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Rehabilitating Cavite Rivers

West Zone concessionaire Maynilad Water Services, Inc. (Maynilad), the Department of Environment and Natural Resources–Environmental Management Bureau (DENR-EMB), and the City Government of Imus recently signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) for the “Bigkis-Tubig Program.” This aims to intensify and harmonize projects and activities related to the protection, rehabilitation and management of rivers, particularly those that serve as water sources for drinking.

Signing the MOU were (seated, from left) Brgy. Bayan Luma IX Chairman Ruben Tined, Jr., DENR-EMB Calabarzon Officer-in-charge Girliesina Sebarillo, Imus City Mayor Alex

Advincula, Maynilad President and CEO Ramoncito S. Fernandez, and Brgy. Anabu II-C Chairman Joey Sarte. Under the MOU, Maynilad will work with

DENR-EMB and the local government of Imus in pursuing various activities that will protect the Julian and Imus rivers. This includes the conduct of periodic community



waterway clean-ups and mangrove planting, provision of cleaning materials for the river rangers, and implementation of community development

projects, including desludging campaigns, dredging activities, community trainings, and information and education drives, among others. During the MOU signing

event, Maynilad donated two trash boats, eight life buoys and life vests, 10 packs of emergency kits for river rangers, and river clean-up materials to the

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MERALCO, Korean firm to power Gawad Kalinga community in Cavite

Manila Electric Company's (MERALCO) subsidiary, MERALCO Industrial Engineering Services Corporation (MIESCOR), has partnered with a South Korean firm to establish an on-grid hybrid power solution in Cavite.



With the goal to power a Gawad Kalinga community in the province, MIESCOR is working with SeoChang

Co. Ltd. (SeoChang) to establish a 50-kilowatt peak (kWp) solar photovoltaic (PV) system, a 300-kilowatt hour (kWh) energy storage system

(ESS), and three electric vehicles (EV) charging stations. “Our one-of-a-kind facility creatively

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House panel directed to review PhilHealth charter to enhance benefits

The House Committee on Health will conduct a thorough review of the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) charter to expand patients' benefits.

Speaker Martin Romualdez on Tuesday directed the review that specifically targets an increase in benefits, including coverage of at least 50 percent of the cost in private hospital wards and free examinations for the early detection of deadly diseases, such as cancer.

Early cancer detection measures would include critical diagnostic exams like X-rays for lung cancer, mammography for breast cancer, and the human papillomavirus vaccine to prevent cervical cancer, among



others. In a statement, Romualdez said there is a need for PhilHealth to function as a health maintenance organization, focusing its resources on safeguarding the health of the populace rather than

investing in commercial banks and bonds. “With substantial annual allocations from Congress and regular contributions from private employees, there is no excuse for PhilHealth to scrimp on

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FREE SURGICAL MISSION OF MEMPHIS MISSION OF MERCY: This Valentine's Day, we visited our 54 beloved female patients of the Free Surgical Mission of MEMPHIS MISSION OF MERCY in Pagutang Municipality of Carmona. Medical Volunteers from Tennessee, USA performed free surgeries for Cleft Lip and Palate (Bingot), Hernia (Lung), Cyst (Lump), and Goiter on patients who underwent screening conducted by our Carmona City Health Office. Wishing a speedy recovery to all and heartfelt thanks for your golden advocacy, Memphis Mission of Mercy. #MemphisMissionOfMercy #SurgicalMission #CityOfCarmona #LungsodNgCarmona #LGUCarmona #BayanMunaLagi #DapatAngatLahat



Thank you so much, Cong. Jolo Revilla for your Heart and Concern for our fellow countrymen who were victims of the fire in Brgy. Sprayer. Aside from the help that was already delivered by our town government, this assistance will be even more helpful for our countrymen. You can count on us to continue to contact the first district representative's office to deliver #RatedTripleA service for our Psalm. #AlagangAngeloAguinaldo #PusoAtMalasakitParaSaAtingKawit #MayorAguinaldo

Unmasked: An exhibit of photos from the field by Howie Severino and Atom Araullo at SM City Dasmariñas

Veteran Journalists Howie Severino and Atom Araullo shared photos of their I-Witness journey in a photo exhibit called UNMASKED at SM City Dasmariñas on January 28 to February 4, 2024.



SM City Dasmariñas was honored to open the Unmasked exhibit with journalists (right to left) Mr. Howie Severino, Mr. Atom Araullo and SM Dasmariñas Assistant Mall Manager Mr. Charles Yap.



event center. The exhibit launch was attended by the journalists themselves, Mr. Atom Araullo and Ms. Howie Severino. Both of them spoke about the exhibit and their lives as journalists. They also had a tour around the exhibit with the participating students from different colleges and universities in Cavite. "Unmasked" will run until May 26, 2024. The public can also catch the exhibit at SM City San Pablo, SM City Calamba, SM City Tanza, SM City Molino, SM City Trece Martires, SM City Batangas, SM City Lipa, SM City Lucena, SM City Daet, SM City Naga, SM City Legazpi, and SM City Sorsogon.

UNMASKED photo exhibit features the stories Atom and Howie encountered during the coverage and shoot for I-witness. The exhibit brought the public into the real world, make them disconnected from gadgets and interact with other people at the exhibit area at the main mall

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The Office of the Provincial Governor - Medical Mission Team, in collaboration with the Office of the Provincial Health Officer, organized a Medical and Dental Mission in Barangay Bucal, Tanza on February 13, 2024. The event aimed to address the healthcare needs of the local community by providing essential medical and dental services, with a notable addition of the Lab For All Truck. The truck offered free ECG services for 8 patients, free X-ray examinations for 18, and free tooth extraction services benefiting 53 patients. The mission also provided free check-ups and medicines for 428 individuals, covering a range of health concerns and receiving gratitude from community members of various age groups. (OPIO)

Hog Raisers Cooperative in Tanauan City gears up for processed meat line, gets training on meat processing

Tanauan City Hog Raisers Agriculture Cooperative (THRAC) in Tanauan City received technology training on meat processing and basic food hygiene in support of their pursuit to add a processed meat product line to their meat shop business, held at their production facility, Brgy. Talaga, Tanauan City, Batangas, Feb. 06.



The training was designed to equip the members of the cooperative with the necessary skills and knowledge on meat processing technologies. Through this training, the cooperative aims to meet the growing demand for processed meat in their local market and expand their business opportunities. The cooperative also hopes that by offering a wider range of products, they can increase their revenue and draw in more customers.

Technologies for processing meat products, such as tapa, tocino, longganisa, and siomai, were among the topics covered in the training. A discussion on basic food hygiene was also integrated into the training to ensure that the cooperative members understood the importance of proper food handling and sanitation practices in their meat processing operations. Participants had a hands-on activity on processing each product in strict compliance with food

safety standards. Mr. John Maico M. Hernandez, Ms. Anna Marie M. Marasigan, and Ms. Renalee M. Leyesa, members of the DOST-CALABARZON Food Safety Team, facilitated the training.

Cooperative chairman, Mr. Vicente O. Valdez, thanked DOST-Batangas for their support in providing the necessary training to help them realize their planned addition of processed meat products to their product line. *(By John Maico M. Hernandez)*



CALAX Silang (Aguinaldo) Interchange Toll Collection Starts Feb 10, 2024

MPCALA Holdings Inc., the concessionaire of the Cavite-Laguna Expressway (CALAX), announces the implementation of toll rates for the Silang (Aguinaldo) Interchange, as approved by the Toll Regulatory Board. These rates will be effective starting 12:01 AM on February 10, 2024.



"The implementation of these toll rates aids in the continuous maintenance and enhancement of our toll road while ensuring efficient and safe travel for our users. The Silang (Aguinaldo) Interchange has become a vital part of our network, significantly enhancing the connectivity and economic landscape of the region," said Mr. Raul L. Ignacio, President and General Manager of MPCALA Holdings Inc.

The Silang (Aguinaldo) Interchange, a critical section of CALAX, connects directly to Aguinaldo Highway, facilitating smoother and faster travel to key

tourism destination areas in Cavite, including Tagaytay and Silang. It was opened to motorists last November 8 with a free toll until further notice. CALAX has surpassed its targeted daily traffic for the recently inaugurated subsection, with an impressive daily count of 12,000 vehicles—well beyond the projected 5,000 cars and has become an essential component of the region's infrastructure.

Looking ahead, CALAX is set to reach a total length of 45 kilometers by 2025, featuring eight strategically positioned interchanges: Technopark, Laguna Boulevard, Santa Rosa-Tagaytay Road,

Silang East, Silang (Aguinaldo), Governor's Drive, Open Canal, and Kawit Interchange. CALAX will seamlessly connect with the Manila-Cavite Expressway (CAVITEX) in Kawit, further unifying key regions. Presently, operational segments span from Mamplasan Rotunda up to the Silang (Aguinaldo) Interchange.

MPCALA Holdings Inc., a subsidiary of Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC), is the leading mobility infrastructure and solutions provider in the Philippines. As the toll road development arm of Metro Pacific Investments Corporation (MPIC), MPTC's portfolio includes the concession rights for

CALAX UPDATED TOLL FEES

(Starting February 10, 2024, 12:01 AM)

ENTRY POINT	EXIT POINT	TOLL FEES		
		Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
Santa Rosa - Tagaytay	Silang (Aguinaldo)	45.00	90.00	136.00
	Silang East	27.00	55.00	83.00
	Laguna Boulevard	14.00	29.00	43.00
	Greenfield	44.00	89.00	134.00
Silang East	Silang (Aguinaldo)	17.00	35.00	52.00
	Santa Rosa - Tagaytay	27.00	55.00	83.00
	Laguna Boulevard	33.00	67.00	100.00
	Greenfield	64.00	128.00	192.00
Silang (Aguinaldo)	Silang East	17.00	35.00	52.00
	Santa Rosa - Tagaytay	45.00	90.00	136.00
	Laguna Boulevard	51.00	102.00	153.00
	Laguna Technopark	66.00	132.00	199.00
Greenfield	Silang (Aguinaldo)	81.00	163.00	244.00
	Silang East	64.00	128.00	192.00
	Santa Rosa- Tagaytay	44.00	89.00	134.00
	Laguna Boulevard	30.00	60.00	91.00
Laguna Technopark	Silang (Aguinaldo)	66.00	132.00	199.00
	Silang East	48.00	97.00	146.00
	Santa Rosa - Tagaytay	29.00	59.00	89.00
	Laguna Boulevard	15.00	30.00	45.00
Laguna Boulevard	Silang (Aguinaldo)	51.00	102.00	153.00
	Silang East	33.00	67.00	100.00
	Santa Rosa - Tagaytay	14.00	29.00	43.00
	Greenfield	30.00	60.00	91.00

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North Luzon Expressway (NLEX), NLEX Connector Road, Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway (SCTEX), and

Cebu-Cordova Link Expressway (CCLEX) in Cebu, in addition to CALAX and CAVITEX.

For questions about this press release, please email us at corpcomm@mptsouth.com.



DOST, LGU...

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With these technical assistance, 137 Talaandig farmers are expected to gain additional income.

During the signing, LGU Valencia, represented by the City Mayor, Hon. Azucena "Sunny" P. Huervas, pledged Php 2 Million as a counterpart for the construction of MANTALA Inc.'s coffee processing facility.

This substantial contribution will empower beneficiaries to enhance their processing area, ensuring compliance with Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) and

paving the way for the acquisition of the License to Operate issued by the Food and Drug Administration. This commitment underscores the dedication to quality and sustainable growth in the local coffee industry.

"Ang usa sa atong mga labing bughat nga prioridad mao ang pagtabang sa IP Community sa Valencia City. Gikan sa City Mayor's Office, anaa mi kanimo aron maglapnag og "Love at First Taste" nga gibati sa kape sa Migtulod aron makatabang sa

panginabuhian sa mga Talaandig," (One of our most significant priorities is to assist the IP Community in Valencia City. From the City Mayor's Office, we are with you in promoting the "Love at First Taste" experience of Migtulod coffee to support the livelihood of the Talaandig people), Mayor Huervas said.

The ceremony commenced with an indigenous ritual performed by the Talaandig community to honor their highest God, Magbabaya, and express gratitude for the collaborative efforts of DOST and LGU Valencia.

Datu Smith Ecat, MANTALA Inc. President, formally opened the ceremony, extending heartfelt thanks to DOST and LGU Valencia for their pivotal role in uplifting the livelihoods of Sitio Migtulod.

Adding a cultural flair to the proceedings, MANTALA Inc. treated the audience to a captivating cultural dance, inviting guests and participants to join in the celebration. The event continued with impactful messages from PSTD Ritchie Guno, Mr. Marven Selecios, and Hon. Azucena Huervas, emphasizing the significance of empowering indigenous

communities to combat poverty.

Before the MOA Signing, Kapitan Luchie Baluco, the barangay chairwoman of Sitio Migtulod, expressed profound gratitude on behalf of MANTALA Inc., promising to cherish the interventions pledged by DOST and LGU Valencia.

"Kinasingkasing kaming magpasalamat sa DOST inubanan sa City Mayor's Office sa inyong tabang kanamo. Isipon namo kining utang kabubut-on ug amo kining ampingan and inyong gipaambit nga equipment" (We wholeheartedly thank the DOST, together with the City Mayor's Office, for

your assistance to us. We consider this a blessing, and we will take care of the equipment you will give to us), said Kapitan Luchie as she delivered her speech during the ceremony.

This initiative is aligned with the first Sustainable Development Goal, aiming to eradicate poverty, as well as the eighth goal, focused on promoting decent work and fostering economic growth, as outlined by the United Nations. Furthermore, it is firmly rooted in the Department of Science and Technology's Pillar of Wealth Creation. (Asmerah Sarip/ DOST 10)

DOST trains...

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Troy Anthony A. Omol, Science Research Specialist I and member of the DOST-10 Food Safety Team served as a resource speaker on basic food hygiene, food safety hazards and current Good Manufacturing Practices (cGMP). Included in the topics shared were basic food hygiene, food safety hazards and cGMP.

Omol emphasized the importance of adhering to these practices to produce quality food products. "As food handlers, you must strictly adhere to the food safety standards to ensure your consumer's safety. Remember that your consumers are the lifeblood of the business," he added.

Company owner Julieta Dela Cerna expressed her gratitude during the training where she highlighted the relevance of the training in the continuous improvement of her production operation. She guaranteed the DOST that what her employees have learned will be strictly applied in their business.

"I am grateful to DOST Camiguin for the

opportunity they provided in lending their time to conduct Food Safety Training in my business. This highlighted the significance of improving the production process in my production area and in emphasizing the importance of food safety in the production of chocolate tablets," she said.

DOST Camiguin Director Joanne Katherine R. Banaag also shared a reminder to all the participants of the training. "Food Safety is everybody's responsibility. All of us should be responsible for preventing food-borne illnesses across the supply chain. This will then assure the safety of the food supply, as a whole," she said. The firm is also a beneficiary of the Small Enterprise Technology Upgrading Program (SETUP) of DOST.

Aside from the technology upgrading, DOST has also provided experts to help improve the productivity and efficiency of the firm through the Manufacturing Productivity Extension

Program (MPEX) of the Consultancy and Training Unit of the agency.

Mama Jita's Food Products has also recently partnered with the DOST Technology Application and Promotion Institute (TAPI) for the Venture Financing Program, where they have secured funding for the required raw and packaging materials relative to the surge of purchase orders they had received. Through these science and technology interventions, the firm has recorded 22% increase in sales, 20% increase in productivity. Through innovation, they have also produced Ice Sikwate (Choco drink) as their new product variant.

Mama Jita's has provided nine employees in her production area and nine employees on her farm totalling, eighteen (18) quality jobs since their upgrading in 2021.

The DOST Camiguin continues to support MSMEs on the island through the SETUP program. Interested MSMEs may reach the office by visiting them at Government Center, Lakas, Poblacion, Mambajao or through their Facebook page, DOST Camiguin.



SHOW YOUR LOVE AT SM CINEMA BACOR AND SM CINEMA MOLINO! Show your love as you watch with your loveones at SM Cinema! Avail of these great VALENTINES PROMO with Brownies Unlimited! Get 10% for every box of 3 cupcakes or box of 12 brownies for every 2 SM Cinema tickets presented at Brownies Stores. You can also get a free Upsize of Popcorn to Bucket and Free Upsize of 16 oz Drink to 22 oz Drink for every Movie Combo at Snack Time! Want to make it sweeter? Get Carmen's Best Strawberry Ice Cream at Snack Time!

Fueling...

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to reduce the landfill impact from both SM Prime and non-SM Prime managed properties, complementing the material recovery facility operations of the Local Government Units (LGUs).

GUUN's "fluff fuel" is produced from non-recyclable and hard-to-recycle wastes through sorting, curating, and formulation to meet chemical limits.

It serves as an alternative to solid fossil fuels like coal, fueling cement kilns and industrial boilers in paper manufacturing and power plants. This approach has proven effective in controlling landfilled waste in Japan, offering a second life for waste as productive fuels and creating opportunities for waste pickers to become formal waste sorters in these facilities.

"Fluff fuel" is one of the various solutions to control

waste buildup in Japan. The partnership between SM Prime and GUUN will explore further implementation of recovery or reduction techniques, ensuring that waste is no longer wasted.

SM Prime Holdings Chairman of the Executive Committee Hans Sy, emphasizing a commitment to a positive impact on local communities, shared, "It is exciting for SM Prime to partner with GUUN Japan with a joint mission to bridge the gap between society and the environment in the Philippines through investing in their pioneering solid waste management technology, which will eventually benefit all the communities that SM Prime serves."

Underscoring their dedication to making a positive impact on the Philippines, GUUN Co. Ltd.

CEO Shinji Fujieda stated, "At GUUN, we are ready to make every effort to contribute significantly to the Philippines and evolve the resource circulation system. The partnership with SM Prime leaves us with no doubt that we can succeed."

Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Secretary Toni Yulo-Loyzaaga emphasized the importance of such partnerships in advancing sustainable waste management practices. She said, "The DENR continues to collaborate with development partners and the private sector in tackling the challenge of solid waste management. Implementing industrial-scale, appropriate transition technologies for segregation and processing is a crucial step toward achieving a circular economy. Partnerships like the one between SM Prime and GUUN play a vital role in shaping a sustainable future."



Rehabilitating... (FROM PAGE 1)

Imus LGU. Modular Treatment Plants, which were built to produce potable water supply for residents of Maynilad now taps the Julian and Imus Rivers as raw water source for its

Imus. Once fully operational, both plants can serve the water requirements of around 132,000 customers in the area. (By Manila Standard)

House panel... (FROM PAGE 8)

The effectiveness of the Universal Health Care system depends on our ability to provide for our citizens, ensuring they receive the medical attention and preventive care they deserve," he said. The directive reflects the government's commitment to improving health services and making healthcare more accessible and affordable for all Filipinos. The review is not just

about increasing coverage but also about reevaluating PhilHealth's investment strategies to ensure that funds are utilized in ways that directly benefit the health and well-being of the Filipino people, added Romualdez. The hearing will start Wednesday. (PNA)

Merlaco... (FROM PAGE 1)

promotes the sustainable use of power to bring light to our communities," said MIESCOR President and Chief Executive Officer Richard O. Ochava, highlighting the project's innovative technique to sustainable power service. One of the goals of the project is to power necessary public structures like multi-purpose halls, streetlights, and development centers. Aside from the project serving as an energy capital for electric jeepneys, electric tricycles, and electric cars, it would also provide support for used EV batteries to maximize energy distribution to be able to secure reliable electricity for the community. "We are thrilled to introduce our sustainable ESS solution to this community. Today marks not only the completion of a project but also a new beginning for the ESS industry in the Philippines," said SeoChang President and Chief Executive Officer Yoon Sung-Hee. The joint effort between the two firms deepened the

commitment of MERALCO to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), focusing on the agenda called "Powering the Good Life". MIESCOR orchestrated the engineering, procurement, and construction services for this project, while SeoChang prided itself on developing ingenious technologies like Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) and ESS construction. PMGROW Corporation, Korean Energy Convergence Association, and Korea Testing Laboratory are some of the Korean firms that also played a part in the fulfillment of the project.

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE PUBLIC THAT This Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate, made and entered into on this 30th day of July, 2020 by and among: FLOR R. RUSIA, of legal age, widow, Filipino and with residence address at No. 20, Odonnell St., Veterans Village, Brgy. Holy Spirit, Quezon City, JANICE FLOR R. RUSIA, of legal age, Filipino, single and with residence address at 131 W. Ellis Avenue Apt. 23 Libertyville, Illinois, 60048, USA; VLADIMIR R. RUSIA married to MARY CAROLYN T. RUSIA of legal ages, Filipinos, and with residence address at 803, E. Hawley St., Mundelein, Illinois, 60060, USA; and FLORANHEL R. RUSIA married to SHERYLL DELA CRUZ RUSIA, of legal ages, Filipinos and with residence address at 841, Westmoreland Drive Apt. 7 Vernon Hills, Illinois, 60061, USA; all of them represented herein by their mother, FLOR R. RUSIA through a Special Power of Attorney. WITNESSETH: THAT- WHEREAS, on April 7, 2007, NELSON B. RUSIA, died intestate in PNP General Hospital, Camp Crame, Quezon City, leaving behind the following conjugal real property covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-643695 situated in the Brgy. of Sabang, Mun. of Naic, Prov. of Cavite, Island of Luzon, containing an area of FIFTY SIX SQUARE METERS AND FORTY SQ. DECIMETERS (56.40); WHEREAS, the parties hereto are the sole and only heirs of the decedent entitled to succeed to his estate, they being his wife, daughter and sons, respectively; WHEREAS, there are no known debts or obligations due against the estate of said decedent; and WHEREAS, it is to the best interest of the parties hereto to divide, partition and adjudicate among themselves the entire estate of the decedent particularly the real property above-described including the improvements existing thereon extrajudicially in the manner and form hereinafter set forth; NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing premises, and invoking the provision of Section 1, Rule 74 of the Rules of Court, the parties hereto have agreed as they hereby do so agree to divide, partition and adjudicate the above estate among themselves in pro indiviso one-fourth (1/4) of equal shares of one-half (1/2) of the afore-described property subject, however, to contingent liabilities to creditors, heirs or other persons who might have been deprived of lawful participation in the estate of the decedent for a period of two (2) years from and after the settlement and distribution thereof, in accordance with the provision of Section 4, Rule 74 of the Rules of Court; and That in the remote event that any other property of the decedent should ever be found which is not included herein above, the parties hereto further agree as they do so agree, to settle and distribute the same in like manner and proportion as herein established and disposed. THAT WE, JANICE FLOR R. RUSIA, VLADIMIR R. RUSIA and FLORANHEL R. RUSIA do hereby waive, quitclaim, and renounce all our rights, interests, participations and liabilities over the afore-described conjugal real property in favor of our mother, FLOR R. RUSIA. This has been the subject of Extra-Judicial Settlement of Estate With Waiver of Rights duly executed on 30th day of July 2020 by the Heirs before Notary Public Atty. Tito F. Sese, as per Doc. No. 340, Page No. 67, Book No. I, Series of 2020.

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EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF THE LATE EDILBERTO CRISOSTOMO WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: This Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate of the Edilberto Crisostomo with Deed of Absolute Sale, entered into at Dasmariñas City, Cavite this 15th of May, 2023 by and between PASTORA ANGON CRISOSTOMO, Filipino, of legal age, widow, ARNEL A. CRISOSTOMO, Filipino, of legal age, married to MA. CECILIA BACANI CRISOSTOMO and MA. BELEN A. CRISOSTOMO, Filipino, of legal age, single and all residents of 382 Dimasalang Subd., Imus City, Cavite, -WITNESSETH, that:- EDILBERTO CRISOSTOMO, died intestate on March 1, 2001 in Imus City, Cavite. That said deceased at the time of his death, left one (1) parcel of land more particularly described as follows:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No. T-73484

"A parcel of land (Lot No. 1988 of the Naic Estate, G.L.R.O. Record No. 8340), situated in the Municipality of Naic, Province of Cavite, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the Northeast, by Lot No. 1987; on the Southeast, by Lots Nos. 1987 and 1989; on the Southwest, by Lot No. 1989; and on the Northwest, by Lot No. 1969. Containing an area of EIGHTEEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY FOUR (18,784) SQUARE METERS, more or less."

No intestate proceeding has been filed, or is pending, for the settlement of the above- described estate, and there are no debts or obligations outstanding and/or unpaid left by the said deceased:

The above-named heirs of the deceased, being all of legal age, and suffering under no disability, legal or otherwise, entering into contract, have voluntarily agreed to partition and adjudicate unto themselves the above-described land SHARE AND SHARE ALIKE in accordance with law,

A true copy of this Extra-Judicial Settlement of Estate of the late Edilberto Crisostomo with Deed of Absolute Sale would be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation A copy of said publication and certification by the said newspaper is to be attached hereto as Annex "A";

That the above named heirs have here unto agreed to sell the mentioned property, containing an area of EIGHTEEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY FOUR (18,784) SQUARE METERS, more or less. NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the sum of THREE MILLION (PHP3,000,000.00) PESOS, Philippine Currency, in hand paid to us and receipt of which is hereby acknowledged in full to our entire satisfaction, the parties have hereby sold, transferred and conveyed and by these presents, do hereby sell, transfer and convey the above described property in favor of the SPOUSES DANILO A. GUBIO and MARLYN M. GUBIO, Filipinos, of legal age, husband and wife respectively and residents of Garita A, Maragondon, Cavite, their heirs, assigns and administrators: The Heirs Vendors hereby warrants true unlawful ownership of the property sold free from all liens and encumbrances.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this 15th day of May 2023 at Dasmariñas City, Cavite.

HEIRS OF THE LATE EDILBERTO CRISOSTOMO:

PASTORA ANGON CRISOSTOMO Heir/Vendor
PhilHealth ID No. 08-175390017-9

MA. BELEN A. CRISOSTOMO Heir/Vendor
ARNEL A. CRISOSTOMO Heir/Vendor
Driver's License ID No. A6937909

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Wife of Arnel A. Crisostomo
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DANILO A. GUBIO
Vendee
Senior Citizen ID No. 11671

MARLYN M. GUBIO
Vendee
Senior Citizen ID No. 8900

SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF:
1. LUALHATI MALIMBAN
2. EDGARDO MOLINA JR.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
DASMARIÑAS CITY) S.S.
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BEFORE ME, a Notary Public for and in the Province of Cavite and its six (6) cities, personally appeared, PASTORA ANGON CRISOSTOMO, ARNEL A. CRISOSTOMO, MA. CECILIA BACANI CRISOSTOMO, MA. BELEN A. CRISOSTOMO, DANILO A. GUBIO and MARLYN M. GUBIO, with their respective identification documents as written under their names known to me and to me known to be the same persons who had executed the foregoing instrument and they acknowledged to me that the same is their free voluntary act and deed.

The foregoing instrument pertains to an Extra-Judicial Settlement of Estate of the late Edilberto Crisostomo with Deed of Absolute Sale consisting of three (3) pages including this page on which the acknowledgment is written signed by the parties and their witnesses

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL on the place and date above written.

ATTY. GABRIEL B. OCTAVA Notary Public
Until December 31, 2023
PTR No. CD-3411533/01.03.23 Dasmariñas City & Cavite Province
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11th Asian Age Group tourney to serve as Paris Olympic qualifier

The 11th Asian Age Group Championships (AAGC) scheduled to be held at the New Clark City Aquatics Center in Capas, Tarlac from Feb. 26 to March 9 will serve as qualifier for the Paris Olympics.

The AAGC organizers, led by Philippine Aquatics, Inc. secretary general Rep. Eric Buhain, made the announcement during the Philippine Sportswriters Association (PSA) Forum at the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) conference hall inside the Rizal Memorial Sports Complex on Tuesday.

"Just two days ago, it has been declared that the 11th Asian Age Group Championships is an Olympic Qualifying event for Paris," said Local Organizing Committee president and CEO Joseph "Jojit" Alcazar, who joined COO Dave Carter and Buhain in the weekly session presented by San Miguel Corp., Philippine Sports Commission, Philippine Olympic Committee, MILO, PLDT/Smart, and ArenaPlus, the leading sports entertainment gateway in the Philippines.

About 1,300 athletes from 31 countries are expected to join the tournament, which

features four disciplines: swimming (Feb. 26-29), diving (Feb. 26-March 1), artistic swimming (March 2-6), and water polo (March 3-9).

Competitions are in the 12-14, 15-17, and 18-and-above age categories.

Buhain clarified though that only the swimming event is the Olympic qualifier.

"World-class swimmers will be coming over and do their best to make the qualifying times for Paris. It's a big opportunity for us to host and see these swimmers. It is rare that we see this caliber of athletes in the field of aquatics coming to our country," said Buhain, a former chairman of the Games and Amusements Board (GAB) and the PSC.

The organizers see a possible surge in the number of entries and countries participating leading to the event after the decision to make the

event an Olympic qualifier.

"It can even swell because now, there are still people chasing to be included in our event," Alcazar said.

India, Pakistan, Malaysia, Japan, Vietnam, and Sri Lanka have a big delegation. The Philippines will be represented by 44 athletes – 22 boys and 22 girls – who were selected based on the World Aquatics qualifying points during the national tryouts at the Teofilo Yldefonso swimming pool inside the Rizal Memorial Sports Complex in October last year.

Four men and women are entered in diving while two foreign-based Filipinos will compete in artistic swimming.

World Aquatics president Husain Al-Musallam and other officials of Asia Aquatics have signified their intentions to visit and watch the event. (PNA)



OLYMPIC QUALIFIER. Philippine Aquatics, Inc. secretary general Rep. Eric Buhain (center) talks about the country's hosting of the 11th Asian Age Group Championships (AAGC) during the Philippine Sportswriters Association Forum at the Philippine Sports Commission conference hall inside the Rizal Memorial Sports Complex on Tuesday (Feb. 13, 2024.) The swimming event of the tournament, set to be held at the New Clark City Aquatics Center in Capas, Tarlac on Feb. 26 to March 9, will serve as qualifier for the Paris Olympics. (PNA photo by Jesus Escaros)

Signal HD posts second win in PNVF Champions League

Signal HD outplayed the Philippine Navy, 25-15, 25-21, 27-25, to take the Group A lead in the preliminary round of the Philippine National Volleyball Federation (PNVF) Champions League at the Rizal Memorial Coliseum on Tuesday.



DOMINANT. Signal HD opposite hitter Madz Gampong (in red jersey) goes against Philippine Navy skipper Greg Dolor (No.16) and middle blocker Peter Quiel during the preliminary round of the Philippine National Volleyball Federation (PNVF) Champions League at the Rizal Memorial Coliseum on Tuesday (Feb. 13, 2024.) The HD Spikers won the match in three straight sets for their second win. (PNVF photo)

National team spiker Joshua Umandal scored 19 points, 15 on attacks, leading the HD Spikers to its second win in the eight-team event organized by the PNVF, headed by Ramon "Tats" Suzara.

Umandal, who also made three blocks, delivered eight points in the 40-minute third set.

Skipper JP Bugaoan contributed nine points while fellow Lloyd Josafat and Wendell Miguel chipped in six points each for Signal, which also swept College of Saint Benilde, 25-19, 25-21, 25-20, on Sunday.

Opposite hitter Joeven dela Vega scored 16 points, nine in the third set, to pace the Navy, which suffered its second loss in the tournament supported by PLDT, Ayala Land, Nuvali, Signal, One Sports+, Mikasa, Senoh, Foton, Philippine Olympic Committee, and the Philippine Sports Commission.

Team captain Greg Dolor contributed 12 hits and one block while middle blocker Peter Quiel had five points.

Meanwhile, VNS Aserent relied on opposite

hitter Kevin Montemayor and spiker Charles Jordan Segui to beat the Philippine Army for its first win in Group B.

Montemayor and Segui scored 14 points apiece for the Griffins, who took the bronze medal last year.

Spiker Kenneth Culabat added 13 points while Ralph Lacuanan scored seven points, including two blocks. Iloilo is on top of Group B with two wins.

The D'Navigators downed Philippine Army, 25-18, 25-21, 25-21, last Monday and VNS Aserent, 25-20, 25-23, 25-20, in the opener. (PNA)

NU, La Salle vow to defend UAAP volleyball titles

The National University (NU) and De La Salle University (DLSU) are both determined to keep their respective titles in the University Athletic Association of the Philippines (UAAP) Season 86 collegiate volleyball tournament which will start on Feb. 17 at the SM Mall of Asia Arena.



UAAP VOLLEYBALL. Coaches of the men's teams pose during the University Athletic Association of the Philippines (UAAP) Season 86 collegiate volleyball press conference at the Coral Way Lobby of the SM Mall of Asia Arena in Pasay City on Monday (Feb. 12, 2024.) UAAP Season 86 collegiate volleyball tournament will start on Feb. 17. (UAAP photo)

NU is eyeing its fifth consecutive men's crown and coach Dante Alinsunurin knows his players are eager to achieve that goal.

"We just have to continue our good performance last year. I always remind my players to do their best," Alinsunurin said during the University Athletic Association of the Philippines (UAAP) Season 86 collegiate volleyball press conference at the Coral Way Lobby of the SM Mall of Asia Arena in Pasay City on Monday.

The DLSU Lady Spikers, on the other hand, are gunning for their 13th title overall.

"We'll try to keep the title," La Salle assistant coach Noel Orcullo said. "We're the defending champion so all the teams are after us."

Also present were Ateneo women's head coach Sergio Veloso, Far Eastern University coach

Manolo Refugia, Adamson assistant coach Bang Pineda, NU team manager Gelina Luceño, University of Santo Tomas assistant coach Yani Fernandez, University of the Philippines coach Oliver Almadro and University of the East coach Jerry Yee.

Other sports calendared in the league's second semester are collegiate football, baseball, softball, fencing, tennis, 3x3 basketball, exhibition events in esports, and a demonstration event for junior high school basketball.

"The UAAP continues to evolve, and we are thrilled to present a dynamic second-semester sports lineup. These events showcase the talent, determination, and sportsmanship of our student-athletes. We invite fans to join us on this exciting journey and witness the incredible feats that our universities bring to the playing field," UAAP President Rodrigo

Roque of UE said. Games will be held on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays -- two in the men's division (starting at 10 a.m.) and two in the women's division (commencing at 2 p.m.) per playdate.

All matches will be shown live and exclusively on the UAAP Varsity Channel, One Sports, and Pilipinas Live.

"We are excited to continue our commitment to bringing top-notch sports entertainment to Filipino homes. Following the unprecedented coverage of the High School Volleyball and Basketball tournaments, we are thrilled to extend our partnership with the UAAP to deliver the collegiate volleyball excitement to a wider audience on multiple platforms," Signal TV and MediaQuest President and CEO Jane Basas said. (PNA)

Wetlands get spotlight in southern Metro Manila museum

Did you know there's a type of land that acts like a giant sponge, naturally soaking up pollutants and filtering our water? These unsung heroes are called wetlands, precious ecosystems often undervalued despite their critical role in protecting our environment and ourselves.

Almost 87 percent of wetlands have vanished in the past 300 years due to human activities, according to the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF). Yet, hope remains! The Philippines boasts of 342 protected wetlands, and now, one gets a well-deserved spotlight with the opening of the country's first wetland museum in Las Piñas-Parañaque Wetland Park (LPPWP) in Metro Manila.

This exciting initiative underscores the importance of recognizing these ecosystems and safeguarding them for future generations. Let's explore why wetlands deserve our appreciation and what we can do to ensure their survival.

Out of the 342, Metro Manila has five (5) important wetland areas, namely:

The Tagalog Fishing Village - small fishing village that is home to several species of waterbirds in Valenzuela City;

La Mesa Watershed - a natural basin and water reservation area in Quezon City, it drains parts of Caloocan City, Quezon City, Bulacan and Rizal Province;

Tanza Marine Tree Park - mangrove enrichment area located in Navotas City, home to almost 12,000 bird species;

Laguna de Bay - largest freshwater lake in the country and third largest in the Southeast Asian Region. The cities of Taguig and Muntinlupa share its ecosystem with other areas in Luzon; and

The Las Piñas-Parañaque Wetland Park (LPPWP) - a protected area shared by both cities that consists of a beach, mangrove forest, mudflats, salt marshes, ponds, and lagoons.

What are wetlands?
The Ramsar Convention, an intergovernmental treaty that recognizes the importance of wetlands defines it as "areas of marsh, fen, peatland, or water, either natural or artificial, permanent or temporary, that are covered with water, either static or flowing." To put it simply, wetlands are lands covered with water.

Benefits of our wetlands:

- * Home to various animal and plant species

- * Fights climate change by its carbon storing ability
- * Supports rice cultivation

- * Act as a natural waste-water treatment facility, absorbs pollutants

- * Acts as a flood control mechanism, protects shores from tsunamis

- * Source of food, fiber, fuel and genetic materials

- * Improve water quality and provide fresh water for drinking

Wetlands against climate change

According to WWF, wetlands can store 50 times more carbon than rain forests, keeping gasses that contribute to climate change like carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide out of the atmosphere.

Wetlands as natural water filter

Wetlands absorb pollutants like heavy metals and phosphorus in their soils. It can also physically and chemically break down bacteria.

Threats faced by our wetlands

However, with these benefits to the human population, wetlands still face a number of challenges such as:

- * Pollution from domestic and industrial sources

- * Climate change
- * Over exploitation
- * Conflicting policies

- * Wrong and incompatible usage

What will happen if our wetlands disappear?

If wetlands disappear, our drinking water will be much more expensive. Birds and fish species will be displaced and die, threatening food security and livelihood. Communities will experience much worse floods, storm surges can easily progress to inland cities.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) - NCR is primarily responsible for the conservation and management of the wetlands in the region. They manage and assess wetlands to be able to optimize its benefits, without harming its natural ecosystem.

Cleanup drives and tree planting activities are a regular initiative in and around these wetlands to maintain its preservation.

Apart from these, the agency also advocates to



spread awareness of the fascinating world of wetlands, its characteristics, benefits and how people can help preserve this crucial ecosystem by conducting educational tours and information drives.

First wetland museum in PH

In celebration of the World Wetlands Day (WWD) 2024, the DENR-NCR through its Protected Area Management Office unveiled the first wetland museum in the country on February 2.

It will serve as a platform for advocating wetland conservation. It aims to let people appreciate and help preserve wetlands, not just in NCR, but also around the Philippines.

Present in the event were Senator Cynthia Villar, Parañaque City Mayor Eric Olivarez, DENR-NCR OIC Assistant Regional Director for Technical Services Engr. Henry P. Pacis, and other officials and employees of the DENR-NCR.

In a statement, Senator Villar, who also sits as the chairperson of the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources recognizes the importance of wetlands for the benefit of future generations.

"We actively protect and strongly defend the breadth and depth of our territories to ensure that the future generation of Filipinos will still have the opportunity to take pride and find joy in our country's rich biodiversity," she said.

"The Wetland Museum serves as a testament to the collaborative efforts dedicated to the preservation and appreciation of our natural heritage, strategically

nested within the renowned LPPWP, aims to serve as a beacon of awareness and understanding about the significance of wetlands in the ecological balance," said OIC Engr. Pacis for his part during the inauguration and ribbon cutting ceremony of the museum.

Surprise your loved ones with a visit

The Wetland Museum is in its initial phase of development but visitors can expect an immersive experience featuring interactive displays, educational exhibits, and captivating installations showcasing the diversity and importance of wetland environments. It sheds light on the threats experienced by wetlands like habitat loss and pollution, encouraging community engagement in protecting these precious areas.

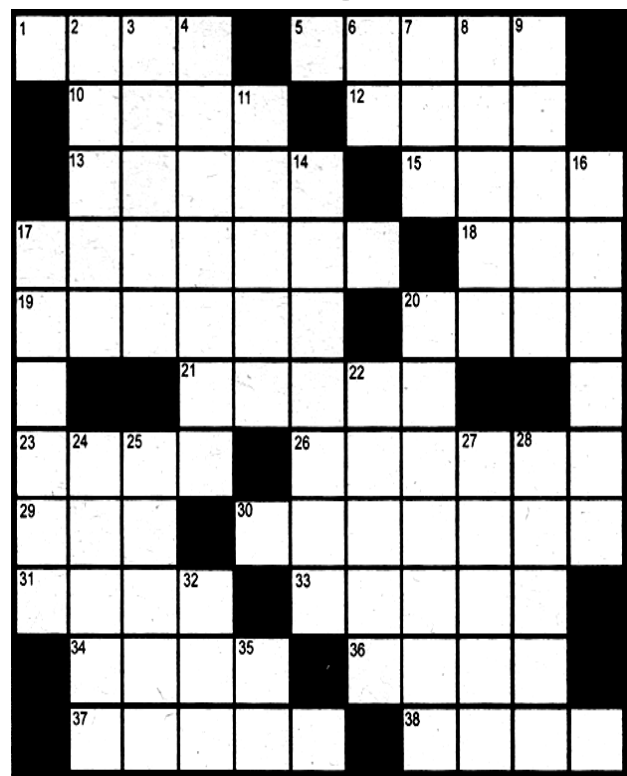
DENR-NCR, is steadfast in its commitment to advancing the museum's capabilities. It plans to transform the space into a vibrant hub for wetland education and advocacy, fostering a community that values and actively participates in the preservation of these vital ecosystems.

How to visit the Wetland Museum?

The Wetland Museum is located inside the Wetland Centre Complex in Las Piñas-Parañaque Wetland Park (LPPWP). Its entrance can be accessed right before the first toll gate of Cavite southbound.

The admission is free and it is open from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. For inquiries, contact the LPPWP Protected Area Management Office via mobile phone at 0991-771-2566. (JVD/PIA-NCR)

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- Apuhap
- Mando
- Listahan ng pagkain
- Paghapdi ng sikmura
- Ale
- Parte ng katawan
- Ling
- Ikot
- Sapatos pambaha
- Paghahati-hati
- Kuha
- Kukurba
- Pinas
- Walang mantsa
- Dagli
- Halaman sa bahay kubo
- Yapos
- Ganda
- Pakay
- Maanghang na bunga

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- Alma Moreno
- Lambat
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SAGOT SA NAKARAAN



Dagdag Kaalaman

Ang Camp John Hay sa Baguio ay ipinangalan sa private secretary ni US president Abraham Lincoln.

DOST trains Camiguin cacao processors on Food Safety

THE Department of Science and Technology (DOST) trained cacao processors in Camiguin on Food Safety and current Good Manufacturing Practices. The two-day training was conducted on January 24-25, 2024 at Maslog, Balbagon, Mambajao.



Eager to upskill employees directly involved in its daily processing, Mama Jita's Food Processing enrolled 18 of its employees in the training, seven of whom are males and 11 are females. Mama Jita's Food Products are known for its cacao-based products such as tablea (chocolate tablet) and choco drinks, prioritizes yearly training to ensure top-notch food safety standards.

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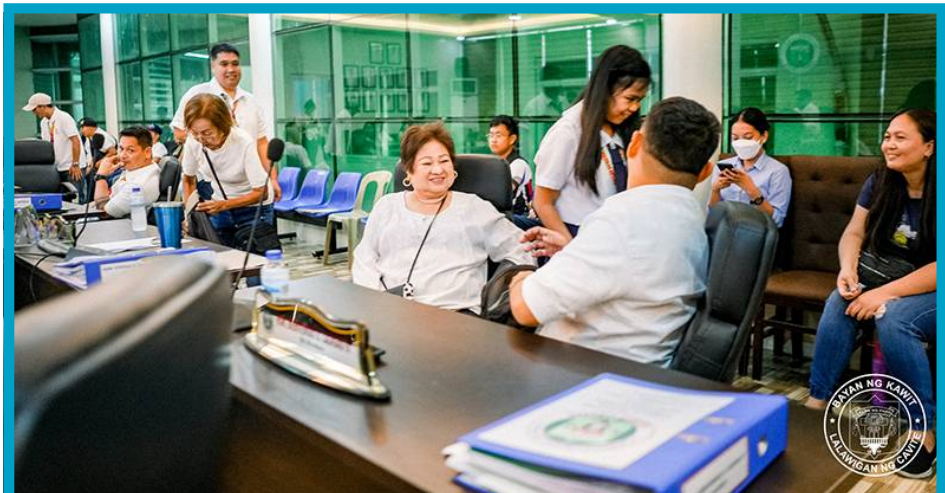
DOST, LGU Valencia partners to support MANTALA in coffee processing

The Department of Science and Technology, in partnership with the Local Government of Valencia City and the Manggayahay Tribal Association Incorporated (MANTALA Inc.) are set to improve coffee processing through various science, technology, and innovation interventions. The parties sealed a Memorandum of Agreement on January 16, 2024 at Sitio Migtulod, Mt. Nebo, Valencia City, Bukidnon.



The signed MOA states the commitment of DOST and LGU Valencia to support the coffee production of MANTALA Inc., an organized group of Talaandig coffee farmers in Valencia City. Through this partnership, DOST will provide coffee processing equipment including coffee pulper, dehydrator, coffee bean grinder machine, and more. DOST will also conduct a training on Food Safety and Good Manufacturing Process to the beneficiaries.

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Maraming salamat sa ating Sangguniang Bayan sa pagdinig sa ating mungkahi na payagan tayong pumasok sa kasunduan kasama ang mga ospital at funeral parlor upang maipagpatuloy natin ang ating mga #AlagangAngeloAguinaldo service. Lubos din nating ikina-alerto ang nangyaring sunog sa Pulvorista kaya naman mas magiging alerto pa ang ating pamahalaang bayan kasama ang BFP Kawit sa pagpasok ng summer season. Muli rin nating binabati si Aliyah Quijoy na nagpamalalas ng kanyang talento sa Tawag ng Tanghalan Kids at nagtagumpay bilang First Weekly Finals winner. Congratulations, Aliyah! #AksyongAngeloAguinaldo #RatedTripleA #PusoAtMalasakitParaSaAtingKawit #MayorAguinaldo

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FUELING THE FUTURE: SM PRIME UNVEILS GROUNDBREAKING WASTE-TO-FUEL PARTNERSHIP

SM Prime has entered a joint venture with GUUN Co. Ltd (GUUN), with SM Prime holding 70% of the equity of the Philippine joint venture company.

GUUN Co. Ltd is headquartered in Yokohama City, Japan, and operates material recovery and recycling facilities, along with environmental solution services. Invited by the government of Cebu in 2014, GUUN initiated the production of fossil alternative fuels called "fluff fuel" from non-recyclable waste materials, aligning with its mission to "maintain harmony between the earth and society by creating a happy environment for the future."

United in this mission, SM Prime partnered with GUUN to actively participate in developing infrastructure for systematic waste management and resource recovery, following the best practices of Japan. The joint venture aims

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Executive Committee member Hans Sy and GUUN CEO Shinji Fujieda shake hands during the signing of a memorandum of understanding to explore waste management solutions, recycling waste paper and plastics into "fluff fuel" for alternative energy.



SM Prime joins forces with GUUN to develop infrastructure for waste management, aiming to minimize landfill impact across SM Prime and non-SM Prime properties.



The Office of the Provincial Governor - Medical Mission Team, in collaboration with the Office of the Provincial Health Officer, organized an impactful health outreach event on February 8, 2024, at Barangay Sapang, Ternate. The event aimed to address the healthcare needs of the local community, bringing essential medical and dental services to those who may not have easy access to such facilities. One noteworthy addition to the mission was the Lab For All (LFA) truck, which played a crucial role in delivering specialized services to the residents. The LFA truck provided free Electrocardiogram (ECG) services for 30 patients, enabling early detection and monitoring of heart-related issues. Additionally, 23 individuals availed free X-ray examinations, a valuable diagnostic tool in identifying various health conditions. Furthermore, the medical mission extended its services which include free consultation and provision of medicines to 275 individuals, dental check-ups and tooth extraction to 52 patients. This comprehensive approach aimed to address various health concerns and provide immediate relief to those in need. The community members, spanning different age groups, were grateful for the opportunity to receive professional healthcare services at their doorstep. (OPIO)