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PGC remains dedicated to boosting the market of Cavite produce

In the recently concluded Provincial Agri Trade Fair and Exhibit cum Kadiwa ng Pangulo, the Provincial Government of Cavite, through the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist collaborated with various government agencies in sustaining efforts for the growth and development of Cavite farmers, fisherfolks, and entrepreneurs, keynoting "Pagsasapamilihan ng Produktong Pinagyaman Ating Ipag-bunyi't Suportahan", on May 15-16, 2024 at the Provincial Capitol Grounds, Trece Martires City.

PGC partnered with the Department of Agriculture, Department



of Trade and Industry, Welfare and Department of Social Development,

Department of Labor and Employment, and the

Department of the Interior and Local Government to

facilitate the two-day activity which benefitted local farmers and MSMEs as well as the consumers who patronized the fresh produce and assorted goods.

With the 34 associations and enterprisers that took part, the event served as a platform for discovering, promoting and trading the diverse array of goods, crafts, and products from around the province.

The Provincial Government of Cavite embarks on this venture to recognize the hard work, and contributions of Cavite farmers, fisherfolks and MSMEs in uplifting their livelihood and the local economy, as it provides opportunity to connect with people and build networks. (OPIO)

Pi Network Revolutionize Bartering in the Philippines

Manila, Philippines - May 22, 2024: In a dynamic twist to the age-old practice of bartering, Filipinos are spearheading a new trend that merges traditional exchange with contemporary cryptocurrency. The spotlight is on Pi Coins, a digital currency gaining traction nationwide, as it becomes the currency of choice in bartering circles across the Philippines.

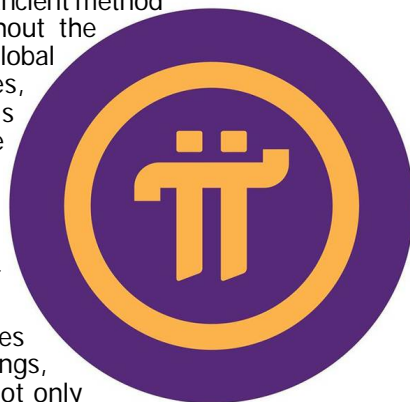


Bartering's Renaissance: Bartering, an ancient method of trading goods and services directly without the involvement of fiat currency, has witnessed a global resurgence in recent times. The Philippines, known for its vibrant marketplace culture, is uniquely blending this tradition with the innovative approach of utilizing Pi Coins.

Grassroots Initiative and Expanding Reach: The movement owes its inception to pioneers deeply rooted in both traditional bartering customs and the world of cryptocurrency. It gained significant momentum last year and, in March, blossomed into a series of regional bartering events. These gatherings, spearheaded by community ambassadors, not only facilitate bartering but also serve as platforms for promoting Pi Network

Navigating the Bartering Landscape: Participation in these events is straightforward. Individuals bring items to barter events, attaching GCV314159 value to products.

The buyer pays the merchant directly using Pi Coin, fostering a **PI NETWORK • 5**



Batas para sa Propesyonalisasyon ng mga Tagasaling Pilipino, isinusulong ng Kasálin Network

Inilag ang dalawang bersiyon ng mga panukalang batas para sa propesyonalisasyon ng mga tagasalin sa bansa sa "Layag: Forum sa Pagsasalin" noong Mayo 18, 2024, Sabado, 8:00 n.u.-5:00 n.h. sa University of Asia and the Pacific, Pasig City na inorganisa ng Kasálin Network.



Ibinahagi ni G. John Enrico Torralba, hepe ng Sangay ng Salin ng Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino (KWF-SS) ang unang bersiyon na nakatuon sa pagkilala sa karapatan ng mga tagasalin, pagtiyak sa kalidad ng mga tagasalin at registry ng mga tagasaling Pilipino na sinundan ng pangalawang bersiyon na iminumungkahi ni Dr. David Michael San Juan, puno ng Pambansang Lupon sa Wika at Salin ng Pambansang Komisyon sa Kultura at Sining (NCCA-NCLT). Ayon kay San Juan, magagabayan ng batas ang mabisang ugnayan ng mga stakeholder ng pagsasalin, mahihikayat ang pagbubuklod ng mga praktisyoner, at makapaglalagat ng mga pambansang pamantayan para sa kalipikasyon ng mg tagasalin para sa ikabubuti ng lahat ng mga stakeholder. Nagbigay naman ng reaksiyon si Atty. Nicolas Pichay, tagasalin at direktor ng Legislative Research Service ng Senado, sa mga inilag na bersiyon nina Torralba at San Juan. Nagpokus siya sa mga konsiderasyong dapat tandaan ng mga tagasalin upang mabisang maisulong ang batas para sa propesyonalisasyon. **BATAS • 4**

MPT South Joins LGRC-MSAC to Enhance Governance Initiatives

Nakipag alyansa ang Metro Pacific Tollways South (MPT South), isang subsidiary ng Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC), sa Local Governance Resource Center- Multi-Sectoral Advisory Committee (LGRC-MSAC) upang magtulungan at magplano para sa mga darating na proyekto at kampanya nito na makatutulong sa mga stakeholders sa Region 4-A.

Noong Martes, Mayo 14, ibinahagi ng MPT South ang kanilang nalalapit na paglulunsad ng Book 2 ng BayaniKa Activity Book sa mga partner agencies at stakeholders sa 2nd Quarter Multi-Sectoral Advisory Committee (MSAC) Meeting na ginanap sa Santiago M. Role Hall, Cavite State University, Indang, Cavite.

Ibibida sa Book 2 ang ikalawang kabanata ng 'Bayani Ka,' kung saan tampok si 'Cavi,' isang estudyante na natututo ng mga road safety practices at ibinabahagi ito sa kanyang mga kaibigan sa paaralan. Ito ay nagbibigay sa kanila ng mga kaalaman upang maging ligtas kalsada.

Ang comic-inspired interactive book na ito para sa mga bata ay naglalayong turuan ang mga kabataan tungkol sa mga signage sa kalsada at ipakilala sa kanila ang mga safety features ng mga daan, lalo na sa mga expressway.

"Ang layunin namin ay makipagtulungan at mag-brainstorming kasama ang lahat para sa pagpapabuti at matagumpay na paglulunsad ng BayaniKa Book 2, pati na rin ang iba pang kampanya ng MPT South na makikinabang ang mga stakeholder sa Region 4-A," sabi ni Ms. Arlette Capistrano, Vice President for Communication and

Stakeholder Management ng MPT South. "Naniniwala kami na sa pamamagitan ng pakikipag-ugnayan sa mga lokal na komunidad at pag-leverage ng kolektibong kaalaman ng aming mga partner, makakalikha kami ng mga makabuluhang inisyatibo na hindi lamang nagpo-promote ng kaligtasan sa kalsada kundi nagpapalakas din ng pakiramdam ng komunidad at responsibilidad sa mga kabataan."

Dagdag pa ni Capistrano, "Sa MPT South, hindi lang kami negosyo ng mga toll roads; kami rin ay committed na magdala ng positibong pagbabago sa buhay ng aming mga stakeholder. Ang aming mga inisyatibo ay dinisenyo upang magbigay ng educational at safety benefits na higit pa sa mga expressway, na nagpapakita ng aming dedikasyon sa social responsibility at community engagement."

Bukod sa Bayani Ka Book 2, ipinakilala rin ng MPT South ang nalalapit na paglulunsad ng Biyaheng South Cavite Tourism Passport. Ang proyektong ito, katuwang ang Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Region IV-A at Cavite Tourism Office, ay nag-aanyaya sa mga kalahok na tuklasin ang



mayamang kultura at mga atraksyon ng Cavite at Laguna. Sa pamamagitan ng pagkolekta ng mga stamps mula sa iba't ibang establishments, maaaring makakuha ng mga premyo

mula sa MPT South ang mga may hawak ng passport.

Tinalakay din sa pagpupulong ang mga atraksyon at mga partner establishments, maaaring makakuha ng mga premyo

update at inisyatibo mula sa mga MSAC partner.

Ang MPTC ang pinakamalaking developer at operator ng mga toll road sa bansa. Bukod sa CAVITEX at CALAX network ng mga toll road,

hawak din ng MPTC ang concession para sa Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway (SCTEX), North Luzon Expressway (NLEX), NLEX Connector Road, at Cebu-Cordova Link Expressway (CCLEX) sa Cebu.



Leadership Training for Registered Disability Organizations/Parents Support Groups. The Office of the Provincial Persons with Disability Affairs Officer partnered with the Office of the Provincial Cooperatives Development Officer - Livelihood Division to successfully organize a Leadership Training for Registered Disability Organizations/Parents Support Groups on May 16-17, 2024. The event which was held at the Cavite Collaboration Center for Public Health Auditorium, GEAMH compound in Trece Martires City, Cavite brought together a total of 71 participants representing various organizations and parent support groups which were tapped as partners in bringing disability programs at the community level to empower PWDs. Among the organizations represented were the Persons with Disability Federation of Tanza, Federation - PWD Mendez, City of Imus Down Syndrome Society (CIDSS), Silanguenos Persons with Disability Federation, Inc. (SPWDFI), Persons with Disability Organization Carmona, Cavite Inc. (PDOCCI), Social Enhancement Nurturing Program for Youth and Adult Deaf Society in Carmona, Inc. (SENYASCCI), Buhay Autismo, Inc., Kilusan Kabalikang ng may Kapansanan Para sa Kinabukasan, Inc. (4K), Down Syndrome Parents Support Group Carmona, Cavite, Inc. (DSYNPESO), and City Federation of Persons with Disability Inc. - Dasmariñas (CFPDI). Provincial Administrator for Community Affairs, Mr. Alvin S. Mojica graced the event and gave his welcome remarks assuring the provincial governments support to the PWD sector. The training focused on two things, developing leadership skills and encouraging cooperation among disability organizations and parent support groups. They were involved in different exercises and talks that would give them power to improve their own communities through effective leadership and support. Ms. Sheryl Loyola served as the keynote speaker providing an insightful discussion on Leadership and Project Management and facilitating workshops that underscored collaboration, which were actively joined by the participants. By the end of the activities, groups were able to share their outputs and insights gained from the two-day training. (OPIO)

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DOST SETUP MSME marks significant invention in the Abaca Industry

To upgrade the technological capabilities and improve the productivity and efficiency of MSMEs in the country, the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) is taking a notch higher in strengthening its scientific and technological initiatives through its Small Enterprise Technology Upgrading Program (SETUP).



The SETUP program provides appropriate technologies and assistance to micro and medium enterprises, such as the provision of innovation funds, technology transfer and commercialization assistance, consultancy, packaging assistance, technology training, and laboratory and testing services.

Additionally, the program capacitates MSMEs to increase sales and development, restructure, and increase overall company operations. This will further improve their product and service quality, comply with national and international standards of excellence, and be competitive in their respective fields.

In the Bicol Region, a total of 4,380 S&T interventions were provided for MSMEs from 2019 to 2023 to upgrade their technological capability and improve productivity in their operations.

One of its successful beneficiaries in the Bicol Region is the Livelihood and Agricultural Machinery Fabricator in Sipa, Batao

Catanduanes, owned by Mr. Ramon T. Manlolo.

His ongoing agreements underscore the excellence of his inventions in supporting local markets and academic research, especially in the development of the Abacca industry in the country. Mr. Manlolo's transformation from a graduate in nutrition and dietetics to a fabricator and machine inventor is a testament to his keen observation and curiosity.

Moreover, his firm recently engaged in applied research and technology development with an emphasis on additive manufacturing and metal processing through modification and solidification. Mr. Manlolo was able to fabricate and modify the Abaca stripping machine and knife provided to abaca farmers in Catanduanes.

As the sole agricultural and food machinery fabricator in the province, the cooperators doesn't

take advantage of the situation of not having huge competitors within the province. He still sets the price of his work according to the standard cost and value. He also guarantees the materials are ethically sourced before delivery to the client.

With the increasing number of food processors and the given number of farmers in Catanduanes and in other provinces, the owner aims to provide quality and efficient equipment and machinery that will definitely aid and improve their processes.

This will not just address the potential of his business but will also help improve the production of his clients, which will definitely increase employment and profit. Also, the proponent was able to provide employment to students, especially during an influx of demand.

In addition, the owner is continuously learning and doing research that

would help his creation become more competitive, efficient, and eco-friendly.

Mr. Manlolo's success not only defies societal norms regarding career paths but also serves as a testament to his father's legacy, showcasing that his accomplishments speak louder than conformity to predetermined roles.

Further, the said firm was visited today by the DOST Undersecretary for Regional Operations, Engr. Sancho A. Maborang, together with DOST Region V Regional Director Rommel Serrano, among others.

Through different agencies and DOST SETUP, the provision of such equipment is possible. It helps foster competitive innovation as it gives opportunities for creating better products and services. It also increased competitiveness, which improved brand recognition and value. #OneDOST4U

No learning gap expected after school year adjustment, assures DepEd

MANILA, Philippines — The Department of Education (DepEd) assured on Wednesday that the learning competencies of students will not be compromised following the move of President Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. to adjust the closing dates of classes for the school year 2024-2025.



According to DepEd Undersecretary Michael Poa, the DepEd does not see any possible learning deficiencies that may occur due to the adjustment of school days.

"Sa pananaw naman po natin, hindi naman po," Poa said in an ambush interview with reporters.

(In our view, the learning competencies of students will not be affected.)

He added that the DepEd will coordinate with teachers so that

students will learn each day that they spend in school.

"[K]ami naman sa DepEd side, kailangan ring nating magabayan ang ating teachers, 'yan ay pinag-uusapan na with our curriculum side para sisiguraduhin natin na every teaching day or learning day will count," he added.

(We in the side of the DepEd, we still need to guide our teachers, that is what we are discussing with our curriculum side to make sure that every

teaching day or learning day will count.)

On Wednesday, Marcos Jr. ordered that the school year 2024-2025 will be from July 29 to April 15, which was adjusted from the original March 31 proposal of the DepEd.

These adjustments were made in response to public pleas to return the beginning of the school calendar to June, one reason being due to the intense heat felt by learners in various schools nationwide.



Tayo po ay nakiisa sa Oral Polio Vaccine Catch-up and Supplemental Immunization Activity (OPV SIA) sa pangunguna ng City Health Office (COH). Sa programa pong ito ay binakunahan natin ang mga bata edad 6 weeks hanggang 59 months ng oral polio vaccine na galing sa Department of Health (DOH). Nakiisa rin po rito sina Vice Mayor Homer Saquilayan, Special Assistant to the Mayor Jeff Purisima, mga miyembro ng Sangguniang Panlungsod, LNB President Raymundo Reyes, Dr. Ferdinand Mina, at ang National Immunization Program Supervisor (Interlocal Health Zone), PDOH Michelle Dionisio, RN. Muli, inaanyayahan ko po ang bawat magulang na makiisa at pabakunahan na ang inyong mga chikiting upang maging ligtas kontra polio! #AangatAngImus #AlagangAdvincula

Drayberks...

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Bukod sa mga exciting games, nagsilbi rin bilang wellness day ang naturang event para sa mga drivers. Nakapag relax ang mga dumalo sa iba't ibang wellness activities habang natututo ang mga ito ng mga road safety tips mula sa mga eksperto.

Katuwang ang Imus Medical Center, nagtayo ang MPT South ng iba't ibang wellness booth gaya ng free massage, eye check-ups, at basic check ups. Habang ang mga automotive experts naman mula sa Cavite State University (CVSU) ang nagbigay ng mahahalagang impormasyon patungkol sa BLOWBAGETS, isang vehicle maintenance checklist para masigurong nasa maayos na kalagayan

ang sasakyan bago i-maneho.

"Upang maging alerto, dapat ay laging mapanuri ang iyong mga mata, dapat ay handa ka sa anumang potensyal na panganib, at dapat ay mabilis kang tumugon sa anumang pagbabago sa sitwasyon ng trapiko," pagbibigay diin ni Mr. Raoul Ignacio, President and General Manager ng MPT South,

"Ito ay kick-off event pa lamang ng Alerto Kada Kilometro road safety campaign na magpapatuloy sa buong taon. Prayoridad ng MPT South ang pagsisiguro sa kaligtasan ng mga motorista sa CAVITEX at CALAX. Sa pamamagitan ng mga inisyatibo tulad ng Alerto Kada Kilometro, layun naming magtanim

ng kultura ng mapanuri at responsible ng pagmamaneho na nagtataguyod ng mas ligtas na mga kalsada para sa lahat," dagdag ni Ignacio

"Sa ngalan ng aming Executive Director na si Atty. Alvin A. Carullo at ng buong Toll Regulatory Board (TRB), ipinapahayag namin ang aming suporta at pasasalamat sa lahat ng mga organizer at kalahok ng makasaysayang kaganapang ito. Habang tinatahak natin ang landas patungo sa road safety, alinsunod sa United Nations Sustainable Development Code, itinalaga ng Presidential Proclamation No. 115-A ang buwan ng Mayo bilang Road Safety Month. Ang TRB, bilang tagapangasiwa ng lahat ng toll roads, kasama ang

mga toll concessionaire at operator, ay nagpapahayag ng aming layunin na mapanatili ang isang ligtas, maaasahan, at maginhawang toll facility, sa pagpapatupad ng mga patakaran at regulasyon sa lahat ng expressway na nasa aming hurisdiksiyon," ani Rechillo S. Baladjay, Technical Staff ng Regulation Division, TRB.

"Binabati ko po ang mga organisasyon sa likod ng programang ito sapagkat napakaganda po ng adbokasiya na ito. Alam naman po natin kung ano ang impact ng road crashes.

It may cause injury or death, and impact also on financial, as well as psychological, and even permanent disability. And higit sa lahat po (ito) ay number one cause ng traffic congestion sa kalye. Sana marami pang

organisasyon at grupo ang magsagawa ng ganitong klaseng adbokasiya," ani Usec. Procopio G. Lipana, General Manager, Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA).

"Layunin namin sa pakikipagtulungang ito na makatulong sa pagtaguyod ng safe driving practices at mabawasan ang bilang ng mga aksidente sa kalsada. Ang aming pakikipag-ugnayan ay tututok sa ilang mahahalagang aspeto, kabilang ang edukasyon at kamalayan na magpapaalala sa ating mga driver tungkol sa mga safe driving habits. Bukod dito, makikipagtulungan kami nang malapit sa mga ahensya ng nagpapatupad ng batas upang mahigpit na ipatupad ang mga batas at regulasyon sa trapiko. Naniniwala kami na sa pamamagitan ng pagtutulungan,

makalikha tayo ng mas ligtas na kapaligiran sa pagmamaneho para sa lahat," ani John Benedict Santiaguel, General Manager ng Tas Trans Corp.

Ang Alerto Kada Kilometro road safety campaign ay sumasailalim sa mas malawak na inisyatibong 'Mission: Road Safety' ng MPTC, na kinapapalooban ng pagsasagawa ng mga road safety seminars at digital information campaigns. Layun ng mga hakbang na ito na magbigay ng edukasyon sa pangkalahatang publiko at mga motorista, na nagtitiyak ng kanilang kaligtasan habang naglalakbay sa mga expressway ng MPTC sa buong Luzon at Visayas, kasama ang CAVITEX, C5 Link, CALAX, NLEX, NLEX Connector Road, SCTEX, at CCLEX sa Cebu.



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Furthermore, it is worth noting that the MOAs for the adoption of GeoRisk PH for the provinces of La Union, Ilocos Norte, and Pangasinan are already in process, further solidifying the region's dedication to disaster preparedness and management.

GeoRisk Philippines is a multi-agency initiative led by the DOST-PHIVOLCS. Funded by the DOST and monitored by the Philippine Council for Industry, Energy, and Emerging Technology Research and Development (PCIEERD) from 2018 to 2020, GeoRisk Philippines has been institutionalized within DOST-PHIVOLCS since 2021. The initiative offers a suite of advanced geospatial tools designed to deliver accessible, accurate, and up-to-date information on natural hazards, crucial for disaster risk reduction and management.

The GeoRiskPH platforms include HazardHunterPH, which generates detailed hazard assessment reports for any location in the Philippines; GeoAnalyticsPH, which analyzes and visualizes hazard and exposure data; GeoMapperPH, which collects and manages geospatial data; and PlanSmart Ready to Rebuild, which helps local governments develop and implement effective disaster recovery plans. These platforms, accessible via a mobile application, ensure that critical information is always within reach, enhancing the readiness and responsiveness of DRRM officers. Experts from DOST-PHIVOLCS provided hands-on and interactive training, ensuring participants are proficient in utilizing these platforms to their fullest potential.

This capacity-building effort also serves as a precursor to the HANDA Pilipinas Luzon Leg, which DOST Region 1 will host on July 3-5, 2024, at Laoag City, Ilocos Norte, aiming to convene leaders from across the country. The event will showcase the power of collaboration, partnerships, and technology, while also featuring various DRRM technologies that can enhance disaster risk management efforts across the provinces.

This initiative from DOST Region 1 demonstrates the impact of visionary leadership and effective partnerships in tackling the challenges of disaster risk reduction management. By leveraging advanced technology and comprehensive training, Region 1 is setting an example that will hopefully be replicated across the nation, contributing to a safer and more resilient Philippines. (Christian Dominic I. Casimiro)

Provincial...

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Marites L. Julian, Deputy Chief of the Provincial Investigation and Detective Management Unit, Cavite PPO. Additionally, there was a brief orientation on RA 9208 or Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2003 by Ms. Kristal Lizette G. Cabales, Women Sector Focal from DSWD IV-A, and an overview of RA 9262 or Anti-Violence Against Women and Their Children Act of 2004 by Mr. Ray Andrew P. Villafuerte, Project Development Officer, RIACAT VAWC IV-A. The event also featured a discussion on response and strategies to prevent

violence against women and a presentation of the Referral Pathways Program and Services. Ms. Maria Aura D. Fuentes, Special Project Services Division Head, discussed plans and programs for the Residential Care Facility.

The event included a tour of the facility, allowing participants to understand better the services and programs the center will offer as soon as it becomes operational. A significant highlight was the signing of the Pledge of Commitment, where all attendees vowed to make every effort to guarantee

women's and children's rights to a life free of violence and to prevent gender-based violence, aiming for a safer Cavite.

In her closing remarks, Ms. Fuentes expressed gratitude to all participants for their commitment and encouraged continued collaboration to enhance social welfare and development in the province. She emphasized that the partnership-building event marks a significant step towards a unified and proactive approach to tackling social welfare issues, particularly in preventing violence against women and children, ensuring a safer and more supportive community for all. (OPIO)

Batas...

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Inilunsad din sa forum ang Kasalin Network, isang consortium para sa pagsusulong ng propesyonalisasyon ng mga tagasaling Pilipino na binubuo ng mga kinatawan mula sa 18 institusyong pangwika at pagsasalin: KWF, UST Sentro sa Salin at Araling Salin, UA & P Kagawaran ng Filipino, Sentro ng Wikang Filipino ng UP Diliman (SWF-UPD), PNU Language Study Center, DLSU Salita (Sentro ng Pagsasalin), Intelektuwalisasyon, at Adbokasiya), PUP Sentro ng Pagsasalin, Ateneo de

Manila- Senior High School, Biliran Province State University-SWK, Cebu Normal University Sentro ng Wika at Kultura (CNU-SWK), Palompon Institute of Technology, Leyte, Filipinas Institute of Translation (FIT), Magbikol Kita, NCCA-NCLT, Sanggunian sa Filipino (SangFil), Propesyon na Asosasyon ng mga Tagapagtaguyod ng Salin (PATAS), Translators Association of the Philippines (TAP) at Bangsamoro Transition Authority Translation and Interpretation Division (BTA-TID).

Hyflex ang forum na dinaluhan ng higit-kumulang na 200 tagasalin at tagapagtaguyod ng pagsasalin mula sa buong Pilipinas. Maaari itong muling mapanood sa Facebook page ng Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino at ng Kasalin Network. Bahagi ang Layag Forum ng serye ng mga talakayan para sa propesyonalisasyon ng mga tagasaling Pilipino na mangyayari sa mga susunod na buwan.

Para sa mga institusyon at indibidwal na interesadong maging bahagi ng Kasalin Network, mag-email sa networkkasalin@gmail.com.

DOST Cavite Trains Urdanetta Farmers on Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP)

The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) – Cavite successfully organized a training session on Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) for the members of the Urdaneta Farmers Association. Held in Brgy. Urdaneta, Magallanes, the training aimed to enhance local farmers' knowledge of food safety and prepare them in manufacturing of their products.



The program commenced with a warm welcome from the association president, Mr. Modesto M. Bello Jr., who emphasized the importance of the training for the participants' agricultural businesses.

DOST-Cavite's Project Technical Assistant II, Ms. Maiden Kieth P. Rodriguez, and Science Research Specialist I, Ms. Verjo Angelie M. Sisante served as resource speakers. They delivered a comprehensive two-part discussion focusing on the implementation and benefits of GMP in agricultural businesses.

Ms. Rodriguez led the first session, covering a broad range of topics such as GMP organization, staff education and training, premises, plant construction and design, equipment, sanitation and hygiene, supervision, and sanitary facilities. This session provided participants with foundational knowledge necessary for maintaining high standards in their operations.

In the second session, Ms. Sisante delved into more specific aspects of GMP, including

maintenance and sanitation, process control, chemical control, quality management, and testing protocols. She also covered essential areas like laboratory facilities and control, documentation, quality audits, warehouse and distribution, receiving and shipping, recall and traceability, sample retention, and subcontracting of manufacturing.

An interactive segment followed the discussions, where three participants volunteered for a demonstration of proper handwashing techniques. This hands-on workshop aimed to improve practical understanding and application of the discussed topics. Pre- and post-training examinations were administered to gauge the learning outcomes, with all 17 trainees achieving passing grades, reflecting the training's effectiveness.

Feedback from the participants was overwhelmingly positive. Mr. Bello expressed his gratitude to DOST-Cavite for conducting the training, highlighting its significance in bolstering the farmers'

knowledge of good manufacturing practices. "This initiative is a significant step towards improving our production processes and ensuring the safety and quality of our products," Mr. Bello stated.

The training is expected to have a lasting impact on the local farmers, equipping them with the necessary skills and knowledge to enhance their agricultural practices and product quality.

The activity was facilitated by Ms. Chenie O. Lee, an intern from the Government Internship Program (GIP), who ensured the event proceeded smoothly.

At DOST, we provide programs and activities that will inspire action to prevent, detect, and manage foodborne risks, contributing to food security, human health, economic prosperity, market opportunity, and sustainable development, thus, we assist SMEs, cooperatives, associations, and micro-enterprises engaged in food processing on their journey in providing quality and safe food. **(By Esther Joy Salazar)**

Pi Network...

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sense of community and trust.

Accessibility of Pi Coins: Unlike many cryptocurrencies that demand mining or significant financial investment, Pi Coins can be earned simply by engaging with the Pi Network. This accessibility aligns seamlessly with the Filipino ethos of communal unity and inclusivity.

Regional Proliferation and Acceptance: The phenomenon isn't confined to one corner of the archipelago; it has spread across various regions, from Luzon to Mindanao. Since its inception in March, 58 such events have been documented, underscoring the widespread adoption and enthusiasm for this novel approach to commerce.

Inclusive Participation and Structural Support: All pioneers with migrated wallets and available balances are eligible to participate in these barter transactions. The transactions are conducted exclusively using Pi Coin thus enhancing reliability and trust within the Pi ecosystem.

The Utility of Pi Coins: The versatility of Pi Coins extends to the range of goods and services available for barter. From everyday household items to specialized professional

services, Pi Coins facilitate mutually beneficial transactions, fostering economic activity within communities.

Embracing a New Economic Paradigm: With 58 successful barter events under its belt, this innovative commerce approach is gaining traction. Beyond the economic advantages, the practice of bartering with Pi Coins nurtures a sense of community cohesion and mutual reliance among participants, laying the groundwork for inclusive growth.

A Vision for the Future: Pi Coins represent more than just a digital currency; it is a vision of decentralized commerce driven by community empowerment. As the movement gains

momentum and attracts more participants, the potential for economic empowerment and inclusive growth in the Philippines becomes increasingly tangible.

In a landscape increasingly dominated by digital currencies, the Philippines is carving out its unique path, blending centuries-old traditions with the promise of modern technology. With Pi Coins leading the charge, the future of commerce in the archipelago looks both innovative and inclusive.

For Further Information: For those interested in learning more about obtaining a Pi account or participating in upcoming barter events, inquiries can be directed to Lumari Pi via Facebook at [f a c e b o o k . c o m / LuMariLadyBoss](https://www.facebook.com/LuMariLadyBoss) or on Twitter @[lurima_pi](https://twitter.com/lurima_pi). **(By Lumari)**



July 'Palaro' opens up 'sports tourism' potential of Metro Cebu LGUs

CEBU CITY – The Palarong Pambansa 2024 to be held here July 6 to 17 will be a springboard to foster cooperation needed to promote sports tourism among the tri-cities of Cebu, Mandaue, and Lapu-Lapu, the local chief executive here said on Tuesday.

In interview, Acting Mayor Raymond Alvin Garcia said the gathering of the best grade school and secondary student athletes nationwide presents a good opportunity to bolster the tourism industry.

"Among the most important agreement that we have is the sports tourism. When you have 20,000 athletes, school officials, and their families combined will come to Cebu City, can you imagine the potential of tourism

that it will bring not only to Cebu City but to the entire province," Garcia said.

The province boasts of white sand beaches in Lapu-Lapu City, Bantayan Island, and Camotes Island, as well as the adventures in the whale-watching capital of Oslob town.

Garcia said the city is currently in talks with city mayors Junard Chan of Lapu-Lapu and Jonas Cortes of Mandaue, as well as the other local

government units' (LGUs) officials, who want to join the sports tourism program in relation to the Palaro.

Among the events in the Palaro are archery, arnis, athletics, badminton, baseball, basketball (5x5 and 3x3), billiards, boxing, chess, dancesports, football, futsal, gymnastics, pencak silat, sepak takraw, softball, swimming, table tennis, taekwondo, lawn tennis, volleyball, wrestling and wushu. (PNA)



READY. The Cebu City Sports Center grandstand undergoes massive makeover in preparation for the Palarong Pambansa slated July 6 to 17, 2024. Cebu City Acting Mayor Raymond Alvin Garcia on Tuesday (May 21) said the Metro Cebu tri-cities of Cebu, Mandaue, and Lapu-Lapu will work hand-in-hand to promote sports tourism in anticipation of the more than 20,000 delegates from different provinces. (Photo courtesy of Cebu City-PIO)

Pasig City's Melencio bags 14 medals in COPA swimfest

Pasig City's Ricielle Maleeka Melencio bagged 14 medals, including nine golds, in the Congress of Philippine Aquatics (COPA) 'One For All-All For One' National Capital Region Swimming Championships at the Teofilo Yldefonso Swimming Center inside the Rizal Memorial Sports Complex in Malate, Manila on Sunday.



BEMEDALLED. Pasig City's Ricielle Maleeka Melencio is named most outstanding swimmer in the girls' 18 and above category during the Congress of Philippine Aquatics (COPA) 'One For All-All For One' National Capital Region Swimming Championships at the Teofilo Yldefonso Swimming Center inside the Rizal Memorial Sports Complex in Malate, Manila on Sunday (May 19, 2024). She pocketed 14 medals – nine golds and five silvers. (Contributed photo)

Melencio was named Most Outstanding Swimmer (MOS) award in the girls' 18-over category after claiming victory in the 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m and 800m freestyle; 100m and 200m backstroke; and 200m and 400m Individual Medley.

She also scooped five silver medals coming from the 50m butterfly and four relay events – 4x100m freestyle (with Mia Barretto, Mara Santiago and Jana Avergonzado); 4x100m medley (with Lindsay Mamucod, Barretto and Avergonzado); 4x50m freestyle (with Jaen Sabularse, Avergonzado and Santiago); and 4x50 medley (with Barretto, Mamucod and Santiago).

"I wish my times could've been better than my personal best times, but I am happy and thankful for the results and in helping our Pasig City Swim Team," said Melencio, who was born in Los Angeles, California and

moved to the Philippines before her fifth birthday.

"I'd like to thank Mayor Vico Sotto for always supporting our Pasig City swim team. And to coach Jessie Lacuna, coach Elson, coach Macky, coach Bea, our coaches in Pasig. Thanks also to coach Archie Lim and coach Candice, my coaches in Ateneo, and of course, AMDG (Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam), thank you God for everything," added Melencio, a freshman at the Ateneo de Manila University taking up Management Information Systems, who won the silver medal (400m IM) in the UAAP Season 86 last year.

Meanwhile, Aishel Cid Evangelista swept his last three events while Patricia Mae Santor got one more gold medal to also receive the MOS honors in the three-day event sanctioned by the Philippine Aquatics, Inc. (PAI) and supported by the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC).

The 14-year-old Evangelista, representing Betta Caloocan Swim Team, dominated the 200m butterfly, 100m backstroke, and 50m freestyle events in the boys' 14-under class to finish with eight gold medals.

The Grade 8 student from University of Santo Tomas dedicated his medals to his father, Elcid Evangelista, a swimming coach who passed away two weeks ago.

"Nagpapasalamat po ako sa Diyos at binigyan ako ng kalakasan ng katawan para matupad ko yung misyon ko na mabigyan ng regalo ang aking namayapang ama. Para po sa kanya ito, alam ko masaya siya sa tagumpay ko (I thank God for giving me the strength to fulfill my mission to give a gift to my late father. This is for him, I know he is happy with my success)," said Evangelista, who topped the 100m and freestyle;

UST's Santor claims one more gold in COPA swimfest

MANILA – University of Santo Tomas' Patricia Mae Santor added one more gold medal to her collection after winning the 100-meter freestyle in the girls' 16-under of the Congress of Philippine Aquatics (COPA) National Capital Region One For All-All For One tournament at Teofilo Yldefonso Swimming Center in Malate, Manila on Saturday.



Patricia Mae Santor (Contributed photo)

The 16-year-old member of the Ilustre East Swimming Club (IESC) clocked one minute and 04.16 seconds to beat Savannah Oliveros of Flying Lampasot (1:04.29) and Jhoey Gallardo of Coack King Club (1:06.99).

Santor won the 400m individual medley (5:21.84), 200m freestyle (2:18.47), 100m butterfly (1:06.89) and 400m medley relay (4:56.87), and finished second in the 100m breaststroke on Friday.

100m butterfly, 200m backstroke and 400m IM, and the silver medal in the 50m backstroke.

PAI secretary general Batangas 1st District Rep. Eric Buhain expressed his admiration to the young Evangelista.

Antipolo City's Kristoff Daniel David, also representing IESC, ruled the 50m backstroke event (29.22 seconds) over Kiko Mirasol of Betta Team (30.86) and Janne Simeon of Flying Lampasot (31.74) in the boys' 17-under.

It was David's second gold medal after claiming victory in the 400m individual medley (5:09.03).

"We have a good preparation. Not too loaded in training so they're always in condition. The Palarong Pambansa is already

"We're proud of him. He's really focused in the competition. That's the kind of mindset we need in the Philippine Team," said Buhain, a former PSC chairman.

Santor, who saw action in the Asian Age Group

programmed, then national tryouts that we really target to get slots for the Philippine team," national coach Ramil Ilustre said.

Aishel Evangelista (boys' 14-yr's 100m freestyle), Raven Alcoceba (girls' 18-over 50m back) and Von Andrei Pinon (boys' 12-yr's 50m back and 100m free) were the other winners in the three-day meet sanctioned by the Philippine Aquatics, Inc. and supported by the Philippine Sports Commission. (PNA)

Championships last February, ruled the girls' 200m butterfly in the 16-under category. She also won the 400m IM, 200m freestyle, 100m butterfly and 400m medley relay, and finished second in the 100m breaststroke. (PNA)

DTI-Laguna inspects 6 firms for the Bagwis Awards

The Department of Trade and Industry - Laguna Provincial Office (DTI-Laguna), through its Consumer Protection Division, conducted onsite assessment for the DTI Bagwis Awards on May 14, 2024, in the following key cities of Laguna: Cabuyao and Calamba. The said activity is part of the application process to determine which level of DTI Bagwis Awards will be given to retail establishments.



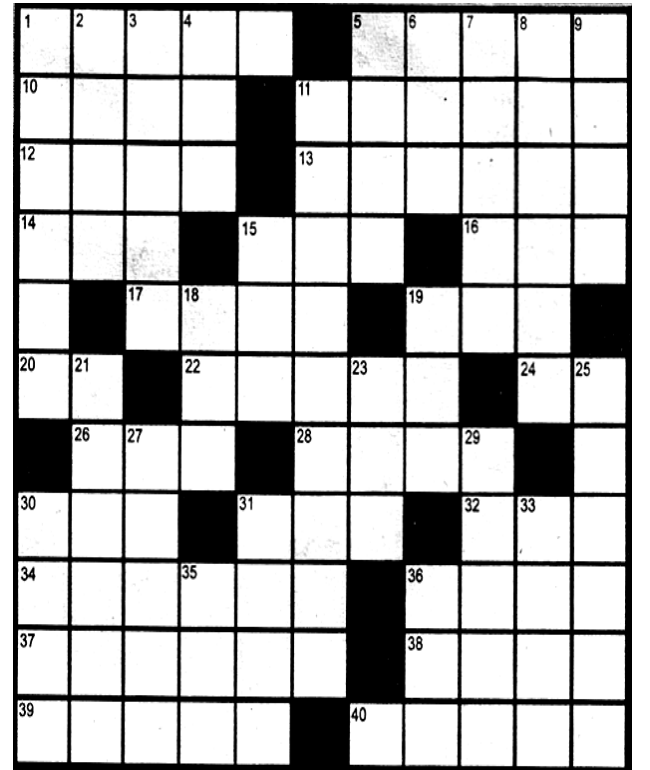
For this week, a total of six (6) establishments engaged in selling appliances and furniture, and DTI-accredited motor vehicle service and repair enterprises were assessed. On-the-spot inspection, observation, and interview with the store supervisors, managers, and/or representatives were also

performed as part of the assessment process. In addition, they were briefly informed on the Consumer Act of the Philippines and other fair trade laws. They were also initially oriented on the DTI Bagwis Program. The DTI Bagwis Program which is formerly known as the DTI Certified Business Establishment

Program was launched in July 2006. The Bagwis Seal of Excellence is awarded to business establishments which are fair and honest in providing goods and services to consumers and to enterprises which offer quality and safe products to consumers at affordable prices. Retail establishments in

Laguna such as groceries, supermarkets, department stores, specialty stores, appliance centers, hardware stores, and DTI-accredited service and repair shops may join the DTI Bagwis Program. For more inquiries, kindly contact DTI-Laguna at r04a.laguna@dti.gov.ph (**ALSLinga, DTI-Laguna**).

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SAGOT SA NAKARAAN



Barangay Bacaan, Naic residents benefit from medical mission. On May 17, 2024, Barangay Bancaan in Naic became the hub of a significant health outreach event, benefiting around 400 residents. Spearheaded by the Office of the Provincial Governor's medical and dental mission team, in partnership with the Office of the Provincial Health Officer, the mission was organized through the request of Seventh District Board Member Abeng Remulla. The health event provided a comprehensive range of medical services to the community. Residents received medical check-ups which include ECG and X-ray examinations and free prescribed medications. The medical team worked diligently to ensure that every beneficiary received the care and attention they needed, reflecting the commitment of the Provincial Government of Cavite to bring essential healthcare services directly to the people. BM Abeng Remulla expressed gratitude to the medical team for their dedication and to the residents for their participation. The successful mission in Barangay Bancaan highlights the ongoing efforts of local government units to enhance public health and support community welfare. (OPIO)

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DOST 1 Champions Full-Scale Disaster Readiness Training Across all Provinces in Region 1

Under the leadership of Dr. Teresita A. Tabaog, Department of Science and Technology Region 1 (DOST-1) Regional Director, a transformative initiative took shape in the northern Philippines, partnering with DOST-Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS), led by Dir. Teresito Bacolcol, DOST 1 has successfully conducted the series of capacity-building sessions on the use of GeoRisk Philippines platforms. This initiative, the first of its kind in the Philippines, involved local and provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) officers from 124 local government units (LGUs) across all provinces in Region 1.



Supported by the Region 1 Provincial Governors and also are members of the DOST 1 Science Ambassadors, the training sessions were held from February 20-22, 2024, for the Province of Pangasinan; March 12-13, 2024, for the Province of Ilocos Sur, which included the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the adoption of GeoRisk PH Platform; April 24-25, 2024, for the Province of La Union, and May 13-14, 2024 for the Province of Ilocos Norte. Dr. Tabaog emphasized the importance of this initiative, noting that empowering local government units with the knowledge and tools to effectively manage and mitigate risks is crucial for building resilient communities. She highlighted that this training program demonstrates DOST Region 1's commitment to enhancing disaster preparedness and resilience in the region.

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TULOY-TULOY NA ISKOLAR PARA SA BATANG KAWITEÑO: Maraming salamat, Sen. Bong Revilla at Cong. Jolo Revilla dahil mas marami pa tayong mga batang Kawiteño ang nahatiran ng puso at malasakit sa tulong ng inyong Iskolang Ng Bayan Scholarship Program. Malaking tulong po ang scholarship na ito na para sa lahat, walang pinipili at deserve ng ating mga pag-asa ng bayan.
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'Drayberks Alerto Kada Kilometro' Inilunsad ng MPT South Ngayong Road Safety Month

Inilunsad ng Metro Pacific Tollways South (MPT South), isang subsidiary ng Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC), ang Drayberks Alerto Kada Kilometro road safety campaign, bilang pakikiisa sa pagdiriwang ng taunang National Road Safety Month sa bansa.



Isinagawa ng MPT South ang launching event nito noong Miyerkules, Mayo 15, sa Tas Trans Corporation sa Las Pinas, kung saan dumalo ang aabot sa 50 bus drivers ng nasabing kumpanya, na kadalasang bumabaybay sa Manila-Cavite Expressway (CAVITEX). Dumalo rin sa naturang event ang mga government partners na Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) at Toll Regulatory Board (TRB).

Binigyang diin ng Alerto Kada Kilometro campaign ang kahalagaan ng pagiging alerto ng mga nagmamaneho at pagpapanatili ng pokus sa daan upang masigurong ligtas ang bawat biyahe. Upang maihalintulad sa pagmamaneho, ibinida ng MPT South ang buzz-wire game na idinisenyo para subukin ang alerto ng mga manlalaro. Tulad ng game na ito, isang pagkakamali ay maaaring magresulta sa aksidente o pagkakaroon ng violations sa daan.

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Provincial Government of Cavite Holds Partnership-Building Event to Strengthen Stakeholder Collaboration



The Provincial Government of Cavite, through the Office of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer, successfully hosted a partnership-building event on May 21, 2024, at the Bahay Kalinga Building, Cavite Social Development Center, Command Center Compound in Trece Martires City. The event gathered over 30 representatives from various PGC offices, Municipal Social Welfare and Development (MSWD) Officers from different Local Government Units (LGUs), members of the academe, and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs).

Mr. Alvin S. Mojica, Provincial Administrator for Community Affairs, delivered the opening message, emphasizing the importance of collaboration in addressing social welfare issues and ensuring the safety and well-being of women and children in Cavite.

The program featured insightful presentations and discussions, including updates on Violence Against Women (VAW) cases in Cavite by PMAJ ► **PROVINCIAL • 4**