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Career Fair Caravan - Uganayang La Salle, Dasmariñas

Child development workers and teachers from across the province gathered at the Ceremonial Hall of the Provincial Capitol in Trece Martires City for an orientation on the new assessment tool for registration and granting permits to public and private child development centers and learning centers spearheaded by the Office of the Provincial Social Welfare Development Officer on May 23-24, 2024.

The two-day event aimed to equip participants with essential knowledge and skills to enhance the quality of early childhood education in the province. The program commenced with a warm welcome and opening remarks, setting the stage for an engaging and informative session.

Ms. Melody Ronquillo, Regional ACDEV Secretary, kicked off the first day with a comprehensive discussion on the Competency Standards for Child Development Workers and Child Development Teachers. She emphasized the importance of adhering to these standards to ensure the delivery of high-quality education and care for young children.

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PhilHealth excess funds for 2021-2023 total nearly P90-B

The Philippine Health Insurance Corporation had excess funds that totaled P89.9 billion from government allocations in the last three years, PhilHealth President and CEO Emmanuel Ledesma Jr. confirmed before the House Committee on Appropriations on Monday.



Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) manually process their members' transactions at PhilHealth National Capital Region Central Branch in Quezon City on Tuesday, September 28, following the shutdown of their online system due to a cyberattack last week. Maria Tan, ABS-CBN News/File

Of this amount, P27.1 billion was from 2021, P24 billion from 2022, and P38.8 billion from 2023.

Lawmakers called out the "inaccurate estimates" for additional funding needed by PhilHealth for the period, and urged the state health insurer to either increase benefits or lower premium contribution rates.

"Masasabi natin na error ito sa computation. Kasi kung tama ang pag-compute ng gobyerno ay hindi tayo magkakaroon ng

excess funds. Ibig sabihin kung tama ang pag-anticipate ng gagastusin para sa ating indigent households, para sa seniors, para sa PWD, at kayang-kaya naman itong ma-estimate, ay magiging tama sana ang isisingil sa gobyerno taun-taon," House Committee on Appropriations Vice Chairperson and Marikina 2nd District Representative Stella Quimbo said.

"There were a lot of duplications and the senior citizens, who apparently

were either paying for their own premium or were still working, or 'yung sumakabilang buhay na. In other words, there was an estimated 7.7 million na hiningian ng pondo. But what was validated was more or less around 5 million," Iloilo 1st District Representative and Former Health Secretary Janette Garin.

"Under the law, may dalawang courses of action ang PhilHealth, the first is pwede kayo mag-expand

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Manna Shameyn Enterprises Workers enhance skills with 5S + 1 Seminar-Workshop

On May 29, 2024, workers at Manna Shameyn Enterprises, Inc. (MSEI) participated in a seminar-workshop on the 5S + 1 Principle to enhance workplace efficiency, organization, productivity, and safety. The Department of Science and Technology (DOST)- Cavite facilitated the event.

The 5S + 1 Principle, a Japanese approach to workplace organization, involves five steps: Sort, Set in Order, Shine, Standardize, and Sustain, plus an additional focus on safety.

Mr. Reniel Jan L. Alvarado from DOST-Cavite led the workshop,

in their personal lives.

Workers participated in activities to better understand and apply the 5S + 1 concept. The session included a post-test to measure the improvement in their knowledge and skills.

The workshop is a crucial step for MSEI in



emphasizing the importance of self-discipline in maintaining these principles. He explained that true productivity comes from meaningful work, not just being busy.

MSEI proprietor Mr. Ramil Serrano reminded employees that the principles he previously shared were backed by DOST's expertise and are beneficial both at work and

creating a more efficient, organized, and safe workplace.

At DOST, we continuously provide S&T interventions to uplift the community. We will ensure the adoption of technologies and application of S&T intervention towards maximum economic and social benefits for the people. *(By Esther Joy Salazar)*



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PGC remains constant in ensuring healthy Caviteños. The medical and dental mission that continually promotes health and wellness was once again brought by the Provincial Government of Cavite, in Brgy. Asis I, Mendez, Cavite on May 28, 2024. Volunteer medical professionals from the Office of the Provincial Health Officer interacted with 355 patients for much needed medical consultations, while 52 patients sought dental check-up with free tooth extraction. Aside from these, X-ray and ECG examinations were offered, to which 44 residents benefitted – 20 in X-ray and 24 in ECG. Likewise, the Office of the Provincial Governor provided free medicines, vitamins and insect repellent lotions to ease the financial burden of the people, particularly the underprivileged. The health outreach program remains constant in ensuring healthy Caviteños and sustaining healthy status of the province. (OPIO)

DTI 4-A, Google partner to launch the Career Certificate Program in CALABARZON

The Department of Trade and Industry Region 4-A, in partnership with Google Philippines, launched the DTI x Google Career Certificate Program simultaneously in a hybrid set-up at the Provincial Capitol Extension, Barangay Halang, Calamba City, Laguna for Laguna scholars and via Zoom platform for the Cavite, Batangas, Rizal, and Quezon scholars to provide digital training and re-skilling initiatives to create new pathways for Filipinos to get high-paying jobs.



Around 500 participants attended the face-to-face launching and 300 participants via Zoom. The launching was then followed by the signing of the Certificate of Commitment for the scholars.

According to DTI Regional Operations Group Assistant Secretary Grace Baluyan, the partnership with Google Philippines began in 2022 with the shared objective to create a cadre of digitally skilled workers. The program garnered 97,500 applications with 833 endorsements from the region. Through the GCCP, 5,778 learners were provided the opportunity to enhance their digital skills, resulting in 22, 084

enrollments completed within 124, 411 hours, with a cumulative total of 162, 367 lessons taken.

"This year, Google Philippines has provided us with 25,000 Coursera Licenses to be distributed to 16 regions in the country starting this May until December. Around 1,356 Negosyo Centers have been tapped as learning centers to organize 50 virtual campuses," said ASec. Baluyan.

Scholars will have an opportunity to earn certifications with zero tuition cost in six key digital domains such as data analytics, user experience design, project management, IT support/ IT automation, digital marketing & e-commerce,

and cybersecurity. Completion of the program is possible in three to six months of about 10 hours per week. Upon completion, scholars also have a chance to be employed at the end of the training program through the DTI E-Commerce Office Partners.

"This will serve as an opportunity for our micro, small, and medium enterprises and their employees to advance their career by obtaining a competitive Google credential and to modernize their business practices," said DTI Region 4-A Assistant Regional Director Revelyn Cortez.

She added that individuals including women, out-of-school



youth, persons with disabilities, senior citizens, and those who are unemployed or underemployed can join the program.

In her Message of Support, Congresswoman Ruth Hernandez thanked the scholars for their

willingness to upskill and apply their learning in their current jobs and businesses. She guaranteed to support the programs of the DTI for the welfare of her constituents.

Laguna Governor Ramil Hernandez, on the other

hand, gave his closing remarks to CALABARZON scholars and encouraged them to finish the program to better equip themselves with necessary skills to adapt in this digital age. He also expressed his support to the GCCP and other DTI initiatives.

AboitizPower's Arkanghel is an omen to the clean energy transition of the country

The Philippine Movement for Climate Justice (PM CJ) slams Aboitiz Power Corp.'s development of smart coal power plants for wasting resources on fossil fuels. The project began on May 31, in partnership with Thai company REPCO NEX Industrial Solutions.

The initiative, known as Project Arkanghel, aims to convert two coal-fired power plants owned by AboitizPower into smart power facilities to maximize their efficiency and minimize downtime. The "digital twins" will be created for the 300-MW coal-fired plant in Davao del Sur and the 340-MW plant in Cebu.

Artificial intelligence and data sciences will be used in the digital twin simulation to replicate the asset, according to reports.

However, while the calculations needed for two coal plants do not require a supercomputer, it is still resource-intensive.

"This investment in coal technology does nothing to address the carbon emissions of these power plants," said

Ian Rivera, National Coordinator of PM CJ. "It is another false solution, like hydrogen and ammonia co-firing, that will extend the lifespan of coal power plants indefinitely. Aboitiz Power still holds one of the largest operating coal portfolio, next to San Miguel Corporation. This project Archangel is like an angel, in a bad sense, out there to extend the lives of these dirty, deadly, costly technology, defying the call of science."

PM CJ believes that the project is a distraction riding on the hype for AI-powered technology. In line with this, Rivera reiterated the need to phase out coal in accordance with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's recommendations to peak fossil fuel use by 2025. This goes hand-in-hand with

the COP28 agreement to triple renewables by 2030, which the Philippines signed onto.

"AboitizPower can hit two birds with one stone by investing instead in the development of renewables, energy storage systems, and smart grid technology," Rivera recommended.

Smart grids can support the development of renewables. The technology enables real-time monitoring of environmental conditions and consumer demand, which allows RE power plants to optimize their generation and distribution of electricity.

"Fossil fuels should be phased out," Rivera stressed. "We're calling on energy companies to invest in real solutions to the climate crisis."

BACOOR TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

DAILY UPDATE

JUNE 04, 2024

TUESDAY

TRAFFIC VIOLATION

TOTAL NO. OF VIOLATORS: 127

MOST TICKETED VEHICLE		MOST PREVALENT TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS	
MOTORCYCLE	68	NO HELMET	39
CAR	10	RECKLESS DRIVING	23
TRICYCLE	5	ILLEGAL PARKING	20

VEHICULAR ACCIDENT

TOTAL NO. OF ACCIDENTS: 2

TOP 3 MOST COMMON CAUSES OF ACCIDENT

BANGGAAN	2
LASING	0
NAHILO	0

Para sa mas ligtas na mga kalsada ng ating lungsod ng Bacoor. Narito ang daily update mula sa Bacoor Traffic Management Department na pinamumunuan ni Ms. Leslie Diane Morales. Tandaan, **BASTA BACOOREÑO, DISIPLINADO! SUMUSUNOD SA BATAS TRAPIKO!** #TrafficUpdate #RoadSafety #LungsodNgBacoor #BTMD #SBRUpdate #StrikeAsOne #CityGovtOfBacoor

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companion for the journey. The Ka-Biyaheros definitely enjoyed the convenience of the advanced technology, not to mention the fuel efficiency, of their Chery Tiggo service vehicles. The adventure commenced with a warm welcome at Hotel Kimberly Tagaytay, a family-friendly retreat known for its comfortable accommodations, delightful farm experience, and a range of recreational activities. This serene hotel provided the perfect

starting point for the summer tour. It offered the Ka-Biyaheros a relaxing environment with stunning views of Tagaytay. Next, the Ka-Biyaheros headed to Gratchi's Nature Farm Getaway in Silang, where they engaged in a variety of summer activities, including low ropes courses and ATV rides. This destination is perfect for thrill-seekers and nature lovers alike, offering an exciting blend of adventure and relaxation. After the physical activities, Gratchi's

provided a refreshing meal, rounding off the day with delicious local cuisine. Day one concluded with a visit to Alitaptap Art Cafe, an artist community studio in Amadeo, Cavite, offering a vibrant space for creativity and cultural exploration. Here, the Ka-Biyaheros visited seven artists' studios, each with different meanings and stories, immersing themselves in the rich narratives and diverse perspectives of the local art scene. Afterward, Alitaptap presented their new menu to the content creators, adding a delightful culinary experience to the



cultural journey.

The second day kicked off by having lunch at Asiong's Caviteño Restaurant, which is renowned for its delectable traditional Caviteño cuisine. The restaurant offers a variety of Cavite dishes infused with Spanish culinary influences.

The Ka-Biyaheros had a blast exploring a farm and getting hands-on with traditional coffee-making at Amadeo Artisano. This experience not only heightened their understanding of local culinary customs but also shed light on sustainable farming methods.

Ms. Arlette Capistrano, Vice President for Communication and Stakeholder Management Division of MPT South, expressed her enthusiasm for the event, "The Biyaheng South Summer

Tour 2024 perfectly embodies our commitment to connecting people to the rich cultural and historical heritage of Cavite. By leveraging our expressway network, we aim to provide unparalleled access to these hidden gems and enhance the travel experience for all Filipinos. This tour is just one of the many ways we are working to promote local tourism and support the communities we serve."

Biyaheng South is an award-winning tourism advocacy program of MPT South that is active on social media platforms like Facebook, TikTok, and Instagram. It promotes the toll road network CAVITEX, CAVITEX C5 Link, and CALAX as gateways to the sensational sites and attractions in the South. With over 30,000 combined followers on

digital platforms, Biyaheng South has generated more than two million views on TikTok, increasing vehicle traffic along its expressways and helping boost the economic growth of Cavite and Laguna provinces.

MPT South is a subsidiary of Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC). Aside from the CAVITEX and CALAX network of toll roads, MPTC also holds the concession for the Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway (SCTEX), North Luzon Expressway (NLEX), NLEX Connector Road, and Cebu-Cordova Link Expressway (CCLEX) in Cebu.

For inquiries about this press release, please contact corpcomm@mptsouth.com or message us at <https://www.facebook.com/biyahengsouth>

DOST-SEI...

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SEI undergraduate scholars from Northern Mindanao.

"Through the STTP, SEI envisions cultivating an environment where innovation, wealth creation, resilience, and ethical values converge," said Dr. Josselyn T. Biyo, former Director of SEI, during her kickoff message.

The program focuses on three main aspects: entrepreneurial skills, idea creation and feasibility analysis, and business planning and execution. Throughout the program, sessions will be held for two days each month, covering modules on the value of innovation, customer needs, market research, developing products or services, business models and plans, business finance and funding, intellectual property, and more.

This structured approach ensures that scholars gain practical knowledge and skills

essential for starting and sustaining a business. The culmination of the program in November features a pitching competition where participants will present their startup plans to industry experts and potential investors.

Also in attendance was Engr. Elaine Macatangay-Morales, Executive Director of PhilDev Foundation where she delivered an inspiring message for the participants.

"Today marks the beginning of an exciting journey - a journey where science meets entrepreneurship, where your ideas have the potential to transform into innovations that can change the world", Engr Morales said.

Mr. Vince Manglicmot of PhilDev delivered an engaging talk on the history and landscape of technopreneurship in the Philippines.

Mr. Christian Rey Alison of CDOBites provided insights into the current

innovation ecosystem in the Philippines and its local setting, correlating how entrepreneurship leads to innovation. He also discussed various types of innovation, including technological, business model, product, and process innovation, giving participants a broad perspective on potential ventures.

Mr. Yukio Toyoshima of PwC Japan also delivered a talk on digital technology innovation and its challenges, presenting case studies demonstrating how digital solutions have improved processes and services in various establishments.

A workshop on design thinking was facilitated by Mr. Diogenes Pascua of USTP-CDO. Valuable pitching tips were discussed by Ms. Monica Mabayan-Ruiz of USTP-CDO, introducing the concept of the elevator pitch and preparing participants for future pitching activities.

Erica Cago, Director of the Northern Mindanao Association of DOST-SEI

Scholars (NMADS) and a 3rd-year BS Computer Engineering student at USTP-CDO, shared, "Falling in love with the problem rather than the solution emphasizes the importance of deeply understanding and addressing the core issues faced by users... And that made me want to explore and have interest in creating my own startup."

Dr. Biyo also highlighted future opportunities for top

teams, saying, "For the pitching competition this year, the winning teams will not only receive cash prizes from SEI but also seed funding from the DOST Regional Office and special awards from SEI partners. We are looking into the possibility that the top teams or selected teams will represent the Philippines next year in the world's largest electronic show, the Consumer Electronics Show in Las

Vegas in January, and the World Expo in Osaka in April."

The STTP initiative by DOST-SEI and PhilDev envisions to transform scholars, aiming to instill entrepreneurial skills, foster innovation, and create a network of future technopreneurs in Northern Mindanao. (Efraem O. Egoc/ DOST 10) #ScienceForThePeople #OneDOST4U

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Following Ms. Ronquillo's session, Ms. Perla Reyes, National CDW President took the floor to delve into Developmentally Appropriate Practice. Her presentation focused on the principles and practices that support the optimal development and learning of young children, stressing the need for educators to be attuned to the developmental stages and individual needs of their students.

The second day of the orientation continued with an insightful session led by Ms. Precyl Ramos, OIC-OPSWDO. She provided an Overview on the National Early Learning Curriculum and the National Early Learning

Framework, highlighting the curriculum's goals, structure, and implementation strategies. Her session aimed to align the educators' teaching practices with national standards and expectations.

In the latter part of the day, Mr. Aries Panganiban, PECCD Focal Person, presented the New Standards and Guidelines, along with the Guidelines on the Registration and Granting of Permit and Recognition to Public and Private Child Development Centers and Learning Centers. His detailed discussion outlined the procedures, requirements, and criteria for registration and recognition, ensuring that all attendees were well-

informed and prepared to comply with the new regulations.

The orientation concluded with an open forum where participants had the opportunity to ask questions and seek clarifications from the speakers. The interactive session allowed for the exchange of ideas and best practices, fostering a collaborative spirit among the child development workers and teachers.

The activity marks a significant step forward in the province's commitment to providing high-quality early childhood education. By equipping educators with the necessary tools and knowledge, the Provincial Government of Cavite ensures that its youngest citizens receive the best possible start in life. (OPIO)

PhilHealth...

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ng benefits. The second is pwede kayo magbaba ng kinokolekta sa kanila," Quimbo told PhilHealth.

"We are aggressively enhancing our benefits packages," PhilHealth President and CEO Emmanuel Ledesma Jr. assured congressmen.

PHILHEALTH COVID TEST PACKAGE

Lawmakers also questioned PhilHealth's exorbitant package for COVID testing, which was at P8,150 in the early parts of 2020. Garin said it was higher than the P2,000 to P2,500 range set by the World Health Organization.

Former Health Secretary Francisco Duque III explained that test kits were of limited supply and global demand was high

during the initial stages of the COVID pandemic, but noted that PhilHealth's COVID test package eventually went down as the supply of test kits stabilized.

"The issue here is the price. PhilHealth was paying P8,150 per COVID testing at 'yun ang naging benchmark, kaya lahat ng private laboratories including government labs ay tinaga ang mga pasyente," Garin said.

"During the initial stage of pandemic, where there was scarce supply of test kits, the testing cost was clearly very high, but as soon as time went by and supplies and prices started to stabilize, then DOH with PhilHealth started to make corresponding

adjustments. So they started to reformulate the testing fees, so that pababang pababa," Duque replied.

"It was really difficult. Everybody was scrambling for supplies. The whole world suffered from global supply chain shortage. This affected even the formulation of testing fees. You would see the downward trajectory of the testing cost as soon as the supplies became available and prices became stabilized," he added.

The Philippines, at the height of the pandemic, also entered into loan agreements with foreign financial institutions for \$2.21 billion, which had a commitment fee of P162 million. But the government later decided to cancel the agreement for loans amounting to \$800 million.

DOST upgrades fish drying process of Fishermen Cooperative in Tanauan City

The Department of Science and Technology (DOST)-Batangas, in partnership with the City Government of Tanauan through its City Agriculture Office, upgraded the fish drying process of the Tanauan City Fishermen Marketing Cooperative (TCFMC), to improve the quality of their dried fish products.



The technology-based upgrading was made possible through a community-based project grant from DOST-Batangas to the cooperative, which provided them with a fish dryer, an 8-layer storage rack, forceps, and basins. As part of the project, cooperative members were also trained in proper fish handling, drying techniques, and product packaging to ensure the quality and safety of their dried fish products.

Experts from the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR), Mr. Joseph Ryan Ligsas and Ms. Erica Lopez, facilitated the technology transfer training on May 22, 2024, at the cooperative's production facility in Brgy. Ambulong,



Tanauan City, Batangas. During the training, various fish species, processing methods, drying time requirements, fish value-adding techniques, and market opportunities were discussed to equip the cooperative members with the necessary knowledge and skills to improve their fish processing capabilities

and increase their income. Tilapia, bangus, ruho, and dugong, the common fish species caught in Taal Lake, were among those used during the training. A discussion on basic food hygiene practices was also included to emphasize the importance of maintaining sanitation throughout the processing

and packaging stages. The cooperative members were encouraged to implement these practices to ensure their dried fish products meet quality standards and are safe for consumption. Hands-on demonstrations were conducted to show proper

techniques in filleting, deboning, and drying fish to preserve its quality and taste.

Additionally, the cooperative members

were trained on using the fish dryer to maximize the efficiency of the drying process and reduce the risk of contamination. (By John Maico Hernandez)

Dole, DepEd partners for 2024 NCEx

The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), in collaboration with the Department of Education (DepEd), celebrated the successful conclusion of the Mindanao leg of the 2024 National Career Expo (NCEx) this past weekend. Hosted from May 23 to 25 at the Sunny Point Hotel in Davao City, the event garnered enthusiastic participation from approximately 1,500 students hailing from Grade 10 and senior high schools across the region.

Convened by DepEd-Davao Region (DepEd-Davao) and co-led by a consortium of key agencies including DOLE, the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC), the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), and the Public Employment Service Office of Davao City (PESO-Davao City), the expo aimed to provide students with valuable insights into various career paths and employment opportunities.

Throughout the three-day event, students engaged in a series of interactive sessions, panel discussions, and exhibit tours. Representatives from the convening agencies shared their knowledge and experiences, guiding students in their educational and career planning. Topics covered included the importance of skills development, emerging job markets, and the significance of choosing the right educational pathways to align with future career goals.

DOLE-Davao Region (DOLE-Davao) showcased the Career Development Support of DOLE, including up-to-date labor market information, employment facilitation services, career, vocational, and employment counseling, streamlining PhilJobNet registration, and promoting the First Time Job Seekers Assistance Act. Ms. Suzette Jane A. Antiveros, head of DOLE XI Regional Employment

Unit, delivered presentations spotlighting DOLE's commitment to the Philippine Labor and Employment Plan for 2023-2028.

Another highlight of the event was a mini job fair organized by PESO-Davao City, featuring nine private companies offering job opportunities to the attendees. This provided students with a firsthand experience of the job application process and a chance to explore potential careers.

DepEd-Davao Regional Director, Dr. Allan Farnazo, emphasized the importance of such events in bridging the gap between education and employment. "The National Career Expo serves as a vital platform for our students to explore and understand the diverse career opportunities available to them. It equips them with the necessary information and skills to make informed decisions about their future," he said.

In reflection, DOLE-Davao Regional Director Atty. Randolph C. Pensoy emphasized the organization's pivotal role in shaping the future path of the region's young workforce. "Such empowering initiatives will continue to inspire and fortify our youth, preparing them to make meaningful contributions to both the workforce and the wider community."

While the Mindanao leg of the expo has drawn to a close, the Visayas Cluster held its 2024 NCEx from May 22-24, and the Luzon Cluster is slated for May 27-28, 2024.



PGC extends Medical and Dental Mission Program to Dasmariñas Residents at PCU. On May 24, 2024, a successful medical and dental mission was held at Philippine Christian University (PCU) in the City of Dasmariñas, benefiting a total of 193 patients. Spearheaded by the Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC) and involving medical and dental professionals from the Provincial Health Office (PHO), the initiative aimed to provide essential healthcare services and promote community welfare. The mission offered a range of services: medical consultations for 152 patients, dental checkup and tooth extraction to 41 individuals, electrocardiogram (ECG) and x-rays availed by 16 and seven patients, respectively. Additionally, medical supplements, maintenance medicines, and mosquito repellent lotion were distributed to beneficiaries. The collaborative effort of local officials and medical practitioners was key to the event's success, highlighting the PGC's commitment to public health and community well-being. (OPIO)

PH athletes going to Paris Olympics assured of cash incentives

Filipino athletes who qualified for the Paris Olympics will receive cash incentives from senators.

Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) Chair Richard Bachmann made the announcement on Tuesday during the Philippine Sportswriters Association Forum at Rizal Memorial Sports Complex (RMSC) in Manila.

"Twenty-three million is only from Senator Risa Hontiveros, then Senator Bong Go has a figure already.

He has additional. There's also additional from other senators direct to the athletes already na pinasa lang sa (that was just coursed through the) PSC and I just signed a cheque siguro mga (of around) PHP30 million plus," Bachmann said.

So far, 15 Filipino athletes have booked

tickets to the Paris Games. They are pole vaulter EJ Obiena; gymnasts Carlos Yulo, Aleah Finnegan, Levi Ruivivar and Emma Malabuyo; boxers Aira Villegas, Nesthy Petecio, Hergie Bacayadan, Eumir Marcial and Carlo Paalam; rower Joanie Delgado; weightlifters Vanessa Sarno, John Ceniza and Elreen Ando; and fencer Sam Catantan.

At the 2021 Tokyo Games, the Philippines won its first gold medal coming from weightlifter Hidilyn Diaz. Paalam and Petecio pocketed silver medals while Marcial got a bronze.

"We have until June 30 to see who else will qualify," said Bahmann.

The PSC has allotted

PHP52 million for the Paris Olympics, covering preparation, training and actual participation, as well as airfare, luggage and parade uniforms.

"We've already spent PHP43 million so I have PHP8 to PHP9 million left. If it's not enough, I will look for more," Bachmann, a former professional basketball player, said.

Meanwhile, he bared the construction of a seven-story athletes' dormitory inside the RMSC.

Demolition of the old boxing and pencak silat buildings, where the new dormitory would be built, is scheduled in July. The groundbreaking is set in August. (PNA)



Hergie Bacayadan, one of five boxers and one of 15 Filipinos to the Paris Olympics as of June 4, 2024 (Screenshot)

Altiche pockets men's singles title in Isabela tennis tourney

Top seed John Mari Altiche lived up to his billing, beating John Jeric Accion, 6-3, 6-3, to win the men's singles Open title in the Mayor Doc Totep Calderon National Tennis Championships at the Lado Del Rio Resort court in Roxas, Isabela last Sunday.



WINNER. Top seed John Mari Altiche (3rd from left) won the men's singles title in the Mayor Doc Totep Calderon National Tennis Championships in Roxas, Isabela on June 2, 2024. From left are SK chairman Paolo Garcia, runner-up John Jeric Accion and Mayor Doc Totep Calderon. (Contributed photo)

On his way to the final, Altiche defeated Aeyshaun Gomez (4-0, 4-1), Jairo Flores (6-0, 6-1) and Alexis Santos (6-1, 6-1).

Accion, who had no trouble winning his first two matches, struggled past second seed Alberto Villamor, 5-7(2), 7-6(5), 10-6, to advance in the championship round.

Altiche received PHP50,000 in cash while Accion settled for PHP25,000.

Altiche also got a share of the PHP30,000 top prize in the doubles where he

teamed up with Villamor to conquer Ivan Manila and Bryan Oliveros, 4-6, 6-4, 10-3, in the final.

Meanwhile, Mark Anthony Chy and Erwin Cruz bagged the 30-and-above title in the Legends division of the event supported by the Palawan Pawnshop National Tennis Championships and the Cagayan Valley Tennis Federation.

Other winners were Mar Bajet and Reynante Galvante (men's 40- and 50-and-above), Rolly Guañez and Wilfredo

Verzosa (men's 60-and-above), Brasilia Uy and Ysabelle Uy (women's doubles) and Brasilia Uy and Marcvin Marquez (mixed doubles). All Legends winners got PHP10,000 each.

Meanwhile, all is set for the Mayor Eric Olivarez Open scheduled from June 6-16 at the Olivarez Sports Center in Sucat, Parañaque. Players may contact event organizer and tournament director Bobby Mangunay (0915-404-6464) for details. (PNA)

Coo clinches silver in Asian BMX championships

Patric Bren Coo clinched the silver medal in the 2024 Asian Cycling Confederation BMX Championships in Bangkok, Thailand over the weekend.



SILVER MEDALIST. Patrick Coo (left) with winner Komet Sukprasert of Thailand and bronze medalist Shimada Ryo of Japan in the 2024 Asian Cycling Confederation BMX Championships in Bangkok on May 31, 2024. Coo is hoping to qualify for the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics. (PhilCycling photo)

Coo finished behind Thailand's BMX ace Komet Sukprasert, who won his third straight Asian championships in preparation for the Paris Olympics.

Japan's Shimada Ryo completed the men's elite podium of the championships that gathered more than 500 athletes from Asia.

"I'm so blessed and I'm happy that all my hard work is paying off," the 22-year-old Coo said.

The silver medal he clinched at the Kamol

Sports Park in Nong Chok on Friday came after his men's elite bronze medal during the Hangzhou Asian Games last year.

He is an Olympic Solidarity scholar who spends most of the year training at the UCI World Cycling Center in Aigle, Switzerland or traveling the globe for competitions.

The Olympic Solidarity provides assistance to all National Olympic Committees for athlete development programs and training of coaches and sports administrators.

"My congratulations to Patrick. He's been working hard and his dedication and passion for BMX is getting stronger each day," Philippine Olympic Committee president Abraham Tolentino, also head of the national association for cycling, said in a statement.

Coo thanked Tolentino and the Philippine Sports Commission for their massive support to his campaign focused on qualifying for the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics. (PR/PNA)

DOST CALABARZON distributes 882 bottles of Carrageenan PGP to Polilio, Quezon's rice farmers

Over thirty (30) rice farmers attended the overview of the Carrageenan Plant Growth Promoter (CPGP) initiated by the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) - CALABARZON, receiving liters of fertilizer allotted for 49 hectares of rice field, Brgy. Tamulaya-Anibong Polillo, Quezon, May 22, 2024.



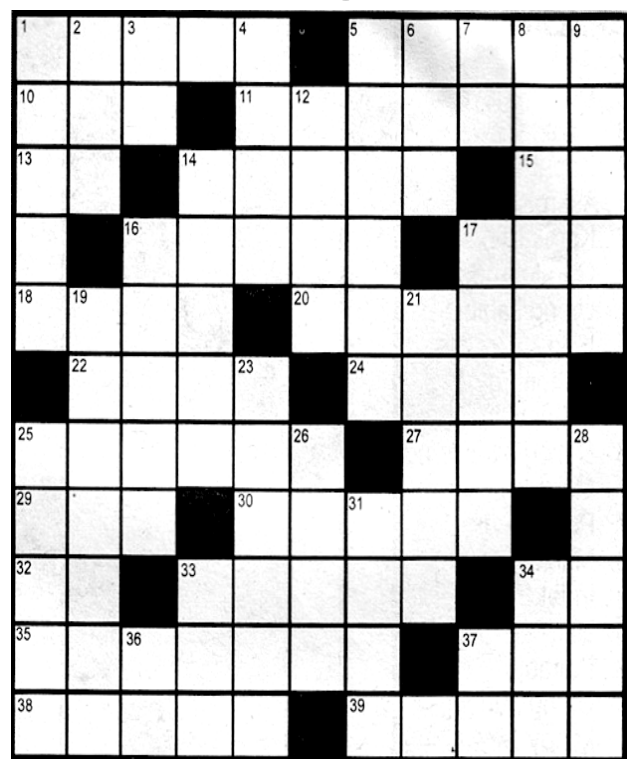
Carrageenan PGP is a plant food supplement extracted from red seaweeds and degraded through gamma irradiation that is well known to elicit plant growth. It is currently registered as an inorganic fertilizer by the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority, with the DOST Philippine

Nuclear Research Institute (DOST-PNRI) as the licensed manufacturer. Its application is expected to induce rice defense mechanisms in the rice fields of Polillo thus increase their productivity and mitigate diseases and cast-offs. The overview covered

discussions on what carrageenan is, the types of nutrients it has, the components of Carrageenan PGP, its benefits, the research results of the application of Carrageenan PGP, and its science-based application. Mr. Aaron Joniel S. Carandang, PTA IV of

DOST CALABARZON and the Project Focal Person, facilitated the training. Likewise, Ms. Emelita P. Bagsit, DOST IV-A Regional Director, welcomed the participants with her informative message about rice farming. (By Unice Faith Cataquiz)

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- 5 Nara
- 10 Gamit sa baseball
- 11 Pinalo
- 13 Simbolo ng arsenic
- 14 Kawayang basket
- 15 Ikaw
- 16 Hulugan ng sulat
- 17 Polistico ng musika
- 18 Inis
- 20 Lakas ng loob
- 22 Anyong tubig
- 24 Anyong tubig
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- 30 Lundag
- 32 Tipo ng dugo
- 33 Tamo
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- 35 Napawi
- 37 Tunog ng sampal
- 38 Binago
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PABABA

- 1 Maraming ginagawa
- 2 Petrolyo
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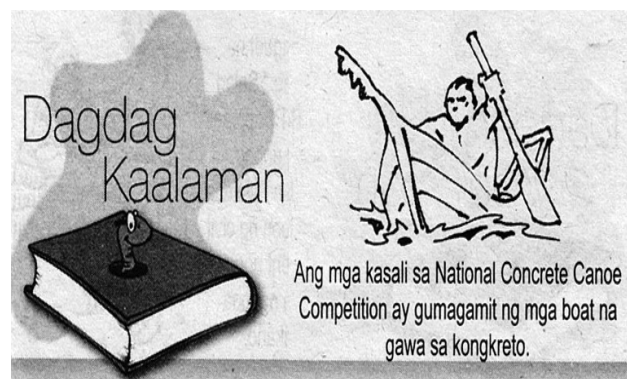
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MPT South Celebrates Successful Biyaheng South Summer Tour 2024

Metro Pacific Tollways South (MPT South), a subsidiary of Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC), once again brought the 'Ka-Biyaheros' away on an unforgettable summer adventure with the successful Biyaheng South Summer Tour 2024.



On Thursday, May 23, MPT South, in partnership with the Department of the Interior and Local Government Region 4-A (DILG IV-A) and Cavite Tourism and its official mobility partner for the event, Chery Auto Philippines embarked on a two-day summer road trip in destinations made accessible through Cavite-Laguna expressway (CALAX). Biyaheng South Summer Tour is also supported by the following brand partners: Hotel Kimberly Tagaytay, Alitaptap Art Cafe and Gratchi's Getaway.

Among the Ka-Biyaheros were go-to content creators Joseph Verallo, Karla Obispo (Travel With Karla), Darwin and Hershey (DarSheyGoesTo), Mark Liveta and Gael Dela Rea (All About Cavite), Nani Ocampo (Hello Eats Nani), Editha and Kristian (Lakwatsero Caviteño), Darren Antones (Dabياهو), Em Suringa (KaEmtayo), Jen Sapida-Ocampo (The Social Momdia), Jayvee Manabat (Travel ni Bes), Eric Bernardo (Hungry Byaheros) and Bradley Bedruz (Aliventures).

Chery Auto Philippines was the official mobility partner of MPT South for this year's Biyaheng South Summer Tour. Throughout the trip, Ka-Biyaheros rode in style in Chery's impressive vehicle line-up: Tiggo 5x Pro Hybrid, Tiggo 7 Pro Hybrid, Tiggo 8 Pro All-Wheel Drive, and Tiggo 8 Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicle (PHEV).

Not only do these vehicles have stylish designs, but it also provided the Ka-Biyaheros maximum comfort making the Chery vehicles their perfect **► MPT SOUTH • 4**

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DOST-SEI, PhilDev launch Scholars Technopreneurship Training Program in NorMin



The Department of Science and Technology – Science Education Institute (DOST-SEI), in collaboration with the Philippine S&T Development Foundation-Manila, Inc. (PhilDev), has launched the Scholars Technopreneurship Training Program (STTP) in Cagayan de Oro City.

Spanning from May to November 2024, this seven-month capacity-building initiative aims to equip DOST-SEI scholars with essential skills in technopreneurship, design thinking, and innovative business and venture planning. Session one took place on May 20-21, 2024 at Limketkai Luxe Hotel, attended by 100 DOST- **► DOST-SEI • 4**



Beautiful Hymn! Let's welcome our first Monday of June with a smile and full of hope. Of course, we should not lose our hearts and care for each other. **#RatedTripleA #PusoAtMalasakitParaSaAtingKawit #MayorAguinaldo**



Binabati ko po ang mga bagong opisyal ng Brgy. Gender and Development Focal Point Person Association na nanumpa rito sa ating tanggapan. Sila po ang katuwang ng Gender and Development Unit bilang pagpapadali sa gender mainstreaming at pagsubaybay sa pagpapatupad ng mga programang may kinalaman sa kasarian sa mga barangay sa ating lungsod. **PRESIDENT: Cecilie Novio - Anabu II-A; VICE PRESIDENT: Madeline Sugang - Pinagbuklod; SECRETARY: Gina Palesco - Pag-asa III; ASSISTANT SECRETARY: Maria Socorro Sasis - Bayan Luma V; TREASURER: Eleanor Topacio - Poblacion II-B; ASSISTANT TREASURER: Neneth Protacio - Anabu I-F; AUDITOR: Karenn Pangangaan - Bucandala III; PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER: Mary Ruby Bautista - Malagasang I-D; ?Roma Cyrill Jaro - Tanzang Luma III.** Hangad ko po ang maayos na pagsubaybay at pangunguna sa inyong mga nasasakupan tungo sa pagkakatantay-pantay ng kasarian at istrukturang panlipunan. **#AAngatAngImus #AlagangAdvincula**