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## Annual Compliance Review for Cooperatives

On April 12, 2024, the Trece Martires City Hall Covered Court became a hub of knowledge and collaboration as the Office of the Provincial Cooperatives Development Officer, in partnership with the Local Government Unit of Trece Martires City Cooperative Development Council, hosted a seminar on Annual Compliance Review for Cooperatives. The event aimed to strengthen the cooperative sector by ensuring adherence to regulatory standards and fostering cooperative development within Cavite.

The seminar commenced with a warm welcome message from Ms. Cristina V. Bahala, the Cooperative Development Officer of Trece Martires City. Her opening remarks set the tone for the day, emphasizing the

importance of compliance and cooperation in achieving sustainable growth for cooperatives. Honorable Vice Mayor Bobby Montehermoso echoed this sentiment, expressing the city's commitment to supporting cooperative initiatives.

Guiding participants through the intricacies of compliance was the esteemed resource speaker, Mr. Ismael F. Fampula, from the Cooperative Development Authority - Cavite. With his wealth of knowledge and experience in cooperative governance, Mr. Fampula delivered insightful presentations and engaged the audience in meaningful discussions.

The seminar drew a diverse crowd, with 102 individuals and 48 cooperatives from various cities and municipalities of Cavite. The diverse participation underscored the widespread interest and commitment to cooperative development in the region.

Throughout the day, participants delved into topics such as financial management, legal compliance, and governance best practices. Interactive workshops provided attendees with practical tools and strategies to enhance their cooperative's operations and ensure regulatory compliance.

Beyond the exchange of knowledge, the seminar served as a platform for networking and collaboration. Participants had the opportunity to forge connections, share experiences, and explore potential partnerships, laying the groundwork for future cooperative endeavors.

As the seminar drew to a close, participants left with newfound insights, inspiration, and a renewed sense of purpose in advancing the cooperative movement. The success of the event was a testament to the collective effort of all stakeholders involved, highlighting the

collaborative spirit driving cooperative development in Cavite.

In conclusion, the Annual Compliance Review Seminar was not only a momentous gathering of cooperative enthusiasts but also a significant step forward in empowering cooperatives to thrive and contribute to the socio-economic progress of Cavite. **(OPIO)**

## HELPING AND REBUILDING LIVES OF THE HOMELESS AND EJK VICTIMS' FAMILIES

WAR against poverty and drugs is not over yet as homeless and families of extra judicial killings' (EJK) victims continue to struggle and being helped by a foundation, known as Arnold Janssen Foundation Kalinga Center.



KALINGA was founded to provide hope and second chances for these people. It is a venue to empower the homeless to turn their lives around. It also provides a holistic, systemic and dignified approach in helping its members turn their lives around. The KALINGA Program is founded on its 3 triptych roles to "recreate the poor's image, reclaim their self-respect and restore their self-worth."

Acronym KALINGA means "Kain, Aral, LIgo NG Ayos lang" Program. A very active participant and member of the foundation is Ms. Anna Donita Tapay, a partner of the foundation, who sponsored the baptism and catechism of participants last Saturday, April 6 at Our Lady of Grace Parish, at 11th Avenue, Caloocan City.

The baptism of around 40 participants were officiated by Rev. Fr. Flavie L. Villanueva, SVD, founder and president of the Arnold Janssen Kalinga **▶ HELPING • 4**



**4-STORY SUPER HEALTH CENTER IN KAWIT, COMING SOON!** We welcomed yesterday our DOH Assistant Sec. Ariel Valencia, together with NEDA Regional Director Agnes Tolentino, representatives from the Office of the President and DILG, to discuss the construction of a super health center in our town. With the help of the super health center, we will be able to expand our #AlagangAngeloAguinaldo health services and more countrymen will be given assistance in their health. #RatedTripleA #PusoAtMalasakitParaSaAtingKawit #MayorAguinaldo

# DOST, MVC capacitate health researchers through R&D Clinic

The Department of Science and Technology in region X and Mountain View College hosted an in-campus Research and Development Clinic in collaboration with the DOST Philippine Council for Health Research and Development (DOST-PCHRD) on March 7-8, 2024 in Valencia City.



Attended by 21 researchers and faculty, the activity was aimed to capacitate the participants in crafting proposals for potential funding opportunities. The health researchers were engaged in a series of insightful workshops and interactive sessions aimed at identifying their research strengths and niches.

These sessions were complemented by presentations of research proposals covering critical areas such as Health of Vulnerable Populations, Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health, Mental Health, and Nutrition and Food Security.

"Health research plays a pivotal role in enhancing the well-being of our community.

Our institution is dedicated to supporting

and promoting research initiatives that can truly impact the lives of individuals and families in our area," said Dr. Remwil Tornalejo, President of MVC.

Prior to the workshop proper, Mr. Paul Ernest de Leon, Chief of the Research and Development Division from DOST-PCHRD, was able to disseminate the National Unified Health Research Agenda 2023-2028.

Mr. De Leon highlighted the importance of the NUHRA as a guiding framework for prioritizing health research initiatives.

A total of seven crafted research proposals were conceptualized to address pressing health challenges facing the communities, reflecting the dedication and expertise of the



participants.

As a culmination of the event, these proposals will be submitted to the current call for proposals for DOST-GIA funding under PCHRD. This strategic move aligns with the overarching goal

of fostering collaboration and innovation in health research, ultimately contributing to the advancement of healthcare solutions in our region.

The DOST Team was composed of Mr. Paul

Ernest de Leon (Chief, Research and Development Division), Dr. Sarah Jane Jimenez (S&T Fellow, RDMD), Ms. Nheka Louise De Mesa (OIC-Program Head, DRR-CCAH R&D), Ms. Cristel Leo Romano

(Project Manager, Functional Foods and Nutrition), Engr. Linreb G. Mondero and Engr. Jessa Aromin (NorMinCoHRD Staff). **(Jessa Q. Aromin/DOST-X) #ScienceForThePeople #OneDOST4U**

# Cavite Career Caravan opens doors to employment opportunities in Indang

The Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager (OPPEM) headed by Ms. Rizalie P. Enero in collaboration with the Sanggunian Kabataan Provincial Federation under the leadership of Board Member Chelsea Sarno spearheaded the Cavite Career Caravan at Indang Municipal Hall on April 16, 2024 wherein Caviteño job seekers had the opportunity to connect with prospective employers.



A total of 32 companies participated in the career caravan, offering a diverse range of job opportunities across various industries. The event catered to a wide spectrum of skill sets and career aspirations.

The turnout was impressive, with 90 enthusiastic applicants

seizing the chance to engage with potential employers. Eleven (11) applicants were hired on the spot, underscoring the event's effectiveness in facilitating immediate employment opportunities.

The atmosphere at the Indang Municipal Hall was bustling with energy as job seekers eagerly interacted with company

representatives, submitted their resumes, and engaged in interviews. Employers, on the other hand, had the chance to scout for top talent and fill critical positions within their organizations.

Mayor Perfecto Fidel together with some local officials were also present at the event and expressed their

appreciation to the provincial government for the opportunity given to Indangeños.

In conclusion, the legacy of the Cavite Career Caravan lives on, inspiring hope and paving the way for a brighter future filled with opportunities for career advancement and personal growth. **(OPIO)**

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# DOST trains Camiguin turmeric producers on Food Safety

The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) trains turmeric producers of the Owakan Multipurpose Cooperative on Food Safety and current Good Manufacturing Practices as requested and organized by the Department of Agrarian Reform.



The two-day training was organized by DAR Camiguin to upskill the attendees and prepare their cooperative in the application on License to Operate from the Food and Drug Administration. It was conducted on March 13, 2024 at Owakan, Mahinog, Camiguin.

Mr. Troy Anthony A. Omol, Science Research Specialist I of DOST Camiguin, served as the resource speaker, covering topics such as Basic Food Hygiene, Food Hazards, and current Good Manufacturing Practices. Mr. Omol highlighted the significance of implementing proper food processing standards, highlighting, "Food safety is everybody's responsibility."

The training was participated by 13 turmeric processors, including 9 females, 4 males, and 6 senior citizens, from various parts of the island. The attendees actively participated in the training sessions, understanding the importance of professional growth and adherence to food safety standards.

Mr. Eliaquem Arnulfo Jamero, Chairman of Owakan Multipurpose Cooperative, expressed gratitude for the training initiative and reiterated the cooperative's commitment to maintaining hygienic workspaces. He emphasized the importance of applying safety protocols in turmeric production for both the group and its products.

"Dako kaayu akoang pasalamat sa tanang nag facilitate sa ani na training, then about sa training naka enlighten gid kaayu mi sa amoang grupo ug ma apply ang mga safety protocols sa atoang turmeric production. Kung concern man gani ta sa atoang kaugalingon, how much

more sa atoang produkto," Jamero asserted.

[I am very much grateful to the facilitators of this training, this training have enlightened our group and this will be applied to our safety protocols in our turmeric production. If we are concerned about ourselves how much more for our products]

"Kung unsa man ang maagian sa pagproseso dapat permi ta mo adhere sa highest standards ug be positive lang gd ta kay sa ani na pamaagi maging successful gihapon siya. Diha gd makita kung unsa ang karakter sa isa ka organization. Ang success sa isa ka organization is mag-rely pud kung unsay karakter na naa mo."

[In our processing endeavors, we must consistently adhere to the highest standards and remain positive, for positivity contributes significantly to our success. It reflects the character of an organization. The success of an organization also depends on the character it embodies.]

Ms. Sharon A. Mawile, Agrarian Reform Program Officer II of DAR Camiguin, commended the training and emphasized the importance of upholding quality standards in food production. She underscored the role of positivity in achieving success and shaping organizational character.

Led by Ms. Sharon A. Mawile from DAR Camiguin, the training included sessions on product development by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) on Day 1, followed by food safety and cGMP training by DOST on Day 2.

The training session guided the cooperative towards safer and more efficient turmeric production, ensuring both



personnel and product safety. By staying informed about advancements in food safety and adhering to cGMP, the cooperative aims to exceed industry

standards and foster consumer trust in its products.

The Department of Science and Technology Camiguin continues to

offer free food safety and cGMP training for businesses in the food industry, further enhancing production processes and ensuring

the production of safe and secure food products. **(Gerome Rizada/ Troy Anthony A. Omol)** #ScienceForThePeople #OneDOST4U



More fun in the World of Fun SM City Trece Martires: The fun never stops at SM City Trece Martires with the opening of the World of Fun. Create beautiful memories with your family and spend time with them at World of Fun! World of Fun is now open at Level 2, SM City Trece Martires!



On April 11, 2024, the Office of the Provincial Governor - Medical Mission Team, in partnership with the Office of the Provincial Health Officer, orchestrated a medical and dental mission at BJMP in the City of Imus. The primary objective of the event was to cater to the healthcare needs of the PDL (Persons Deprived of Liberty) community by offering vital medical and dental services. A highlight of the mission was the inclusion of the Lab For All Truck, which provided ECG services for 12 patients, free X-ray examinations for 15 individuals, and offered free tooth extraction services benefiting 50 patients. Expanding its scope, the mission also provided free check-ups and medicines for 293 individuals. These services addressed a spectrum of health issues and garnered appreciation from the community. (OPIO)

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**DOST Officials... (FROM PAGE 8)**

addition, AMCC is also equipped with a stable financial status and knowledgeable technical staff.

With the help of DOST-SETUP, the firm's productivity increased, resulting in an improvement in gross sales. This has enabled them to offer more high-value products with longer lengths and bigger sizes due to their cutting-edge machines.

The firm also generated jobs, which improved its market reach all over the Philippines. Solidum underscored the need to advance their technological engagements and transform their processes, which will nurture a sustainable economy and society for Filipinos.

He encouraged the firm to venture into sensor-based machines to enhance their productivity

and competitiveness through the integration of advanced technologies.

Responding to global trends and making it relevant to the changing needs of MSMEs, DOST-SETUP has also evolved. Since 2002, the program has assisted a total of 9,709 firms/projects nationwide in the sectors of food processing, furniture, marine and aquatic resources, agriculture, pharmaceuticals, ICT and electronics, gifts, housewares and decor, metals, and engineering.

Aligned with the DOST strategic pillar, specifically wealth creation, DOST-SETUP will be at the forefront of the technological advancement of MSMEs.

The agency tirelessly works towards the development of an environment that nurtures MSMEs to translate

success into economic prosperity, job creation and a more vibrant business landscape for a sustainable and inclusive economy.

AMCC is a general contractor for construction and projects. It is a manufacturer of agricultural implements. It is located at National Highway Tagaran Cauayan, Isabela.

The president of AMCC is Samuel B. Carino. Its vice president for operations is Rolando Rupac.

AMCC won as the Most Productive MSME during the SETUP Praise Award and the launching of SETUP Forum on Nov. 24, 2020.

Some of AMCC business units affiliates include Northern Asia Sales Corp., Agri Equipment Sales Corp., Agricom Business Foods Corporation, Agricom Builders and Construction, Inc., Agricom Trucking Services, Inc.

**DOST...**

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Pagayon has negotiated with the DOST and LGUs for the MRF promotion and distribution from Ocon.

Since the proclamation of Republic Act No. 9003, otherwise known as the "Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000," DOST has been providing technical assistance and technological support to Local Government Units (LGUs) and other relevant organizations and institutions to comply with the law. ISU is tasked at monitoring the use of MRF. The machine has 17 components.

Several technologies were developed and deployed in the communities, including strategies and mechanisms to increase public awareness and the capability of LGUs to implement solutions such as the "waste analysis and characterization study (WACS)" and the establishment of MRFs, among others.

This assistance is beyond the typical MRF in terms of scale, sophistication, and level of integration of technologies in its operations.

This MRF is envisioned to

be the model and benchmark for other LGUs, particularly the partner LGUs under the Smart and Sustainable Communities Program. The facility will promote a more sustainable waste management system by diverting waste from landfills and possibly enabling a more viable waste-to-energy conversion in the near future.

Once turned over to the LGUs, the facility is projected to last for 10-15 years, according to Pagayon and Ocon.

Additionally, this approach aligns with the principles of a Circular Economy, where by-

products like small marble pieces are repurposed into valuable products. This can also create a closed-loop system for recycling and transforming waste into new products, which reduces our environmental footprint, creates jobs, and supports eco-friendly industries, according to DOST Secretary, Dr. Renato U. Solidum Jr.

Solidum Jr., Undersecretary Sancho A. Maborang for DOST Regional Operations, and Cauayan City Mayor Caesar "Jaycee" S. Dy Jr., ISU President Dr. Ricmar Aquino., and DOST R02 Regional Director Dr. Virginia G. Bilgera and others attended the activity.



**Helping...**

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Foundation, Inc. and Fr. Eduardo Vasquez, OMI, while catechism of around 17 individuals, was conducted by Ms. Nerva dela Cruz.

"Dito ay magkakaroon kayo ng oportunidad para maayos buhay ninyo. Magkakaroon kayo ng trabaho, edukasyon at magandang kinabukasan na naghihintay sa inyo," Ms. Tapay told the event's attendees, who further said that they are but instruments of the Lord for their endeavors.

Under the Foundation is another program. The Paghilom Program's vision

is to re-create and empower lives of the wounded, and victims. It was designed to enable the marginalized, victims of various crimes and incidents, as well as widows, orphans, and family members of extrajudicial killing (EJK) victims to heal and rebuild their lives by assisting them restore their well-being, dignity and peace.

Fr. Villanueva believes that overcoming poverty is not a task of charity, rather it is an act of justice where the poor and the homeless are offered dignified service and care.

Then he was also being assisted by Fr. Edicio Dela Torre, a member of Arnold Janssen Foundation Kalinga Center.

Meanwhile, Ms. Tapay said she wants to leave a legacy in the world through her faith, transforming the lives of the people, homeless, marginalized, hopeless, etc. in a holistic transformation approach grounded and guided by the beneficiaries' values formation.

For those who want to give donation, Arnold Janssen Foundation Kalinga Center, is located at Catholic Trade Building, 1916-Oroquieta Road, Tayuman, Sta. Cruz, Manila.



# METRO PACIFIC TOLLWAYS ADDRESSES PEATC CASE FILING

Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation acknowledges recent media coverage over the case filing of PEA Tollway Corporation against our subsidiary, Cavitex Infrastructure Corporation (CIC), the current joint-venture partner of Philippine Reclamation Authority (PRA) for the Manila-Cavite Toll Expressway Project, otherwise known as CAVITEX. Understanding that this is a matter of public interest, we would like to address the concerns with clarity and transparency.

With the project being a joint venture with the PRA, any legal dispute involving CIC should have rightfully included Philippine Reclamation Authority as an indispensable party. The petition against CIC was filed by Mr. Dioscoro Esteban Jr., Officer-in-Charge of PEATC, who lacks authority of the PRA or of the PEATC Board to file such petition. This misrepresentation is further evidenced by the absence of the imprimatur of the Office of the Government Corporate

Counsel (OGCC) which is the rightful counsel of a GOCC such as the PEATC.

However, MPTC has consistently demonstrated professionalism and courtesy by extending invitations for constructive dialogue. We firmly believe that open communication and collaborative problem-solving are the most effective means of resolving disputes. Regrettably, these invitations were disregarded, hindering the progress towards an amicable resolution.

MPTC reiterates its commitment to uphold the highest standards of corporate governance and ethical conduct. We remain steadfast in our dedication to resolve disputes through peaceful and lawful means, prioritizing the interests of all stakeholders involved. We hope that the parties involved will address the issue with sobriety, professionalism, and a genuine willingness to engage in meaningful dialogue towards a mutually beneficial resolution.

# DOST-PTRI, CMU to launch NorMin's Bamboo Textile Fiber Innovation Hub

The Department of Science and Technology - Philippine Textile Research Institute, Central Mindanao University, and the DOST in Region X are set to launch Northern Mindanao's first Bamboo Textile Fiber Innovation Hub inside CMU's campus in Maramag, Bukidnon.



Dr. Rolito Eballo, the CMU President, confirmed the said pioneering initiative during the consultative meeting with DOST on March 13, 2024 at the CMU Campus, Maramag, Bukidnon. The hub is targeted to be launched in September this year.

This hub is envisioned to boost the economic and environmental value chain of bamboo through sustainable fiber extraction and processing. This hub will also be a venue for community engagement, empowering local residents to participate in fiber processing and fostering sustainable livelihoods.

This project, under the Bamboo Textiles PH

initiative, also aims to transform the bamboo sector by introducing sustainable fiber extraction techniques and exploring innovative applications for bamboo fibers in textiles.

The establishment of the first BTFIH in Mindanao will validate the performance of the Bamboo Textile Fiber Extraction Machine developed by DOST-PTRI.

"CMU is thankful to DOST-PTRI and DOST-X for their support. We are poised to fully operationalize the establishment of the BTFIH, aligning with current market demands. Numerous neighboring LGUs have already expressed keen interest in

this initiative." -Dr. Rolito G. Eballo, CMU President.

DOST and CMU's partnership in this endeavor represents a significant milestone, with DOST-PTRI staff already initiating training programs on bamboo textile fiber extraction in preparation for the hub's launch.

The BTFIH research project is funded by the DOST-Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic, and Natural Resources Research and Development (DOST-PCAARRD). The anticipated debut of this hub is slated for this coming September. **(Rubie Mae D. Fernandez/DOST-X) #ScienceForThePeople #OneDOST4U**

# Fossil fuels fail us again! Let's rely on renewables

The Luzon and Visayas grids were placed on Red and Yellow alert on April 16, 2024. Brownouts are expected as power generators fail to meet demand amid forced outages in 19 power plants across the grid. The outages have left an unprecedented total of 2,117.3MW unavailable to the grid.

Majority of the country's electricity is generated by burning fossil fuels like coal and liquefied natural gas (LNG). These fuels are promoted by DOE and energy companies as a consistent power source to make up for their damage to human health and the environment.

However, the constant and widespread failure of these fossil fuel power plants prove otherwise. The Luzon and Visayas grid are now experiencing power interruptions and curtailment.

In 2021 to 2022 alone, 27 coal plants had forced outages that lasted more than a month. Even worse, 40% of these came from coal plants less than 10 years old. Outages will only become more frequent as these plants reach retirement age.

Local governments have called out the unreliability of these

fossil fuel power plants. Yesterday, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of La Union called for a Committee Hearing today, April 17, 2024, regarding the "frequent blackouts that disrupted the lives of the constituents," particularly a prolonged interruption on March 16, 2024.

Frequent forced outages put the consumers and our economy at risk. They violate the power supply agreements (PSAs), which state that electricity must be available to consumers 24/7.

Consumers are also forced to pay more despite getting less. During outages, power generators purchase electricity from the Wholesale Electricity Spot Market (WESM). The added costs are shouldered by consumers.

Power surges from poorly managed rotational brownouts also further increase the bills consumers pay for. Yet power

generators get away with continuous forced outages and are even moving to lighten penalties on said outages.

The government is also guilty of favoring fossil fuel power generators, such as allowing a higher number of forced outages. Its 2023-2050 Philippine Energy Plan (PEP) shows its bias towards allowing fossil fuel power plants to operate beyond 2030, even locking us in with fossil gas. It is complicit as well as its institutionalized inefficiencies of the private sector.

But with these outages, the case to phase out fossil fuels has never been stronger. It is not the time for distractions like fossil gas (LNG), which is just as dirty, costly, and deadly as coal.

It is time we transitioned to clean, reliable, and cheaper renewable energy.

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# 'Tubig Time' to encourage hydration among Antique learners

SAN JOSE DE BUENAVISTA, Antique – The Antique provincial government will provide 3,000 tumblers to learners, especially Kindergarten and Grade 1, in the province as part of its "Tubig Time (water time)" strategy to encourage hydration amid the extreme heat.

The provincial government will launch Tubig Time in a ceremony at the Assemblyman Segundo Moscoso Memorial School in San Jose de Buenavista on April 24, where 678 learners will receive tumblers.

"We are encouraging the learners to stay hydrated through the program launching," said Governor Rhodora Cadio in an interview on Monday.

Cadio said the distribution of tumblers will motivate other parents to provide one for their children to bring during their face-to-face classes.

During the class hour, the teacher will call for a break time for learners to

drink water.

The governor added that schools have the discretion whether they proceed with face-to-face classes or alternative delivery mode (ADM) depending on the situation in their schools.

"The heat index that reaches up to 43 degrees Celsius is really dangerous for the learners, so as governor, I will just abide by the decision of the DepEd and the school heads," Cadio said, referring to the heat index recorded in the province on April 1.

Public schools under the Division of Antique shifted to ADM or asynchronous classes on April 15-16, following a memorandum

of the central office of the Department of Education (DepEd).

Meanwhile, DepEd Schools Division of Antique Superintendent Dr. Nicasio Frio and other members of the provincial school board met Monday to prepare for the Western Visayas Regional Athletic Association (WVRAA) Meet hosted by Negros Occidental on May 2-7, 2024.

"We will send a strong athletic delegation to the WVRAA," Cadio said.

The Antique provincial government has allocated PHP16.09 million for the more or less 555 athletes and coaches to the regional sports meet. (PNA)



REGIONAL MEET. Athletes compete during the Antique Provincial Athletic Association Meet on April 3, 2024. Antique Governor Rhodora J. Cadio said in an interview Monday (April 15, 2024) that the provincial government will send a strong athletic delegation to the Western Visayas Regional Athletic Association (WVRAA) Meet in Negros Occidental on May 2-7, 2024. (PNA file photo by Nildz Kate Millondaga PNA-OJT)

## CARAA may hold night games to protect athletes from heat

LUNA, Apayao – Local authorities and organizers of the Cordillera Administrative Region Athletic Association (CARAA) on Monday assured parents of the safety of athletes joining the five-day event that started here Monday.



STILL THE CHAMP. University of Santo Tomas retains its UAAP Season 86 men's tennis title after a 3-1 win over Ateneo de Manila at Felicisimo Ampon Tennis Center inside the Rizal Memorial Sports Complex in Manila on Sunday (April 7, 2024). The Male Tennis players dropped the opening singles before sweeping the next three matches. (UAAP photo)

"We brought the athletes here healthy. We will make sure that we bring them back home to their families safe and healthy," Department of Education-Cordillera Administrative Region (DepEd-CAR) Director Dr. Estella Cariño said during the solidarity meeting with event officials.

CARAA is a grassroots sports program of DepEd, participated in by elementary to high school

students from six provinces and two cities in the region -- Abra, Apayao, Benguet, Ifugao, Kalinga, Mountain Province, and the cities of Baguio and Tabuk.

Winners will be fielded to the Cebu Palarong Pambansa in July.

Apayao Governor Elias Bulut, in a media interview, said all venues, both indoors and outdoors, have been prepared to accommodate

events even during the night.

Medical teams and ambulances have been assigned, too.

"It is so hot. It was 35 degrees Celsius yesterday (Sunday).

We have to make urgent decisions if games need to be suspended and moved to late afternoon. We cannot risk the safety of our children," he said in Filipino. (PNA)

## High Speed Hitters eye No. 8 vs. Crossovers, share of lead

MANILA – PLDT eyes a share of the lead when it takes on Chery Tiggo in the Premier Volleyball League (PVL) All-Filipino Conference preliminary round at PhilSports Arena in Pasig City on Tuesday.



TOUGH MATCH. PLDT's Savannah Davison (No. 6) scores against Akari's Mereophe Sharma (No. 14) and Michelle Monique Cobb (No. 6) during the Premier Volleyball League All-Filipino Conference preliminary round at the PhilSports Arena in Pasig City on April 9, 2024. PLDT will eye a share of top spot when it faces Chery Tiggo on Tuesday (April 16) at 6 p.m. (Contributed photo)

The High Speed Hitters and the Crossovers meet at 6 p.m. after the Petro Gazz-Cignal match at 4 p.m.

PLDT has a 7-1 slate behind Choco Mucho (8-1) and Creamline (7-2) while Chery Tiggo and Petro Gazz are tied with 6-2 records.

Keisha Dazzie Bedonia, who scored 16 points in PLDT's 25-12, 25-21, 25-17 victory over Strong Group last week, is expected to lead the team, along

with Shiela Mae Kiseo, Julianne Marie Samonte and Savannah Dawn Davison.

Chery Tiggo, on the other hand, will bank on Laure siblings EJ and Eya, and Ara Galang, who all scored in double figures when the Crossovers rolled to their fourth consecutive win courtesy of Cignal, 26-24, 25-20, 26-24 on April 9.

Meanwhile, the Petro Gazz Angels will rely on Brooke Van Sickle, Jonah Sabete, Remy Palma, Aiza Pontillas, Myla Pablo, Nicole

Tiamzon, Kecelyn Galdones, Marian Buitre and Joy Dacoron when they collide with the HD Spikers (5-3), who will be spearheaded by Ces Molina, Jovelyn Gonzaga, Riri Meneses, Roselyn Doria and Vanie Gandler.

Games are aired live on free-to-air One Sports; in high-definition on One Sports+; on PVL's official website (www.pvl.ph); and on the Pilipinas Live app.

Global coverage includes the new free-to-air channel RPTV. (PNA)

# Alitagtag SHS, San Felipe ES receive STARBOOKS from DOST, BPI Foundation, Inc.

Alitagtag Senior High School (SHS) and San Felipe Elementary School (ES) were among the beneficiaries of the partnership project between the DOST and BPI Foundation, Inc., which aimed to donate Science and Technology Academic and Research-Based Openly Operated Kiosk Stations (STARBOOKS) to remote schools in the country.



The 2.1 million peso project benefits 30 schools in the country and aims to provide students and teachers in remote areas access to digital science and technology resources. A turnover ceremony of the STARBOOKS units for the two school beneficiaries in Batangas province was conducted at the Alitagtag SHS, Poblacion East, Alitagtag, Batangas, on April 11, 2024.

The STARBOOKS, developed by the Science and Technology Information Institute (DOST-STII), contains thousands of digitized science and technology resources that can supplement classroom learning and enhance research capabilities. It

allows access to information even in the absence of an internet connection.

An orientation training was also provided to the teachers and students of the two schools on how to maximize the use of STARBOOKS for their academic and research needs.

This covered the features and contents of STARBOOKS and how they can be utilized to supplement learning materials in STEM education. The training aimed to equip the participants with the necessary skills to navigate and utilize the resources available on STARBOOKS.

A site admin training

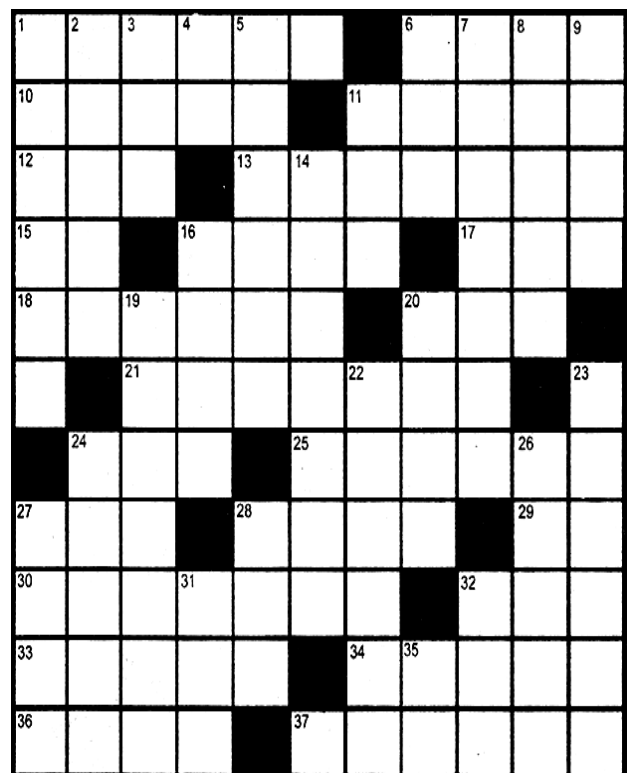
was also conducted to ensure efficient management and maintenance of the STARBOOKS system in the schools. This training focused on registering data, navigating countless articles, and exploring interactive math and science games.

Teachers and Information and Communications Technology (ICT) coordinators were also briefed on the admin module, which consists of user assistance, submission of transmittal files, reviewing user feedback and comments, updating STARBOOKS contents, and kiosk management.

The turnover ceremony followed the training, where the STARBOOKS units were officially handed over to the school beneficiaries. Present during this ceremony were Dr. Richard P. Burgos, DOST-STII Director, Ms. Juvilyn S. Renivera, Associate Director of BPI Foundation Inc., Mr. Allan C. Taule, Chief of Information Resources and Analysis Division of DOST-STII, Ms. Renalee Leyesa, Science Research Specialist II and Mr. Cedric L. Rodriguez, Project Technical Assistant I of DOST-Batangas, Ms. Erlene M. Martinez, Principal of Alitagtag SHS, Ms. Shien Orlanda, ICT Coordinator of San Felipe ES, Ms. Jennifer Montenegro, Admin Officer of San Felipe ES, Ms. Alma M. Brin, YES-O Coordinator of San Felipe ES, and Ms. Veneranda Del Mundo, Admin Assistant of Alitagtag SHS.

Beneficiaries thanked DOST and BPI Foundation, Inc. for their support in providing training and resources for the development of science and technology programs in their respective schools. They promised to maximize the use of the units to further enhance their students' learning experiences and interest in STEM fields. *(By John Maico Hernandez)*

## PALAIPIAN



### PAHALANG

- 1 Abako
- 6 Kauri ng pato
- 10 Katambal ni sir
- 11 Bakal
- 12 Baluga
- 13 Inihagis
- 15 Simbolo ng holmium
- 16 Leksiyon
- 17 Unlaping pamilang
- 18 Hayop
- 20 Tunog ng makinilya
- 21 Diskusyon
- 24 Label
- 25 Katulad
- 27 Mr. Servo
- 28 Dagit
- 29 Simbolo ng aluminum
- 30 Alpabeto
- 32 Taong pinaglilingkuran
- 33 Hinto
- 34 Gayundin
- 36 Dagli
- 37 Angkop

### PABABA

- 1 Hanging malamig
- 2 Hawak ng taga-kumpas
- 3 Nimpa
- 4 Kris Aquino
- 5 Namayani
- 6 Mr. Affleck
- 7 Ipupusta
- 8 Mantsa
- 9 Anyong tubig
- 11 Libo
- 14 Sagabal
- 16 Tagulamin
- 19 Ilagay sa posisyon
- 20 Kawil ng pamingwit
- 22 Kalso
- 23 Kandong
- 24 Likido
- 26 Ari-arian
- 27 Marahil
- 28 Pan de \_
- 31 Taguri sa boksingero
- 32 Tatay
- 35 Alvin Patrimonio

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Dagdag Kaalaman

Ayon sa mga British scientist, ang mga halaman ay maaaring gumawa ng complex math calculation sa paggawa nito ng kanilang pagkain sa gabi.

# WellPoint Medical Clinic and Diagnostic Center opens in Ayala Malls Vermosa this July

As it continuously strive to optimize outcomes and overall patient experience to its clients, multispecialty and diagnostic clinic Wellpoint Medical and Diagnostic Center, Inc. (Wellpoint) will open its first ever Ayala Mall branch in Vermosa, Imus City this July.



To help publicize their upcoming big opening in July, Wellpoint - together with Ayala Mall officials, did a mock-up ground breaking ceremonies near the clinic's location at Ayala Malls Vermosa last Friday. In photo are Wellpoint and Ayala Mall officials, namely (from left): Mr. Francis Camañag (WellPoint Marketing Head), Mr. John Henry Patos (WellPoint General Manager), Ms. Cristina De Asis (Ayala Malls Vermosa Mall Manager) Dr. Mary Melodie Patos-Abram (WellPoint President and Medical Director), Dr. Arlynn Sanchez Garduque (WellPoint Assistant Medical Director), Ms. Rachel De Guzman (Member WellPoint Board of Directors), Ms. Thelia Cabangbang (Wellpoint Dasmariñas Clinic Supervisor), Engr. Ferdie Nolasco (Owner FD Nolasco Enterprise).

The new clinic, located at the mall's prime "wellness" wing location and in the "sports hub" community of Vermosa, will have a dedicated area for its Rehabilitation Medicine and Developmental Center.

This 4th branch, spanning over 400square meters in area, aims to bring the one-stop-shop Wellpoint experience - complete with its impressive array of board-certified specialty physicians, highly skilled and experienced staff, and state-of-the-art diagnostic equipment all aimed at providing multi-specialty services, says Dr. Mary Melodie Patos-Abram, Wellpoint Medical Clinic and Diagnostic Center, Inc. (Wellpoint) president/ Chief Executive Officer and Medical Director.

Pioneering the mall-based multi-specialty and diagnostic clinic in Cavite, Patos-Abram shares that the business continues with its upward trend in terms of gaining tractions for their offered flexibility, comfort and convenience.

"Because our clients can attend to other things, like pay bills, do grocery or quick shopping," she said. A plus factor, she believes, other than their high standard of service is, "our price, which we can say is one of the most affordable, even compared to community based diagnostic clinics," Patos-Abram adds.

For his part, Wellpoint's General Manager John Henry Patos, is meticulously assessing the clinic's operations to cater to the needs of the Vermosa clients. He

emphasizes the enhancement of the patient appointment system, noting its increasing significance based on feedback from existing client base across other clinic branches.

Founded in 2005, Wellpoint, with its strong commitment to providing comprehensive healthcare services, first established its multispecialty and diagnostic clinic at SM City Bacoor. They have another in-mall branch in SM Dasmariñas and a stand alone branch near SM Bacoor. The clinic is one of the most trusted and preferred multi-specialty clinic in Cavite and nearby cities.

For more information about Wellpoint, please check their website at <http://wellpointmedicalclinic.com>.

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### DOST LAUNCHES ESTABLISHMENT OF MATERIAL RECOVERY FACILITIES IN CAUAYAN CITY



**THE Department of Science and Technology (DOST), in partnership with the City Government of Cauayan, and Isabela State University (ISU), officially launched recently the establishment of Material Recovery Facilities (MRF) in Cauayan City, Isabela.**

Besides recycling, there are meaningful opportunities and smart solutions for waste reduction management across the value chain in developing a circular economy.

The MRF was invented by Victoriano Ocon of Suki Trading Corporation in Cebu City and a member of Filipino Inventors Society Multi-Purpose Cooperative (FISMPC), chaired by Francisco "Popoy" Pagayon, who also promotes the invention. **► DOST • 4**

### DOST OFFICIALS VISIT SETUP PROJECT IN CAGAYAN VALLEY

**THE Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Secretary, Dr. Renato U. Solidum Jr., with other DOST officials, visited Agricom Machineries and Construction Corp.. (AMCC).**



The company is one of the DOST Small Enterprise Technology Upgrading Program (SETUP) Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises or MSMEs in Cagayan Valley.

SETUP assistance created other opportunities for AMCC, like the acquisition of a merchandise strip to the Equipment Manufacturing

Cluster (EMC) Region 02, an organization for metal equipment manufacturers in the Cagayan Valley Region, and the Metals International Association of the Philippines (MIAP).

Some of the materials being used by the corporation came from other members of EMC. These materials are fabricated and chosen by

local and international enterprises, including local start-up businesses.

New possibilities have been realized since another launch of its production center was established. This additional center only signified that AMCC continued to soar even higher this time. In

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## KAWIT RHU DENTAL SERVICES

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