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Cavite hosts 13th CGTTP training program



PRESERVING HISTORIC PAST Silang, Cavite Mayor Alston Kevin Anarna (left) hands over a token to Dr. Emmanuel Franco Calairo, chairman of the National Historical Commission of the Philippines, during the launch of 'Conservation Goes to the Province of Cavite: A Training on the Conservation of Movable and Immovable Cultural Property,' on Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2023, at the Function Hall of the New Municipal Hall in Barangay Biga 1. PHOTO BY DENNIS ABRINA

SILANG, Cavite: A program intended to create awareness and share the correct method of preserving cultural properties, wood, paintings and monuments, among others, was launched here on Tuesday.

The program, dubbed "Conservation Goes to the Province of Cavite: A Training on the Conservation of Movable and Immovable Cultural Property," is set for four days and is in line with the commemoration of History Month this August.

The launch was attended by Dr. Emmanuel Franco Calairo, chairman of the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP), and Silang, Cavite Mayor Alston Kevin Anarna.

Interested parties from different towns and cities in the province are welcome to participate in the four-day training.

Organizers said that participants are taught the importance of preserving significant cultural properties. "This is not only for the current generation but also for the

future ones. Events like this spread proper knowledge and the importance of our culture and history," the event organizers said.

The Materials Research Conservation Division of the NHCP sees public education as an important means of generating public awareness and appreciation in the field of conservation and restoration through seminars and training geared toward providing an interactive platform for stakeholders both in the public and private sectors.

The Conservation Goes to the Province (CGTTP) program is now in its 13th year and has been to Bacolod, Batanes, Naga, Dumaguete, Cebu, Bataan, Sorsogon, Iloilo and Sagada.

This year, the local government of Silang hosted the CGTTP-Cavite

on August 22-25 at the Function Hall of the Silang New Municipal Building in Barangay Biga 1.

Here, participants are given lectures on basic conservation methodology critical to heritage protection through a theoretical and hands-on approach and case studies from various conservation and restoration works by the NHCP.

During the training, participants are to be provided with six modules covering historic structures, paper and related materials, textiles, wood and wooden polychrome, metal, paintings, and other related conservation lectures on disaster risk management for cultural heritage, agents of deterioration, collection documentation, and the presentation of case studies. **(Dennis Abrina)**

DOH RECOGNIZES 'MARIJUANA' BENEFITS

NO less than Department of Health (DOH) secretary, Dr. Ted Herbosa, has recognized the benefits of medical cannabis or marijuana. A fast-tracked bill is in Congress for the legalization of its use.



Only few are now opposed to the passage of pending bills in Congress seeking to legalize the use of this medical cannabis as medicines. The recently concluded Joint Congressional Committee on Dangerous Drugs and Health unanimously approved that the proposed bills be forwarded to a technical working group, preparatory to submission to the Congress for deliberation during plenary session.

Dr. Marq Gem Mutia,

adult medicine specialist and founder of Philippine Society of Cannabinoid Medicine, said it's the first time ever that a DOH chief has recognized the medical cannabis and its benefits "unlike his predecessors."

Dr. Richard Nixon Gomez, an inventor, a scientist and general manager of Bauertek Corporation, the sponsor of the weekly Media Health Forum held every Monday, said the number of those opposed to legalize the use of marijuana, has lessened.

With some 10 pending bills in Congress and Senate seeking to legalize the use of the medical herb or marijuana, he said that more and more evidence are gathered indicating its benefits.

Gomez said that the use of the controversial marijuana, should be looked at from a bigger and global perspective as more doctors, experts, scientists, politicians around the world advocate for its use, based on studies. The benefits are

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DOST upgrades IP school bamboo crafts through GRIND program



With the goal of empowering indigenous culture, the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) in region 10 upgrades Luyungan IP High School's bamboo crafts through the Grassroots Innovation for Inclusive Development Program.

The GRIND program is a pioneering initiative of DOST Region XI in partnership with the United Nations Development Program in the Philippines and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP). Through this program, DOST-X aims to empower marginalized communities and build their resilience by developing and deploying grassroots innovations in Davao Region and, ultimately, countrywide.

Its main objective is to identify and assess GIs that address significant problems in the communities among all regions. It also aims to provide a package of S&T interventions among grassroots innovators and communities responsive to the location-specific needs of the regions.

DOST-X has turned over an array of tools and equipment during the turnover on June 16, 2023 at the school's premises in Brgy. Bangcud, Malaybalay City. It was attended by DOST representatives, school administrators, teachers, and IP students. The event marked a significant milestone in the development of the school's bamboo crafts program and opened doors to new opportunities for the local community.

Among the tools and equipment provided were mini portable ► **DOST • 4**

EDITORIAL

Better to be extra ready with disaster food banks and stockpiles

Disaster preparedness should not merely be about readiness during a disaster; it means that a city or a municipality should remain prepared even when there is no disaster.

As a nation most vulnerable to climate change, natural disasters are inevitable, particularly with the annual onslaught of multiple typhoons. Year after year, we are inundated with news headlines of towns ravaged by strong winds and rains, with flash floods and storm surges destroying crucial infrastructure like roads and bridges. The result is a loss of power and communication, rendering entire localities on a standstill and homes uninhabitable for days.

Within this grim reality, the distressing hunger, discomfort, and anxiety experienced by our fellow Filipinos temporarily residing in cramped relief centers becomes painfully evident. This is a classic tale of how the government fails its citizenry.

Therefore, it's high time that we proactively address this perennial predicament even before any major disaster strikes again. Advanced preparation is paramount, given that swift action following a calamity is essential. Any wrong move or a snail-paced response could amplify an already disastrous situation.

To institutionalize this concept of readiness within our disaster management framework, one of the legislations from the House of Representatives is House Bill (HB) 8463. This bill seeks to "set up and construct disaster food banks and stockpiles in every province and urbanized city across the nation to speed up the delivery of relief goods and other supplies during calamities."

The House passed the bill on its third and final reading with 274 affirmative votes.

Speaker Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez said the proposal stemmed from the fact that the country is visited every year by more than 20 typhoons, which have become stronger due to climate change.

"This reality requires us to prepare for the eventuality of storms and similar calamities displacing residents of affected areas. We have to have a faster, more efficient, and a more effective system of responding to disasters and helping our people," he said. "A single life we can save through the timely delivery of medicine, food and critical items in the event of a calamity is worth more than the effort and money that will go into setting up these food and supply reserves."



Under the bill, the disaster food bank and stockpile shall "serve as the central repository of food, water, medicines, vaccines, antidotes, and other critical medical products, medical kits, portable power and light source, clothing, tents, and communication devices." The shelf life of these items should at least be two years.

Recognizing the importance of cooperation during disasters, the establishment of the stockpiles shall also be an inter-agency effort. This will be led by the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) and the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), with the participation of various departments and the concerned local government.

The NDRRMC shall "determine the locations of the

stockpiles, taking into consideration equitable distribution among regions, accessibility, safety and security from natural and human-induced disasters, and immediate release of the supply reserves in case of a calamity or an emergency."

This proposed bill is commendable, reflecting a crucial step toward rectifying an alarming trend where our fellow citizens, who have already lost homes and livelihoods, are further neglected post-calamity. The era of procrastination and the lack of foresight must end. Preparedness is our immediate call, not only to mitigate the impact of a disaster's aftermath but also to stop the unnecessary loss of lives that could be prevented beforehand.

PGC extends health services in Silang

The dedicated team from the Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC) extended health services to residents of Brgy. Lalaan 1, Silang during the conduct of a medical and dental mission on August 18, 2023 to meet the healthcare needs of the community.



GEAMH medical and dental practitioners shared their expertise and knowledge providing free medical consultation, check-ups, tooth extraction and dental examination to the

patients. One hundred ninety-five locals benefitted from various health and medical services provided. Of the 195 patients catered, 145 availed the free medical services,

while 50 received free dental extractions and preventive oral health care. They also received prescription medicines, multivitamins, and mosquito repellent-lotion. The mission was

successful through the collaborative effort of Barangay Chairman Romeo B. Toledo, barangay officials, health professionals and barangay health workers. (OPIO)

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DOST OneLab's poster presentation in Vietnam highlights the role in ensuring food safety

To further promote the importance of the network in ensuring food safety, the Department of Science and Technology's OneLab project management team joined the Association of Analytical Communities (AOAC) SEA Section 2nd Annual Conference held on August 1-2, 2023, in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.



The team composed of the project leader and DOST IX Assistant Regional Director for Finance, Administrative Support and Technical Services, Ms. Rosemarie S. Salazar; Dr. Annabelle V. Briones, co-project leader and Director of Industrial Technology Development Institute (ITDI); and Mr. Admer C. Dablio, Project Coordinator and Quality

and CPD Manager of ITDI led the poster presentation detailing the initiatives of the OneLab Network.

Titled "A Networking Success: The Role of the Philippines' DOST OneLab Network in Ensuring Food Safety for Both the National and International Markets," the poster presentation posited that many of the member laboratories under the OneLab Network come

from testing laboratories which are being utilized to address the increasing needs from various stakeholders for testing of foods and food products to ensure safety and quality, meeting national and international requirements and standards.

Through the network, micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in remote areas of the Philippines, they said, can



now have access to testing services to check if their food and food products are complying to quality requirements and are safe for consumption.

This innovative solution has, in turn, enabled MSMEs produce globally competitive food and food products that can penetrate the international market through the economies' Mutual Recognition Arrangements (MRAs), since the products are tested by accredited laboratories based on PNS ISO/IEC 17025:2017.

For years, the network has helped various sectors: (a) the regulatory bodies in the performance of their function to regulate foods and food products for the strict implementation of Republic Act (RA) 10611 or the Food Safety Act of 2013; (b) the big companies and MSMEs which don't have internal quality assurance laboratories for their food quality and safety assessments, meeting requirements of their own customers; and (c) the policy makers for the development of food safety national and international standards from scientific data of the local settings in the Philippines.

They said that the DOST OneLab has been influential not only in the monitoring of food safety and quality in the country, but as well as in the contribution to the development of food national standards through the technical expertise provided by DOST.

Pesticide residue as food safety issue in SEA countries

Aside from the poster presentation, Dr. Briones served as one of the panelists in a panel discussion on the "Needs of Pesticide Analysis in the Southeast Asia Region." The discussion focused on pesticide residue being one of the major food safety issues in the Southeast Asian countries and on the discussion on the needs of pesticide analysis in the Southeast Asian region with the intention to support international trade.

Ms. Edna Callejas-Mijares, RCh., MSc., CEO of Jefcor Laboratories, Inc., for the Philippines, presented "Pesticides Residues in Food and Food Products: Analysis and CODEX Standards for Maximum Residue Limits" which called for the harmonization of standards by adoption of CODEX Standards as provided for in the Food

Safety Act of 2013 and she also served as one of the panelists.


Winner

Meanwhile, Abigail Grace H. Bion, RCh, MSc, and Science Research Specialist I from the National Metrology Division of DOST-ITDI, is one of the three (3) graduate and undergraduate students who won the Best Student Poster Awards conducted in the annual conference.

Ms. Bion won together with contestants from Indonesia and Vietnam, besting 12 students from seven countries in Southeast Asia which were granted student travel awards by the AOAC SEA.

In June 2021, the formation of a new Southeast Asia section of AOAC International was approved by the AOAC Board of Directors. The new section, AOAC Southeast Asia Section, encompasses 10 countries: Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Timor-Leste, and Vietnam.

Want to be a DOST OneLab Network member? Contact us at our email adresses@itdi.onelab@gmail.com. **(By Rosemarie C. Señora, S&T Media Service)**



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A LEAGUE OF EMPOWERED WOMEN TAKES PRIDE AT SM CITY BACCOOR AND SM CITY WOMENPRENEUR MARKET

SM CITY BACCOOR, SM CITY MOLINO, CAVITE – From challenges and scratch to a whole new level of success, these ladies boldly made a mark and emerged as victorious as they establish their own businesses. And there's no other way to spot empowered women but to see how they support other women to grow and earn as well.

From August 15 to August 31, SM City Bacoor and SM City Molino gathered local businesses from the community, its tenants, affiliates, and women' partner organizations to create pop ups of small and medium business offering comfort food, beauty cosmetics, and more. Great finds that women love are presented and are on sale at the Womenpreneur Market.

Joining the Womenpreneur market in SM City Bacoor is Sisidlan by Virginia- a social enterprise which helps inmate weavers as they

market fashionable handwoven modern bayong bags, Monica's Handcraft and Boho Dreams which offers fashionable handmade accessories, Mayumi Organics which offers organic and environmental friendly cosmetic and hair products, Sheng's Gourmet which offers gourmet products with all natural ingredients and no preservatives nor artificial flavors, House of Ising's offering delectable delicacies, Clara Scents offering essential oils and fragrances for your home and cars, and Perfume Dessert which offers a wide

range of oil based scents that fits your personality and lifestyle.

SM City Molino also has its own league of empowered women who continues to rise through challenges and inspire others with their ventures. Joining the list is Bitesize PH which offers mouthwatering desserts and comfort food, Honey Glaze Kitchen offering delicious breads and pastries, Heycaffé offering brewed and iced coffee, as well as Clara Scents and Boho Dreams to make your home smell like hotel, and you feel beautiful as you



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for physical, mental and emotional. "Ito ay tinatanggap na ng mga sports, athletic bodies, NBA. Tinatanggap na rin ng Olympics at iba pang athletic bodies at maraming hospital."

To this date, he said around 60 countries and counting, are prescribing the use of medical cannabis to their patients for various ailments.

Dr. Marq Gem Mutia meanwhile said that the use of medical cannabis has been going on for many years and the only "traditional" medicine that was available even during the time of national hero, Dr. Jose Rizal. It was, he said a "mainstream medicine" before its prohibition.

Around 100 ailments

and diseases could be treated with marijuana and it was clinically proven for chronic pain, chemotherapy associated with nausea and vomiting, multiple sclerosis and intractable epilepsy.

Dr. Camille Garcia, a clinical psychologist and CEO of the Clinic of the Holy Spirit, said that medical cannabis is also used for Parkinson's disease and Alzheimer's disease. She said that cannabis contains cannabidiol or CBD, which is one of the best medications for various ailments like psychosis, schizophrenia.

Meanwhile, Gomez brought good news to the forum on the status of the pending bills in Congress that led to the formation

of a technical working group (TWG) in the Senate.

He said, they discussed the contents of the bills and amended some and once done, this would be signed by the bills' authors and will be brought to the plenary for another discussion. It is in this stage that Gomez's group needs the help of various advocates and supporters.

Bauertek is a research, manufacturing and development company in Guiguinto, Bulacan, that has the capability to manufacture medicines from marijuana based on the specific formulation or needs of the patients.

Drs. Garcia and Mutia were guests at the forum hosted by veteran broadcasters Riolando "Lakay" Gonzalo and Edwin Jose Eusebio.

changer for them in continuously empowering students to develop their talents, create livelihood opportunities, and preserve their indigenous traditions.

Students have also shown eagerness to explore their artistic potential.

The bamboo crafts program at Luyungan IP High School is expected to flourish with the newly acquired resources, enabling students to create a wide range of bamboo-based products such as furniture, decorative items, and handicrafts. The aim is not only to hone their skills but also to instill a sense of pride in their cultural heritage and contribute to the sustainable development of their community. **(Rashia Mae Deva Paano/DOST 10)**

rest in it or go out with your perfect OOTDs.

Visit the Womenpreneur Market at SM City Bacoor

located at the Upper Ground Floor Main entrance near French Baker and Breadtalk, and at SM City

Molino located at the Event Center, and support these empowered women as you shop for your needs.

Pamumuno

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samahan sa DA-4A nang sa ganun ay makatanggap sila ng mga kinakailangan interbensyon.

Ayon kay Angelyn Corolacion, ang ikakabuti at ikakaunlad ng isang samahan ay nasa magaling at masigasig na pinuno. Sinabi din niya ang

mga ganitong pagsasanay ang maghuhubog sa kanila upang umunlad sila kasabay ng kanilang sakahan.

Samantala, nagkaroon ng din pagsasanay sa produksyon ng iba't-ibang klase ng gulay at pagpagagawa ng botanical

concoction tulad ng Fermented Fruit Juice, Fermented Plant Juice, at Fish Amino Acid na pwedeng gamitin bilang abono sa mga pananim.

Naging tagapagsanay ang mga kawani ng DA-4A 4K Program na sina Alternate 4K Focal Person Jacqueline Sunga, Rochelle Ann De Ramos, at Jason Trinidad.

A step

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be neglected in the growing Municipality of Mendez.

Likewise, Hon. Irene Bencito, 8th District Board Member and Committee Chair on Human Rights, emphasized the mindset of not viewing the "dis" in disability, but instead, emphasizing the "ability", thus, allowing PWDs to see their potential rather than their limitations.

Ms. Marife Bautista, representative of 1st District Board Member Romel Enriquez, then wished a fruitful activity for all attendees.

During the kick off, esteemed speakers explored on key topics, including the Mandates of the Law for Persons with Disabilities discussed by Ms. Marie Shiela Haloc; the Child's Rights presented by Ms. Precyl Ramos; and

Understanding Disabilities tackled by Ms. Adela Villa. Additionally, Mr. Denmark Dimapilis of ELAD School of Potentials gave a lecture on Early Intervention among Children with Disabilities, while Ms. Maria Heidi Alaine Tahir, Education Program Supervisor of SNEd General Trias City, talked about the Children with Disability and Education. Through these interactive discussions, parents were equipped with necessary knowledge and skills that will help them navigate and calibrate initiatives for children with disabilities.

A consultative dialogue was also facilitated with stakeholders from PGC offices, non-government agencies and the local government of Mendez, wherein current situations of children with disabilities

and development of potential actions and solutions for their improved governance were discussed. Also, some of the parents shared their emotional stories, which served as a beacon of hope for others to not give up and continue to strive harder for the welfare of their children.

On the last day, culminating activity and socialization were organized, allowing the children with disabilities to enjoy the jam-packed activities, including art workshop, talent showcase, magic show, face painting, photo booth and bubble show.

The event marked a milestone for the Municipality of Mendez, as the first parent support group for children with disabilities funded by PCPC was organized and witnessed by around 100 participants. **(OPIO)**

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electric drill grinders, stainless steel wood carving knives, wood chisels, hammers, gravity-type spray guns, sanders, circular saws, industrial plastic toolboxes, handsaws, wood carving sets, and Mapp gas torches. These resources will enable students and teachers alike to delve deeper into the world of bamboo craftsmanship and produce intricate and high-quality products.

"We are delighted to support Luyungan IP High School in their pursuit of excellence in bamboo crafts," DOST Bukidnon Provincial Director Ritchie Mae L. Guno said.

Luyungan IP High School is renowned for its commitment to preserving indigenous culture and

promoting eco-friendly practices. Recognizing the school's dedication to nurturing talent and promoting local traditions, DOST upgrades them with a collection of tools specifically tailored to their bamboo crafts.

Engr. Howell Adrian A. Ong, Unit Head from the GRIND lead region, DOST-XI, said that the tools will not only enhance the quality of craftsmanship but also foster innovation and encourage the students to explore new avenues in bamboo utilization.

Dr. Romil T. Jabonero, Public Schools District Supervisor expressed his gratitude to DOST Bukidnon and DOST-XI for their unwavering support seeing it as a game-

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is establishing the Women's International Network on Disaster Risk Reduction which recognizes women leading disaster risk reduction efforts in the Asia-Pacific region.

Moreover, SM Supermalls is advancing its commitment to advocate the implementation of the Magna Carta of Women and other gender-related laws by signing the memorandum of Understanding between the Philippine Commission on Women.

Based on the PCW's assessment of the implementation of the Magna Carta of Women from 2019 to 2021, mainstreaming gender in different sectors is heading north. According

to the 2023 gender global gap report, there was a growth in the Filipino female population enrolled and completed their education as well in basic and functional literacy rates.

In the same report, the Philippines ranked 32 in terms of educational attainment with a gender parity score of 0.999 (with 1 denotes to high gender parity rate) covering all the key indicators. Gender parity pertains to the equal contribution of men and women in every aspect of private and public life. Furthermore, an escalation is noticeable in women occupying higher positions and women assuming leadership roles in office administration, peace and order, and politics.

On the other hand, the percentage of teenage pregnancy for women aged 15 to 19 has declined from 9% in 2017 down to 5% in 2022 based on the national demographic and health survey.

Gaining legislative support is another landmark to protect girls from sexual abuse and exploitation. Some of the newly passed laws under GAD include R.A. 1156 which prohibits child marriage, R.A. 11648 which raises the sex consent from 12 years old to 16 years old, and R.A. 11930 which is the anti-online and sexual abuse of exploitation of children and anti-sexual abuse and exploitation materials Act.

As an 'AlaGAD' silver awardee, the DOST has attained level four (4) commitment enhancement and



Ceremonial Signing of MOU between Philippine Commission on Women and SM Supermalls

institutionalization in all entry points of the Gender Mainstreaming Evaluation Framework (GMEF) Organizational Assessment Tool.

"As we institutionalized gender mainstreaming in DOST, we continually build the organizational capacity to attain gender-sensitive policies, programs, projects, structures, and procedures," says DOST Secretary Renato U. Solidum Jr. in his message.

The department demonstrates its commitment to gender and development principles through partnership with other agencies in developing and using renewable sources of energy in food production including the development of women-friendly technologies and providing useful information and gender-sensitive technologies for production, processing, and marketing food

products. Through its attach agencies, DOST continuously provides scholarships and career opportunities for women in science and supports start-ups through assistance in product development, packaging, marketing, intellectual property, and business guides. Women Micro-Entrepreneurs are also assisted through a resolution that engages Local Government Units to support their products.

Furthermore, DOST also established and actively operates its Gender Help Desk and produced and launched the use of DOST GAD KIT and modules in gender mainstreaming. As unified GADvocates, the capacity-building activities on GAD, as well as the GAD Focal point assemblies, were continuously conducted.

"Our department intends to develop science,

technology, and innovation policies that empower and support women and men in sustainable development. As ONE DOST, we will fight gender inequality to achieve the change we desire to our gender equality." This was affirmed by Sec. Solidum Jr., rallying the department to continuously improve their GAD endeavors.

There were 18 government agencies awarded the Outstanding Gender-Responsive Agency and Exemplary GADtimpala AlaGAD 2023 having the Commission on Audit (COA) as the sole gold awardee for both categories. These double celebration on empowering Filipino women and girls were spearheaded by the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW) and sponsored by SM Cares and SM Supermalls. (30)

By Caryl Maria Minette I. Ulay, DOST-STII

Sante (FROM PAGE 8)

With its mantra of Live More. Do More., Santé continues its goal of offering Filipinos high-quality barley grass products to enhance their health and well-being, while also serving as a preferred partner for achieving a better life. Within sixteen years, Santé has dominated the barley grass industry and successfully risen up to be on top, positioning the brand as the barley authority that Filipinos can take pride in.

This was the theme of Santé's 16th Anniversary, which kicked off with a press conference at the Santé International Headquarters in Silang, Cavite on Monday, August 14.

Guests gathered to commemorate Santé's significant milestones from its humble beginnings to where the brand is now: at the top, yet still rising up to the challenge of making an impact on people's well-being and quality of life, extending beyond borders and touching the lives of individuals across countries and cultures to help them live better lives.

During the press conference, Joey Marcelo, Santé's Chief Executive Officer, unveiled Santé's expansion plans to tap more markets globally, emphasizing Santé's strength as a Filipino brand with an impactful global presence, currently operating in 10 countries.

Marcelo noted that the pandemic has led to a demand for health and wellness products, and this trend will continue even with the country's economy on a path to full recovery. Santé is fully prepared to address this demand by further expanding its business owners' reach through retail and global

expansion, providing Filipinos all around the globe with the necessary support to live better lives.

"We are more than just a Filipino company when we uplift our business partners, we are also uplifting the communities they belong to through our quality products and services," Marcelo said. Santé, at its core, is a Filipino company, from its foundation to its operations, the brand aims to help fellow countrymen wherever they are across the globe. "It's definitely a brand that the Philippines can be proud of, and our track record speaks for itself," Marcelo added.

Also present in the press conference was Santé's Chief Operating Officer, Mike Sibayan who highlighted the strength of Santé's business operations and supply chain. With direct selling at its core, business partners are provided a self-owned entrepreneurial platform with flexible working hours, additional income, and the benefits of actual employees in a standard company. "This, along with Santé's global presence, our partners are exposed to various cultures and learning best practices from a diverse set of individuals all united under Santé's vision of a healthy lifestyle and financial security make the brand the premier employer of choice," Sibayan added.

The event also highlighted the company's 16th-anniversary gathering for its business owners, partners, and special guests, which will take place on August 15 at SMX Convention Center. Hosted by James Deakin, the event will treat Santé's loyal partners with a day of inspiration through its

guest speakers, Angeline Tham Xiwen the founder of Angkas, Chinkee Tan, the Pambansang Wealth Coach, and influential motivational speaker and author Francis J. Kong.

Santé's event will also feature its elite leaders who achieved a financial boost through their business partnership with the company. "We will also be recognizing significant members who have delivered growth and amazing results through their business with Santé," said Marketing Director, Lorelie Acop. "Santé is all about empowering our partners, which is why we dedicated a special gathering for them to recognize their achievements, which helped the company Rise Up to its status today," Acop added.

To further celebrate its 16 years of success, Santé gifted sixteen lucky attendees with sixteen prizes, ranging from a weekend getaway at Santé's Leisure Club, an overnight stay at Pico de Loro Santé, Santé's yacht experience, and a 3-month membership in Santé's Fitness Lab: showcasing Santé's further ventures outside of nutraceuticals that showcase the brand's commitment to holistic wellness.

Santé continues to be at the forefront of revolutionizing health and wellness in the Philippines for 16 years through its business operations and ventures, reflecting Santé's unwavering commitment to transforming lives and communities. By announcing its global expansion plans, sharing insights into its premier employer status, and setting the stage for the SMX convention, Santé is poised to create waves in the health and wellness industry.



Santé CEO Joey Marcelo welcomes guests to Santé's 16th Anniversary Press Conference

DTI-Laguna Conducts Livelihood Training for Card-MRI Development Institute's Microfinance Clients

Bay, Laguna — The Department of Trade and Industry – Laguna Provincial Office (DTI-Laguna) continues to provide capacity training for existing and potential micro, small, and medium enterprises in the province of Laguna.



TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES: MUTANT MAYHEM ARRIVES AT SM CINEMA

Cowabunga! It's time to get the gang and be ready to witness how the most awesome mutants fight their way against villain mutants with their mightiest ninja moves as you watch Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem at SM Cinema! Flip and tumble with Michaelangelo (voiced by Shamon Brown Jr.), Donatello (voiced by Micah Abbey), Raphael (voiced by Brady Noon), and Leonardo (voiced by Nicolas Cantu) as they dream to live normal lives as teenagers and break free from the sewage of New York where they hid with their adoptive father Splinter (voiced by action legend Jacki Chan).



Get thrilled with every fight as you watch these four pizza-loving brothers unite and fight to protect the world from evil mutants led by Superfly, and experience real action with the

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On August 23, 2023, DTI-Laguna through Negosyo Centers Calauan, Los Baños, Magdalena, and Rizal conducted a seminar on basic food safety, packaging and labelling of food products, DTI programs and services, and consumer education at Brgy. Tranca, Bay, Laguna. The event was attended by one hundred eighteen (118) microfinance clients from Laguna, Cavite, and Batangas of Card-MRI Development Institute (CMDI).

Basic food safety was the first topic discussed by Jean Kristine Torres. After defining what food safety is, she then explained the importance of addressing it. The types of hazards were then discussed one by one: physical, chemical, and microbiological. Ways on preventing the aforementioned hazards were enumerated. Torres reiterated that not all microorganisms are harmful, and some are beneficial and used on manufacturing food products. Keys to safer foods were mentioned. Participants were reminded that food safety is everyone's business — you should prepare food

as if your loved ones are the ones who are going to consume it.

The next part of the program was about packaging and labelling of food products. Lovely Anne Rome started by asking the attendees to imagine life without packaging. She then gave an overview on the definition and importance of packaging. Rome also enumerated the functions and classifications of packaging. Types of packaging and product-package compatibility were also tackled.

Jerilyn Soriano discussed the programs and services offered by the two divisions of Department of Trade and Industry — Business Development and Consumer Welfare & Protection. Lastly, Carl Eric Villanueva expounded the consumer rights and the corresponding responsibilities.

Hezel Laput, Training Officer of CMDI, expressed her gratitude on the agency's support on helping their clients on improving their businesses and influencing the others on starting one (JKL Torres, DTI-Laguna).

Hidilyn to join World Championships, Asian Games

Tokyo Olympics gold medalist Hidilyn Diaz-Naranjo will see action in the upcoming World Championships and the Asian Games.

The World Championships, which will take place in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia from Sept. 3 to 14, is a qualifier for the 2024 Paris Olympics.

The 12th Asian Games, on the other hand, is scheduled from Sept. 23 to Oct. 3 in Hangzhou, China.

Diaz-Naranjo delivered the country's first-ever Olympic gold medal when she ruled the women's 55kg category in 2021. She also topped the same category at the 2022 World Championships in Bogota, Colombia.

The 32-year-old lifter from Zamboanga has moved up to 59kg category and her participation in Saudi Arabia would boost her chance of making it to the Olympics for the fifth

time. She was a silver medalist in Rio (2016).

Joining her at the World Championships are Rosegie Ramos and Lovely Inan (W49kg), Elreen Ando (W59kg), Vanessa Sarno and Kristel Macrohon (W71kg), and John Febuar Ceniza (M61kg).

They will be accompanied by Samahang Weightlifting ng Pilipinas (SWP) President Monico Puentevella; coaches Ramon Solis, Richard Pep Agosto, Antonio Agustin Jr. and Julius Irvin Hikaru Naranjo; and Team HD members Jeaneth Aro (nutritionist) and Karen Trinidad (sports psychologist).

The Asian Games-bound delegation is composed of

Diaz-Naranjo, Ramos, Ando (W64kg), Sarno (W76kg) and Ceniza (M61kg); coaches Nicolas Jaluag, Patrick Lee, Christopher Bureros and Naranjo; Puentevella and Mark Rommel Aliño (team leader).

Macrohon was a gold medalist at the 2019 Manila SEA Games, while Ando and Sarno won gold medals and Inan got a silver at the 2023 Cambodia SEAG last May.

Early this month, Sarno and Ramos both delivered three gold medals at the Asian Youth and Junior Championships in New Delhi, India. They duplicated their performances in Tashkent, Uzbekistan last year. (PNA)



Tokyo Olympics gold medalist Hidilyn Diaz-Naranjo (File photo)

Signal TV to broadcast FIBA World Cup games

Signal has put up a total of 24 cameras in the three arenas for the Philippine leg of the World Cup, which would be increased to 30 come the final phase at the SM Mall of Asia Arena in Pasay to bring probably the best basketball broadcast ever.



"To prepare for coverage of the FIBA World Cup 2023, we worked very hard to bring broadcast experts and experienced production teams together. Working as one while using the latest broadcast technology, we aim to capture every historic play and every winning moment," FIBA LOC Broadcast & Media Head Sienna Olaso said on Tuesday.

The FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023 coverage will introduce various innovations, including capturing game emotion and spectacle, enhancing storytelling, and showcasing unique behind-the-scenes moments, all produced by experienced international teams. Notably, the coverage will feature unprecedented camera plans throughout the tournament.

The games will be aired live on TV5 and One Sports on national free TV, One Sports Plus and PBA Rush on cable TV, and through Signal and Satlite pay-per-view.

Gilas' FIBA WC games also on PTV
Olaso, however, revealed on Tuesday that the Gilas Pilipinas games of the FIBA World Cup would be seen as well on PTV. "Meron kaming niluluto

nang kaunti (We are cooking something) for Gilas Pilipinas games to be actually seen on PTV 4. We were graciously allowed by our partners from FIBA to air it para mas marami ang makakapanood (so more Filipinos can watch the games)," Olaso said during the Philippine Sportswriters Association Forum at the PSC Conference Hall inside the Rizal Memorial Sports Complex.

The former children's show host added, "We extended our offer to PTV 4 to actually carry it either live or delayed. We just want to make sure that every Filipino will have a chance to watch it."

Those who cannot watch the games live on TV can stream them on the Pilipinas Live, Signal Play and Smart Livestream apps.

A unique FIBA WC live streaming

Pilipinas Live provides a comprehensive viewing experience, featuring Multi-Cam Viewing for basketball enthusiasts to witness every action from various angles, and Fan Stream Viewing that provides a distinctive perspective on the game's action, empowering fans to express their own opinions instead of solely relying on traditional game commentators.

Extended game coverage, from the pre- and post-game, is also featured on the app.

Subscribers can also join in the fun with its interactive features like in-game voting, polls, and quizzes during the game.

"Signal has always been at the forefront of providing the best content for the Filipino sports fan. We recognize that our customers' viewing habits have evolved: Filipinos are now more mobile, often watching on their devices while on the go. As a response, Pilipinas Live was developed to meet the increasing demand for live and on-demand sports content, while also providing an interactive viewing experience for sports enthusiasts," said Gerard Milan, First Vice President, and Chief Revenue Officer of Signal TV.

Apart from the TV and streaming options, some local government units and private entities have put up viewing parties as well during the Gilas games.

"We just want to make sure that every Filipino will have a chance to watch it," added Olaso.

The Philippines, Japan and Indonesia look to at least match the 3 billion total views during the 2019 FIBA World Cup in this year's edition. (PNA)

East Asia Basketball League U-23 Open Invitational opens Sept. 2

All is set for the East Asia Basketball League (EABL) U-23 Open Invitational Conference which will kick off on Sept. 2 in Barangay Jesus Dela Pena Gym in Marikina City.



NEW LEAGUE. East Asia Basketball League Chairman Joseph Jocson (with microphone) explains the mechanics of the Under-23 Open Invitational Conference during the Tabloids Organization in Philippine Sports Inc. (TOPS) Usapang Sports at the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) Conference Room inside the Rizal Memorial Sports Complex on Friday (Aug. 24, 2023). The tournament offers PHP50,000 to the winning team while the local government unit will also receive the same amount for its grassroots development program. (PNA photo by Jesus M. Escaros Jr.)

Funtastic San Pablo City and RPB East Dental Clinic Marikina will square off at 4 p.m. to be followed by the game between MAPUA 512 Trading Inc. and Sta. Rosa Asiatech Jaguars at 6 p.m. Smash Navotas will be up against Selection Makati at 8 p.m.

The opening ceremony featuring the parade of muses and a slam dunk contest will be held after the first game.

League chairman Joseph Jocson said the tournament offers PHP50,000 to the winning team while the local government unit will also receive the same amount for its grassroots development program.

"It took us three years

to launch the tournament because of the pandemic. We're ready now. Our purpose here is to give our youth the opportunity to develop their skills and fulfill their dream of playing abroad," Jocson said during the Tabloids Organization in Philippine Sports Inc. (TOPS) 'Usapang Sports' at the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) Conference Room inside the Rizal Memorial Sports Complex on Thursday.

He said the Open Invitational Conference is just the start of the league's long-term program with the help of Executive Committee chief Norman Afable and the private sector.

"We're very thankful to our friends from the seven teams in the U-23 conference and also to

sports patron Senator Bong Go," added Jocson, who was joined in the weekly session by league commissioners Roger Basilio and Ruben Mañalac, finance officer Rudy Mariano and a representative from Navotas team.

The league has its own technical group composed of referees selected through tryouts.

"We invited all the referee groups and associations to the tryouts and we chose the really good ones to ensure that the officiating of the league is done properly and integrity is not compromised," Basilio said in the forum supported by PSC, Behrouz Persian Cuisine and Pocari Sweat. (PNA)

DOST hailed as Silver Awardee of Outstanding Gender-Responsive Agency and GADtimpala AlaGAD 2023

The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and DOST- Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) were recognized with Outstanding Gender-Responsive Agency and Exemplary GAD Focal Point System (GADtimpla AlaGAD) during the 14th Anniversary Celebration of Magna Carta of Women and GADtimpala 2023 Awarding Ceremony at Samsung Hall, SM Aura Premier, Taguig City.



DOST executives receiving awards for Outstanding Gender-Responsive Agency and GADtimpla AlaGAD 2023.

The commemoration of the enactment of the Magna Carta of Women (R.A. 9710) and Gender and Development Transformation and Institutionalization through Mainstreaming of Programs, Agenda, Linkages, and Advocacies (GADtimpala) was established to give honor and incentives to deserving government agencies and other entities upholding gender mainstreaming efforts through their operations, programs, and services.

It is also a venue to amplify the ripple of support on providing protection, comfort, and

equal socioeconomic, cultural, and political rights for Filipino women and girls, especially the marginalized sector.

In her remarks, Atty. Kristine Rosary E. Yuzon-Chaves, executive director and officer-in-charge of the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW) was vocal about being vigilant in the hurdles of bridging gender gaps.

"As we recognize our wins today, I hope our vision remains steadfast. Let us continue to do this to all the Juanas and Juanitas who are counting on us for a more just, inclusive, and equitable society," said the PCW

director.

SM Supermalls through Grace Fornier Magno, SM Vice President for Corporate Marketing, delivered a message of appreciation.

"SM is the largest homegrown company to sign and promote the United Nations' 2030 agenda on gender equality dimensions and sustainable development. In our internal and external activities, we provide women the right platforms, so that they can grow, thrive, and flourish at SM," stated Ms. Magno.

One notable gender-responsive initiative of SM

► **DOST HAILED • 5**

Pamumuno, pagsisimula at pagpapatibay ng Samahan at iba pa, itinuro ng DA-4A sa mga katutubo ng Real

Sa pangunguna ng Department of Agriculture IV- CALABARZON (DA-4A) Kabuhayan at Kaunlaran ng Kababayang Katutubo (4K) Program, isinagawa ang Training on Values Formation, Leadership, and Organizational Strengthening, Capability Building on Documentary Requirements, and Vegetable Production and Botanical Concoctions noong ika-23 hangng ika-24 ng Agosto, 2023 sa Brgy. Lubayat, Real, Quezon.

Tinuruan ang 52 katutubo kung papaano mamahala o mamuno ng isang organisasyon ganun din ang mga katangian at kwalipikasyon ng isang lider. Binigyan diin sa pagsasanay ang mga magagandang katangian kinakailangan ng bawat miyembro upang mas mapatibay ang kanilang Samahan at ang mga kinakailangan dokumento upang maging isang akreditadong ► **PAMUMUNO • 4**

A step towards inclusive society for children with disabilities in Mendez

In a pioneering endeavor towards inclusivity and active support for children with disabilities, the Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC), through the Office of the Provincial Persons with Disability Affairs Officer (OPDAO) and the Provincial Council for the Protection of Children (PCPC), in partnership with Mendez Federation of Persons with Disability, embarked on Organizing of Parents Support Group for Children with Disabilities at FTM People's Center in Mendez, Cavite on August 17-19, 2023.



With the tagline "Inclusion of Parent Groups in the Local Disability Affairs", the three-day event aspired to capacitate parents of children with disabilities, enabling them

to actively participate and strengthen their voices in the planning of programs and services that will help shape the future for their children.

Mr. Ronald Perey,

Mendez Municipal Chief of Staff, represented Mayor Francisco Mendoza and conveyed his message of inclusivity for all sectors, ensuring that no one will

► **A STEP • 4**

Santé's 16th Anniversary Press Conference Ignites the "Rise Up" Movement: Empowering Lives and Inspiring Transformation

SILANG, Cavite – Introducing a new product to the market and honing a brand is no easy task. Still, in sixteen years, Santé has successfully expanded its operations globally, increased its business owners' reach and numbers to keep up with the demand for barley nutraceuticals, and diversified its product line and offerings to its customers and business partners. ► **SANTE • 5**



(From L to R) Santé's CEO Joey Marcelo, COO Mike Sibayan, and Marketing Director Lorelie Acop come together at Santé's International Headquarters to discuss the brand's 16th-anniversary initiatives

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