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Ugnayan sa Barangay in the City of Dasmariñas

The Provincial Government of Cavite, led by Governor Jonvic Remulla, recently launched the "Ugnayan sa Barangay" program to strengthen community ties and communicate the vision for a prosperous future. The initiative engaged residents of Barangay Paliparan III, Barangay Salawag, and Barangay Buroi Main, in the City of Dasmariñas, on January 8, 10, and 11, 2024.

Governor Remulla showcased the government's comprehensive programs for 2024 during an interactive session, discussing key areas like healthcare, education, infrastructure, and social services. The event featured a raffle draw, adding excitement and fostering community spirit. Additionally, the government distributed rice to support local families, addressing basic needs. The program reflects the commitment of the Provincial Government to inclusive, transparent, and participatory governance, aiming to positively impact the growth and well-being of Cavite residents in the coming year. The Ugnayan sa Barangay initiative stands as an exemplary model for actively involving and empowering local communities. (OPIO)

Bridging Gaps in Healthcare: PGC's Medical Mission in GMA Serves 562 Locals



The Office of the Provincial Governor's medical mission team in partnership with the Office of the Provincial Health Officer facilitated another health outreach event in Brgy. San Gabriel, Gen. Mariano Alvarez on January 17, 2024, highlighting the significance of collective action in addressing healthcare disparities.

The health mission aimed to provide accessible and free healthcare services to residents who face barriers to regular medical care. The CarSIGMA District Hospital and Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital medical team joined forces, to render services ranging from general check-ups to specialized treatments to a total of 562 residents.

The services provided during the mission were entirely free of charge as well as the prescription medicines and vitamins, which reflects the essence of public service and the tireless efforts of the provincial government in ensuring that no one is left behind when it comes to quality healthcare.

Fifth District Board Member Aidel Paul Belamide supported the event, signifying his dedication to the community's well-being and stressed the significance of teamwork between public officials and local healthcare initiatives. (OPIO)

TCSHS team wins big in MakeX Robotics World Championship Competition



TUGUEGARAO City Science High School (TCSHS) Robotics team garnered third place in the MakeX robotics challenge category held in Yantai, China, last December 8-11, 2023.

The team demonstrated exceptional talent and innovation on the global stage, according to school officials. The international robotics competition was joined by more than 30 countries around the globe to promote multidisciplinary learning in the fields of science and technology.

The team is composed of Ezekiel Delos Santos, Aaron Malabad and Tyrone Gabrielle Pangilinan, ► TCSHS • 4

Sining Filipina National Art Competition now open for entries

ALIGNED with its thrust in corporate social responsibility to help students gain access to a quality learning environment, the Philippine National Bank (PSE: PNB) turned over computer units to Cavite State University last December 1, the lender announced last Thursday.



(L-R): SM Supermalls' Vice President for Corporate Marketing Grace Magno, Zonta International Foundation for Women District 17 Ambassador Armita Rufino, Zonta Club of Makati and Environs (ZCME) Past President Maritess Pineda, Zonta International Past President Olivia Ferry, ZCME Vice President Joanne Zapanta-Andrada, BDO Unibank Vice President and Head of Sustainability Office Marla Alvarez, BDO Private Bank Executive Vice President and Head of Wealth Management Group Stella Cabalatangan, ZCME President Rosario Abaya, SM Supermalls' President Steven Tan, BDO Unibank Senior Vice President and Head of Cash Management Services, Transaction Banking Group Carlo Nazareno, and BDO Unibank First Vice President and Officer in Charge for Marketing Communications Group Hannah Lopez

Entries for Sining Filipina, the pioneering all-female national art competition in the Philippines, are being accepted until January 31, 2024.

The activity was led by PNB President Florido P. Casuela, Information Technology Group (ITG) Head and First Senior Vice President (FSVP) Michael M. Morillos and Special Assistant to the President and CEO on IT matters SVP Constantino T. Yap. A total of 10 repurposed desktop computers and two laptops were donated by the bank to the beneficiary school, the lender's statement read.

Since 2019, PNB has been donating repurposed computers to nongovernment organizations and public schools. By advocating the reuse of computers, the bank continuously sustains its environmental, social and educational programs,

according to the lender. "Our role as responsible corporate citizen is to help uplift our communities," Casuela was quoted in the statement as saying. "Providing quality education is a structural foundation for building a nation's future."

He added the bank expects the donation will help in Cavite State University's "transformative efforts in providing additional computing devices for students as they navigate a world that is increasingly reliant on technology."

Morillos was quoted in the statement as saying the donation is PNB's "way of ensuring that its resources are efficiently used and managed as part of its

commitment to the environment." "[The] ITG is one with PNB in ensuring that we reduce our environmental footprint to help protect the planet and to be good stewards of the

bank's resources," he added. Yap was quoted in the statement as saying that he has been supportive of PNB ITG's corporate social responsibility projects since 2015. During the ceremony,

Cavite State University's Department of Information Technology Head Professor Alma G. De Fiesta expressed her gratitude for the Bank's support. De Fiesta said she sees digital technology

supporting online teaching and learning. "We can't deny that we live in a competitive world where we have to make sure we do not fall behind. It is essential that we stay up-to-date," she added.



110 'TSUPER HEROES' NG CARMONA, BINIGYANG PAGKILALA: Talaga namang 'Honesty is the Best Policy' sa lungsod ng Carmona patapos bigyang pagkilala ng lokal na pamahalaan ang 110 na miyembro ng mga Tricycle Operators and Driver's Association (TODA) noong Enero 16, 2024. Sila ang mga tapat at natatanging tsuper na nagpamalal ng kanilang katapatan at kabutihan sa mga commuter tulad ng pagbabalik ng mga naiwang gamit tulad ng cellphone o wallet. Ayon sa pamahalaang lungsod, sila ang mga natatanging bida ng lansangan dahil sa kanilang kagitingan na sumasalamin sa kabutihan ng kanilang komunidad. | via Dr. Dahlia A. Loyola #TODATsuperHero



IMUSEÑO CENTENARIAN, TUMANGGAP NG P100,000 MULA SA LOKAL NA PAMAHALAAN: Tumanggap ng P100,000 at grocery package mula sa pamahalaang si Bb. Virginia Meris na nagdiwang ng kanyang ika-100 kaarawan noong Martes, Disyembre 19. Mismong sina City Administrator Tito Monzon, OSCA (Office of the Senior Citizens Affairs) Officer-in-charge Luzviminda Elbinias, at IMUSCAI (Imus Senior Citizen Association Incorporated) President Aida Montemayor ang nag-abot ng centenarian gift para sa kanilang kababayan. Isa si Nanay Virginia sa mga natatanging Imuseño na buong pusong nagsilbi sa kanilang lungsod.

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DTI-Laguna Reminds Service and Repair Shops to Renew Accreditation

Victoria, Laguna – The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) in the province of Laguna reminds all Laguna-based service and repair shop enterprises to renew their accreditation on or before 31 January 2024 without penalty.



Under Presidential Decree No. 1572 as amended by Article 128 of the Republic Act (RA) 7394, otherwise known as the Consumer Act of the Philippines, no person shall operate a repair and service firm or act as technical personnel therein without first being accredited by the DTI.

The accreditation of repair and service shops and their technical personnel aims to protect the interest of the consumers availing their services. The accreditation, likewise, ensures that the enterprises have the necessary tools, equipment, and facilities



and that its technical personnel have the required expertise to provide the services.

In line with this, the DTI Laguna Provincial Office accredits business enterprises engaged directly or indirectly, in the repair, service, or maintenance of motor vehicles; heavy equipment and engines and engineering works;

electronics, electrical, air-conditioning, and refrigeration; office machine and data processing equipment; medical and dental equipment; and other consumer mechanical and industrial equipment, appliances, or devices.

DTI will continue to ensure strict compliance of the service and repair shops with the



accreditation requirements by conducting regular monitoring and enforcement activities in the province. Cars and motorcycle dealerships are likewise encouraged to have their facilities and services accredited by the Department whether their repair services are offered for free or paid for by their exclusive clientele.

Relevant forms and

requirements can be accessed through this link: <https://bit.ly/SREAccre>.

For questions and clarifications regarding the filing of applications for renewal of service and repair enterprises, call DTI-Laguna Consumer Protection Division at 0917 500 4317 or email them at r04a.laguna@dti.gov.ph. (TFTawigan, DTI-Laguna)

BUSINESS PERMIT RENEWAL SA IMUS CITY, EXTENDED HANGGANG ENERO 31

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Inaasahang mas maraming negosyante sa lungsod ang makakapagpa-renew ng kanilang mga permit matapos palawiging ng pamahalaang lungsod ng Imus ang pakuha ng business permit sa pamamagitan ng Electronic Business One-Stop Shop (eBOSS) hanggang Enero 31, 2024. Matatagpuan naman ang BOSS centers sa City of Imus Sports Complex, Brgy. Poblacion 3-A at sa New Imus City Government Center, Brgy. Malagasang 1-G. Bukas ang mga ito Lunes hanggang Biyernes, mula 8:00 a.m. hanggang 7:00 p.m., at tuwing Sabado, mula 8:00 a.m. hanggang 4:00 p.m. Maaari ring i-proseso ang business permit sa official website ng Imus eBOSS: www.egovcityofimus.ph/bpl/ Alamin ang step-by-step process ng eBOSS sa pamamagitan ng panonood ng video sa link na ito: <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/93VZYqFjsz8fjsDC/?mibextid=CmRSLE> | via City Government of Imus

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ROSARIO | Aabot sa 100 magsing-irog ang nakatakdang ikasal sa nalalapit na Kasalang Bayan sa darating na Pebrero. Sa pangunguna ni Mayor Jose Voltaire Ricafrente, inilunsad ng lokal na pamahalaan ang Kasalinas 2023 Pagtataling-puso sa Buwan ng mga Puso bilang regalo sa mga pares sa kanilang bayan na nais magpakasal. "Kung ikaw ay taga-Salinas, yayain na ang inyong magigitng katipan upang magpatala sa ating munisipyo." panghihikayat ni Mayor Jose Voltaire Ricafrente. Dagdag pa ni Ricafrente, naghanda rin sila ng romantikong sorpresa para sa lahat ng mga pares na makikiisa sa Kasalinas 2023. (via Municipality of Rosario Cavite)

The DOST Day Care Center receives a major boost through aid from the National Bookstore Foundation

The DOST Day Care Center will be transformed into a highly conducive learning facility for children," remarked Ms. Bea Torres, Director of the National Book Store (NBS) Foundation, during the recent Kickoff Ceremony of the partnership between the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and NBS at the DOST Day Care Center (DDCC) in Bicutan, Taguig City.



DOST Asec. Diana Ignacio (3rd from left) and NBS Foundation Director Bea Torres (middle) holding the design perspective of the DOST Day Care Center. With them are DOST-STII Director Richard Burgos (leftmost), DOST Usec. Sancho Maborang (2nd from left), DOST Director Cesar Pedraza (rightmost), and volunteers from Bayan Ni Juan.

The DDCC was founded on August 1, 1997 in support of Executive Order No. 340, 1997, directing national government agencies and government-owned and controlled corporations to provide Day Care Services for their employees' children under five years of age. Since then, the institution has produced graduates who are well-equipped for their education.

It aims to offer a high-

quality gender-responsive S&T preschool education that works collaboratively with parents and ensures that every preschooler learns and grows in a nurturing, fun, and safe environment, setting the foundation for a lifelong love of education and success in school and life.

The pandemic caused the suspension of operations of the DDCC for almost three years, which gave way to the facility's

rehabilitation. It was relaunched last June 13, 2023 as one of the highlights of the 65th Anniversary of the department. With the partnership with NBS Foundation and other stakeholders, it is now ready to welcome the children again for a fun-packed learning experience.

National Book Store, the country's largest bookstore and supplies

store, through its social arm NBS Foundation, will partner with DOST to transform its facility into a learning center by providing books, school supplies, learning materials, and redesigning the center through activities such as painting murals and donating furniture.

Ms. Torres stated that the DDCC will be the first in the NBS Foundation's initiative to launch a daycare center in government agencies in the country. She added that during the pandemic, their operations in public schools were halted; thus, the idea to establish learning centers in government agencies was conceived to continue providing assistance to children through education.

She also mentioned that to expand the reach of their services, NBS Foundation would like to start at home, where the central base of operations

is located, and use it as a model for other regions to replicate. "I hope that with this legacy we are giving to DOST, education lives on regardless of where we are," concluded Ms. Torres.

DOST Undersecretary for Regional Operations, Engr. Sancho A. Maborang, who played a key role in connecting DOST to NBS Foundation, shared that NBS Foundation has been a longtime partner of his office through the Community Empowerment through Science and Technology (CEST) Program. He also expressed gratitude to the foundation for providing books and school materials to schools in remote regions.

Meanwhile, DOST Assistant Secretary for Administrative and Legal Affairs and the DOST-wide GAD Focal Person, Dr. Diana L. Ignacio, also thanked Oishi and Bayan Ni Juan Advocates for

partnering with DOST for the Kickoff Event. Oishi and Bayan Ni Juan donated snacks and gifts to the students and participants in the event. She concluded by expressing her hope that DDCC graduates will take an interest in pursuing a career in science and technology.

The turnover of the NBS Foundation transformed facility is scheduled to coincide with the celebration of the International Day of Women and Girls in Science on February 11, 2024.

The National Book Store Foundation, through Project Aral with partner Bayan ni Juan, together with DOST, also conducted a gift-giving activity with kindergarten students from Daang Hari Elementary School in Bicutan, Taguig City on the same day. Students were provided with NBS notebooks and Oishi snacks and biscuits.

Erwin Tulfo...

(FROM PAGE 8)

Pia Cayetano, Secretary Benhur Abalos ng Dept. of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) at dating Manila City Mayor Francisco "Isko" Moreno

para sa ika-15 puwesto . Samantala, humabol sa ika-16 puwesto si Secretary Gilbert "Gibo" Teodoro ng Dept. of National

Defense at sinundan ni dating Sen. Mar Roxas, Sen. Francis Tolentino, dating spokesman ni Pres. Duterte, Harry Roque at nasa ika-20 puwesto ay si dating Sen. Gregorio "Gringo" Honasan.

Flagship...

(FROM PAGE 8)

safe," Ronalyn toldshared with the Philippine Information Agency CALABARZON.

A single mother, Ronalyn raised her three young children as a nail technician in a shopping mall in the city. But as her children grew, so did their needs, prompting her to look for higher-paying jobs overseas.

With the key to their new home tucked in her hands, Ronalyn and her kids will walk to a future as stable and safe as the house handed to them through the 4PH program.

"I am planning to work abroad [to earn more]. So I am thankful that before I leave, I know that my kids are safe, and they have better living [condition]."

Like many fathers who

were present during the inauguration of the Ciudad Kaunlaran Housing Project, Ruben Consolacion could not contain his joy and relief as he could soon move his family into a better home.

Ruben, who makes a living for his family of five as a fisherman, used to live with his family near the coast of Cavite province, gathering shellfish like tahong which the city of Bacoor is known for.

"I am very happy. This is a really big help to my family because the house we are now living in is better than the one we used to have."

He is relieved to finally have a home of his own through the 4PH Program, which not only opened

doors for better living conditions for his family but also opened new doors to new livelihood opportunities.

"There are more job opportunities for us because there are more places where we can apply. I am very thankful to President Marcos because this housing program is a big help for us. This new home is also a new life for my family," Ruben added.

Led by the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD), the 4PH Program is one of the Marcos administration's flagship housing projects which aims to build six (6) million housing units by 2028, generating around 1.7 million jobs yearly. (Patricia Bermudez, PIA-4A)

TCSHS...

(FROM PAGE 1)

mentored by their coach, Ronevir Dulin.

The team brought home the Best Cultural Award. TCSHS is one of the beneficiaries of the Smart and Sustainable Communities Program project of Department of science and Technology (DOST) Region 2, "Advancing Classroom-Based Collaboration and

Enhancing Laboratory Equipment through the Provision of Robotics and Technological Equipment to Science-Oriented Students," simply known as ACCELERATES.

This groundbreaking initiative of the agency, in partnership with the local government unit of Tuguegarao City, aims to upgrade laboratories

through robotic kits and other equipment to empower science-oriented students by enhancing classroom-based collaboration and laboratory experiences through advanced technology.

The school officials congratulated Tuguegarao City Science High School Robotics team for bringing pride to the Philippines and representing Region 02 in the international arena.



EXPERIENCE THE MOVIE 'MIGRATION' ON THE BIG SCREEN AND STAND A CHANCE TO WIN A SINGAPORE GETAWAY WITH AIRASIA, UNIVERSAL STUDIOS, AND SM CINEMA

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Act Fast: Book Your Tickets Now!

Don't miss your chance to make this January extraordinary. Secure your Migration movie tickets at SM Cinema and increase your odds of winning the ultimate family vacation. The promo period runs from January 8 to January 28, 2024 only, so act fast and be part of this cinematic and travel adventure. It's time to turn your movie night into a journey of a lifetime!



Celebrate Poppin' Fun on International Popcorn Day at SM Cinema: Get ready to dive into the ultimate poppin' celebration at SM Cinema on International Popcorn Day, January 19th! Join the worldwide festivities as SM Cinema rolls out an exclusive promo across all Snack Time branches for the entire day. For just 19 pesos, treat yourself to 30 grams of pure popcorn delight. This special offer is a nod to the love we all share for this classic crunchy snack, delivering joy, flavor, and a sprinkle of nostalgia to popcorn enthusiasts across the globe. It's the perfect pairing for movie aficionados, elevating every scene with the thrill of blockbuster films showing at SM Cinemas. Don't miss out on the excitement of exploring other popcorn flavors like cheese, sour cream, barbecue and melted butter- all available at regular prices, because there's no such thing as too much popcorn on International Popcorn Day! See you at SM Cinema for a poppin' good time!

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Alibaba Cloud backs Winter Youth Olympic Games to enhance efficiency

SEOUL, South Korea – To further help advance the digital transformation of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), Alibaba Cloud, the digital technology and intelligence backbone of Alibaba Group, is supporting the Winter Youth Olympics Gangwon 2024 (Gangwon 2024) with its latest cloud technologies.

As the official cloud services partner of the IOC, Alibaba Cloud continues to foster a more efficient Winter Youth Olympic Games and maximize the engagement for sports fans.

As Asia's first Winter Youth Olympic Games, the Gangwon 2024 Organizing Committee has deployed its major platforms for operations, including the staff management portal and ticketing system, on Alibaba Cloud's scalable and secure cloud infrastructure to optimize efficiency.

Harnessing Alibaba Cloud's innovative technologies, Gangwon 2024 is poised to elevate the engagement experience amongst participants including staff and volunteers, spectators as well as sports fans from across the world.

"Gangwon 2024 is about using sport to bring together talented young people from around the world. Our ongoing partnership with Alibaba Cloud enables us to continue exploring creative ways to engage with our worldwide audience and sports fans while enhancing operational efficiency using the latest proven cloud technologies," Anne-Sophie Voumard, managing director of IOC Television & Marketing Services, said in a news release on Friday.

"Building upon our TOP partnership with the Olympic Games since 2017, we are expanding our solutions to further drive the digital transformation of large-scale sports events," Selina Yuan, president of International Business at Alibaba Cloud Intelligence, said.

"Working with the Gangwon 2024 Organizing Committee presents new opportunities for us to engage with the younger generation of athletes and sports lovers with our innovative cloud technologies. At Gangwon 2024, our technology will not only make event organization more efficient, but also give participants, including athletes, staff, volunteers and sports fans an unforgettable experience," Yuan added.

Gangwon 2024 will take

place in the most northerly province of South Korea from Jan. 19 to Feb. 1, bringing together over 1,900 young athletes aged between 15 and 18 from 81 countries and regions to take part in 15 disciplines including Alpine Skiing and Curling.

Operational efficiency

In response to the demand of the Gangwon 2024 Organizing Committee for a more streamlined and accessible coordination platform, Alibaba Cloud established a Staff and Volunteer Management (SVM) portal. It provides customized features including staff and volunteer training, announcement notification on the web-app and through SMS, as well as scheduling and attendance management.

The SVM portal is supplemented with a specific portal for volunteer recruitment at the preparation stage. Integrated into one unified platform, these tools are designed to ensure seamless internal collaboration in the lead-up to and throughout the event.

The SVM portal is a critical component of the Games' key operational systems. Hosted on Alibaba Cloud, the SVM portal has been supporting the effective collaboration of over 5000 staff and volunteers at Gangwon 2024.

The Gangwon 2024 Organizing Committee also has deployed its Ticketing System on Alibaba Cloud, leveraging the stability, elasticity and scalability of cloud computing to ensure uninterrupted services, even during high-traffic scenarios such as ticket sales campaigns, and on-site ticket checking for event times. Supported by Alibaba Cloud's elastic computing and network security products, the ticketing system of Gangwon 2024 is able to support over 460,000 spectators during the 14 days.

Innovative cloud technology

To ignite the Olympic spirit among younger generations, the Gangwon 2024 Organizing Committee adapted

technologies to provide a unique digital experience.

At Gangwon 2024, the audience can witness the first cloud-based digital flame being lit alongside the Olympic flame at the Opening Ceremony. The digital flame is to be lit throughout the Winter Youth Olympic Games.

By integrating real-time weather data, the backdrop of the digital flame changes to match one of 32 different defined weather conditions in Gangwon. This is achieved through a content management system developed by, and running on, Alibaba Cloud, which is capable of handling rendering, storage, management and presentation of the live content.

To share the Olympic spirit with an even broader audience base, OBS Cloud, an innovative broadcasting solution brought together by Olympic Broadcasting Services (OBS) and Alibaba Cloud, continues to transmit high-definition live signals of the competitions to the Media Rights Holders (MRHs) via Live Cloud.

Prior to the introduction of Live Cloud at the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022, costly international telecommunication optical circuits and lengthy onsite setups were needed for global live footage transmission. Now, Alibaba Cloud's scalable and secure infrastructure allows cost-effective, quick-setup delivery of high-quality live content.

To inspire the young generation in South Korea to unleash their creativity, the Gangwon 2024 Organizing Committee have partnered with Alibaba Cloud to host the "Gangwon 2024 Winter Youth Olympic Games Alibaba Cloud Hackathon".

Young tech enthusiasts are tasked with creating a web-based metaverse application that addresses a real-world challenge while incorporating brand elements of Gangwon 2024 and Alibaba Cloud. Winners will be announced during Gangwon 2024 and selected from a group of finalists showcasing innovative projects. (PR/PNA)



PSC renews tie-up with PDRCI on sports arbitration

The Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) and the Philippine Dispute Resolution Center Inc. (PDRCI) renewed their partnership on sports arbitration on Thursday.



DEAL. Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) Chairman Richard Bachmann (3rd from left) and Philippine Dispute Resolution Center Inc. acting president Rogelio Nicandro shake hands after renewing their partnership on sports arbitration on Thursday (Jan. 18, 2024). From left are lawyer Charlie Ho, PSC Commissioner Matthew "Fritz" Gaston and PDRCI officers Victor Lazatin and Arleo Magtibay. (PSC photo)

PSC Chairman Richard Bachmann and PDRCI acting president Rogelio Nicandro formally signed the memorandum of agreement (MOA) at the Rizal Memorial Sports Complex.

"Since 2021, our collaboration with PDRCI has helped the PSC in carrying out our mandate in fostering a culture of fairness and accountability within our national sports associations," Bachmann said in a statement.

"By renewing our partnership, we are reinforcing our dedication to providing athletes and stakeholders with a reliable and efficient avenue for dispute resolution," he added.

The MOA aims to institutionalize and

implement a sports Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) policy especially for national sports associations to ensure fast and cost-effective resolution of sports-related disputes using flexible rule-guided procedure.

"We are excited to renew our partnership with the PSC which we firmly believe is beneficial to our athletes, the NSAs, and all other stakeholders in Philippine sports," PDRCI Executive Director Arleo Magtibay Jr. said.

"As we provide a venue where disputes may be settled amicably and expeditiously, our athletes and officials may focus more on their training and competitions and bring glory to the country," he added.

The PSC had previously approved a policy requiring NSAs to submit an

Arbitration Provision to the sports agency as part of their Articles of Incorporation and By-laws, and pursuant to Section 181 of R.A. No. 11232 or the Revised Corporation Code of the Philippines.

The PSC and the PDRCI both agreed further collaboration on all activities highlighting the benefits of ADR, including webinars, seminars, lectures and other information dissemination and training activities.

The signing ceremony was also attended by PSC Commissioner Matthew "Fritz" Gaston and Executive Director Paulo Francisco Tatad, PDRCI Chairman Victor Lazatin, Sports Arbitration Committee Chairman Charlie Ho, and lawyer Dondi Gaston. (PNA)

DOST and NCMF join forces to enhance Halal Product Integrity through Ceremonial MOA Signing

The Department of Science & Technology (DOST), together with the National Commission on Muslim Filipinos (NCMF), conducted a Ceremonial MOA Signing last January 4, 2023, at Molave Meeting Room, Dusit Thani Manila, Ayala Center, Makati. This is to fortify halal integrity of local products through the established DOST Halal Verification Laboratories (HVLs).



With the presence of DOST key officials and other distinguished guests, namely DOST Secretary Dr. Renato U. Solidum Jr., DOST Undersecretary for Regional Operations Dr. Sancho A. Mabborang, DOST Undersecretary Teodoro M. Gatchalian, DOST XI Regional Director Dr. Anthony C. Sales, NCMF Secretary Atty. Guling A. Mamondiong, DOST Undersecretary Maridon O. Sahagun, Director of Bureau of Muslim Economic Affairs Rahmatol M. Mamukid, NCMF Spokesperson/Commissioner Yusoph J. Mando, DOST-CALABARZON Regional Director Ms. Emelita P. Bagsit, and directors and representatives from DOST ROs and attached agencies.

Under the guidance of Dr. Sancho A. Mabborang, DOST Undersecretary for Regional Operations, the event started with a warm welcome to all attendees. Dr. Mabborang emphasizes the importance and responsibilities of the agency as halal food manufacturers in maintaining halal product integrity.

He marked, "Our most important responsibility as halal food manufacturers,

food researchers, and food handlers is that we must maintain the halal integrity of the products. We must eliminate the risk of haram and other hazards through HAS so that the products that we produce are guaranteed to be halal, safe, of high quality, and wholesome." Dr. Mabborang added, "These laboratories will help ensure that the products sold in the market are properly analyzed and are compliant with halal standards, not only in the Philippines, but also in the global halal market."

This collaboration aims to enhance market surveillance by utilizing advanced testing methods at the DOST HVLs, specifically targeting the detection of porcine DNA and the determination of alcohol levels in various food and beverage items. These measures are crucial in upholding the integrity of locally certified halal products.

While DOST have been actively engaged in spearheading programs, projects, and activities (PPAs) to uplift the Philippine Halal Industry, under the provisions of DOST Memorandum Circular No. 010 series of 2016, DOST Secretary Dr.

Renato U. Solidum Jr. wants to encourage cooperation of the legislators, agencies and organization to collaborate in putting up and sustaining halal industry development.

"DOST will remain committed in supporting halal industry development... But we cannot do it alone, we need the support of our legislators to push for our agenda, that these technologies be known and adopted by many," DOST Secretary Dr. Renato U. Solidum Jr. said.

As a member-agency of the Philippine Halal Export Development and Promotion Board (PHEDPB), DOST aimed to collaborate with the NCMF to support the promotion of the Philippine Halal Industry and to enhance market surveillance by utilizing advanced testing methods at the DOST HVLs in Region IV-A, Davao Region, Region XII, Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM).

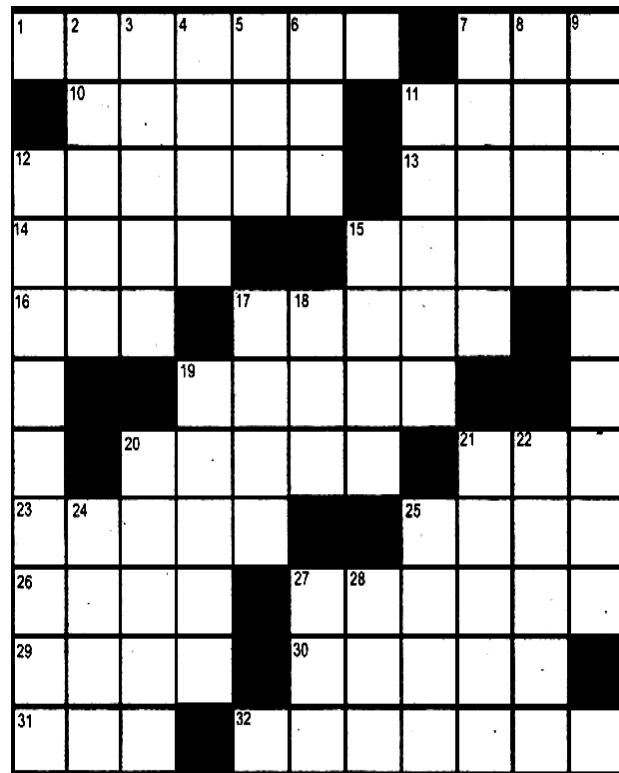
This Memorandum of Agreement established a comprehensive framework outlining the responsibilities of the DOST HVLs in conducting stringent testing protocols

to identify prohibited elements in halal products and uphold their integrity. Furthermore, it granted the NCMF the authority to propose and recommend policies regarding market surveillance and the mandatory inclusion of halal testing as part of the certification and recertification processes for halal products.

This collaboration stands as a testament to the dedication of DOST and NCMF in fortifying the integrity and authenticity of Halal products in the market. By pooling their expertise and resources, both agencies aim to elevate the standards of Halal certification, establishing a strong foundation for quality assurance.

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SAGOT SA NAKARAAN



Dagdag Kaalaman

Ang panonood ng horror movies ay nakakasunog ng 180 calories sa isang oras.

Flagship gov't housing program builds new hope for Bacoor families

More than providing safer and more resilient homes, the Pambansang Pabahay Para sa Pilipino (4PH) Program of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s administration has provided Filipino families living in danger-prone areas a new hope for a more stable future.



The Pambansang Pabahay Para sa Pilipino (4PH) Program of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s administration, through the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD) and other relevant government agencies, aims to build six (6) million housing units by 2028, generating around 1.7 million jobs yearly. (MBL/PIA-4A)

At least 360 families from Bacoor City, Cavite benefitted from the government's resettlement program catering to informal settler families primarily affected by the Supreme Court Mandamus Program in cleaning and preserving Manila Bay.

The Ciudad Kaunlaran in Barangay Molino II is part

of the 4PH housing project constructed in two phases: the 880-unit Ciudad Kaunlaran Phase 1 that was divided between nine (9) low-rise buildings and six (6) buildings; and the Ciudad Kaunlaran Phase 2 which is a two (2)-unit low rise housing project comprising of 120 units that is currently in its pre-construction stage.

Ronalyn Aropay was among the 360 new homeowners who personally received their Certificate of Eligibility Housing Allocation from President Marcos Jr. on January 12.

"Of course, I am very happy we got to leave the danger zone. I am now sure that my children are

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ERWIN TULFO, PACQUIAO, MARCOLETA NANGUNA SA PAPI SURVEY SA PAGKASENADOR

NANGUNA sa pagkasenador sina Erwin Tulfo ng ACT-CIS, dating senador Manny Pacquiao at SAGIP partylist representative Rodante Marcoleta sa isinagawang survey noong Disyembre 16-22.



Si Tulfo ng Anti-Crime and Terrorism Community Involvement and Support (ACT-CIS) Partylist at deputy majority leader ng House of Representatives ay nanguna sa Top 20 na itinala sa survey ng Publishers Association of the Philippines, Inc. o PAPI. Sinundan ito ni boxing icon Manny Pacquiao at ni Marcoleta ng Social Amelioration and Genuine Intervention on Poverty (SAGIP) partylist.

Ang mga respondent ay

1,500 mula sa mga driver at Operators ng transport groups na Federation of Jeepney Operators and Drivers Association of the Philippines o FEJODAP, Samahan ng mga Tsuper at Operator sa Pilipinas (STOP) at Confederation of Passenger Transport in Central, Inc. (CPTCL).

Sa naturang survey ay sinundan naman sila nina Sen. Imee Marcos si at dating Sen. Tito Sotto. Pumang-anim naman si dating Pres. Rodrigo

Duterte. Malayang pinapili ang mga respondent sa mga pangalang tatakbo sa Senado.

Sumunod sa talaan sina Senadors Lito Lapid, Christopher Lawrence "Bong" Go, Ronald "Bato" Dela Rosa, Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr. Sa ika-11 puwesto ay si dating vice president Leni Robredo na sinundan ni dating Senador Panfilo "Ping" Lacson.

Pang 13 naman si Sen.

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FREE ANTI-FLU DRIVE THRU VACCINATION PARA SA MGA RIDERS, DRIVERS, MARKET VENDORS, AT SKILLED WORKERS

January 23, 2024 (8 am onwards) Drive-thru vaccination

at Liwasang Aguinaldo (Freedom Park)

Paalala:

First come, first served basis (First 300 clients only)

Dalhin ang mga sumusunod:

- **Government ID** na nagsasaad na kayo ay **residente ng Bayan ng Kawit**:
 - **Valid ID o Document** na skilled worker o Delivery Rider
 - **Kopya ng linya** ng tricycle, pedicab o jeepney,
 - **DTI o Business Permit** para sa mga Market Vendors.



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FREE ANTI-FLU DRIVE THRU VACCINATION FOR RIDERS, DRIVERS, MARKET VENDORS & SKILLED WORKERS Bilang bahagi ng ating #RatedTripleA na pagseserbisyo, isasagawa ng ating Kawit RHU ang libreng drive-thru vaccination para sa ating mga kababayan sa January 23, 8:00 AM onwards sa Liwasang Aguinaldo. First come, first served po ito at 300 lamang ang slots kaya agapan n'yo po ang pagpunta sa booth ng Kawit RHU. Narito rin po ang mga kailangan n'yong dalhin upang matanggap ang inyong libreng bakuna. Ingat po! #MayorAguinaldo #AlagangAngeloAguinaldo #PusoAtMalasakitParaSaAtingKawit