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Provincial Council of Women Launches Successful Health Program for Women in Cavite

The Provincial Council of Women, under the leadership of its President, Ms. Anne Ferrer, together with council members, and in partnership with the Office of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer, has successfully conducted a series of comprehensive health program titled "Serbisyon Pangkalusugan para sa mga Kababaihan". This initiative took place across various locations in Cavite, including Alfonso, Magallanes, General Trias, Mendez, Tanza, and Cavite City, throughout the month of June.

The program offered



free eye check-ups, CHEM12 laboratory tests, and chest x-rays, ensuring that women in these areas had access to essential health services. These services were made possible through the generous support of Health Ridge Medical Services. Additionally, the Office of the Provincial Legal Officer provided free legal consultations to the public. The initiative aimed to address the health needs of women, providing vital medical screenings and promoting their overall wellness. The program's impact was significant, with a total of 1,592 beneficiaries receiving the much-needed medical services.

The success of **PROVINCIAL • 3**



Congratulations sa ating kauna-unahang BahagHARI at SIREYNA, Mr. Jewel Agustino at Ms. Lianne Trixie Garcia! Sila ang nagtagumpay at naging pangunahing kinatawan ng ating Pride Celebration sa isinagawa nating Rampa Sa Kawit Pageant. Binabati rin natin sila Mr. Emille Delos Reyes at Ms. Angel Sebastian na nasungkit ang pagiging 1st runner-up at kay Mr. Mikas Saplora at Ms. Louise Malijoc na nagtagumpay bilang 2nd runner-up. Congratulations sa inyong tagumpay at sana ay patuloy ninyong i-kampeon ang pantay na karapatan ng lahat! #RampaSaKawit #BahagHARIatSiREYNA2024 #TaraSaKawit #RatedTripleA #PusoAtMalasakitParaSaAtingKawit #MayorAguinaldo

CAVITEX toll-free in July

Authorities won't be collecting fees in CAVITEX this July.

In a statement, the Department of Transportation (DOTr) said motorists using the Manila-Cavite Toll Expressway would get to enjoy a 30-day toll holiday, after the Toll Regulatory Board (TRB) approved a board resolution suspending the fees effective July 1.

The TRB agreed with the proposal by the Philippine Reclamation Authority (PRA)—owner of the property on which the expressway is situated—with consent of Cavite Infrastructure Corporation.

President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. welcomed the move of the PRA to suspend the collection of toll for all vehicles passing through the Manila-Cavite Toll Expressway in Taguig, Parañaque, Las Piñas, Bacoor, and Kawit for 30 days.



Celebrating Pi2Day Ahead of Open Network: To New Beginnings!

Pi2Day 2024 marks an essential milestone for Pi Network—it's the last Pi2Day before we launch Open Network!

As detailed in the Open Network conditions in December 2023, our path to Open Network relies on collective efforts of the whole Pi community, including the Core Team, community developers and all Pioneers. Due to the amazing contributions and innovations of the whole community, we made great progress and are right on track.

Thus, for today's Pi2Day celebration, we'll share updates on the progress made in the Open Network conditions, review product updates and releases since Pi Day (March 14, 2024), introduce new releases today presented in the corresponding sections of the product and tech updates, glimpse into the next initiatives that will advance the network towards our Open Network goals, and initiate a community event for celebration – a new Pi2Day Open Network Challenge!

But first, we are thrilled to announce that the Pioneer community has now reached over 60 million Engaged Pioneers!



Nicolas Kokkalis

"Creating real and strong utility is key to creating a strong network. We have been working hard to connect the pi utilities platform to the testnet and make it easy for developers to use it."

Open Network Conditions and Status

Today, we have updates on the progress of our three key conditions for Open Network.

Finish any Open Network preparation work in technology, product, business, and legal following the consistent strategies of Pi Network

The Core Team continues to stay on track for this goal. The majority of this announcement, in the next sections, will be dedicated to the progress made and some future initiatives in the various areas of the project **CELEBRATING • 4**

DOST-Batangas Upgrades STARBOOKS Units at Tingloy and Papaya National High Schools

With the aim of providing students and teachers with access to updated and relevant scientific information, the Department of Science and Technology (DOST)-Batangas conducted a version upgrading of the Science and Technology Academic and Research-Based Openly-Operated Kiosk (STARBOOKS) units in Tingloy National High School and Papaya National High School, June 20-21.



The system upgrade comprised content updates on various scientific topics, software enhancements for a better user experience, and training sessions for teachers on how to maximize the use of STARBOOKS in their instruction. The upgraded STARBOOKS units will now offer students and teachers a more interactive and engaging platform for learning and research, contributing to the improvement of science education in these schools.

The updated version of STARBOOKS includes a wide range of resources, such as books, magazines, journals, scientific and research papers, disaster preparedness materials, interactive courseware,

and K-12 supplemental materials. Additionally, it offers full-length livelihood videos, scientist profiles, DOST publications, Science Cool Facts, significant dates in Philippine science history, and new science articles.

Site administrator training was also conducted to ensure that teachers are equipped with the necessary skills to maximize the benefits of STARBOOKS in their classrooms. This comprehensive approach aims to enhance the overall learning experience for students and promote a culture of scientific inquiry in schools. It covered both offline and online versions of STARBOOKS, which included STARBOOKS offline, STARBOOKS

online, mobile applications, and geomap applications. Assigned administrators were encouraged to familiarize themselves with site administrator responsibilities, such as user assistance, file submission, content updating, and kiosk management.

DOST-CALABARZON STARBOOKS coordinators, Mr. Cedric L. Rodriguez and Mr. Jayson E. Villarino facilitated the system upgrading and training. *(By John Maico Hernandez)*

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Gentriseños received essential healthcare services. On July 2, 2024, the Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC), in collaboration with local officials from the City of Gen. Trias, successfully conducted a comprehensive medical and dental mission in Brgy. Pasong Camachile II. A total of 345 Gentriseños benefitted from the outreach program, which provided essential healthcare services free of charge. The initiative, requested by 6th District Board Member Maurito C. Sison, included services such as medical consultations, dental extractions, eye check-ups, cervical vaccinations for girls aged 9-14, ECGs, and X-rays. In addition, OPG staff distributed prescription medicines, antibiotics, and multivitamins to ensure the improved health and wellness of the community. The event was graced and supported by 6th District Board Member Kerby Salazar and other local officials who expressed their sincere gratitude to the PGC team for the untiring support given to their community. This mission is part of the provincial government's ongoing commitment to improving healthcare access for all Caviteños, ensuring that even the most underserved communities receive the medical attention they need. (OPIO)

Project Nexus... (FROM PAGE 8)

will continue its association with the project with special observer status. BI took part in phase three and will continue in this capacity to follow the project in the next stage of its development.

Nexus is designed to standardise the way domestic IPS connect to one another. Rather than an IPS operator building custom connections for every new country to which it connects, the operator only needs to make one connection to Nexus. This single connection would allow the IPS to reach all other countries in the network.

"I wish our partners in Nexus every success as they advance the project from concept to reality. This is the first BIS Innovation Hub project that central banks are moving towards a live phase together with instant payment providers. When implemented, it will greatly enhance cross-border payments in line with both the G20 cross-border payments programme and our mission to develop public goods in the technology space to support central banks and improve the functioning of the financial system.

Even with just the first wave of connected countries, Nexus has the potential to connect a market of 1.7 billion people globally, allowing them to make instant payments to each other easily and cheaply," said BIS General Manager Agustin Carstens.

"Empowered by a shared vision of efficient and reliable cross-border payments, the collaboration between the BIS and ASEAN central banks has been rather effective, and I'd like this to continue. Central banks have always played a role in payments as a public good. With Nexus, this role will be extended to cross-border payments, maximizing the network effects. Thus, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) will continue to work with the Philippine

and other interested countries towards its live implementation. We look forward to Nexus providing overseas Filipinos with a cheaper and faster means to send money to family back home, and facilitating the globalisation of Filipino small and medium scale enterprises," BSP Governor Eli M. Remolona, Jr. added.

The conclusions and lessons of phase three of Nexus are described in a report published today. This is complemented by a detailed scheme rulebook and technical implementation guides, as well as ISO 20022 message specifications, which are available to central banks on request.

To facilitate live implementation, the partner central banks and IPS operators have agreed to work towards establishing a new entity, the Nexus Scheme Organisation (NSO), which will be responsible for managing the Nexus scheme, and continuing the mission to achieve instant cross-border payments at scale.

The NSO will be wholly owned by the central banks and/or IPS in participating countries, depending on the specific domestic structures. In developing the blueprint in phase three of Nexus, the BIS has fulfilled its role of supporting central banks in finding innovative solutions to deliver public goods and one of its key commitments as part of the G20 Roadmap for Enhancing Cross-border Payments.

While the BIS will not own or operate the NSO, it will continue its support by playing a technical advisory role as participating countries work towards taking Nexus live. It will also facilitate cooperation among members and the entry of new participants, helping to realise Nexus's global ambition.

NOTES TO EDITORS

This work follows an earlier phase of development in which a

prototype of Nexus was used to successfully connect the test versions of three established IPS: the Eurosystem's TARGET Instant Payment Settlement (TIPS), Malaysia's Real-time Retail Payments Platform (RPP) and Singapore's Fast and Secure Transfers (FAST) payment system. (This work is described in Annex 1 of the new report.)

In November 2022, Bank Indonesia, Bank Negara Malaysia, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, the MAS and the Bank of Thailand signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Cooperation in Regional Payment Connectivity, which highlights the collaborative effort within the region towards establishing cross-border payment connectivity, including via fast payment linkages. Since the signing of the MoU, Brunei Darussalam Central Bank, Bank of the Lao People's Democratic Republic and the State Bank of Vietnam have joined the initiative.

The BIS Innovation Hub commenced the project in 2022, and its Singapore Centre has worked with the current partners over the past year to develop a comprehensive scheme and governance framework, commercial model and technology blueprint.

Central banks, standard-setting bodies, IPS operators and commercial entities around the world were also consulted to validate that Nexus is scalable and interoperable beyond the current participants. Nexus is one of many exploratory projects embarked upon by the BIS Innovation Hub. It is also contributing with the BIS Committee on Payments and Market Infrastructures to the G20 Roadmap for Enhancing Cross-border Payments. The Roadmap highlights interlinking of IPS as a key aim, and Nexus as a priority action that could have a significant impact on the speed, cost, transparency of, and access to cross-border payments.

efforts. The Provincial Council of Women, along with their partners, remains committed to continuing their support for women's health and well-being in Cavite. (OPIO)

Philippine Health Insurance Corporation
ADVISORY
No. 2024-0030



SYSTEM DOWNTIME

Please be informed that PhilHealth will undergo network maintenance activity starting 6:00 PM of June 28, 2024 (Friday) to June 29, 2024 (Saturday) 6:00 AM; and from 6:00 PM of July 12, 2024 (Friday) to July 13, 2024 (Saturday) 6:00 AM to improve the network infrastructure performance.

The following application systems are not accessible during the said period:

- HCI Portal
- PhilHealth eClaims Web Services
- Member Portal
- ACR Search
- Point of Service (POS)
- EPRS
- EPAR
- ECRS
- eGroup
- ePOAF
- iCARES
- HCP Portal
- My PhilHealth Portal
- Membership API
- PHIC DICT Façade
- Konsulta API

For your information and guidance.

(Sgd.) **EMMANUEL R. LEDESMA, JR.**
President and Chief Executive Officer

Congratulations... (FROM PAGE 8)

lalo na sa pamamagitan ng programa ng DOST na 'Smart and Sustainable Cities and Communities', he underscored in his message.

"Gamitin natin ang mga makabagong teknolohiya at mga maka-Agham na pamamaraan upang matugunan ang mga panibagong hamon - mula sa agrikultura, kalusugan, transportasyon, seguridad sa tubig, edukasyon, pagnegosyo, at sa katatagan sa kapanahunan ng kalamidad," he added.

Under his term as the DOST R02 Regional Director, he significantly contributed to the establishment of the following Research and Development (R&D) Centers in Cagayan.

CAGAYAN VALLEY FRESHWATER R&D FOR LUDONG ANDEEL

Because of the extinction of Ludong, a high-value fish thriving only in the Cagayan River, the Isabela State University (ISU) has built a laboratory, fishtanks, and earthen pond network from which it will raise and breed Ludong, as well as another local fish called

Igat, using funds from DOST-PCAARRD.

The project seeks to develop a technology for the breeding and production of endangered species. It is potentially seen as having a big contribution to the economy when sold not only in the entire country but to other countries like Japan, where the demand for the president's fish is high.

METALS INNOVATION AND ENGINEERING R&D CENTER (MIERDC)

With its ductility, elasticity, fusibility, m a c h i n a b i l i t y, effectiveness, and long useful life, the metal industry plays a very important role in economic development. The nominee has furthered the focus on this sector to secure developments beneficial to the growth of metal-related businesses and companies in the region.

The Cagayan State University is selected to house the MIERDC under a Memorandum of Agreement with DOST II. It recognizes the strength of the university as it takes advantage of the Colleges of Engineering and

Industrial Technology, where students and their professors brainstorm to come up with research and manufacture products. As of writing, around P15,000,000.00 was externally generated through the initiative of Dir. Maborang in support of the MIERDC.

M o r e o v e r, U n d e r s e c r e t a r y Maborang is a leader with a driving focus on community development, human progress, and regional transformation. He has a strong passion for leveraging the establishment of local capacities and developing solutions to address science, technology, and innovation-related development needs, with a track record of ceaselessly pioneering new concepts, launching and growing entrepreneurial start-ups, and continuously striving for excellence and progress.

These are just a few of his accomplishments in the province of Cagayan. This award is evidence of his undeniable strategic operationalization of DOST programs, projects, and initiatives as aligned with national priorities. #OneDOST4U

Provincial... (FROM PAGE 1)

"S e r b i s y o n g Pangkalusugan para sa mga Kababaihan" highlights the importance of

community health initiatives and the positive outcomes that can be achieved through collaborative

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moving towards Open Network.

Meet network KYC, migration, and utility creation goals

When setting our timeline, we established three goals that are primarily driven by community efforts:

First, 15 million KYC'ed Pioneers. At this time, we have over 12 million KYC'd Pioneers, up from 9.45 million on March 14, 2024. Many KYC corner cases were unblocked to facilitate this increase, and acceleration is expected with more changes and community mobilization initiatives.

Second, migrate 10 million Pioneers to Mainnet. We currently have 5.79 million Pioneers on Mainnet, compared to 4.5 million on March 14, 2024. We have made and will continue making changes that will accelerate Mainnet migrations. Keep reading for the details later in this post.

Third, 100 Pi apps that (1) are on the Mainnet or are Mainnet-ready, (2) comply with the Pi platform policies, (3) solve a true need and bring utility to the Pi ecosystem, and (4) are a distinct application. We now have over 70 Mainnet or Mainnet-ready Pi apps that meet these criteria, up from 50 on March 14, 2024.

No Unfavorable External Environment

We control the Open Network launch date. That lets us avoid launching at a time when global factors might harm crypto and traditional business ecosystems. While we don't anticipate any such events currently, we won't ignore them, either. We will work to ensure our launch is timed for the best results for the network.

That's the summary. Here are the details:

Tech & Product Progress Towards Open Network

Since the Pi Day announcement, the Core Team has continued to focus on advancing Open Network preparations, including the key priorities of KYC, Mainnet migrations, Nodes, and other initiatives like growth and post-migration lockups. Efforts to build utility and a robust community through Pioneer connections, social features and community events also continued. These align with the Enclosed Network goals of achieving critical mass of verified Pioneers on Mainnet, completing

Open Network preparations, and diversifying Pi cryptocurrency utilities.

Read on to learn more, and engage with the new updates that are available to you!

As always, this tech and product update focuses on the features and work items that are visible, relevant and interesting to Pioneers, omitting much work in the backend but still important.

KYC

The Core Team has developed several methods to help Pioneers pass KYC at various points in the application, validation, and approval processes.

New Releases: This week, we released a new feature to unblock many Pioneers in the KYC process. A password-change requirement was added in the Mainnet Checklist for some Pioneers, after the completion of which they will make sure their account is secure before proceeding in the KYC. And today, we're introducing a new appeal functionality, which for the first time allows Pioneers to appeal some KYC rejection decisions and present their case for a second opinion if they disagree with Validators' judgment.

Since Pi Day, we have released numerous KYC features and improvements to resolve stuck applications and help advance them to the next stage of KYC, such as adding the left-and-right face angles capturing in the liveness check to improve accuracy and reduce chance of delay in liveness checks, and multiple liveness checks for applicable cases, including those with tentative KYC status that will help them advance into next step. Over 1.78 million Pioneers have completed at least one liveness check during its gradual rollout over the past two months.

A resubmission ability was offered to many cases where resubmission would be helpful in unblocking them. Clearer instructions on the next actions to take across the KYC app and Mainnet Checklist were provided to people who were stuck and didn't know what to do. We also rolled out various fixes and improvements over Q2 that addressed blockers for different stuck corner cases due to missing fields, image obfuscation, video conversion failures,

face extraction, backside of some ID document processing, ID type selection and ID upload errors and other background technical processes.

The user interface and experience has been improved throughout the KYC process to help guide Pioneers in accurately completing their applications, with translations now available throughout the KYC process, improved instructions for both Pioneers and Validators to smoothen the process, more informative feedback on incorrect entries, all of which help prevent future stuck cases and reduce the chance of being blocked for applications.

In order to facilitate faster and more accurate KYC validation, we've released various improvements to help Validators, including improved algorithms and more refined and practical rejection reasons based on data analysis.

For upcoming work, we're working on analyzing data from all overall liveness features to improve the liveness verification accuracy. This will also help inform the evaluation process that determines if a tentative KYC can transition to fully KYC status—unblocking such applications to move forward afterwards.

To learn more about Pi KYC and its importance for Pioneers and Open Network, check out the following resources:

Pi Day 2024 What is Pi KYC? KYC FAQs Open Network Mainnet Migrations

We're continuing to improve the recent update that drastically upgraded the speed of Mainnet migrations. The update, the result of diligent testing, technical optimizations, and numerous revisions, has increased the efficiency and overall capacity of the migration process, allowing for up to double the migration speed. This upgrade enabled the community to take advantage of the speed to migrate faster, and allowed us to make continued improvements. More changes to accelerate the migration process are being planned and worked on to be released in Q3.

The Mainnet Checklist optimization helps to facilitate higher completion rate, and propel the network migration to the Mainnet; all Pioneer-dependent steps have been clustered

earlier in the list to allow for smoother completion, reducing drop offs in between approvals and Pioneer actions. This means that once a Pioneer passes KYC they will automatically be added to the migration queue.

In addition to further improvement on migration speed in Q3, we plan to implement notifications for Pioneers once they've successfully migrated to Mainnet in the coming months! This will keep Pioneers informed of their migration status and encourage them to start engaging in utility activities on Mainnet, contributing to other Open Network goals.

New Release: On-Chain Lockups

Starting this week, Pioneers who've successfully migrated to Mainnet can voluntarily create a new lockup on the blockchain! This feature addresses the need for Pioneers to create a lockup after migrating, and allows migrated Pioneers to make use of their migrated Pi for lockup mining rewards if they choose to. Creating a new lockup for Mainnet migrated Pi in the Pi Wallet will boost individual mining rates based on the same lockup rewards mechanism detailed in the 2021 Whitepaper, which then helps to support a robust and stable ecosystem and incentivize long-term engagement with the network. More detailed introduction of this feature will come in future announcements.

Nodes

To prepare Nodes for Open Network, we've released Node version updates from 0.4.9 to 0.4.11 that enhance Node analytics, standardize the Node application across geographic regions, and further lay the groundwork for future developments in Node selection and decentralization. We're also planning a mechanism for Nodes to support switching between the Testnet and Mainnet blockchains. With over 200,000 Nodes on the Pi Testnet waiting for the transition to Mainnet, Pi Nodes have immense potential for large-scale, decentralized computing. Learn more about the recent updates.

Platform/PiNet:

The Pi Platform's major work in Q2 focused on the creation and implementation of the Pi Ad Network, with additional work completed on PiNet and Developer Tools. Such work is important for the Pi ecosystem and achieving the Open Network goals in utility creation.

Pi Ad Network is a new component of the Pi Platform, and a platform-level utility, which facilitates community developers to add advertisements that will be ultimately transacted in Pi cryptocurrency into their Pi Apps, and help such apps be more sustainable. Pi Ad Network was rolled out in Fireside Forum earlier this year as part of the testing for this feature.

New features were developed that make it possible for Community Pi App Developers to begin using the platform and get paid for the advertisements that they show to Pioneers. There is an initial batch of community Pi Apps preparing to integrate this new platform feature, and a larger roll out coming quickly after. Read more about platform-level utilities and the Pi Ad Network for the design and plan.

PiNet saw growing adoption amongst community Pi Apps, making more Pi Network content and utilities available to the broader Web3 and Web2 ecosystems. PiNet also had improvements and bug fixes throughout the Q2; most notably, the migration of Pi apps domains to pinet.com, providing unified user experience of Pi ecosystem across Pi Browser and other browsers through Pinet.

Geolocation was enabled for Pi Apps, allowing developers to request Pioneers to consent and share the location of their device within the Pi Browser; this is currently only available for non-Android devices, with a roll out to Android devices planned in the near future. This popularly demanded feature by Pi app developers increases the functionality of the Pi Browser and facilitates the development and services of Pi apps requiring location information, such as local commerce apps, and will boost Pi utility in location-based businesses.

Developer Wallets creation has begun and developers are starting to receive the sending and receiving wallets that they previously applied for. This will help secure the ecosystem and protect developers as well as Pioneers with improved security of the Pi held by Pi apps. Read more about what these wallets are and how they help developers and the ecosystem.

Pi App Incubator

The inaugural Pi App Incubator Program, an

intensive 12-week program designed to support the growth and improvement of community Pi Apps, concluded in June 2024. The program that ran during the entire Q2 was designed to help Community Pi Apps get the support and resources needed to improve, and to help progress toward our goal of 100 Mainnet Apps.

The first cohort of five community Pi Apps, Connect Social, PiketPlace, The PiToGo, World of Pi Championships, and Pailot, received product and design mentorship along with a monthly monetary grant. The participating community teams made tremendous improvements, and the Pi Core Team will be taking the learnings from the first cohort to update the program and launch a second cohort later this year.

New Release: Pi Social Profiles

The initial social profile system is released today on Pi Network. Pi is not only a cryptocurrency but also a social network. We've been a social network for the past few years without a profile system for strategic reasons such as prioritizing actually having real people in a network. Having reached a network of millions, we are at the time to have profiles. Pi Social Profiles is built not only to fit the needs of individual Pioneers to have a profile page to interact with other Pioneers and external social media, but also to be a platform feature that can be integrated into different parts of the ecosystem such as different Pi apps and programs that need profiles.

This feature now allows Pioneers to personalize their profiles with details such as a profile picture, Fireside Forum, and the ability to friend and follow fellow Pioneers. The goal for social profiles is for Pioneers to build their own interactive experience within the network, and build up and bridge influence inside and outside of Pi network. It will eventually be seamlessly integrated throughout the Pi ecosystem, such as enabling the feature as a developer resource. The unified social profile system of the network will help the ecosystem to be more interconnected that can boost existing utilities and give rise to new utilities, and assist the network to further grow

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and expand.

Fireside Forum

Regular Art Festivals have been launched with art mediums not limited to visual and graphic design! The Art Festivals in May and June were focused on photography and music, respectively, with incredible participation for each and also enriched the Pioneers experience with more interesting content in the new feed on the app home screen and also on Fireside Forum.

As such festivals were conducted on the Fireside Forum, numerous improvements on the app were made, such as improving the algorithm that chooses posts for the main app feed.

We're continuing to improve decentralized moderation on Fireside Forum after feedback from Pioneers and moderators, so everyone can enjoy a fully decentralized social experience where you will be able to select and moderate content based on the community guidelines.

Upcoming Initiatives Essential for Open Network

Enact 6 Month KYC Grace Period and the rolling 6-month window

As defined and clarified in the 2021 Whitepaper, a 6-month KYC grace period and a rolling 6-month window is necessary for getting the network ready for Open Network. As part of the preparation for Open Network, we will enact the 6-month KYC grace period and the rolling 6-month window on July 1st, 2024 with specifications on the design to accommodate corner cases of delays caused by the system and the requirement of initial KYC application submitted within the first 3 months and achieving full KYC status and migration within 6 months.

It is time to enact this grace period and the rolling window, because the network needs to go to Open Network in 2024, and because the KYC and migration process for the majority of the network already work, and with additional flexibility built in the design to accommodate people who are stuck due to the system in this process, the enactment of this would only lead to positive results in our speed in achieving KYC and migration goals for Open Network.

Putting the 6-month KYC grace period and rolling window in practice will strike a balance between

giving Pioneers adequate time to pass KYC and migrate while creating enough urgency for people to pass KYC that will accelerate our progress in the Open Network conditions and will also help Pioneers getting more of their Referral and Security Circle bonuses verified and migrated. It will also prevent unverified Pi beyond the rolling six-month KYC period from migrating to the Mainnet, thus creating too much uncertainty for the Open Network and network planning that is unfavorable to the network and all Pioneers, and instead freeing it up for mining by other KYC'ed Pioneers in the future.

During this six month period, Pioneers must take all available actions to complete KYC and Mainnet migration.

We'll release details and a full explanation soon, but it is important to note that being stuck in KYC or Mainnet migrations due to specific system reasons will not count against a Pioneer's six months. Our goal is to ensure that all Pioneers, who can take actions now to progress in this process on their own, do so as soon as possible, and all real, human Pioneers successfully transition to the Mainnet, and that any Pi earned by scriptors, bots, or abandoned accounts is not migrated to the Mainnet and is instead freed up to real Pioneers to mine in the future.

Testnet and Mainnet blockchains preparation

As explained in the recent Node updates blog, to prepare Nodes for the Open Network, in addition to version synchronization and upgrades, it's essential to create a mechanism that allows Nodes to switch between the Testnet and Mainnet blockchains. A new Testnet is created to develop and test this network switching mechanism that will be used when nodes need to transition into Mainnet. This ensures that both the Node application and its backends can handle operations on either blockchain, providing a smooth transition from Testnet to Mainnet. Read the Node updates blog to learn more about the upcoming Testnet changes, the transition and testing plan, and more information about Node operations and best practices.

Second and Future

Migrations

Second and future Mainnet balance migrations are being worked on and on the way! The most important thing while eligible Pioneers wait for a second migration is to ensure their wallets are secure. In the meantime, getting more of your Referral team and Security Circle members to get KYC'ed, especially considering the 6-month grace period and rolling window, will make the second and future migrations more meaningful. The more members of your team complete KYC, the more bonuses mined in your mobile balance attributed to them will get included in your second and future Mainnet migrations.

Pi Community Initiatives Building a strong community within Pi Network is crucial for enhancing the platform's resilience and ensuring its long-term success. By cultivating a culture where Pioneers feel connected and peer-supported, we can lay the groundwork for a robust network that can withstand any challenges that might arise in the future.

Community initiatives are opportunities for social interaction and foster collaboration and innovation, allowing Pioneers to contribute to the network's utility and growth. The time and resources put into these initiatives are essential for a healthy Open Network.

A network is as strong and connected as its participants. And, in developing strong communal attitudes and unity amongst one another, Pioneers are further prepared to overcome any obstacles and shape a sustainable future. In the Web3 future of decentralization, we're built to connect, and Pi's commitment to organizing and supporting community initiatives including social events within Pi Network is a reflection of this.

Participate in such community festivities and learn more below!

Progress to Open Network Challenge

This Pi2Day, Pioneers can contribute to building community simply by having fun. Join the Pi2Day Progress to Open Network Challenge, where you can be the first to see new features, explore the Pi ecosystem, receive unique in-app prizes, and help progress toward Open Network.

This exciting opportunity is only available for two weeks, so don't miss your chance to join fellow

Pioneers in making this Pi2Day a milestone in our journey to the Open Network. Learn the event instructions here and participate in the Pi2Day Challenge on the app home screen!

Upcoming Utility Growth Hackathon

In an upcoming hackathon, we'll be looking for developers to create innovative apps focused on growing the community and ecosystem through PiNet! Hackathons are a fun and mutually beneficial way to grow the utilities on Pi Network, thus helping to propel the network toward Open Network. This hackathon will be focused on growth, so stay tuned for the full announcement and design prototype.

Pi Commerce Apps: PiFest

After the smashing success of the PiFest event in December 2023 which saw thousand of Pioneers and Merchants around the globe transacting in Pi in their local economies,

PiFest is coming back in the near future, but this time with an exciting twist: Pioneers will be able to use the Pi Commerce Apps created by the Pi Commerce Hackathon participants to list and find local stores! This will be a great step forward in Pi's integration with local commerce worldwide. Watch out for details and a full event announcement in the coming months.

A Final Note on Open Network

There's a lot of work and excitement ahead of Pi Network's upcoming launch to Open Network!

Overall, Pi will be best prepared for success at Open Network because of our long-term strategies in building real world, scalable, and lasting utilities. The Enclosed Network period for Pi is a strategic choice, aimed at crafting a robust ecosystem without the distractions and pressures of external factors.

Pioneers have been

dedicated to building utility within the network for years. Pi2Day is the perfect time to both push the community further towards Open Network and take a moment to think more deeply about what Pi will look like when the network opens.

When Pi is part of a broader ecosystem, we're bound to see cool new uses and applications. Eventually, Pi can be connected with other cryptocurrency apps and utilities, as well as with any other traditional ecosystems (like brick and mortar Pi commerce transactions!), and anything else that Pioneers and Pi developers can imagine and make happen.

We know this wait has felt long to Pioneers, but this wait has been purposeful. And as that wait nears an end we're proud of the project we're preparing to release to Open Network. **(Dr. Nicolas Kokkalis, Founder, Pi Network)**

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spearheaded by DOST Region 1 and its partner institutions.

The segment highlighted the SILLAG Startup Summit and hackathon conducted in La Union, with the Ilocos Norte leg serving as a pre-activity for the RSTW in Region 1. SILLAG's mission to help startups achieve growth and success aligns with DOST's broader objectives of fostering innovation and entrepreneurship.

Building anticipation, the June 27, 2024, broadcast featured a comprehensive overview of the upcoming HANDA Pilipinas Luzon Leg and the RSTW in Region 1. DOST-1 ARD for Field Operations, Mr. Decth 1180 P. Libunao, along with Provincial Director of PSTO-Ilocos Sur, Engr. Jordan L. Abad, and the DRRM Focal Person and Supervising SRS of PSTO-Pangasinan, Mr. Michael

John Maquiling, discussed the significance and objectives of these events. ARD Libunao outlined the purpose of HANDA Pilipinas, focusing on raising awareness and enhancing disaster resilience across Luzon under the theme "Innovations in Climate and Disaster Resilience." Meanwhile, the RSTW in Region 1 aims to advance the green economy landscape, offering solutions and opening opportunities under the theme "Providing Solutions, Opening Opportunities in the Green Economy."

Mr. Maquiling provided an in-depth explanation of the activities planned for HANDA Pilipinas Luzon, including a session with DOST Secretary Dr. Renato U. Solidum Jr. on Climate and Disaster Resilience in Luzon. He also detailed various forums covering

Disaster Prevention & Mitigation, Preparedness, Response, Rehabilitation, and Recovery. PD Abad shared the vision for RSTW, emphasizing its goal to offer solutions and create opportunities for the green economy sector in Region 1. The sessions will showcase technologies and innovations ready for adoption, aligning with DOST's four pillars: Wealth Creation, Health Protection, Sustainability, and the Promotion of Human Well-being.

As the countdown to July 3-5, 2024, continues, these promotional events have successfully built excitement and anticipation for the HANDA Pilipinas Luzon Leg and RSTW in Region 1. The stage is set for a transformative experience that will bring together leaders, innovators, and stakeholders to pave the way for a resilient and sustainable future. **(Christian Dominic Casimiro)**

2024 HANDA PILIPINAS:
INNOVATIONS IN CLIMATE AND DISASTER RESILIENCE
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HANDA PILIPINAS is an annual exposition that aims to raise public awareness and adoption of available DOST-developed technological innovations related to risk reduction and management, specifically developed for disaster preparedness, response, rehabilitation, and recovery.

This July 3, 4 and 5, DOST I will host the HANDA PILIPINAS 2024 Luzon Leg, the biggest exposition of cutting-edge technologies and innovative solutions for Disaster Risk Reduction & Management in Luzon.

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Gilas Pilipinas women's team gears up for Jones Cup

After winning the FIBA U18 Asia Cup Division B title in Shenzhen, China last week, the Philippines will be setting its sights on the Jones Cup this month and the qualifying tournament for the FIBA World Cup in August.

The Gilas women's senior team will see action in the Jones Cup set in Chinese Taipei on July 13 to 21, and the pre-qualifiers for the FIBA World Cup in Rwanda scheduled from Aug. 19 to 25.

"Then there's the next SEA (Southeast Asian) Games (2025). We need to get the gold medal again in the SEA Games," Gilas women's program director Patrick Aquino said during the Philippine Sportswriters Association (PSA) Forum at the PSC Conference Room inside the Rizal Memorial Sports Complex on Tuesday.

Also present were head coach Julie Amos, U18 players Ava Fajardo (captain), Naomi Panganiban, Margarete Duenas, Sophia Canindo, Gabby Ramos, Reyes, Alyssa Rodriguez, Alicia Villanueva, Audrey Lapasaran, Ashlyn Abong, Jolzyne Impreso, and Venice Quinte, and former

champion coach Ryan Gregorio, now serving as special assistant to the Samahang Basketbol ng Pilipinas (SBP) president.

The U18 champion team was promoted to Division A for 2026 after sweeping Division B of the Asia Cup.

"This is the future of our women's basketball. I see no more problem for the next years or so. We should continue the program for the 16-under and 18-under with the help of SBP president Al Panlilio and executive director Erika Dy," Aquino said.

However, all members of the U18 team, except for Tiffany Reyes, are no longer eligible to play in 2026.

The 13-year-old Tiffany, who stands 5 feet 11 inches, is the daughter of former PBA player Jay-R Reyes.

"Only one (Tiffany) will be left, so I hope the SBP continues to help us," said

Amos, a former national player.

"But we have a good problem because more players are asking how they can join the team. It's just a matter of identifying the talents that will fit the program."

The promotion of the U18 team to Division A did not surprise Aquino, who played for the UP Fighting Maroons.

"We were expecting it. I knew the girls can do it. And it's a mark for us now around Asia that we can play against the level of China, Japan, and Korea," said Aquino, who steered the National University women's team to six straight titles in the UAAP.

"I hope that someday they can all represent the senior team. They have talents, they can do more. And hopefully, we'll find new faces who will continue with our program. We have a big pool now. It's getting bigger." (PNA)



The Gilas Pilipinas U18 team (PNA photo by Jesus M. Escaros Jr.)

W. Visayas eyes 2024 Palaro crown; to defend 3 regional records

ILOILO CITY – Western Visayas is targeting to bring home this year's Palarong Pambansa crown after a second-place finish during the 2023 national sports event.



PALARONG PAMBANSA. Department of Education Western Visayas Regional Director Ramir Uytico (fourth from left) receives the second place trophy from Vice President Sara Duterte (third from left) during the closing ceremony of the 2023 Palarong Pambansa in Marikina City. This year, the region is aiming for the gold, said DepEd information officer Hernani Escullar Jr. in an interview on Monday (July 1, 2024). (File photo courtesy of Ramir Uytico FB page)

The region with its 933-strong delegation is also ready to defend three new records – two in swimming and one in athletics, Department of Education Western Visayas information officer Hernani Escullar Jr. said in an interview on Monday.

"This is a big challenge for us because we ranked number two last year and third in the preceding year. We were one notch higher," he said.

In the 2023 Palarong Pambansa, Western Visayas set two regional records, including in the

50-meter freestyle and 50-meter backstroke in swimming and discus throwing in athletics, all in secondary boys.

The region bagged 60 golds, 45 silver, and 44 bronze medals, clinching the second post.

"But you know this might be the last Palarong Pambansa with Negros Occidental team. We want to make sure that this year, we get the championship crown. Since we are the home of the champions, we really aim for the gold," Escullar added.

Negros Occidental contributed roughly 40 percent to 50 percent of

the total medal count in 2023.

"Although we are not short of potential because we have many of the best athletes from Panay and Guimaras, we will do our best to hone them once athletes coming from the Negros Island Region will separate," Escullar said.

The delegation from Aklan, Antique, Capiz, Iloilo, and Guimaras will sail to Cebu evening of Friday, while the Negros Occidental team will travel in the morning of Sunday in time for the opening ceremony on July 9. (PNA)

FIVB Challenger Cup kicks off July 4 at Ninoy Aquino Stadium

The 2024 FIVB Women's Volleyball Challenger Cup will kick off on Thursday with two exciting matches at the Ninoy Aquino Stadium inside the historic Rizal Memorial Sports Complex.



European Golden League champion Sweden, bannered by opposite Isabelle Haak, will face Belgium at 5 p.m. after the clash between Puerto Rico and Kenya at 3 p.m.

The 6-foot-4 Haak, who plays for Italian club Imoco Volley Conegliano, was named Most Valuable Player after leading her team to a 25-22, 21-25, 18-25, 25-20, 15-11 victory over host Czech Republic in the final of the European Golden League last June 16 in Ostrava.

Belgium, the European Golden League bronze medalist, will be led by outside hitter Britt Herbots

and middle blocker Silke Van Avermaet.

Meanwhile, Asian Volleyball Confederation (AVC) Challenge Cup bronze medalist Alas Pilipinas will meet Southeast Asia powerhouse Vietnam at 6:30 p.m. on Friday.

Czech Republic will rely on outside hitter Michaela Mlejnkova when it takes on South American Volleyball Confederation's Argentina, the 2019 Challenger Cup bronze medalist, at 3 p.m.

The FIVB Women's Volleyball Challenger Cup is a knockout tournament participated by eight teams from five continental confederations

vying for a spot in the elite FIVB Volleyball Nations League next year.

Winners will advance to Saturday's semifinals, with the battle for third place and the gold medal match set Sunday.

Puerto Rico was among the first to qualify for the Women's VCC, topping the North, Central America and Caribbean Volleyball Confederation (NORCECA) International League Final Four last year.

Kenya, bannered by seasoned middle blocker Trizah Atuka, is the top-ranked African team in the FIVB world rankings. It has qualified for Paris 2024 Olympics. (PNA)

President BBM: 'Final step to finish tollway segments' CAVITEX connector roads' on-time completion gets fresh momentum from Presidential support

The on-time completion of the two connector roads of the Cavite Expressway (CAVITEX) has recently acquired fresh momentum, inspired by the expression of support by President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., when he led the groundbreaking and inauguration of the three CAVITEX links or connector roads in different locations in one day.



CAVITEX- CALAX Link Groundbreaking Ceremony Photo (from left to right) : Philippine Reclamation Authority General Manager and CEO Engr. Cesar S. Siador Jr., Cavite Vice Governor Athena D. Tolentino, DPWH Secretary Manuel M. Bonoan, His Excellency, President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr., Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC) Chairman Manuel V. Pangilinan, MPTC President and CEO Mr. Rogelio L. Singson, Cavite Infrastructure Corporation President and General Manager, Mr. Raul L. Ignacio.

"The Presidential declaration of support for these major infrastructure projects has energized us all in completing the projects on time, leaving no stone unturned to finish the job," thus declared Raul L. Ignacio, president of the CAVITEX Infrastructure Corporation, a subsidiary of the larger Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC) of the MVP Group.

"Final step to enhance transport infra. In his speech, President Marcos called the actions taken only last week as "the final step in completing the CAVITEX C5 Link Expressway, enhancing our transportation infrastructure network on behalf of countless motorists and passengers." And "the [CAVITEX]-CALAX Link, originating from Kawit, Cavite, is a 1.2-kilometer connection whose length may be short, but its impact will be substantial. By establishing a direct connection to CALAX, we also ease the traffic congestion at the busy intersection of Tirona Highway and Centennial Road."

With this, we anticipate a significant improvement in the road network connectivity from Kawit to the greater CALABARZON region.

President Marcos and his transport-related Cabinet members were joined by Manuel V. Pangilinan, MPTC Chairman, Mr. Rogelio Singson, President and CEO of Metro Pacific Tollways, and Mr. Raul L. Ignacio, President and General Manager of Cavite Infrastructure Corporation.

Two contractors: Beat

the deadline. DMCI, under a P3.3 billion contract, has committed to meet the construction deadline to finish Segment 3B, the final portion of the CAVITEX C5 Link, a six (6) lane 2.0 km expressway connecting CAVITEX at Paranaque in the West and C5 Road Taguig in the East.

This segment will enable motorists to travel from Cavite to Taguig City, bypassing a number of service roads.

EEI will be completing the 1.3-km. dual 2-lane CAVITEX-CALAX Link Extension also in August 2025, envisioned to stimulate commerce and industry in Cavite, Laguna and Metro Manila.

"The Presidential imprimatur has resonated

as the President's marching orders for our CIC project managers and our two contractors to speed up the construction so that the two segments will be ready for full operations on August 2025," Ignacio pointed out.

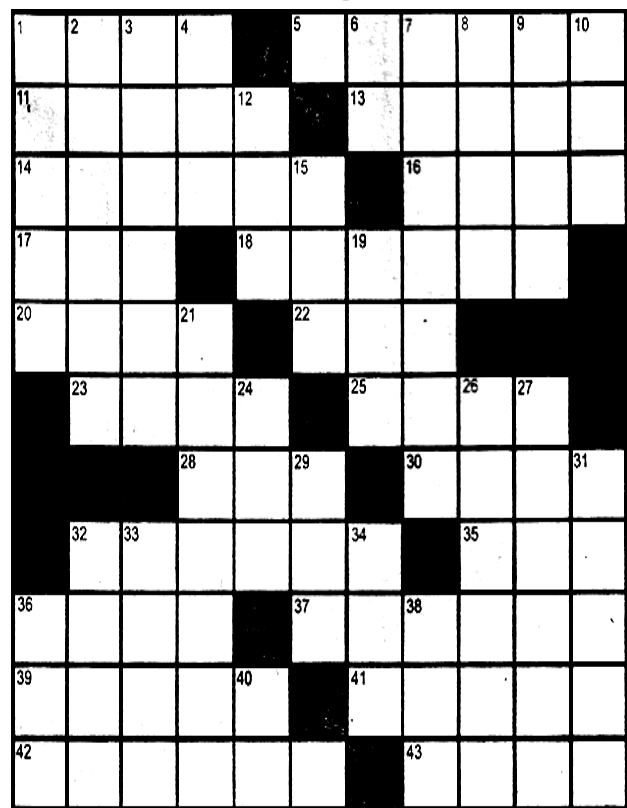
Right-of-way acquisition. For both construction projects, Ignacio earlier met his right-of-way (ROW) acquisition team in order to resolve all issues to ultimately clear the way for the road alignments and access roads. Progress has been made in CIC's mix of persuasive initiatives addressed to project affected persons (PAPs) made up of legal, financial and communication strategies, Ignacio added.

At press time, the ROW status of Segment 3B of the C5 Link stands at 70.60 percent, leaving the CIC ROW project managers only 29.4 percent balance to finish the job, Ignacio added. On the other hand, the progress of the CAVITEX-CALAX Link ROW acquisition is ahead with 77.14 percent, leaving CIC only 22.86 percent to clear the way for this alignment.

"With this new impetus from the Palace, we will beat our construction deadline – and the winner is every motorist and passenger south of Metro Manila and beyond," Ignacio said.

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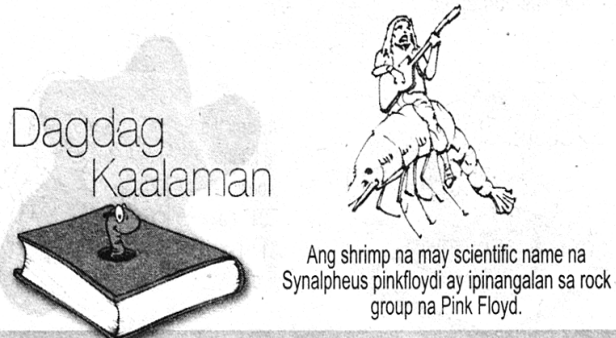
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EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF BANK DEPOSIT OF THE LATE TERESITA REYES SOLIS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE PUBLIC THAT This Deed made and executed by and among: 1. REGINA SOLIS SIERRA married to Russel Tanagras Sierra, of legal age, Filipino citizen and a resident of Querubin Subdivision, Brgy. Ibayo Silangan, Naic, Cavite; and 2. RUTHER JIM SOLIS married to Maria Cecilia Villados Solis, of legal age, Canadian citizen and presently residing at 301-1222 Plessis Road Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada R2C3L3, hereby: DECLARE AND MAKE MANIFEST: 1. THAT, we are the only legitimate heirs being the only surviving children of the deceased **TERESITA REYES SOLIS**, who died on June 29, 2023 at Naic, Cavite; 2. THAT, at the time of her death, the deceased TERESITA REYES SOLIS was a resident of Naic, Cavite and died without any obligation to any person or persons and died without any will; 3. THAT, the deceased, TERESITA REYES SOLIS left a Bank Deposit in Bank of the Philippine Islands (BPI), Rosario, Cavite branch, a peso saving deposit account under Account No. 001003-1636-67 amounting to **SIX HUNDRED TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY FIVE PESOS & 04/100 CENTS (PHP602.255.04)**; 4. THAT WE, hereby divide and adjudicate as we have hereby divided and adjudicated among ourselves the above-described Bank Deposit including all our interests and participation, equally, Pursuant to Sec. 1 Rule 74 of the Revised Rules of Court. This has been the subject of EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF BANK DEPOSIT OF THE LATE TERESITA REYES SOLIS duly executed on the 7th day of June 2023 at Naic, Cavite, Philippines by the Heirs before Notary Public **Atty. Jose A. Mendoza**, as per Doc. No. 62, Page No. 14, Book No. XXIV, Series of 2024.

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Ang shrimp na may scientific name na *Synalpheus pinkfloydi* ay ipinangalan sa rock group na Pink Floyd.

Project Nexus completes comprehensive blueprint for connecting domestic instant payment systems globally and prepares for work towards live implementation



Project Nexus Phase 4 Launch and Signing Ceremony held at Basel, Switzerland on 30 June 2024. Photo shows (from left) Governor Sethaput Suthiwartnarueput of Bank of Thailand, Governor Eli M. Remolona Jr. of Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, Governor Shri Shaktikanta Das of Reserve Bank of India, General Manager Agustín Carstens of Bank for International Settlements, Governor Datuk Abdul Rasheed Ghaffour of Bank Negara Malaysia, and Managing Director Chia Der Jiun of Monetary Authority of Singapore



DOST 1 to bridge Resilience and Sustainability at Handa Pilipinas Luzon Leg and RSTW in Region 1

In the lead-up to the HANDA Pilipinas Luzon Leg and the Regional Science, Technology, and Innovation Week (RSTW) in Region 1, the Department of Science and Technology Regional Office 1 (DOST-1) has been actively engaging the community through a series of informative episodes. These episodes, broadcast on Tekno Presyensa: Syensya ken Teknolohiya para kadagiti Umili in partnership with DZAG Radyo Pilipinas Agoo, aim to highlight key innovations and set the stage for the upcoming events.



On May 30, 2024, DOST-1 featured the Unsinkable Portable Boat designed by Mr. Ronald P. Pagsanghan. This innovative intervention, particularly beneficial for urban areas, is supported by DOST to enhance disaster response. Highlighting its significance, this technology will be one of the key exhibits at the HANDA Pilipinas Luzon Leg. Attendees will also witness the upgraded version of this boat, showcasing its advanced capabilities and potential impact on urban disaster management. The promotional efforts continued on June 13, 2024, with a spotlight on Sustainability, Innovation, Leadership, Linkages, Access, and Growth (SILLAG) - Region 1. Led by Project Leader and Provincial Director of PSTO-Pangasinan, Engr. Arnold C. Santos, this startup consortium is a collaborative effort

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* Nexus is a BIS Innovation Hub project that seeks to enhance cross-border payments by connecting multiple domestic instant payment systems (IPS) globally.

* It is the first BIS Innovation Hub project in the payments area to move towards live implementation. BIS to play advisory role as Project Nexus sets up operational scheme and opens to potential new participants across the globe.

* BIS will facilitate central banks and IPS operators of India, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand as they work towards live implementation in the next phase, with Bank of Indonesia as special observer.

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) and partners today announced that they have completed the comprehensive blueprint for phase three of Project Nexus, which will allow ready participants to work towards the next stage of seamlessly connecting their instant payment systems.

Phase four will see the Central Bank of Malaysia, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, the Monetary Authority of Singapore, the Bank of Thailand and domestic IPS operators – who worked together in phase three – joined by the Reserve Bank of India, expanding the potential user base to India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI), the world's largest IPS. ► PROJECT NEXUS • 3

Congratulations, DOST Undersecretary for Regional Operations, Engr. Sancho A. Maborang!

Undersecretary Maborang is one of the awardees of the Gintong Medalya for Government Services. This award is given to exceptional Cagayanos in recognition of their intelligence, integrity, perseverance, enthusiasm, service, and aspirations for government service.



The said award is a proof of his dedication and passion for nation-building; he has served various communities in exceptional ways, went above and beyond his call of duty, and acted as an inspiration to his peers through science, technology, and innovation.

"Bilang isang Cagayano, ang parangal na ito ay may espesyal na kahalagahan at kahulugan.

Ito ay nagpapaalala na walang hangganang ang potensyal na namamalagi sa loob ng bawat isa sa atin. Ang talino at kapamaraan, na nakatanim sa ating pamanang Cagayano (o Cagayan heritage), ay kahalintulad ng mga katangian na nagtutulak sa pag-unlad ng siyensya, teknolohiya, at inobasyon sa ating lawigan at sa buong bansa." Undersecretary Maborang emphasized in his message.

"Sa pagkilalang ito, inaanyayahan ko rin po kayo na makiisa, at sama-sama, tulong-tulong nating gawin ang Lalawigan ng Cagayan bilang isang matibay na sentro ng lakas ng agham, teknolohiya, at pagbabago, lalong- ► CONGRATULATIONS • 3