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## Cavite biz owners urged to renew, register permits thru one-stop shops

**TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite (PIA) —** Local government units in Cavite are urging business owners to take advantage of the streamlined processes offered by business one-stop shops (BOSS) for business registration and renewal.

To enhance efficiency of business permit procedures, several LGUs have implemented measures such as establishing electronic BOSS and providing free transportation services to assist business owners.

In General Trias City, the government has introduced an electronic processing of permits, offering a convenient online platform for entrepreneurs to submit requirements for new and renewal applications. According to the city government, the application period extends until February 29, 2024.

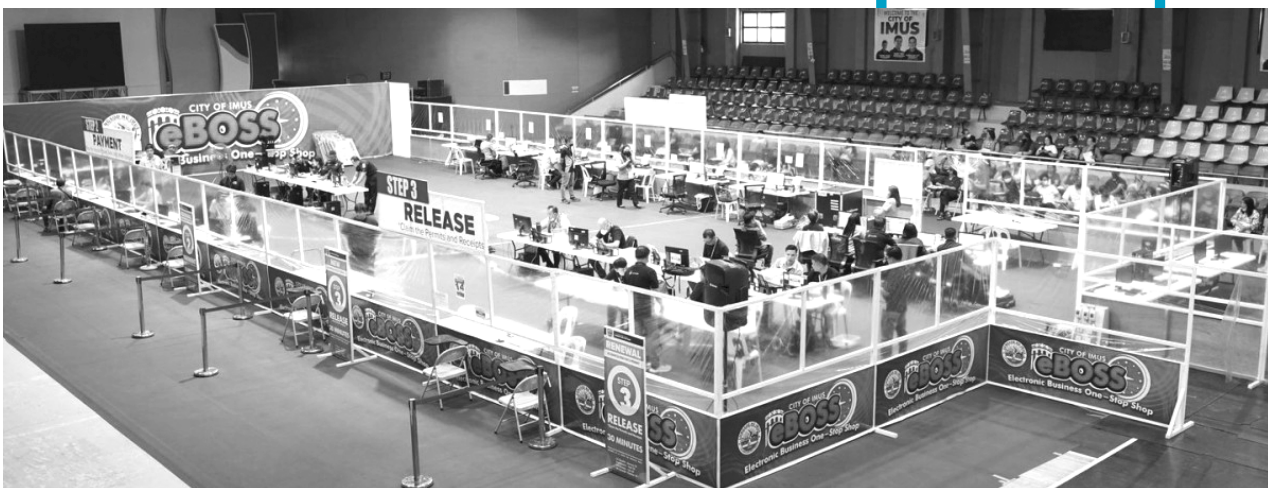
Free transportation services are also available from the city hall to the convention center and vice versa for taxpayers and entrepreneurs conducting payment transactions and obtaining permits.

Meanwhile, the municipal government of Noveleta continues its commitment to facilitating business processes by opening its BOSS at the 2nd Floor of Primark Town Center in Barangay

Magdiwang. Mayor Dino Reyes-Chua stresses the importance of early filing to ensure convenience for local taxpayers, urging constituents to avoid last-minute submissions.

In Bacoor City, the STRIKE Gymnasium serves as the venue for the BOSS program, operating from Monday to Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM, until January 20. The city government said the facility is exclusively dedicated to business permit renewals, while real property tax payments can be conveniently made online.

The city government of Imus also initiated its electronic BOSS on January 2, offering a seamless process for both new and renewed business permits. Imuseños can choose between two locations in obtaining their business permit: the City of Imus Sports Complex in Poblacion II-A and the New City Government Center in Barangay Malagasang I-G, with operating hours from 8 AM to 7 PM. **(Ruel Francisco, PIA Cavite)**



## PGC extends medical and dental services to locals of Silang



In a commendable demonstration of community-focused healthcare, the Office of the Provincial Governor-Extension in partnership with the Office of the Provincial Health Officer (OPHO), organized a medical and dental mission in Brgy. San Vicente II, Silang. The primary goal was to deliver essential medical and dental services to enhance the overall health and well-being of the community.

A total of 247 patients benefitted from the healthcare services, encompassing medical consultations, check-ups, and tooth extractions. Specifically, 197 individuals received medical check-ups, and 50 availed tooth extractions.

The services were rendered by a team of medical and dental professionals from General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital (GEAMH).

The success of the mission was the result of the collaborative effort of the provincial government with the local partners led by Brgy. Chairwoman Angelina S. Duguran, Sanggunian Kabataan Chairwoman Rachel Angela A. Dacanay, and other local officials.

It reflects their strong commitment to uplift communities, promote healing, and prioritize the overall welfare of residents, ultimately contributing to a healthier and more resilient community. **(OPIO)**



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# CLICK, COLLIDE, COLLAB: SM CAVITE'S FIRST PUBLICITY SUMMIT

SM Cavite made waves as it hosted its inaugural Publicity Summit, a dynamic gathering that brought together print and online media along with influencers rallying in support of SM Malls across Cavite. The event, held at SM City Tanza Cinema 3 on December 16, was a convergence of collaborative efforts and shared enthusiasm.

Attendees immersed themselves in a day filled with engaging games, enticing raffles, and insightful speeches from SM Supermalls' key executives Senior Vice President for Marketing - Joaquin L. San Agustin, and Senior Assistant Vice President for South Luzon, Marketing- Ritzgerald T. Gonzales. Gratitude echoed through the venue

SM and its tenants in Cavite. This momentous occasion was made possible with the generous sponsorship of Dookie, Bioessence, Everything But Cheese, and Chowking. The synergy extended beyond SM City Tanza, encompassing collaborative endeavors from SM City Bacoor, SM City Dasmariñas, SM City Molino, SM City Rosario, SM



as participants expressed their appreciation for the unwavering support from

City Trece Martires, SM Center Imus, and SM Marketmall Dasmariñas—a

true testament to the unified strength of the SM community. The summit

exemplified the power of collaboration and highlighted that SM is their

playground, and their home. The Publicity Summit

will be making waves across SM Malls in South Luzon soon. Stay tune!

## LGU info officers, comms group enhance disaster communication skills through DOST forum

More than 150 local government units and various communication groups enhance disaster communication skills through the recently conducted DOST-led forum, "MAGHANDA: Communicating Hazards, Risks, and Early Warning Forum."

The Department of Science and Technology in region 10, in partnership with its attached agencies, DOST PAGASA and DOST PHIVOLCS, bring MAGHANDA Forum to LGU

Information officers and media professionals in Cagayan de Oro City. The activity became a vital conduit for sharing knowledge and expertise essential for comprehensive risk assessment, mitigation,



and preparedness.

Esteemed experts from the DOST Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS) and DOST Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA), discussed various dimensions of disaster risk.

It featured a series of engaging sessions, covering topics such as, Understanding Geologic Hazards, Navigating the PHIVOLCS website and Hazard Hunter PH, Understanding Hydro-

Meteorological Hazards, Navigating PAGASA Website, and other lectures dedicated to understanding disaster risks and fortifying resilience.

"Effective communication in disaster management is not just important; it is the lifeline that connects preparedness to resilience," said Ms. Sharon Juliet M. Arruejo, Asst. Weather Services Chief, PAGASA.

DOST PAGASA also emphasized that providing the correct information during hard times like

disasters can bring so much improvement to how the community responds as a team and handles the problem together.

DOST PHIVOLCS also discussed understanding the geological hazards to help in preparation for potential risks like earthquakes and landslides.

"The clarity and timeliness of information can mean the difference between chaos and coordinated action," said Ms. Charmaine V. Villamil, Senior Science Research Specialist, PHIVOLCS.

The well-attended

forum conducted on October 5 at the Luxe Hotel was only one of the many activities of HANDA Pilipinas: Innovations in Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Nationwide Exposition, with the theme, "Enhancing Resilience and Sustainability for Mindanao." Moreover, the forum was conducted as part of addressing the Sendai Framework Priority on Understanding Disaster Risk. (Rashia Mae Deva E. Paano/ DOST 10) #ScienceForThePeople #OneDOST4U

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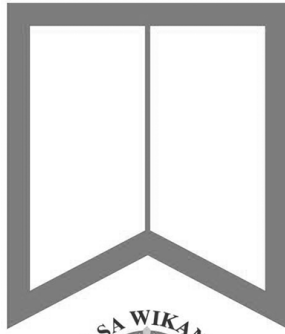
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## DOST-1 displays support for 2024 National Time Consciousness Week

**IN a concerted effort to bring scientific information and technological advancements closer to the people, the Department of Science and Technology Regional Office No. 1 (DOST-1) collaborated with DZAG Radyo Pilipinas Agoo to present the 1st Episode of the radio program "Tekno Presyensya: Syensya ken Teknolohiya para kadagiti Umili 2024" on January 11, 2024.**

The event took place via the Zoom platform and Facebook Live and was broadcast live on DZAG Radyo Pilipinas, Agoo FM radio. The episode centered around the 2024 National Time Consciousness Week, themed "G na G, Oras Pinas para sa Bagong Pilipinas," featuring Engr. Mario M. Raymundo, chief of the Astronomical Publication and Planetarium Unit of DOST-Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical, and

Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA).

Raymundo initiated the discussion, delving into Philippine Standard Time laws, including presidential decrees and republic acts. He showcased the advanced timekeeping equipment utilized by PAGASA, such as the Hewlett-Packard 5071 A (Cesium Clock) and Microsemi S600 (Rubidium Clock), highlighting their remarkable accuracies.

The discourse also covered the International

Date Line (IDL) and distinctions between International Atomic Time (TAI), Universal Time (UT or UTI), Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), and Philippine Standard Time (PhST or PHT).

Raymundo stressed the significance of standard time. He highlighted its role in facilitating smooth operations across various sectors, from business and banking to legal processes and education.

Raymundo introduced the timeless sundial as a

device that reflects the time based on the shadows cast by the sun. Philippine sundials are strategically located in Tagudin, Ilocos Sur, UP Diliman, Quezon City and PMA Baguio City.

To sum up, the engineer underscored, "Time is important because it is the one thing we can never get back. Once it's gone, it's gone and we can never get it back. He explained the deep importance of time in our lives. Allan Mauro V. Marfal,

Information Officer III of the DOST-Science & Technology Information Institute (STII), with Raymundo, stressed that the observance of time consciousness extends beyond a week, urging continuous awareness throughout the year. They gave importance to respecting and valuing each other's time for individual and collective productivity.

Marfal encouraged youth involvement in promoting the significance and value of time, urging them to be active and productive across various platforms, including social

media.

The initiative seeks to instill a sense of responsibility and efficiency in the younger generation, ensuring they recognize the value of time in shaping a progressive and dynamic society.

In this initiative, DOST-1 stands as a strong advocate of DOST-PAGASA & DOST-STII in promoting public awareness of Philippine Standard Time and reminding everyone of the importance of valuing and using each other's time wisely to be productive at all times. **(Christian Dominic Casimiro)**

## MORE RENEWABLE ENERGY, AGRICULTURE INVESTMENTS COMING IN FOLLOWING PBBM'S FOREIGN VISITS, SAYS TRADE OFFICIAL

**More projects on renewable energy and agriculture are already in the pipeline as a result of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s foreign trips and government roadshows abroad, which could also lead to transfer of technology to the Philippines, a trade official said on Tuesday.**

"Alam po ninyo nagkaroon po ako ng pagkakataon na makasama sa isa sa mga trade missions ng Department of Trade and Industry...of course led by Secretary Alfredo Pascual. This was 'yung nagpunta po kami sa Europe... Europe investment roadshow and nakita po natin doon napakaraming interest on renewable energy," Trade Undersecretary Kim Bernardo-Lokin said in an interview over DZEC/Net25.

"Ngayon, ano po ba ang maganda dito? Hindi lamang pag sinabi po nating renewable energy di ba may wind, may solar. Ngayon po may mga bagong technology dito sa renewable energy na gustong pumasok dito sa atin at 'yung iba ay

nandidito na sa atin," she said.

Lokin cited offshore wind projects, which will involve newer technologies, noting the company behind it is already working with the Department of Energy (DOE). The agency was part of the European investment roadshow.

And during the recent visit of President Marcos to Japan, Lokin said there were inquiries about possible government support as Japanese companies venture on producing their own power while operating or expanding in the Philippines.

"So, among one of them...may mga nagtatanong sa kanya (President Marcos), 'Papaano po ba?' sabi nitong kumpanya na ito, 'Kami po ay nandidito na sa

Pilipinas, we put up our own manufacturing facility and naglagay din po kami ng aming sariling RE o renewable energy,' nagtayo sila para pagkukuhanan nila ng kanilang supply ng energy," she said.

"Ang ginawa ni Presidente, 'We will give you additional incentives with the BOI.' So, 'yun po, meron po tayong ganyan. And siguro maganda diyen, this is also a direct way of solving 'yung ating problem on high energy cost," she added.

Foreign investors coming to the country are already proactive and do not rely on the existing supply of electricity and have started putting up their own renewable energy source, Lokin pointed out.

In terms of investments in the agriculture sector,

she said Philippine company Auro Chocolate tied up with Japan's Mitsukoshi for the production of flavored chocolates intended for the Japanese market.

"Sila (Auro) ay nagkaroon ng partnership with Japanese companies, 'yung Mitsukoshi, and ito [for] the production of chocolates na merong flavor that would appeal to the Japanese like 'yung matcha. Meron na po sila ditong investment, partnering with Auro Chocolate dito sa Pilipinas," Lokin said.

According to Lokin, this directly affects 50 individual farmers and would translate to 1,000 families benefiting from the partnership.

The trade official said that based on the latest DTI investments monitoring, there were at



least 20 identified projects and many are already in pipeline, mostly in manufacturing, IT-BPM, renewable energy, data centers, and telecommunication.

The agency reported

last month that there were PhP4.019 trillion or US\$72.178 billion worth of investments in various investment stages as a result of President Marcos' foreign visits. **/ PND**

# TOP INTERIOR DESIGN TRENDS 2024 FROM OUR HOME

OUR HOME paves the way for an exciting 2024 in furniture, furnishings and accessories as it releases its top trends for the next year. As the leading authority in setting the trends in the interior design industry, here are OUR HOME's forecasts for the coming year. Take a look as we list down OUR HOME's best Bs.

**BROWN IS THE NEW BLACK**

Brown is making a comeback. Not that it has ever left... but brown has been a staple in interior design for as long as people can say warm and earthy. This year though, brown captures the imagination of interior design as it embraces the luxurious side of brown. For 2024, brown evolves into something sophisticated and elegant as exemplified by plush brown fabrics in furniture upholstery, bed linens and throw pillows. Shades and tones of brown come alive in different gradations as it evokes a neutral appeal. Cinnamon, burnt sienna, chocolate, camel and sand with its tones and shades all give rise to a new look in furniture and furnishings. So why is brown the new black? Because in 2024, brown will go with literally everything. Mix it with

subdued and pale hues or go wild with pairing it with vibrant and bright colors and you will never go wrong. And the results will still be comfortable, cozy and warm.

**BOUCLE UP**

Texture is going to be big by the coming year. Tactile fabrics appeal to a certain sensuality when it comes to interior design, and we are all here for boucle. In furniture fabrics, boucle is now considered a rising star and this star will continue to shine for 2024. There is something to be said for this type of upholstery material that exudes comfort and warmth yet elicits a clean and crisp vibe. Sofas, lounge chairs and accent chairs are given the boucle treatment creating a look that is current and trendy, just what 2024 is all about. So, get ready and buckle up because we're going to be seeing a lot of



boucle.

**BRINGING BACK THE CURVE**

Angles and straight lines are out, and soft edges and curves are in. For next year, comfort takes on another level as furniture pieces are doing away with harsh corners and hard edges. Biomorphic shapes and forms in furniture bring back a certain vintage and retro vibe to modern furniture design that will undoubtedly revolutionize

spaces. Living room, dining room and bedroom furniture pieces receive a softer treatment as rounded edges, delicate curves and smooth corners dominate the interior design landscape resulting in an ambiance that's cool and calm, relaxed and restorative.

**BUTTONED DOWN**

The tufting detail of the Victorian Period is given a modern treatment come 2024. Buttons become very evident as a design tool in furniture pieces as dining chairs and sofas give off a plusher and posher appearance through the use of tufting. Even headboards are donning the same trend as it levels up the playing field by giving the bedroom an air of aristocracy. Tufting details on modern and

contemporary shapes of furniture pieces speak of quiet luxury and bring forth a certain air of nostalgia without going overboard. It creates an ambiance of 19th century European flair given a totally trendy and current twist.

**THE BRIGHT AND THE BEAUTIFUL**

Ironically, brown is making a big comeback except... in wood. For 2024, wood is painted and stained in bold, bright and vibrant colors. Chartreuse, teal, periwinkle, cobalt and magenta are just some of the hues that wood would assume for the coming year. Expect center, side and console tables to be made of wood but rendered in bright palettes to give off an exciting and dynamic feel to the room.

Old thrift store finds, and flea market cabinets made from any kind of wood are given a makeover by stripping off the varnish and applying a bevy of color tones and voila – the piece automatically transforms into something that's current and modish. Paint or stain it? It doesn't matter because the results speak for itself – a new trend emerging in wood finishing.

Come 2024, watch out for all these top trends unfolding in all OUR HOME branches nationwide. Be inspired as these trends come to life in lifestyle settings especially curated to elicit the best interior design styling ideas to give your home a 2024 vibe. Only at OUR HOME... Great Designs... Great Prices!



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**Newly...**

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three party national officers, the party Regional party members, utilizing the residual authority of continuous party membership granted by the party CBL, organized themselves by electing new regional chairmen and officers.

The restored standing authority enabled them to convene a National

Directorate meeting promptly followed by the National Assembly on December 14, 2023, both meetings were with a quorum.

Other PFP national officers are Cong. Ferdinand Alexander A. Marcos III, national executive committee chairman; Mayor Antonio C. Rodriguez, National

Secretary-General; Engr. Antonio G. Marfori, National Treasurer; Atty. Rudyard A. Avilla III, Counsel; Assam M. Ullangkaya, National Auditor; Gabriel A. Sotto, Vice -President for Luzon; Lorenzo G. Sagucio Jr., A Vice -President for Visayas; Ullangkaya, Vice-President for Mindanao; Manuel D. Andal, Vice-President for Political Affairs; Julius Caesar O. Aguiluz, Senior Political Adviser.

**PBBM...**

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One of such initiatives is the progress in the implementation of the bilateral priorities in the Philippines-Indonesia Plan of Action 2022-2027, which they signed on the sidelines of the State Visit by President Marcos to the Republic of Indonesia in September 2022. The Plan of Action covers multifaceted cooperation in political and security; border issues; regional and global issues; economic cooperation; sociocultural and people-to-people exchange; and judicial and consular matters between the Philippines and Indonesia.

In an earlier press conference, Foreign Affairs Secretary Enrique Manalo said both countries committed to continue implementing the Plan of Action towards further elevating our bilateral relations to new heights, especially with the marking of the 75th

Anniversary of Philippines-Indonesia Diplomatic Relations this year.

As a result of the successful ties between the Philippines and Indonesia, President Marcos and President Widodo witnessed the signing of the memorandum of understanding on the Cooperation in the Field of Energy.

President Marcos said the MOU will create a new synergy between the Philippines and Indonesia as the two countries cooperate to achieve energy security.

The President also said another MOU between the Philippines and Indonesia on Science and Technology "is nearing the completion phase as well."

For his part, President Widodo, in his Statement, said both countries agreed to strengthen border cooperation as he noted the importance of the

revisions of the Border Patrol Agreement and Border Crossing Agreement, the Settlement of Continental Shelf Boundaries, and the strengthening of defense cooperation including defense equipment.

President Widodo also said in the field of economy, both countries agreed to continue open market access in order to enhance trade. He also mentioned that he had sought Philippines' support related to special safeguard measures for Indonesian coffee products.

He also called for the acceleration of the North-South Commuter Railway Project.

On regional security, President Widodo stated that he and President Marcos agreed on the importance of strengthening ASEAN unity and for ASEAN to continue to hold the principles of international law, and become a positive force for peace, stability, and prosperity. | PND

# Xinjiang fosters new advantages of ice-snow industry

Leveraging its abundant ice-and-snow resources, Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region in northwest China has developed new business forms and products, and fostered new advantages of its ice-snow industry in recent years. More and more people to experience the charm of the ice and snow leisure tourism.

At the Jiangjun Mountain ski resort in Altay, Xinjiang, Huang Jianzhong and his family from Shenzhen, south China's Guangdong province, put on skiing equipment and got ready to go on the slopes with their coach.

"In previous winters, we came here for only sightseeing. This year we specifically hired a coach to teach my children how to ski," Huang told People's Daily. Nowadays, more and more tourists, like Huang and his family, would visit Xinjiang to experience the joy of winter sports.

Lyu Yaoping, a coach from a skiing training center at the Jiangjun Mountain ski resort, told People's Daily that the training center had only about 50 coaches when she joined it four years ago, and the number today has exceeded 180.

Besides, the number of relevant venues has also increased year by year. Today, Xinjiang is home to 101 ski resorts, 27 indoor ice rinks and 60 ice-snow amusement parks.

In addition to winter sports, Xinjiang fully utilizes its resources such as scenic spots, parks, ice and snow venues, and themed towns to host events such as ice and snow photography exhibitions, ice sculpture exhibitions, and snow sculpture exhibitions. The public's enthusiasm for ice and snow continues to rise.

Chi Shaoquan, deputy governor of Fuhai county in Altay, noted that the county was preparing to

host a winter fishing festival that would take place soon. So far, Fuhai county has held 16 sessions of the festival, benefiting both the aquaculture and tourism industries.

In a workshop in Altay, Kuanishbek Slanbek, a master craftsman of ancient fur skis production, was busy making his products. Altay is the birthplace of skiing, and fur skis were an important tool for winter production and daily life in ancient times. Today, the craft of fur ski-making has regained vitality thanks to winter sports.

According to Kuanishbek Slanbek, those who purchase the fur skis are mainly skiing enthusiasts. They use the skis to experience local-style skiing, and some buy the products as souvenirs.

It takes about 15 days to make a pair of fur skis, which are priced at around 1,000 yuan (\$140). Since the beginning of this winter, Kuanishbek Slanbek has already made 60 pairs and still has pending orders.

"I have trained a group of young people to make fur skis. This has not only increased our income, but also ensured the inheritance of this craft," Kuanishbek Slanbek said.

Dozens of workers from a bedding company in Habahe county, which is over 100 kilometers away from Kuanishbek Slanbek's workshop, were also rushing to fulfill orders. The company just finished producing 5,000 pieces of ski suits lately,

and now they have received a new order for 12,000 pieces more.

A ski equipment company in Urumqi was also ramping up production. The company had to deliver three "magic carpets" to Kyrgyzstan in January next year.

"We mainly produce ski lifts, 'magic carpets,' snowmaking equipment, and snowboards. Our products not only meet the needs of local ski resorts but also sell to other regions," said Liao Yuan, the company's manager. According to him, the sales volume of the company has been increasing at an average of 30 percent per year.

Xinjiang enterprises have made inroads into ice and snow equipment manufacturing, covering personal equipment such as skiing suits, gloves, and snowboards, as well as specialized equipment for ski resorts like tow ropes, magic carpets, and ski lifts. This development has become an important part of the ice and snow industry in Xinjiang.

Helatibek Musai, a villager from Fuyun county, Altay, has been working at the international ski resort in Kокtokay for five years. Every winter, he and his wife head to work early at the resort.

"There's no more leisure time now, as we are all busy making money! I'm the snowmaking supervisor and my wife is the guest room supervisor. Together, we earn over 10,000 yuan per month,"



Tourists visit a village in Altay, northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region, Dec. 22, 2023. (Photo by Aldak Beshan/People's Daily Online)



A tourist skis at a ski resort in Changji Hui autonomous prefecture, northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region, Dec. 20, 2023. (Photo by Tao Weiming/People's Daily Online)

the man told People's Daily.

In 2018, the construction of the international ski resort commenced, and the facility officially opened for business in 2020. Since then, it has received over 1 million tourists.

Currently, the ski resort provides stable employment for more than 210 local farmers and herdsman, with an average annual income of 32,000 yuan per person. Additionally, it has also created flexible job opportunities for over 7,000 people in the surrounding area.

With the increasing number of tourists, more and more local specialty products in Xinjiang have found a market. For instance, a cultural and creative park in Shuixigou township, Urumqi county, has built "bubble houses" that come with heating facilities, so that tourists can get a view of the beautiful sceneries outside these transparent "bubbles" in winter. The park also provides free stalls for local villagers to sell agricultural and sideline products, as well as handicrafts.

"These camel ornaments, felt purses,

and felt jewelry boxes were all handmade by female members of our cooperative. Through selling these handicrafts, each of us earns around 4,500 yuan per month," said Hatima Ened, president of the cooperative in Urumqi county.

Hatima Ened, also an inheritor of the intangible cultural heritage item of Kazakh embroidery, told People's Daily that the booming tourism at the cultural and creative park has enabled many local families to increase their income. (By Li Ya'nan, People's Daily)



The 21st Silk Road Ice and Snow Festival in Urumqi kicks off in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region, Dec. 23, 2023. Photo shows a skiing performance staged during the opening ceremony of the event. (Photo by Xia Fangfang/People's Daily Online)



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# PSC partners with PRISAA on grassroots program

MANILA – The Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) has partnered with the Private Schools Athletic Association (PRISAA) to strengthen the sports agency's grassroots program.

PSC Chairman Richard Bachmann and PRISAA National Chairman Rev. Fr. Vicente Uy signed the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) during the 2024 PRISAA National Congress at the University of Sto. Tomas in Legazpi City, Albay on Friday.

Also present were PSC Commissioner Edward Hayco, who oversees the agency's grassroots sports development program, and PSC Executive Director Paulo Francisco Tatad.

"We recognize the pivotal role that organizations like PRISAA play in shaping the landscape of Philippine sports. Their commitment to providing a platform for young talents to compete,

learn, and grow, through the PRISAA National Games, is commendable," Bachmann said in a statement.

"As we begin this partnership, we aspire to build a comprehensive and inclusive sports ecosystem that nurtures talent from the grassroots level upward. The PSC needs platforms like this to help us find the next athlete, to grow sports, and to help fix training facilities," he added.

Under the agreement, PRISAA in collaboration with the PSC, shall initiate the conduct of training courses and lectures for technical officials and coaches under the PRISAA system with the help of national sports

associations.

Among the programs are Talent Identification, Adopt an Athlete Initiative, and Certification Courses for PRISAA coaches and technical officials.

The PSC, on the other hand, will form a Technical Working Group (TWG) for the implementation of these grassroots sports initiatives and take the necessary steps to ensure the sustainability of projects.

"This partnership is significant for PRISAA. This will pave the way for us to closely collaborate with PSC in empowering our grassroots program of different regions nationwide," National Vice Chairman Rev. Fr. Jessie Pasquin said. (PNA)



COLLABORATION. The Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) and the Private Schools Athletic Association (PRISAA) inks partnership to strengthen grassroots sports development program during the PRISAA National Congress in UST-Legazpi City, Albay on Friday (Jan. 12, 2024). Seated from left are PSC Commissioner Edward Hayco, Chairman Richard Bachmann, PRISAA National Vice Chairman Rev. Fr. Jessie Pasquin, and PRISAA 2024 National Games President Edgar Balasta. (PSC photo)

## PSC assures funds for athletes seeking Paris Paralympics slots

MANILA – The Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) has given its all-out support to athletes seeking to qualify for this year's Paris Paralympic Games.



PARALYMPICS. Philippine Sports Commission Commissioner Walter Torres assures the agency's all-out support for athletes seeking to qualify for the 2024 Paris Paralympic Games during the Tabloids Organization in Philippine Sports, Inc. (TOPS) "Usapang Sports" forum at Rizal Memorial Coliseum in Malate, Manila on Thursday (Jan. 11, 2024). He said the PSC has allocated funds for the participation of para athletes in qualifying tournaments for the Paralympics scheduled Aug. 28 to Sept. 8. (Photo courtesy of TOPS)

Commissioner Walter Torres said the PSC has allocated funds for qualifying tournaments for the Paralympics scheduled Aug. 28 to Sept. 8.

"The PSC is in full support for our Para athletes. Just like our abled athletes, nakasubaybay tayo sa kanila para masiguro na makukuha nila ang lahat ng kanilang kailangan (we are monitoring them to ensure that they get all their needs), from training uniform, allowances, training and participation abroad, particularly the scheduled qualifying meets for the Paris Games," Torres said during the Tabloids Organization in Philippine Sports, Inc. (TOPS) "Usapang Sports" forum at Rizal Memorial Coliseum in Malate, Manila on Thursday.

Torres, a former

national fencer, is optimistic that those who would qualify for Paris have a good chance to win medals.

"Considering our athletes performances in the ASEAN Para Games and Asian Para Games in the past years, we have a good chance to win medals in Paris," Torres, whose office is in charge of the national para athletes, said.

"ASEAN Para Games multi-medalist swimmers Angel Otom and Ernie Gawilan are almost there. They only need to maintain their respective rankings inside the top 10. They still have qualifying meets to join," he added.

Gawilan and fellow swimmer Gary Bejino, wheelchair racer Jerrold Mangliwan, discus thrower Jeannette Aceveda, taekwondo's Allain Ganapin, and

powerlifter Achelle Guion represented the Philippines at the 2020+1 Tokyo Paralympics.

Torres, who served as Philippine Sports Association for the Differently Abled secretary general prior to his appointment as commissioner, said the PSC is organizing a national tournament similar to the Philippine Youth Games and Philippine National Games.

"We need continuity and to strengthen our grassroots program not only for our abled athletes but also for para athletes. Although we have yet to achieve the ideal framework for para sports, there are some national sports associations which are including para sports in their programs and activities which is good for the athletes," he said. (PNA)

## Teen IM wins National Chess Championship, grabs Olympiad berth

MANILA – International Master Daniel Quizon stunned Grandmaster John Paul Gomez in the final round on Sunday and went on to rule the Philippine National Chess Championship at Marikina Community Convention Center.



WHIZ GAME. International Master Daniel Quizon (left) plays against Grandmaster John Paul Gomez in the final round of the Philippine National Chess Championship at Marikina Community Convention Center on Sunday (Jan. 7, 2024). Quizon ruled the tournament to take home PHP120,000 and one of the three berths to the national team going to the Hungary Chess Olympiad in September. (Contributed photo)

The 19-year-old from Dasmariñas City, Cavite beat Gomez in 32 moves of a King's Indian duel to finish with 9.5 points in the 14-player event.

He earned PHP120,000 and one of three berths to the national team joining the Chess Olympiad in Budapest, Hungary on Sept. 10 to 23.

It was the second national title for Quizon, who also won the tournament when it was held in Lapu Lapu City, Cebu three years ago.

"I am happy that I became a champion again and will be able to play in the Olympiad," Quizon, who only

competed in the online version of the Olympiad two years ago, said after his final match.

Meanwhile, IM Jan Emmanuel Garcia drew with 14-year-old FIDE Master Christian Gian Karlo Arca after 30 moves of an English encounter to settle for second place with 9 points while Woman GM Janelle Mae Frayna, who defeated Samson Chiu Chin Lim III in 33 moves of the English Opening, finished third with 8.5 points.

Garcia received PHP75,000 and Frayna PHP50,000 but more importantly, also snagged the two other Chess Olympiad slots.

IM Paulo Bersamina, who split the point with GM Joey Antonio, and Gomez both tallied 8 points in the 13-round tournament presented by Marikina City 1st District Rep. Maan Teodoro and Mayor Marcy Teodoro and supported by National Chess Federation of the Philippines chair and president Prospero Pichay Jr., Philippine Olympic Committee president Abraham Tolentino, Philippine Sports Commission chair Richard Bachmann, the Eugene Torre Chess Foundation and Pan de Amerikana's Jundio Salvador. (PNA)

# DOST backs LGU Kadingilan's Enhanced Climate Change Adaptation Plan

In pursuit of fostering climate-resilient communities nationwide, the Department of Science and Technology backs LGU Kadingilan in the formulation of their Enhanced Local Climate Change Adaptation Plan at Pearlmont Hotel, Cagayan de Oro City.



Through the agency's Innovation, Science, and Technology for Accelerating Regional Technology-based Development (iSTART) Program, LGU Kadingilan has produced an enhanced LCCAP on November 29 to December 2, highlighting sustainable, science, and technology-driven solutions to address climate change challenges in the municipality.

The LCCAP is set to be a blueprint for disaster prevention and mitigation plans for climate change adaptability, incorporating the latest advancements in science and technology offered by DOST. The plan is designed to address the unique climate challenges the LGU faces, considering local vulnerabilities and sustainable development.

During the first day of the training workshop, Mayor Jerry Canoy Jr. of LGU Kadingilan, Bukidnon, emphasized the significance of working together to develop a

thorough and improved plan for the well-being of individuals within their communities.

"Dako ako pasalamat nga ania kita karon nagkahiusa. Salamat sa atong mga partners nga nitabang kanato sa atong ELCCAP para sa katawhan sa Kadingilan," (I am grateful that we are united now. Thanks to our partners who helped us with our ELCCAP for the people of Kadingilan) said Mayor Canoy Jr.

"Sa tabang sa atong mga eksperto, aduna koy dakong kumpiyansa nga makahimo kita ug Enhanced LCCAP, nga usa sa atong mga pasikayran sa pagsuporta sa kalamboan sa atong lungsod sa Kadingilan," (With the help of our experts, I have great confidence that we can create an Enhanced LCCAP, which is one of our key references in developing and advancing our town of Kadingilan) said Engr Rizal Capili, the

Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator of LGU Kadingilan and the Project Leader of the LGU's ELCCAP formulation.

LGU Kadingilan focuses on adding the Greenhouse Gas Inventory (GHG) to its Climate Change Adaptation Plan and identifying Science, Technology, and Innovation indicators. The Greenhouse Gas Inventory includes an assessment of the sources and amounts of greenhouse gasses emitted within a specific jurisdiction. This information is crucial for understanding the local contribution to climate change and developing strategies to reduce emissions in the municipality. Identifying the STI indicators facilitates mainstreaming STI in their local development plans.

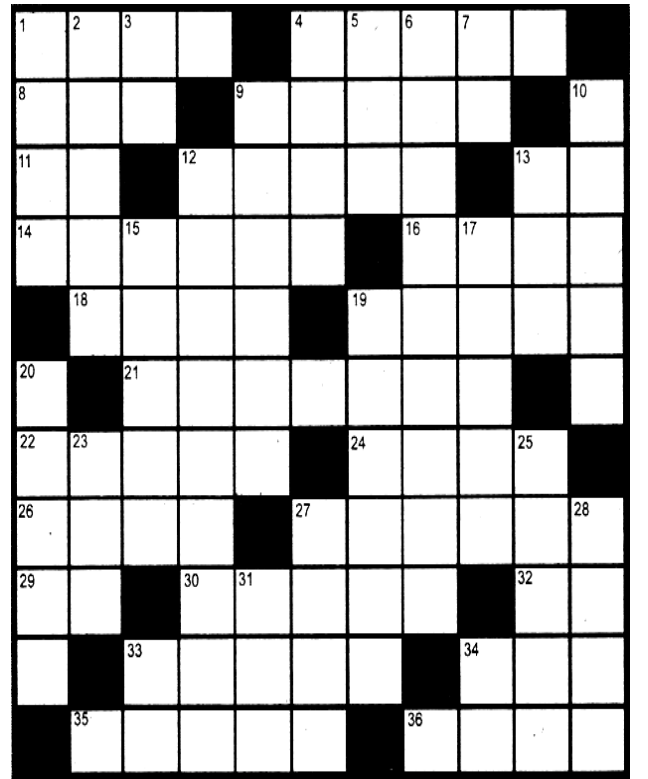
"The Local Government Unit of Kadingilan is the first municipality in the region with which we have partnered in planning — all

while mainstreaming science, technology, and innovation," said Dr. Romela Ratilla, the Regional Director of DOST 10, during her closing message.

RD Ratilla recognized the huge leap of LGU Kadingilan in embracing science, technology, and innovation in the local development plan, such as the LCCAP. She emphasized that the collaboration between LGU Kadingilan and DOST is just the beginning of many more engagements that DOST has to offer.

Positioned to become the pioneer municipality in Northern Mindanao, infusing its Local Climate Change Adaptation Plan with the essence of science, technology, and innovation, LGU Kadingilan exemplifies a forward-thinking commitment to sustainable development. **(John Esteward D. Carcosia/DOST 10) #ScienceForThePeople #OneDOST4U**

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Ano ang pinaka-addictive na pagkain? Ito ay ang chocolate, French fries at pizza.

# NEWLY-ELECTED PFP OFFICERS ASK FOR SUPPORT FROM NATIONAL OFFICERS

THE set of officers elected during the Partido Federal ng Pilipinas (PFP) national assembly on December 14, 2023, has asked the hierarchy for support and appreciation, following a Constitutional crisis and leadership vacuum.



In a Jan. 10 letter of new national President and Chairman for Federalism and Direct Democracy, former Catanduanes Governor Leandro B. Verceles Jr., told Antonio F. Lagdameo Jr., special assistant to Pres. Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. and the national executive vice president of PFP, that all provisions of the party Constitution and By-laws (CBL) and the Revised Corporation Code were followed after the term of office of former officers expired on Sept. 18, 2023.

The expiration of term resulted in leadership vacuum and Constitutional crisis, thus reorganization and election of new officers took place.

Verceles is also the political Campaign Manager/National Chairman for Political

Campaign Management. "With unwavering loyalty to President BBM and the amended party CBL, we remain committed to ensuring the integrity, effectiveness and transparency of the Partido Federal ng Pilipinas," Verceles stated in his letter to Lagdameo.

Marcos is the party national chairman while Verceles is the national president.

In a separate January 9 letter of Verceles, former Mayor Antono C. Rodriguez, now PFP national secretary-general and national treasurer, Engr. Antonio C. Marfori, they said the Constitutional crisis stemmed with the alleged refusal to leave their positions as former national president, ex-secretary general and former general counsel of Reynaldo S. Tamayo

Jr., Thompson C. Lantion and Atty. George S. Briones, respectively.

"Had Tamayo, Lantion and Briones followed the party Constitution and By-Laws, by conducting an election for party national officers before Sept. 18, 2023, and potentially reelected themselves, the constitutional crisis could have been averted," the trio told Pres. Marcos.

Further the three were accused of concealing the CBL guidelines on the two-year term. Due to the crisis, the former regional chairmen and officers, provincial, city, municipal and barangay officers also lost their standing authority a year before Nov. 11, 2022.

To address the constitutional crisis resulting from the alleged gross negligence of the

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## PBBM, PRESIDENT WIDODO AGREE TO ENHANCE PH-INDONESIA POLITICAL, SECURITY COOPERATION

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. and Indonesian President Joko Widodo agreed on Wednesday to enhance the cooperation on political and security matters of the two countries.

"As immediate neighbors and fellow archipelagic states, the Philippines and Indonesia agreed to continue our cooperation on political and security matters, noting the recently concluded Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation (JCBC) headed by our respected foreign ministers," President Marcos said.

The President made the remarks during the Leaders' Statement with President Widodo, who is in the Philippines for this three-day official visit to the country.

"Our shared historic roots are deep, and thank you to our close kinship and our cultural ties, that we continue to promote, and we continue to allow to prosper, the Philippines and Indonesia enjoy this affinity for one another," President Marcos added.

The JCBC is the primary dialogue mechanism between the Philippines and Indonesia to review accomplishments on mutual collaboration initiatives, exchange views on issues of mutual interest, and consider plans for enhancing cooperation.

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## DTI-Laguna Extends Support to San Pablo City Government, Joins the 29th Coco Festival Opening Ceremony

Victoria, Laguna – The Laguna Provincial Office of the Department of Trade and Industry, represented by its Provincial Director Christian Ted Tungohan, joins the City Government of San Pablo in celebrating its 29th Coco Festival 2024 with the theme, "Saya't Sigla ay Panalo sa Fiesta ng Coco! Kulturang San Pableño Ibandera ng Todo!"



In his message of support during the opening of the festival on 09 January 2024,

Tungohan congratulated the City for hosting the event. He assured a continuous collaboration between the two government entities in protecting the consumers of San Pablo and empowering businesses and entrepreneurs, specially the coconut stakeholders, through different programs and projects including the Coconut Farmers and Industry Development Program.

The 29th Coco Festival 2024 is sponsored by San Pablo City Mayor Vicente Amante in partnership with the Office of Congressman Loreto Amante, San Pablo City Vice Mayor Justin Colago and City Counsellors, City Administrator Larry Amante, City Tourism Officer Ma. Donnalyn Briñas, Concurrent City Agriculturist Arthur Almario, and City Cooperative Officer Concepcion Biglete.

Aside from the Coco Trade Fair 2024 at the

Library Hub, City Plaza that runs from January 09 to 15, 2024, other activities at the 29th Coco Festival 2024 include coco cook fest contest, coco spoken poetry contest, coco art painting contest, coco bonsai contest, and coco photo fest contest. For more details and more detailed list of activities, visit the official Facebook Account of the City Information Office San Pablo at <https://www.facebook.com/CityInformationOfficeSPC>. (IMFlores, DTI-Laguna)