

Provincial Solo Parent Day Celebration: A Triumph of Support and Solidarity



The Provincial Government of Cavite through the Office of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer (OPSWDO), led the Provincial Solo Parent Day Celebration on April 20, 2024, at the Municipal Covered Court in Naic, Cavite. Solo parent employees of the PGC and presidents of Solo Parent associations from various cities and municipalities converged to partake in this enriching event.

Themed "Solo Parent na Rehistrado sa Gobyerno Tiyak na Protektado", this year's celebration underscored the importance of recognizing and safeguarding the rights of solo parents within the community.

A caravan of services, ranging from free haircuts to legal consultations, vocational training opportunities, job placement assistance, agricultural support, and Wellness and Health services, including free pills and iron with folic acid, was generously offered to all solo parent members and participants.

Esteemed guests, including 8th district Board Member Irene Bencito and the President of PGC's United Solo Parents Association (USPA), Ms. Analie Rodil, shared their heartfelt testimonies and struggles as solo parents, inspiring and empowering all in attendance.

The warm welcome was extended by Ms. Catherine Ilagan of the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO) Naic, and Provincial Federation President Ms. Karen Bagtas, fostering a sense of camaraderie and support among participants.

Inspirational messages were delivered by Ms. Precyl T. Ramos, Officer-in-Charge of OPSWDO, while representatives such as Ms. Beverly Alvaran for 6th District Board Member Maurito Sison, and Ms. Maribeth Bautista for Board Member Rommel Enriquez, reaffirmed their commitment to the cause.

Raffle winners from different local government units were delighted as they received their prizes, adding an element of excitement to the festivities. The event also showcased the diverse talents of **► PROVINCIAL • 4**

CBS RISES TO 2ND LARGEST THRIFT BANK IN THE COUNTRY

CBS China Bank Savings has moved up two notches in the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas' 2023 ranking of thrift banks in terms of total assets. From top four in 2022, CBS is now the second largest thrift bank with P153.45 billion in resources as of December 31, 2023.

CBS finished strong in 2023, achieving a record high of P1.85 billion in net income, up 17%, and P113 billion in loans, up 25%, as its client base grew by 21% year-on-year. CBS is determined to reach as many new clients as possible this year, already registering 22% growth in its total customer base in the first quarter of 2024 vs. year-end 2023.

"We are aware of the challenges facing the banking sector this year. Inflation just won't go away, and movements in international banking continue to be a key consideration for local monetary policy. Nevertheless, we are confident that we will be able to adapt and adjust accordingly," CBS President James Christian T. Dee said, noting that CBS is doubling down on plans to provide more financial services to the underbanked. "Through our consumer loans, salary loans, SME loans, and teacher's loans, we will continue to expand our reach. As we do so, we will strengthen our financial inclusion advocacy to bring more Filipinos into the formal banking sector. We won't let up. We will exert every effort to Build & Rise toward another Podium Finish this 2024."

CBS, the thrift bank arm of Chinabank, is set on improving its resilience and sustainability in the face of accelerating climate change, shifting its corporate fleet to electric vehicles (EVs) and hybrid. CBS has purchased its first hybrid service car. CBS Easi Auto Loan is also available for the purchase of hybrids and EVs.



May #PusoAtMalasakitParaSaAtingKawit na kalinga ang ating isinalubong sa mga kababayan nating bumisita sa ating tanggapan. Kung kailangan n'yo po ng tulong, handa po ako, si Mommy Armie, at ang Team Puso at Malasakit na gumabay sa inyo. Magpadala po kayo ng message sa page ko o sa page ni Mommy Armie upang malaman namin kung paano namin kayo matutulungan! #KumikitangKawiteño #RatedTripleA #PusoAtMalasakitParaSaAtingKawit #MayorAguinaldo

NIA to help Cavite, Batangas farmers improve productivity

NAIC, Cavite (PIA) – As a commitment to support local farmers and enhance their agricultural productivity, the National Irrigation Administration (NIA) Calabarzon has formalized a partnership with Cavite and Batangas-based irrigator associations (IA).

Among the approved provisions in the agreement is that farm inputs, including seeds, fertilizers, pesticides, bio-fertilizers, and cash assistance totaling P50,000 per hectare for farmers, will be awarded to IA members as a significant investment in the success of rice farming in the region.

NIA said that over 100 hectares of farm lands will be put under rice contract farming, which will benefit 62 farmers.

The MOA

The organizations cover three irrigation systems in the two provinces, namely the Balayungan River Irrigation System and Kay Akle River Irrigation System in Cavite and the Palico River Irrigation System in Batangas.

Reynaria Tapia, the administrative and finance division manager of NIA Calabarzon, sees the partnership as a strategic approach of the agency in aiding farmers, on which she expects them to play an active



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encompasses nine IAs, including Putat Balok Balok Bayabas IA, Campo Avejar IA, Nasugbu Batangas Central IA, Banlikan IA, Nasugbu East Farmers IA Inc., SMMT Cavite Pioneer IA, CMSJTF IA, Balite-Munti-Doreo IA, and Bucal Pasong Malainen IA.

role in achieving broader objectives, such as helping the various initiatives of the government in attaining food security.

"I see that this contract farming program is a strategic approach by our NIA top management to effectively support our

farmers. That's why we hope that our beneficiaries will become more part of the food security initiative of the government," she said.

Arnesto Dino, president of the Cavite IA Federation, expressed gratitude to NIA for bringing the program and hopes that it will help promote agricultural development at the grassroots level, which will safeguard the livelihood and income of

small farmers in Cavite. "We think that this program is not only targeting an increase in our yield, but also to help us stop the activities of exploitative rice traders," he said.

Batangas IA Federation president Teodoro Jonson backs up the program and projects that the initiative will provide more opportunities to improve their livelihood.

"We will do everything

to make this program a success, which used to be just a dream, but now it is happening all because of NIA," Jonson said.

In a report released by NIA Calabarzon, 271 hectares of farmland are involved in contract farming region-wide which currently benefits 278 farmers from 17 IAs across Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, and Quezon provinces. (AM/PIA-4A; with reports from NIA Calabarzon)



Local Government Leads Successful Medical and Dental Mission in Bacoor City. The provincial government of Cavite, under the leadership of Governor Jonvic Remulla, conducted a remarkable medical and dental mission in Talaba II, Bacoor City on April 16, 2024, bringing hope and healing to the constituents. The initiative helped 417 residents of Bacoor, who received essential healthcare services. A total of 365 individuals availed of medical services while 52 benefitted from dental care. Additionally, 15 people underwent X-ray examinations, and 10 received ECG tests, ensuring comprehensive healthcare coverage. The success of the program was a testament to the collaborative efforts of various institutions, including the local government, PGC health professionals, and the Scouts Royale Brotherhood, led by Cavite Provincial Council President Alan Correl, alongside the Sangguniang Kabataan, BHWs and BNS. In addition to the provision of medicine and anti-mosquito repellent lotion, the program included free eye checks, further enhancing its impact and significance to the community. (OPIO)

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Benchmarking Activity of Labo, Camarines Norte

The Provincial Government of Cavite welcomed the delegation from the Municipality of Labo, Camarines Norte on a benchmarking activity held at the Sangguniang Panlalawigan Session Hall, Legislative Building, Trece Martires City on April 17, 2024. Their endeavor to enhance governance practices and explore innovative approaches aims to foster collaboration, knowledge sharing, and inspiration among local government units.

The event commenced with a warm welcome from Vice Governor Athena Bryana D. Tolentino, who extended heartfelt greetings to the esteemed guests.

Vice Governor Tolentino emphasized the importance of the benchmarking initiative and assured the attendees of a fruitful and enlightening visit to the Province of Cavite.

The Municipality of Labo delegation was led by Mayor Severino H. Francisco Jr. and Vice Mayor Alvin G. Bardon, accompanied by members of the Sangguniang Bayan. Their presence underscored Labo's commitment to continuous improvement and learning from the best practices of other LGUs.

Joining the program were distinguished Cavite board members, including BM Maurito Sison, BM Kerby J. Salazar, BM Rainier Ambion, BM Irene

Bencito, and BM Fulgencio dela Cuesta Jr., who added depth and perspective to the discussions.

The benchmarking activities commenced with a captivating audiovisual presentation (AVP) showcasing the diverse facets of Cavite and the operational processes of the Provincial Government. The immersive presentation provided valuable insights into Cavite's governance framework, serving as a foundation for the benchmarking exercise.

Following the AVP, each board member present at the program delivered a succinct speech, extending warm greetings and expressing gratitude to the guests from the Municipality of Labo. Their words of welcome reflected a spirit of camaraderie and collaboration, setting a positive tone for the benchmarking sessions that followed.



The benchmarking activity in Cavite provided Labo's local leaders with information on innovations which can contribute to their journey towards excellence in governance. By leveraging the experiences and best practices of the province, Labo aims to strengthen its governance structures, improve service delivery, and ultimately enhance the well-being of its constituents. (OPIO)

DTI 4-A helps LGUs enhance their CMCI data through a workshop

The Department of Trade and Industry Region 4-A conducted the 2024 Cities and Municipalities Competitiveness Index (CMCI) Workshop: Cultivating Advantages To Achieve Lasting Competitiveness (CATALYST) on April 18, 2024 at the DTI 4-A Regional Office, Calamba City, Laguna.



This event was designed to bring together CMCI Provincial Focal Persons from DTI Provincial Offices and representatives from the Provincial Government of the five provinces in the region: Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, and Quezon, discussing opportunities for improvement in the CMCI pillars/indicators and determine recommendations and/or possible interventions for a better CMCI Cycle performance for the local government units (LGUs) in CALABARZON.

"We aspire that these CMCI improvements translate into sustained or increased investment inflows into the Region by enhancing the scores and subsequent ranks of all 142 LGUs in the CALABARZON," said DTI 4-A Assistant Regional Director Revelyn A. Cortez in her welcome remarks.

The CATALYST Workshop helped the participants analyze the CMCI data trends of their respective LGUs over the last five years and identify potential interventions to increase their CMCI scores, particularly under the Government Efficiency and Resiliency Pillars.

The CALABARZON Region has been competitively participating in the CMCI since its launching in 2012. On its 10th year run last 2023, the DTI- Bureau of Industry Planning and Innovation revamped the recognition rites for the CMCI and launched the Philippine Creative Cities and Municipalities Competitiveness Congress to incorporate the Creative Industry to the CMCI.

"I am very grateful to all our LGUs and the Provincial Government Offices in our region for your active participation and strong motivation to enhance your CMCI data and

performances. We hope that the valuable data that we will generate from this will benefit your constituents," said DTI 4-A Regional Director Marissa C. Argente.

CMCI is an annual ranking of Philippine cities and municipalities developed by the National Competitiveness Council through the Regional Competitiveness Committees (RCCs) with the assistance of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). Rankings of Cities and Municipalities are based on the sum of their scores on 5 Pillars: Economic Dynamism, Government Efficiency, Infrastructure, Resiliency, and Innovation. Provincial rankings are based on population and income weighted average of the Overall scores of cities and municipalities under a province.



HIRED ON THE SPOT! SM CITY BACOOR, CAVITE - Age is just a number for this 70-year old job seeker at the Job Fair Held at SM City Bacoor. Organized by Bacoor City PESO and the office of Congresswoman Lani Mercado-Revilla, the job fair gathered 44 companies and almost 400 job seekers with 239 of them hired on the spot.

Homonhon residents and concerned groups reject public scoping of mining project

Quezon City, Philippines—Residents of Homonhon in the municipality of Guiuan declared their opposition to the mining project of Mt. Sinai Mining Exploration and Development Corp. at the public scoping held on April 17, 2024.

The community was supported by the Parish of Homonhon, the Caritas Social Action Network of the Porongan diocese, Philippine Movement for Climate Justice (PM CJ), Sanlakas, Philippine Misereor Partnership Inc. (PMP I), and Homonhon Environmental Advocates and Rights Defenders (HEARD).

The groups called out both Mt. Sinai Mining and the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) for allowing the public scoping to proceed, despite multiple documented violations and non-compliance of prerequisite jurisdictional and mandatory requirements required under EMB Memorandum Circular 2017-15 as well as prevailing legal impediments to entertain mining operations in Homonhon.

Mt. Sinai Mining did not conduct an education and information campaign (EIC) three months prior to the public scoping. They also invited only one out of three barangays in Homonhon. Representatives of the mining company were also spotted going house-to-house gathering signatures for the attendance sheet intended for the public scoping.

In 2006, the Provincial Board of Eastern Samar passed an ordinance banning large-scale mining in the province. Presidential Proclamation 469 declared the coastal

waters of the Municipality of Guiuan as protected seascape and landscape. In 2012, Executive Order No. 79 excluded island ecosystems from large-scale mining.

The residents and groups, citing these, moved to cancel the public scoping. However, despite their objections, the EMB decided to continue. In protest, the residents and groups walked out of the venue en masse.

"Mt. Sinai Mining is blatantly ignoring the rights of the Homonhon residents," said Fara Diva Gamalo of PM CJ Eastern Visayas Chapter. "Now that the environmental damage and health hazards caused by mining in Homonhon is more apparent, it is even more important that these companies abide by regulations."

"We need to make sure the communities affected are involved and prioritized," she emphasized.

Homonhon is known not only for being a historical site, but also as a producer of calamansi. However, farmers have reported poor calamansi harvests as the mining dust kills the flowers. The dust has also forced students to wear face masks in and out of school as the mining operations affect areas beyond their permitted zones.

Dust also settles into the rivers and nearby ocean. Residents struggle to get clean water and

fisherfolk have also reported smaller catches.

Aaron Pedrosa, secretary-general of Sanlakas and volunteer lawyer for Homonhon residents, urged the government to act. "The failure to comply with EMB's own regulations to justify the conduct of a public scoping is a red flag not only to the agency, but also to all stakeholders. This should trigger EMB to put brakes on the process until the company complies. Instead, EMB allowed the public scoping to proceed."

He added: "If at this stage Mt. Sinai is allowed to carry on despite observed irregularities, how can we expect it to operate in strict adherence to mining and environmental regulations if the government decides yet again to allow it to mine Homonhon?"

Pedrosa recalled that in 2017 Mt. Sinai was one of the 21 mining operations closed down by the then Environment Secretary Gina Lopez mainly for ruining bodies of water due to indiscriminate mining.

The groups will officially file their opposition and appeal to the EMB and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Secretary. To highlight the situation, the groups will sound the alarm on the mining operations in Homonhon leading up to Earth Day on April 22, 2024.



On April 19, 2024, Barangay Medina in Magallanes was the site of a successful health outreach event that brought essential medical services to around 300 beneficiaries. Organized by the Office of the Provincial Governor's medical and dental mission team in partnership with the Office of the Provincial Health Officer (OPHO), the initiative aimed to improve the well-being of the community by providing accessible healthcare services. The mission offered a range of services, including thorough medical and dental check-ups, tooth extractions, electrocardiogram (ECG), and the provision of prescribed medicines. These services were crucial in addressing various health concerns and promoting preventive care among residents. Magallanes Mayor Jasmin Maligaya-Bautista, together with other local officials, played a pivotal role in ensuring the mission's success. Their presence and support reflected a shared commitment to improving healthcare accessibility for all constituents. During the event, Mayor Maligaya-Bautista and the officials expressed their heartfelt gratitude to the provincial government and the medical and dental team for their dedication in providing services for their constituents. (OPIO)

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Provincial Director Ritchie Mae Guno conveyed her support for the project, anticipating its successful implementation and sustainability. "Nakita namo ang potensyal sa MANTALA sa pag compete sa ubang mga brand sa kape. Busa, nahimo namo nang motivation sa pag-upgrade sa ilang proseso sa paghimo sa kape pinaagi sa S & T innovation, kay nahibawan namo nga mas makigbisog sila pinaagi niining intervention."

[We have seen the potential of MANTALA in competing against other coffee brands. That's became our motivation to upgrade their process in making coffee using S&T

innovation, because we've known that they will be resilient with this intervention.]

Datu Smith Ecat, the president of MANTALA Incorporated, expressed heartfelt gratitude to DOST and LGU Valencia for their substantial assistance in the community. He shared his astonishment at witnessing the realization of their vision for MANTALA Coffee.

"Wala namo damha nga maabot namo nig ikan sa among simple nga pangandoy para sa MANTALA Coffee," said Datu Smith Ecat.

[We did not expect that this simple dream of MANTALA coffee would be realized.]

The City Planning and Development Office, through its Officer-in-Charge Architect Bjorn Didaagon, presented the floor plan of the proposed coffee processing facility of MANTALA Inc. This aligns with the goal of ensuring compliance with Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) and paving the way for the acquisition of the License to Operate issued by the FDA.

This intervention is aligned with the Sustainable Development Goal number one, zero poverty and sdg number eight, decent work and economic growth. This is also anchored in the DOST Pillar of Wealth Creation.

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"With the help of these trainings, it was easier for me to adjust to what is expected when entering this type of training. Because of that, my physical, mental, and intellectual capacity as a PNPA cadet became stronger," said Cabasis.

While in the academy, she received other special awards including Special Academics Awards for Best in Laws and Jurisprudence, Best in Police Administration, and the PNPA Kampilan Academic Awards.

As a recipient of the

Presidential Kampilan Award, Cabasis said that she recognizes the responsibility the honor carries, and vows to serve the country with integrity and honor.

"This is our time to give back to the Filipino people our deepest gratitude for making us refined individuals of the nation. I recognize the weight of responsibility it carries. Inspiring me to continue to hold onto the virtue I stood upon prior achieving this award - and it is excellence in everything I do," Cabasis declared.

The class valedictorian said that to maintain her leading position within the academy, she adhered to three principles: being always prepared; having diligence and perseverance, and a strong faith in God.

She stated that no matter what she has achieved, she hopes she will serve as a role model and an inspiration for her fellow youth and women to demonstrate that they can significantly impact society.

Cabasis is among the 198 cadets who will join the Philippine National Police after graduating from the academy. (MPDC, CH/PIA-Batangas)

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solo parent members from various LGUs through intermission dances and songs.

Closing the event with heartfelt remarks, Ms. Ekeiko Paola Haidah

Sadang, Division Head of Promotive Services, reiterated the importance of continuous support and assistance for solo parents.

The Provincial Solo Parent Day Celebration in

Naic, Cavite, stands as a testament to the unwavering commitment of the Provincial Government of Cavite to empower and uplift solo parents, providing them with the necessary resources and support for a brighter future. (OPIO)

Banana Growers in Batangas City undergo banana value-addition training

Members of the Banana Growers Association in Batangas City were capacitated on the value addition of bananas in a technology training conducted by the Department of Science and Technology (DOST)-Batangas in partnership with the City Government Unit of Batangas through the Office of the City Agriculturist (OCA), held at the Research Training Center, OCVAS Compound, Brgy. Bolbok, Batangas City, April 19.

Twenty-three farmer members of the association participated in the training, which aimed to increase the profitability of bananas, produce value-added banana products in addition to Batangas City's local products, and develop sustainable agriculture-based enterprises.

The training session focused on processing banana catsup and vinegar as value-added products derived from bananas. Participants were provided with a comprehensive discussion covering various aspects, such as the selection of bananas and other ingredients, the demand for different banana varieties, and the practical applications of banana catsup and vinegar technologies. This discussion aimed to enhance participants' understanding of the process. After the discussion, participants put their learning into practice

through hands-on processing activities. Mr. Romel M. Felismino, University Researcher II at the Institute of Food Science and Technology, University of the Philippines Los Baños, facilitated these activities.

Meanwhile, an awareness seminar on Basic Food Hygiene was also incorporated into the training to ensure the association's compliance with food safety requirements. Topics covered during the discussion were sanitary permits, health certificates, quality and protection of food, primary production, establishment (design of facilities and equipment), training and competence, establishment maintenance, cleaning and disinfection, pest control, personal hygiene, control of the operation, product information and consumer awareness, and the special provisions of P.D. 856. Ms. Renalee M.



Leyesa, a DOST-CALABARZON Food Safety Team member, served as the resource speaker.

Participants thanked DOST-Batangas and OCA for facilitating the technology training. They look forward to applying the knowledge gained and introducing their banana catsup and vinegar products to the market.

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(By John Maico Hernandez)



Association for Philippines-China Understanding (APCU)

The Association for Philippines-China Understanding (APCU) calls for strengthening people-to-people ties in the face of heightened Sinophobia and tensions over the South China Sea.

APCU Chairman Raul Lambino said in times when state-to-state and government-to-government relations turn sour, our best hope for easing tensions and path to resolving differences is through people-to-people dialogue.

He said it is an important pillar in relations among nations because ultimately it will be the people who will be affected by what states and government do in its relations with other nations.

Lambino also expressed concern on increasing racism and Sinophobia in the country. He said it is baseless and totally unfair to label well-meaning Filipinos as "pro-China" or "pro-Chinese" or

even "spies of China."

He asserted APCU and its members and many other Tsinoy organizations are neither pro-China or against any other nations. He described APCU as clearly pro-Filipino and working for the best interest of the country.

He said APCU has been active for the past five decades in promoting understanding, building friendship and fostering cooperation between the peoples of the Philippines and China.

These have brought many benefits to our country and people, he added.

Started in the early 1970s, APCU was formally registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February

26, 1974. It is the officially recognized friendship association between the Philippines and China.

One of its projects, the Awards for Promoting Philippines-China Understanding (APPCU) recognizes Filipinos with outstanding work or exemplary efforts in promoting friendship between the countries.

APPCU laureates include former government officials, diplomats, businessmen, civic leaders, academicians and media personalities.

Lambino added APCU is also involved in cultural exchange, educational tie ups, sisterhood programs and promoting trade, investments and tourism which are all beneficial to the country.

EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF SHARES OF STOCKS OF THE LATE RUDY BELEN AGSALUD WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE PUBLIC THAT This Deed made and executed by and among: 1. **SHEILA HINAY AGSALUD**, widow; 2. **VANESSA SHERY HINAY AGSALUD**, single; and 3. **RASHED HINAY AGSALUD**, single, all of legal ages, all Filipino citizens and all residents of Brgy. Timalan Concepcion, Naic. Cavite, hereby: **DECLARE AND MAKE MANIFEST: 1. THAT**, we are the only legitimate heirs being the wife and children of the deceased, **RUDY BELEN AGSALUD**, who died on January 15, 2024 at Urdaneta City, Pangasinan; 2. **THAT**, at the time of his death, the deceased was a resident of Urdaneta City, Pangasinan and died without any obligation to any person or persons and died without any will; 3. **THAT**, the deceased, **RUDY BELEN AGSALUD** left an 82 non - par value Shares issued on January 22, 2001, with **Account No. 12453173, under Sun Life Financial (SLF)**; 4. **THAT WE**, hereby divide and adjudicate as we have hereby divided and adjudicated among ourselves the above-mentioned 82 non - par value Shares including all our interests and participation, equally. Pursuant to Sec. 1 Rule 74 of the Revised Rules of Court: 5. **THAT WE, SHEILA HINAY AGSALUD and RASHED HINAY AGSALUD**, hereby agreed as we hereby agree to waive our rights, interests and participations over the above-mentioned 82 non par value Shares in favor of **VANESSA SHERY HINAY AGSALUD**. This has been the subject of **EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF SHARES OF STOCKS OF THE LATE RUDY BELEN AGSALUD WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS** duly executed on 15th day of April 2024 at Naic, Cavite by the Heirs before Notary Public **Atty. Jose A. Mendoza** as per Doc. No. 444, Page No. 90, Book No. XXIII, Series of 2024.

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Rower Delgaco is 11th Filipino qualifier to Paris Olympics

Rower Joanie Delgaco became the first female rower of the Philippines to qualify for the Olympics after clinching a Paris Games ticket at the World Rowing Asian and Oceania Olympic and Paralympic Qualification Regatta and Asian Rowing Cup in Chungju, South Korea on Sunday.

The 26-year-old finished fourth in the 2,000-meter women's single sculls to join 10 other Filipinos who have already made it to the Paris Olympics slated July 26 to Aug. 11 this year. "Sobrang saya. Nakita ko na lahat ng paghihirap ko. Di ko ine-expect 'to (Very happy. This is the result of all my hard work. I didn't expect this)," Delgaco, a native of Iriga City, Camarines Sur, told Radyo Pilipinas.

Edgardo Maerina (1988 Seoul), Benjamin Tolentino Jr. (2000 Sydney), and Cris Nievarez (2022 Tokyo) were the other rowers who previously made it to the Olympics.

On Friday, Filipino-American gymnast LeVi Jung-Ruivivar also earned a trip to Paris after bagging the silver medal in the FIG Artistic Gymnastics World Cup in Doha, Qatar.

She became the third gymnast to qualify after Carlos Yulo and Aleah Finnegan.

"Eleven, formally, and counting," Philippine Olympic Committee president Abraham Tolentino posted on Sunday. "Congratulations to our new qualified Olympians. Their dedication, perseverance and exceptional talent are an inspiration to us all."

Weightlifter Rosegie Ramos is unofficially the 12th Filipino to qualify, pending the International Weightlifting Federation's official announcement of the roster for the Games.

The country is also guaranteed three more qualifiers under the universality rule -- one in athletics and two in swimming.

"We expect more of our athletes to be in Paris as the qualifiers in various

sports are still being conducted," Tolentino, also president of the cycling association, said.

Hoping to qualify are Robyn Brown (athletics), Kurt Barbosa (taekwondo), Cris Nievarez (rowing), brothers Keisei and Shugen Nakano (judo), Yuta Watanabe (judo), Jericho Francisco (skateboarding), Patrick Coo (BMX cycling), Shagne Yaoyao (MTB cycling), Emma Malabuyo (gymnastics), golfer Bianca Pagdanganan, and boxers Carlo Paalam, Criz Laurente, Hergie Bacayan and Rogan Ladon.

The other Paris-bound athletes are pole vaulter Ernest John "EJ" Obiena; boxers Eumir Felix Marcial, Nesthy Petecio and Aira Villegas; and weightlifters Vanessa Sarno, Erleen Ann Ando and John Febuar Ceniza. (PNA)



Signal's Umandal named Spikers' Turf Press Corps Player of the Week

Joshua Umandal never tries to impress but his performance for unbeaten Signal speaks for itself, earning him the Spikers' Turf Press Corps Player of the Week citation for the period April 17 to 21.



He delivered a conference-best 36 points on 32 attacks, three blocks, and one ace, to go with 10 excellent receptions and six digs, as the HD Spikers scored a 21-25, 25-18, 20-25, 25-19, 15-7 victory over the D'Navigators Iloilo on April 17.

Signal extended its win run to six and secured a Final Four ticket.

"Di ko expected na aabot ako sa ganito kataas. Usually naman, 'di kami nanalo nang dahil lang sa akin (kundi dahil sa buong team. So parang 'di ko siya inisip na kailangan marami akong i-puntos. Gusto ko lang talaga makatulong (I didn't expect to reach that high. Usually, we win not just because of me (but) because of the whole team. So it's like I didn't think that I needed to score a lot. I just really want to help)," the national team mainstay said.

"Nagpapasalamat parin ako na na-achieve ko 'yung ganyang achievement kahit papaano (I am still grateful that I was able to achieve such an achievement somehow)," the 2023 Open Conference Most Valuable Player added.

Umandal beat Criss Cross' Jude Garcia, Savouge's John Diwa and VNS-Nasty's Kenneth Culabat for the weekly honor given by print and online scribes covering the league organized by Sports Vision and streamed live at spikersturf.ph.

Despite fatigue from back-to-back five-set victories, he managed to perform well.

"Siguro, in-overcome namin 'yung pagod na 'yun at lahat ng pressure na meron kami sa team. As in talagang kahit mentally prepared ka, kung 'yung physical condition mo talagang pagod, sobrang hirap (Maybe, we overcame fatigue and all the pressure we had. Even

if you are mentally prepared, but your physical condition is not good, it is very difficult)," shared Umandal, who scored 20 points in Signal's 20-25, 25-15, 23-25, 25-23, 15-12 win over Criss Cross on April 14.

"Kaya para sa'kin, mas nanatili sa akin 'yung pagiging beterano ko na kailangan ma-overcome ko 'tong pagod na 'to para hindi sayang 'yung punta ko dito at hindi sayang 'yung pinaghirapan namin ng ilang araw. Ayaw ko ring magpatalo nang basta-basta lang (So for me, my being a veteran showed and that I needed to overcome fatigue so that coming to the games and what we worked for won't go to waste. I don't want to lose easily)," Umandal said.

Signal will go for win No. 7 against the VNS-Nasty (2-4) on April 24 at Paco Arena in Manila. (PNA)

Djokovic, Bonmati win Laureus Awards

Serbian tennis legend Novak Djokovic was named as the Sportsman of the Year and Spanish footballer Aitana Bonmati won the women's counterpart on Monday night at the 25th Laureus World Sports Awards held in Madrid.



In a ceremony held at one of the Spanish capital's most emblematic buildings - the Palacio de Cibeles, Djokovic said, "We are individual athletes, but every success we owe to our family and our team. My team has been instrumental in my success in 2023, which was one of the best seasons of my life."

Novak Djokovic, who won the Australian, French and US Open titles to take his number of Grand Slams to 24, held off opposition from Leo Messi, Max Verstappen, Erling Haaland, Noah Lyles and Mondo Duplantis to win the prestigious 2024 Award.

The event was attended by some of the biggest names in sport from the past and present, such as Djokovic, athletes including Jessica Ennis-Hill, Michael Johnson and Edwin Moses, former footballers

including Cafu, Alessandro Del Piero, Marcel Desailly and Ruud Gullit, and gymnasts including Nadia Comaneci and Li Xiaopeng.

Bonmati, who helped Spain win the 2023 Women's World Cup and led FC Barcelona to a domestic double, thanked her companions at Barcelona and the national team for their help in her winning the award.

The Spanish Women's Football Team was then given the Award for Laureus World Team of the Year after winning the World Cup.

Real Madrid's Jude Bellingham won the World Breakthrough of the Year award, after his debut season with the Spanish club. The award was an extra reason to celebrate following his injury time winning goal against FC

Barcelona on Sunday night.

American gymnast Simone Biles was given the Laureus World Comeback of the Year after winning four gold medals at the World Championship, including a record sixth all-around title after her two-year absence following the Tokyo Olympics.

Skateboarder Arisa Trew was the Laureus World Action Sportsperson of the Year, while Diede de Groot was the Laureus World Sportsperson of the Year with a Disability after recording her third straight calendar Grand Slam.

The Rafa Nadal Foundation was named as the winner of the Laureus Sport for Good Award for its work in helping vulnerable young people in Spain and India. (Xinhua)

NorMin Innovation Committee to launch Regional Innovation Program and Exhibits 2024

Intending to promote innovation initiatives in the government and private sectors in Region 10, the Northern Mindanao Regional Innovation Program and Exhibit (NorMinRIPE) will commence at SM City CDO Uptown from April 22-24, 2024.



The NorMinRIPE is the Regional Research, Development, and Innovation Committee in Region 10 (RRDIC - 10) program as approved by the Regional Development Council-X, celebrating National Innovation Day under Republic Act 11293, which declares April 21 as a special working public holiday to promote and highlight initiatives on innovation nationwide.

Now in its third consecutive year of celebrating innovation, the three-day event aims to spread awareness of the National Innovation Agenda and Strategy Document (NIASD) among Region 10 stakeholders, identify existing innovation policies and programs,

determine how Region 10 can contribute, forge partnerships among government agencies, institutions, financiers, and other private agencies and companies, empower micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs), and ignite curiosity, creativity, and competitiveness among the youth.

National Economic and Development Authority-10 (NEDA -10) is the lead convener of NorMinRIPE 2024. The co-convenors are the Department of Science and Technology - 10 (DOST 10), the Department of Trade and Industry -10 (DTI - 10), and the Cagayan de Oro Chamber of Commerce and Industry Foundation Inc. (Oro Chamber).

The celebration is open to the general public, and visitors are invited to explore the exhibit area to see innovations from government and private agencies, participate in innovation forums, and have the chance to win prizes from raffles, games, and trivia.

This year's NorMinRIPE features three kinds of exhibits: technology-based exhibits, food-based exhibits, and the government's one-stop shop.

Innovation Sessions will also be present during the three-day celebration, and an Investor's Gala Night will occur on the evening of the 2nd day, hosted by the Oro Chamber at Seda Hotel, Cagayan de Oro City.

Another exciting activity will be the Innoventure: Startup Pitching Challenge, a competition among regional startups and a platform for entrepreneurs to present proposals to potential investors.

For the first time in NorMinRIPE, the PANAGTIGI: Innovation Quiz Bowl will be held on the third day, where top Senior High Schools will compete in an Innovation Quiz show and win the title of the first-ever PANAGTIGI along with cash prizes for the winner, 2nd place, and 3rd place, respectively.

Also happening for the first time is the Amihanang Mindanao Breakthrough

Innovations and Technologies (AMBIT) Awards on the third day. The Regional Development Council - X (RDC-X) approved and supported the award per Resolution No. 49 (s. 2017) to address the gaps and challenges of recognizing and promoting technological innovations in Northern Mindanao.

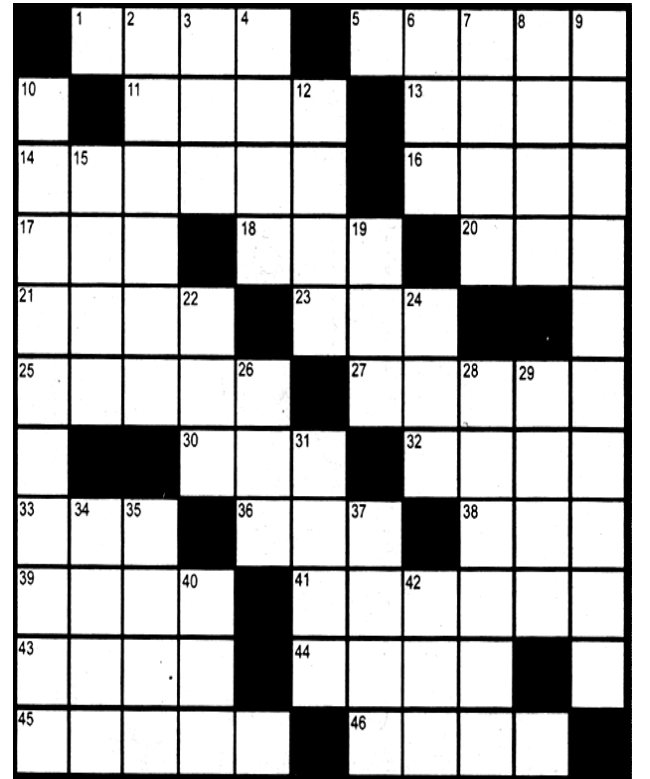
During the AMBIT Awards, local government units will be recognized based on their rankings on DTI's data of the Cities and Municipalities Competitive Index under the Innovation Pillar.

The Most Innovative Startup Award will also be awarded to the Innoventure Startup Pitching Challenge winner, with a grand prize of Php 50,000.00.

In past celebrations, National Innovation Day (NID) has been a successful event in spreading awareness of innovation and has helped strengthen the innovation ecosystem in the region.

Everyone is invited to NorMinRIPE 2024 and is expected to see exciting new products and ideas, meet inspiring people, and discover what Northern Mindanao has to offer to the world of innovation. It is a space for curiosity, learning, and connection, open to all who wish to see innovation in action. **(Joshua Robin/ /DOST 10) #ScienceForThePeople #OneDOST4U**

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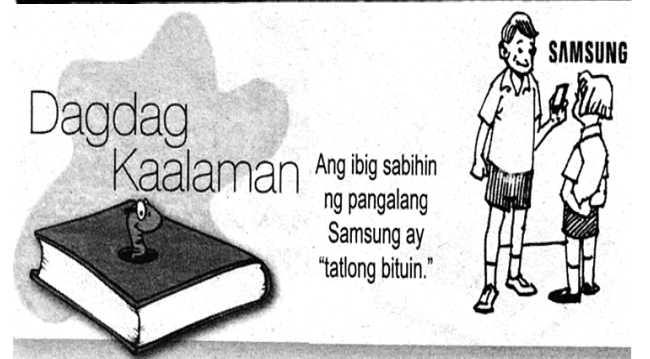
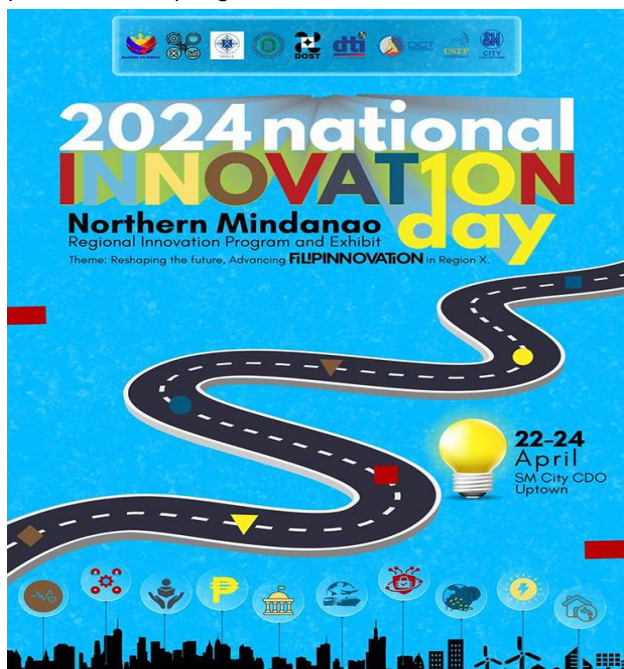
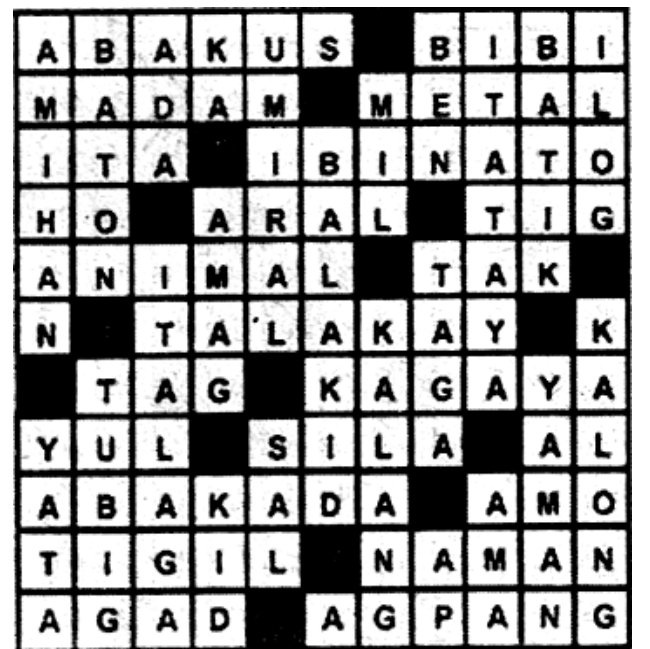
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SAGOT SA NAKARAAN



Health outreach program benefits hundreds of Kawiteños



The Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC), through the initiative of the Office of the Provincial Governor in partnership with the Office of the Provincial Health Officer (OPHO), brought medical and dental services in Brgy. Magdalo Potol, Kawit, on April 23, 2024.

A total of 239 patients benefitted from the outreach program, 193 received medical services, 46 underwent dental extractions, and 3 took the X-ray examinations. Led by Barangay Chairperson Francis Fernandez, supported by barangay health workers, barangay nutrition scholars, and local council members, the event received community-wide support. Maintenance medicines and mosquito repellent lotions were distributed, to enhance the community's health and well-being. The medical and dental professionals from General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital ensured thorough examinations and comprehensive care for all patients.

The collaborative effort emphasized a commitment to improving healthcare accessibility and quality, leaving no community member behind in receiving essential medical and dental services. (OPIO)

KWF, Isinagawa ang Balidasyon hinggil sa wika ng mga Katutubong Agta



Isinagawa noong 15–18 Abril 2024 sa Brgy. Villa Espina, Lopez, Quezon at Brgy. Bacong, Alabat, Quezon ang balidasyon hinggil sa wika ng mga katutubong Agta. Iniharap ng mga kawani ng Sangay ng Lingguwistika at Aplikadong Lingguwistika ng KWF sa pinuno at mga kasapi ng pamayanan at mga kawani ng NCIP Catanauan Community Service Center ang resulta ng isinagawang pangangalap ng datos noong Oktubre 2023.

Layunin ng proyektong balidasyon na maiwasto at maisapanahon ang mga impormasyon hinggil sa tinatayang 135 katutubong wika ng Pilipinas.



With the cooperation of Cong. Jolo Revilla and yours truly, more students have been reached by the Scholar of the Town Program! You can count on us to serve our students even better! #AlagangAngeloAguinaldo #RatedTripleA #PusoAtMalasakitParaSaAtingKawit #MayorAguinaldo

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Batangueña tops PNPA Class 2024

A female cadet from Lian town in Batangas led the 233 graduates of the Philippine National Police Academy (PNPA) Layag-Diwa Class 2024.



President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. was the guest of honor and speaker during the 45th PNPA Commencement Exercises at the Camp General Mariano N. Castañeda in Silang Cavite.

The President handed over the Presidential Kampilan award and saber to Police Cadet Ma. Camille Cabungcal Cabasis for being this year's valedictorian.

Cabasis is a consistent academic achiever who received honors from elementary to college, having graduated cum laude with a degree in criminology from the Batangas State University- Apolinario R. Apacible School of Fisheries Campus, where she also ranked first in the entire Calabarzon region for the criminology exam in 2019.

As an only child of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Cabasis, her life wasn't easy. In an interview aired via Pulis News Network, she shared that while studying, she worked to support herself in achieving her dreams by joining marching bands, working part-time at a photocopy center, and selling siopao to help cover her education expenses.

Cabasis highlighted that her motivation to become a full-fledged cadet began while serving as an Advance ROTC Officer, being part of the Alabagwis Class of 2016 Region IV Army Reserve Command ROTC Unit, and as the corps commander of the Batangas State University ARASOF ROTC Unit.

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DOST, LGU Valencia grant tech upgrading support to IP coffee producers

The Department of Science and Technology and the Local Government Unit of Valencia City in Bukidnon granted technology upgrading support for the Arabica coffee production of MANTALA, Inc., a group of 147 IP farmers in Sitio Migtulod, Mt. Nebo. The project was approved with the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement on recently.



The technology upgrading covers various coffee processing equipment such as coffee roasting machine, coffee dehuller, etc. that aims to improve the quality and overall processing time of the coffee.

DOST region X will also provide training on Food Safety and Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) to the coffee farmers, which have pivotal roles in the acquisition of the License to Operate issued by the Food and Drug Administration.

LGU Valencia has also committed to assist the

association in building their coffee processing facility worth 2 million pesos. Moreover, the said LGU requested the inclusion of proposed construction of a warehouse with multipurpose drying pavement at Sitio Migtulod, in the Provincial Commodity Investment Plan (PPCIP) of Bukidnon, with a project cost of 15 million pesos.

With these packages of interventions, the firm is expected to acquire a sustainable source of income and provide quality job opportunities in the locality, boosting the local economy.

At the opening ceremony, Valencia City Mayor Azucena Huervas underscored the significance of this project in fostering economic empowerment within the local community of Valencia City. "Among ipaabot sa DOST, ang among dakung pagpasalamat sa pagtabang sa atung local coffee farmers diri sa Valencia," Mayor Huervas said.

[We express to DOST, our deepest gratitude in helping our local coffee farmers here in Valencia]

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