reflected on his journey through the program and shared his insights. "The KMME Program has been a transformative experience for me and my business. The guidance and knowledge gained have not only enhanced my skills but have significantly contributed to the growth and success of Mr. Dagupeño. I am truly grateful for the support provided by this invaluable program."

The highlight of the event was the presentation of "Taas Noo Rizalenyó" posters and Certificates of Recognition to entrepreneurs who completed the 10 modules of the KMME-MME Program and showcased outstanding performance in their business improvement plans. Furthermore, the DTI Rizal acknowledged the exceptional achievements of three (3) mentee-graduates (Ms. Jasmin Obata of JAO Plaque Awards, Mr. Bernard Maycacayan of Serlaser Engraving Services, and Ms. Allyn Joy Cabarles of Kaulayaw Coffee) who



DTI Region 4A Regional Director Marissa Argente delivered an inspiring message, commending the entrepreneurs for their dedication and perseverance.

demonstrated excellence and secured the highest scores during the business improvement plan presentations.

The DTI Rizal remains dedicated to fostering

entrepreneurship and empowering business owners to thrive in today's dynamic market. The successful Evaluation, Assessment, and Planning Meeting underscores the

effectiveness of the KMME-MME Program in driving positive change and inspiring a new wave of successful entrepreneurs. **(By: Sep Garchelee Anjelon G. Laurel)**

## Unveiling the Wonders of Innovation: S&T Caravan in Enriching Batanes

In a bid to empower the province of Batanes with Science and Technology (S&T) knowledge and skills, the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Region 02 held the 2023 S&T Caravan in the province of Batanes. The event, aptly named 2023 S&T Caravan: Beautiful Batanes ISLES (Innovative Services for Livelihood and Entrepreneurs), showcased a series of impactful activities aimed at bolstering the province's scientific and technological capabilities.



Science Scholarship (JLSS) Program was held catering to students aspiring to pursue science-related courses. This provided insights into scholarship grants specifically tailored for junior college students. It also covered the benefits and opportunities that come with being a JLSS scholar, such as financial assistance, mentorship programs, and potential avenues for research or internships.

### Training Course on Basic Research Method

Researchers and budding research enthusiasts in Batanes engaged in a Training Course on Basic Research Method. Resource speakers, Dr. Julius T. Capili, Cagayan Valley Health Research & Development Colloquium (CVHRDC) Executive Director, Ms. Ian Hannah Gozun from DOST-PCHRD, partner agency representatives, imparted

essential skills and knowledge to fuel the province's research endeavors. Topics ranged from formulating research questions, designing robust experiments, and data collection techniques to the critical aspects of ethical considerations and result interpretation.

### Capacity Development and Workshop on Smart City Roadmap Formulation

A highlight of the caravan was the Capacity Development and Workshop on Smart City Roadmap Formulation for Smart and Sustainable Batanes. Ms. Raquel B. Santos, DOST Region 2 Focal Person for Smart City, along with experts from Isabela State University (ISU), Department of Information and Communication Technology (DICT), and the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), enlightened participants on creating a

roadmap for a technologically advanced and sustainable Batanes.

Furthermore, the province's Small Enterprise Technology Upgrading Program (SETUP) beneficiaries wowed the Ivatan people with their amazing talents at the S&T Night Bazaar and Night Show, enticing them to attend.

The 2023 S&T Caravan demonstrated the commitment of DOST Region 02 to uplift Batanes through Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI). By equipping the Ivatans with the latest knowledge and skills, the initiative ensures that province is never left behind in the ever-evolving technological globalization towards a future marked by progress and improved livelihoods. **#OneDOST4U #DOSTRegion02**

The caravan kicked off with a short program graced by DOST Provincial Director Ms. Nora T. Garcia, PLGU Batanes representatives, and other partner agencies at Batanes State College (BSC) Amphitheatre, Basco, Batanes, December 11-14, 2023.

**Water Analysis Refresher Course**  
2-day course led by

the DOST Region 02-Regional Standards and Testing Laboratory (RSTL) where Ms. Jamaica Beverly Calagui, Science Research Specialist II and a seasoned expert, served as the resource speaker.

The course aimed to enhance the technical expertise of laboratory technicians from various agencies in Batanes. Participants included

representatives from Batanes State College, Batanes Environment Keepers Society, Inc., Batanes General Hospital, Batanes National Science High School, and the Provincial Health Office.

**Scholarship Orientation on Junio Level Science Scholarship Program**  
A Scholarship Orientation on the Junior

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30% of Megaworld's current total landbank, as well as three cities and four municipalities.

**Sustainably leading the way for progress in Cavite**

Bolstered by strong partnerships with local governments in Cavite, Megaworld and its subsidiaries Global-Estate Resorts, Inc. (GERI) and Suntrust Properties, Inc. (SPI) have been strategically building green, modern, and sustainable township

developments with unique identities, audiences, and purposes.

Under the Megaworld portfolio is the 140-hectare, P15-billion Maple Grove, Cavite's first-ever modern central business district rising in General Trias, Cavite that also boasts several green residential projects. One of the major features of this township is the six-lane, 30-meter-wide Maple Grove Boulevard, portions of which were integrated into the 12-kilometer

General Trias and Tanza Bypass Road to help ease traffic congestion along the Antero Soriano Highway and around the area.

Aside from residential condominiums, office developments, and its very own lifestyle mall, Maple Grove will also be home to the Maple Grove Park Village, a 22-hectare luxury resort-inspired residential community designed by renowned global design firm Wimberly, Allison, Tong & Goo (WATG) – the same group behind some of the world's most extraordinary resort

destinations like Shangri-La Maldives, Sofitel Bali in Indonesia, Atlantis The Palm in Dubai, as well as Hilton Manila here in the Philippines.

Meanwhile, developed and managed by GERI with a P10-billion capital expenditure (CAPEX) allotted within 10 years is the 561-hectare Southwoods City. A significant portion of this sprawling township stands on Carmona, specifically the Jack Nicklaus-designed 125-hectare Manila Southwoods Golf and Country Club and the sprawling residential village developments Pahara and Upland Estates.

Another one is the 251-hectare Arden Botanical Estate straddling Trece Martires and Tanza, with an investment value of P18 billion. It is the Megaworld group's first botanical-themed township that mainly hosts horizontal residential villages highlighted by green and sustainable amenities.

Since its launch, Megaworld has introduced two (2) sprawling residential villages within Arden Botanical Estate: the 18-hectare Arden Botanical Village and the 15.2-hectare Arden Westpark

Village. GERI, meanwhile, has already launched the three phases of its newest village, the 17-hectare The Lindgren, offering eleven (11) different

Scandinavian-inspired house and lot design options to fit varied tastes.

Third, is the 340-hectare Sherwood Hills in Trece Martires, which also boasts the Sherwood Hills Golf Club, a Jack Nicklaus signature golf course; and the expansive 41.8-hectare Prana Garden Villas. Lastly, Suntrust established the nearly 200-hectare Suntrust Ecotown Tanza, a PEZA (Philippine Economic Zone Authority)-accredited, "eco-friendly industrial township" that hosts several Filipino and multinational locators.

**All roads lead to Cavite**

Infrastructure developments are, indeed, the backbone of economic progress, and Cavite is set to host a lot of these as it looks set to experience profound growth in just a few years.

While Cavite is currently easily accessible through the various expressways leading into, out of, and around it, the completion of future infrastructure

projects in the pipeline—namely the Sangley Point International Airport, Cavite-Laguna Expressway (CALAX), Cavite-Tagaytay-Batangas Expressway (CBTEX), Bataan-Cavite Interlink Bridge, Light Rail Transit (LRT) Line 1 Cavite Extension, and Light Rail Transit 6—will open up the province to Metro Manila and the rest of the country even more.

The 41.8-Prana Garden Villas, a Zen-Balinese-inspired luxury village in Sherwood Hills, will feature wide roads lined by trees and open spaces.

As Cavite is poised to reap the benefits of the arrival of bigger and better infrastructure, so will Megaworld's developments in Cavite. This is because these infrastructure projects are expected to vastly improve accessibility and ramp up commercial business activity, thereby influencing how property prices will increase in the province.

Even better, this will help Megaworld fulfill its long-standing commitment to help drive economic growth and bring forth opportunities directly benefiting the people and communities it serves.

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pay for the overhead of the government's bureaucratic operations but also to fund the elimination of problems that the nation must overcome, he noted.

And although he wishes to wipeout in one budget cycle all the government's infrastructure backlog, it is curtailed by what the State can collect and by what the tax coffers contain, he added.

"We can be reckless, take the easy path, borrow, let our children

pick today's tab up tomorrow. But debt is not the kind of inheritance that we want to leave those who will come after us," said Marcos.

"Good fiscal stewardship imposes upon us the discipline not to be led into the temptation of bloating what we owe. Good government dictates upon us the duty to spend the appropriations we have cobbled together for the correct purposes, the right way, on time, and on

budget," he said.

The P5.768 trillion-General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2024 is 9.5 percent higher than the previous fiscal year, and was crafted to sustain the country's high-growth trajectory.

The administration is expecting a straightforward implementation of the 2024 national budget with the Medium-Term Fiscal Framework, the 8-point Socioeconomic Agenda, and the Philippine Development Plan 2023-2028 serving as its guide and blueprint. | PND

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management and toll collection, standby emergency medical services, and incident response teams. Motorist assistance is also accessible through 24/7 Customer Service Centers, a 24/7 Customer Care Hotline at 1-35000, and 24/7 social media channels (Facebook: fb.com/caviteexpressway, fb.com/OfficialCALAX, Twitter: twitter.com/caviteExpressway, twitter.com/OfficialCALAX) to ensure stress-free journey.

As part of the SMSK program, free towing for CLASS 1 vehicles up to the

nearest exit will be provided during the period.

"As we gear up to ensure a safe and smooth journey for our motorists this holiday season, we advise everyone to plan their trips and check their vehicle's health to avoid untoward incidents. We also encourage our motorists to take advantage of using their Easytrip RFID for quicker toll transactions, and even stand a chance to win in our MPTC's Happy Holidеals promo if they reload their account via MPT DriveHub App," said, Mr. Raul Ignacio, MPT South President and

General Manager.

The MPT DriveHub app provides users with convenient access to a range of Easytrip and CCLEX RFID services. With just a few taps on their phones, users can reload in real-time, check their balances, plan routes, and receive assistance in roadside emergencies.

**MPTC 2024 HAPPY HOLIDЕALS**

MPTC earlier announced the comeback of its Happy Holidеals Promo as a way of giving back to its motorists with an extensive promo period from December 8, 2023-March 7, 2024. Motorists passing through any MPTC toll road at least 4x during the promo period stand a chance to win exciting



prizes, including brand-new Chevrolet Tracker LS, Php 50,000, and Php 100,000. Two winners of brand-new Chevrolet Tracker LS, 40 winners of Php 50,000, and 10 winners of Php 100,000 will be selected during the promo period.

To earn points, motorists must download and link their RFID account to MPT DriveHub App. For every reload of Php 200.00

via the app, motorists also earn an additional point. Each point is equivalent to one raffle entry. For full promo mechanics, visit <https://www.mptdrivehub.com.ph/promos/holidеals>. Per DTI Fair Trade Permit No. FTEB-179965 Series of 2023.

MPTC is the biggest toll road developer and operator in the country. Aside from the CALAX and CAVITEX

network of toll roads, MPTC's domestic portfolio includes the concessions for the North Luzon Expressway (NLEX), the NLEX Connector Road, the Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway (SCTEX) and the Cebu-Cordova Link Expressway (CCLEX) in Cebu.

For further information and media concerns, please get in touch with [corpcomm@mptsouth.com](mailto:corpcomm@mptsouth.com)

# Lakeview Integrated School (LIS) Secures Second Place in 2023 Regional Best Gulayan sa Paaralan Program

Muntinlupa City - Lakeview Integrated School (LIS) has been recognized for its commitment to promoting health and nutrition. The school has been awarded 2nd place for Best Implementation of the Gulayan Sa Paaralan Program (GPP) at the 2023 Regional Search.

LIS demonstrated its commitment to the principles of the Gulayan sa Paaralan program.

The school impressed inspectors and earned the well-deserved recognition for its impressive efforts to create a successful and sustainable school garden.

Before the regional validation, LIS undergoes rigorous validation in the Division level assessments.

The validation team was comprised of Division school health personnel, invited Muntinlupa City Nutrition Committee members, and Muntinlupa Department of Agriculture staff.

LIS met and exceeded

the exacting standards, making an impressive entrance into the region.

Mr. Edwin L. Abalos, Head Teacher of Araling Panlipunan, represented the institution on behalf of the school principal, Dr. Rosendo E. Sangalang together with the GPP coordinator, and Mrs. Bernadette O. Corelo, during the awards ceremony last December 7, 2023, held at the HRDD Hub of the Department of Education Regional Office NCR, Bago Bante, Quezon City.

The event celebrated excellence in promoting nutrition and sustainability within the school



community.

LIS' success highlights the importance of healthy

eating and agricultural awareness among students.

The school's achievement is a beacon, emphasizing that even

small steps toward a healthier future can yield commendable results.

## Skills for Success: OPPEM Launches Three-day Basic Employment Services Training

The three-day Basic Employment Services Training facilitated by the Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager (OPPEM) on December 13-15, 2023 at the Sangguniang Panlalawigan Session Hall in Trece Martires City successfully wrapped up with enhanced capabilities of local PESO managers and staff on employment-related services.

Ms. Rizalie Pinpin-Enero, Provincial PESO Manager opened the training with appreciation of the support of partner agencies and cooperation of local Public Employment Service Offices in continuously upscaling the delivery of employment services.

The training was graced by the Provincial Director Marivic B. Martinez of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE)-Cavite Provincial Office, along with resource speakers from the DOLE-Region IV-A, Labor and Employment Officer III, Marie Iris A. Prieto-Perez, and Labor and Employment Officer III, Anne Marie Faye Marjes-Gloria. Their insights and expertise contributed



to the success of the program, enhancing the participant's knowledge and skills.

Furthermore, Labor and Employment Officer III, Marie Iris A. Prieto-Perez emphasized that Labor Market Information

(LMI) serves as the heart and soul of PESO. Without it, PESO wouldn't be able to perform effectively, she added.

There were also discussions on

the use of the PESO website, the roles of DOLE and PESO, as well as tricks that can be applied in Excel, calculations, and a question-and-answer session which provided participants with an in-depth understanding of concepts from the resource speakers. **(OPIO)**

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operations with the term of the current administration.

According to the BOI, the Philippines has a potential offshore wind resource of 178 GW, saying that large areas around the country's coast have extractable wind sources.

"We endeavor to develop the offshore wind

industry value chain in the Philippines and invite global offshore wind industry players to choose the Philippines as their hub in Southeast Asia," Trade Undersecretary and BOI managing head Ceferino Rodolfo said.

"What we want to show is that the offshore wind industry has Filipinos around the world working

as engineers, mariners, etc. Developing the ecosystem in the country aligns with our goals of bringing the OFWs home and investing in the capabilities of the Filipinos," Ivisan Windkraft Corp. vice president Theo Sunico said.

Meanwhile, the BOI said the offshore wind turbines of the project can also become a new tourist attraction, especially when the proposed bridge

linking Cavite and Bataan is finished.

It said the project is fully aligned with the administration's goal of operating offshore wind turbines by 2028.

Aside from the impact of having wind energy tourism, training and development will also be provided to neighboring communities which could lead to growth in local business opportunities, according to the BOI.

The project is expected to create 2,700 jobs in its pre-development, development, and operational phases.

Receiving the green lane endorsement will expedite and streamline government transactions for the project, which is classified as a strategic investment.

In February, the Office of the President approved Executive Order 18, which aims to hasten, simplify,

and automate the permit and license application processes for strategic investments. The measure was officially launched in July.

Operating as the sole entry point for these investments, OSACSI will expedite the endorsement of the project's permit and license procedures, ensuring the swift realization of strategic investments in the country. **(Catherine Talavera)**

# THOUGHTFUL HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS FROM OUR HOME



As the holiday season approaches, it's the perfect time to fill your home with warmth and joy. The holiday season after all is a time for celebration, gratitude, and creating cherished memories.

Whether you're looking to revamp your space or surprise your loved ones with thoughtful gifts, here's a curated list of holiday gift ideas that give warmth, comfort and style for the spaces we cherish most.

• Surprise your loved ones with the gift of cozy moments this Holiday season with recliners available at Our Home.

• Unwrap the joy of comfort this season with Our Home's collection of cushions that everyone will love to have and hug.

• Share the gift of a welcoming home with candles and scents.

• Give the gift of organized beauty. Our Home's jewelry organizers are designed to keep precious treasures safe and stylish.

• Looking for the perfect gift for those who love to host? Our Home's serveware and barware make the perfect gifts for them.

• Nespresso machines for coffee enthusiasts that they will definitely love.

This holiday season, whether you're treating yourself or surprising loved ones, celebrate the joy of giving with these gift ideas. Fill your space with festive cheer and lasting elegance, making the holiday season even more special and memorable.

Visit OUR HOME Store near you, shop online or call a Personal Shopper.



## PH JOINS JAPAN IN CONDEMNING N. KOREA'S BALLISTIC MISSILE LAUNCH - PBBM

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. joined the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) on Monday in condemning North Korea's action to reportedly fire an intercontinental ballistic missile toward the Sea of Japan.

"We join Japan, together with the rest of the ASEAN, in condemning the continued threat that the launching of ballistic missiles by the DPRK [Democratic People's Republic of Korea] represents," President Marcos said.

The President made the remarks prior to his speech during the meeting of Asia Zero Emission Community (AZEC) leaders at the Prime Minister's Office in Tokyo, Japan as part of the 50th Commemorative ASEAN-Japan Friendship and Cooperation Summit.

"As we speak on economic progress in our region, we found these aspirations on a peaceful



and stable Indo-Pacific Region. So, such dangerous and provocative actions by the DPRK threaten and destabilize the region and the world," he added.

North Korea reportedly fired a long-range ballistic missile, which supposedly fell into the sea, west of Hokkaido, according to Japan's coast guard. | PND

SM City Bacoor Spread Holiday Cheers Through #ChriSMiles: SM CITY BACCOOR, CAVITE - In the spirit of spreading joy and goodwill this holiday season, SM City Bacoor in partnership with SM Cares ushered in the #HappiestChristmasAtSM through a heartwarming #ChriSMiles event with dedicated SM employee volunteers who orchestrated a cheerful day for the children of Habay-2 Day Care Center at SM City Bacoor, turning it into a happy Santa workshop full of laughter and excitement. The kids were treated to a day filled with thrilling games, entertaining rides, and special gifts. This initiative not only embodies the essence of the festive season but also highlights SM's commitment in supporting communities and making a positive impact on the lives of those who need it the most. As the ChriSMiles Program unfold, SM employees showcase the power of collective kindness, proving that the true magic of Christmas lies in coming together to bring smiles to the faces of others. Through this heartening initiative, SM is not only fostering a sense of community but also exemplifying the importance of spreading joy and compassion during the holiday season.

# DOST-CALABARZON capacitates staff on Technical Writing and Project Proposal Development

To enhance the capabilities of its workforce, the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) CALABARZON conducted a specialized training session focused on Technical Writing and Project Proposal Development last December 11, 2023 at RFSQAC Multipurpose Hall, DOST Regional Office Building. The training aimed to equip staff members with essential skills crucial for effective communication and project formulation.



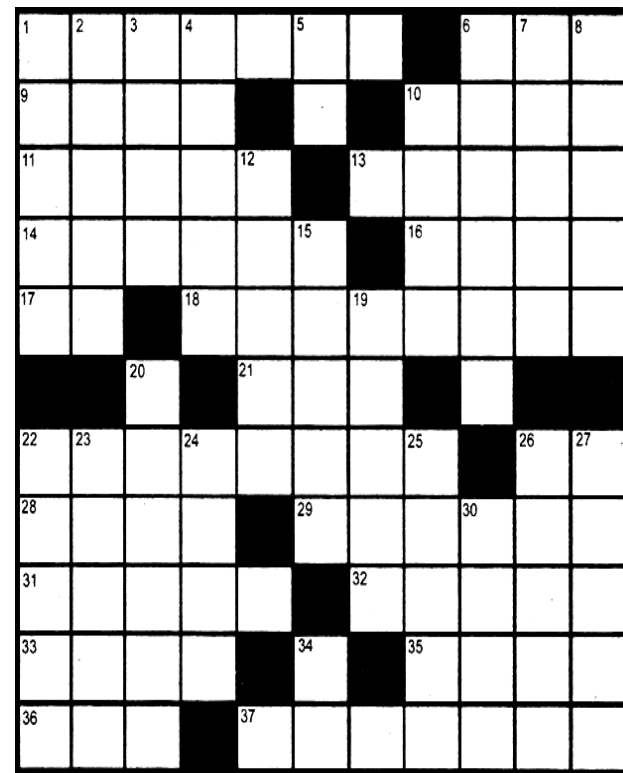
Under the guidance of Ms. Emelita P. Bagsit, Regional Director of DOST-CALABARZON, the training commenced with a warm welcome extended to participants from various DOST Regional Offices. Ms. Janice Irene F. Berris, Supervising Science Research Specialist of DOST-CALABARZON, presented the training objectives. Ms. Berris stressed the importance of crafting a strong project proposal and offered perspectives on why and how it could be improved. She remarked, "Among us, we should be aware that sa proposal pa lang, dapat nagkakaintindihan na tayo before we implement the project. Kasi later on, when we access collecting information on the impacts of what we did, may effect 'yun sa decision-making natin and how we plan sa regional level." Ms. Berris added, "Kasi maaring maganda 'yung concept ng proposal natin pero hindi natin na-document ang

impact niya properly because we didn't set the right indicators from the start." The objective of this initiative was to enable DOST CALABARZON staff to better express ideas, fostering improved comprehension, collaboration, and successful implementation of research and development initiatives. Participants gained insights into the art of technical writing, enabling them to simplify complex concepts for better organizational cooperation. A series of discussions were led by Dr. Ruel Mojica, Professor VI from Cavite State University's College of Engineering and Information Technology. The session focused on providing insights into technical writing, emphasizing the logical structuring and evaluation of project proposals. Dr. Mojica aimed to inspire participants to infuse their proposals with genuine

passion and enthusiasm, recognizing that it enhances their quality. According to Dr. Mojica, "Madali lang mag-sulat, andyan na si AI, pwede tayong humingi ng tulong sa kanya, pero ang gusto kong i-develop sa bawat isa sa atin is 'yung passion n'yo. Kasi hindi kayo makakasulat ng magandang proposal kung wala 'dun 'yung puso ninyo." He further added, "Sino ba talaga 'yung gumagawa ng proposal na 'yun? As evaluator, kita ko kung may puso ang inyong proposal." When asked how he copes with rejected project proposals, he admitted that he hasn't experienced having his proposal rejected yet. However, he advised others to keep pursuing what they want to do despite setbacks. "May mga lesson tayong matutunan sa mga ganyang pagkakataon, kaya diretso lang. Sabi ko nga, kung naniniwala ka sa project na pinopropose

mo, ipaglaban mo, kasi may pupuntahan at pupuntahan 'yan," Dr. Mojica said. Moreover, the training focused on honing skills in project proposal development, equipping attendees with the expertise to structure proposals effectively, highlight project significance, outline methodologies, and forecast outcomes. The aim was to ensure comprehensive and compelling proposals that increase their potential for securing support and funding. DOST CALABARZON's initiative to invest in the skill development of its workforce stands as a testament to its dedication towards fostering innovation and driving progress. With a more adept and empowered staff, the department is poised to create a more significant impact in the nation's developmental aspirations. (By Harley G. Margallo)

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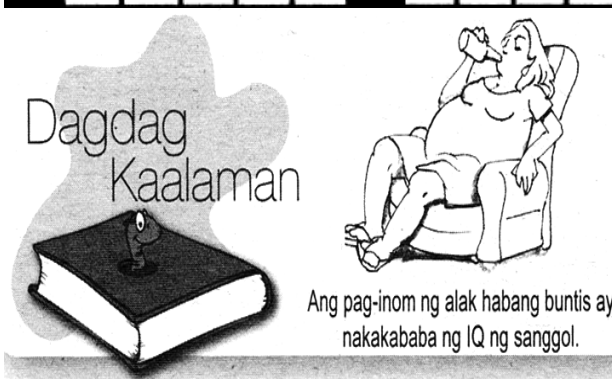
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Dagdag Kaalaman

Ang pag-inom ng alak habang buntis ay nakakababa ng IQ ng sanggol.

# Cavite offshore wind project endorsed for green lane processing

In a statement yesterday, the BOI said its One-Stop Action Center for Strategic Investments (OSACSI) has awarded the green lane certificate of endorsement to Ivisan Windkraft Corp. for its Frontera Bay Wind Power Project in offshore Cavite. This marks the first offshore wind power project to be approved for green lane services.



The Board of Investments has endorsed a 450 megawatt (MW) offshore wind power project located in Cavite for green lane processing, saying this is in line with the government's goal of developing the offshore wind industry value chain in the country.

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"Significantly, the

project will help the Philippines achieve its aim of producing 15.3 GW (gigawatts) of clean energy by 2030 as part of the Philippine Development Plan's goal of having a secure, reliable, and clean energy mix," the BOI said.

The project, with an initial cost of P81.675 billion, is targeted to begin

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## LRT-1 successfully tests Cavite extension phase 1

The private operator of Light Rail Transit Line-1 (LRT-1) on Wednesday announced the successful conduct of a train test run in its Cavite Extension Phase 1.



The test run was conducted while the Cavite Extension Phase 1 is already at a 95 percent progress rate for the civil and system works as of the end of October 2023.

"The LRT-1 Cavite Extension is now taking shape. We are confident that once this extension is operational, it will help in significantly improving the train system in our country providing a more efficient and reliable transportation option," LRMCA President Juan Alfonso said in a

statement.

According to the LRTA, the test aimed to provide a compatibility check and assess the interface between vital infrastructure components.

A Gen-2 train set was specifically used for the test because it is the widest car body, making it the most strategic option to check for initial compatibility with station platforms, walkways, and cableways.

More train test runs are

planned in the coming weeks to include the other train generations of LRT-1 traveling at various speeds and load capacities.

After completing the first phase, LRMCA will proceed with the second phase consisting of Las Piñas Station and Zapote Station, and then the third and last phase, the Niog Station.

Once all phases are complete, the extension is seen to cut the travel time from Pasay City to Cavite from an hour and a half to just around 30 minutes.

## PBBM TO P5.768 TRILLION 2024 NAT'L BUDGET IMPLEMENTORS: 'HONOR THY TAXPAYERS WHO MAKE THE BUDGET POSSIBLE'

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. led the ceremonial signing of the P5.768-trillion 2024 national budget on Wednesday, calling on agencies to carry out the expenditure program lawfully and to honor the taxpayers who made the next year's budget possible.

Speaking during the signing ceremony in Malacañang, President Marcos reminded agencies implementing the expenditure program to fight red tape "that leads to underspending and overspending that disregards legal guardrails," emphasizing further that these are 'two sides of the same coin.'

"Implementation delay and illegal deviations inflict the same havoc of denying the people of the progress and development that they deserve," he said.

"So, with this reminder comes the most important budget commandment that we must all receive. We are working for the people not for ourselves. We are working for the country not for ourselves," he stated.

Wednesday's signing is the renewal of the government's annual social contract with taxpayers, that what they



President Bongbong Marcos

have paid faithfully will be rebated to them in full, he said.

According to the President, the 2024 national budget details the administration's battle plan in fighting poverty and combating illiteracy, in producing food and ending hunger, in protecting our homes and securing our border, in keeping people healthy, in creating jobs and funding livelihood.

It is not only intended to

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**Magandang Kawit! Ipinagpatuloy natin ang pagbisita sa mga barangay para sa pamamahagi natin ng ating Puso at Malasakit Noche Buena Package! Napamahagian po natin ang mga barangay ng San Sebastian, Potoi-Magdalo, Batong Dalig, Tabon 1,2, at 3, Wakas 1 at 2, Panamitan, Sta Isabel, Balsahan-Bisita, at Marulas. Sana po ay natuwa kayo sa handog namin ngayong Pasko. Merry Christmas po! #AlagangAngeloAguinaldo #RatedTripleA #PusoAtMalasakitParaSaAtingKawit #MayorAguinaldo**