

PH SIGNS MOUS ON SUSTAINABLE AGRIBUSINESS, CLIMATE CHANGE WITH ASEAN MEMBERS

The private sectors from the Philippines and eight other state members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations-Business Advisory Council (ASEAN-BAC) signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) in Jakarta, Indonesia on Tuesday, for agriculture cooperation and small business development, seeking to boost ASEAN efforts towards economic integration.

The MOU aims to jointly conduct "studies and mentorship channels with Filipinos for potential

agriculture, agriculture technology, food security, agri-preneurship business models and value chain

development among small, medium, and large farmers, enterprises, and government entities."

Separate MOUs were signed for each cooperation with Thailand, Brunei, Singapore, Laos,

Cambodia, Vietnam, Myanmar, and Indonesia through their respective ASEAN-BAC representatives.

The Philippines was represented by ASEAN-BAC Philippines Chairman

Jose Ma. Concepcion III, the founder of Go Negosyo.

The development of trade and investment opportunities in various agricultural commodities

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PGC extends medical care and other health services to Gentriseños



Another run of PGCs medical mission was conducted at Tropical Village, Brgy. San Francisco, General Trias, Cavite, last August 30, 2023, as part of the effort to improve the health and wellness of Gentriseños.

Five hundred sixty-five patients availed the free medical consultation, check-ups and prescription medicine, rendered by the medical health professionals from the office of the Provincial Health Officer comprised of Dr. Rozelle Frances Avey C. Flores and Dr. Gilbert G. Mortel, CCMH nurse Rolvie Joy A. Arcon,

and GEAMH midwives. They also received mosquito repellent-lotion from the staff, as part of anti-dengue campaign program.

During the event, Ms. Imelda B. Mabituin of CPCPH, led the distribution of Family Planning paraphernalia such as contraceptive pills and condoms.

In addition, Dr. Maria Victoria S. Torres, spearheaded the vaccination for children, which include Inactivated Poliovirus vaccine (IPV), Measles-Rubella (MR), Polio vaccine (OPV) and Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV). Likewise, nutrition services were also provided for the benefit of the constituents. (OPIO)

DTI Rizal joins Go Negosyo's 3M On Wheels program to empower entrepreneurs



August 26, 2023 - The Department of Trade and Industry - Rizal took a pioneering step towards fostering business growth by actively participating in the "Go Negosyo's 3M On Wheels" program. This transformative initiative was held at the Robinsons Antipolo Atrium, Expansion Mall, attracting more than 500 Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) who enthusiastically engaged in the mobile mentorship program led by Go Negosyo. ► DTI • 4

Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino (KWF), Lalahok sa MIBF!

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Ang Aklat ng Bayan ng KWF ay mabibili sa idaraos na MIBF 2023 ngayong Setyembre.

Lalahok ang Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino (KWF) sa Manila International Book Fair (MIBF) sa 14-17 Setyembre 2023, 10:00 nu-8:00 ng, SMX Convention Center, Lungsod Pasay.

Itatampok ng KWF ang mga aklat pangwika at pangkultura na kinabibilangan ng Nananalamin: Tatlong Dulang Sumasalamin sa Kontemporaryong Pamilya ni Luciano Sonny Valencia; Pananalig sa Batà: Kasaysayan at Panunuri sa Muling Pagsasalaysay at Pagsasalig Pambatà sa Filipino ni Wenniferlyn F. Fajilan; Mga Kuwentong-bayan ng Timog Cordillera: Ortograpiyang Ibaloy at Kankanaey ni Komisyoner Jimmy B. Fong; Mga Dula ni Njel De Mesa ni Njel De Mesa; Jonas: Nobela sa Wikang Sebwan ni Hannah A. Leceña, at marami pang iba.

Tampok din ang mga aklat ni Tagapangulong Arthur P. Casanova na Mga Drama para sa Dulaang Pambata, Mga Dula para sa Teatrong Pambata, at Batang Mandirigma at Lima pang Dula.

Ang KWF ay naniniwala na ang paglalathala ng mga publikasyon ay isang paraan ng pagtatanghal sa kapasidad ng wikang Filipino bilang wika ng malikhain at intelektuwal na gawain. Isang paraan ito ng pag-iimbak ng karunungan sa iba't ibang disiplina na Filipino ang wika sa pagsulat at saliksik.

EDITORIAL

OTOP's moment has arrived to empower more MSMEs

Micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) have been navigating turbulent waters in recent years. The lingering effects of the pandemic, coupled with present challenges like inflation, lack of access to credit, and geopolitical tensions, have tested their resilience. In these trying times, MSMEs need all the support they can get.

Thankfully, help is now on the horizon in the form of Republic Act (RA) 11960, or the "Act Institutionalizing the One Town, One Product (OTOP) Philippines Program." This crucial legislation, signed into law by the President on Aug. 25, 2023, promises to be a game-changer not only for the MSMEs but for the entire business sector.

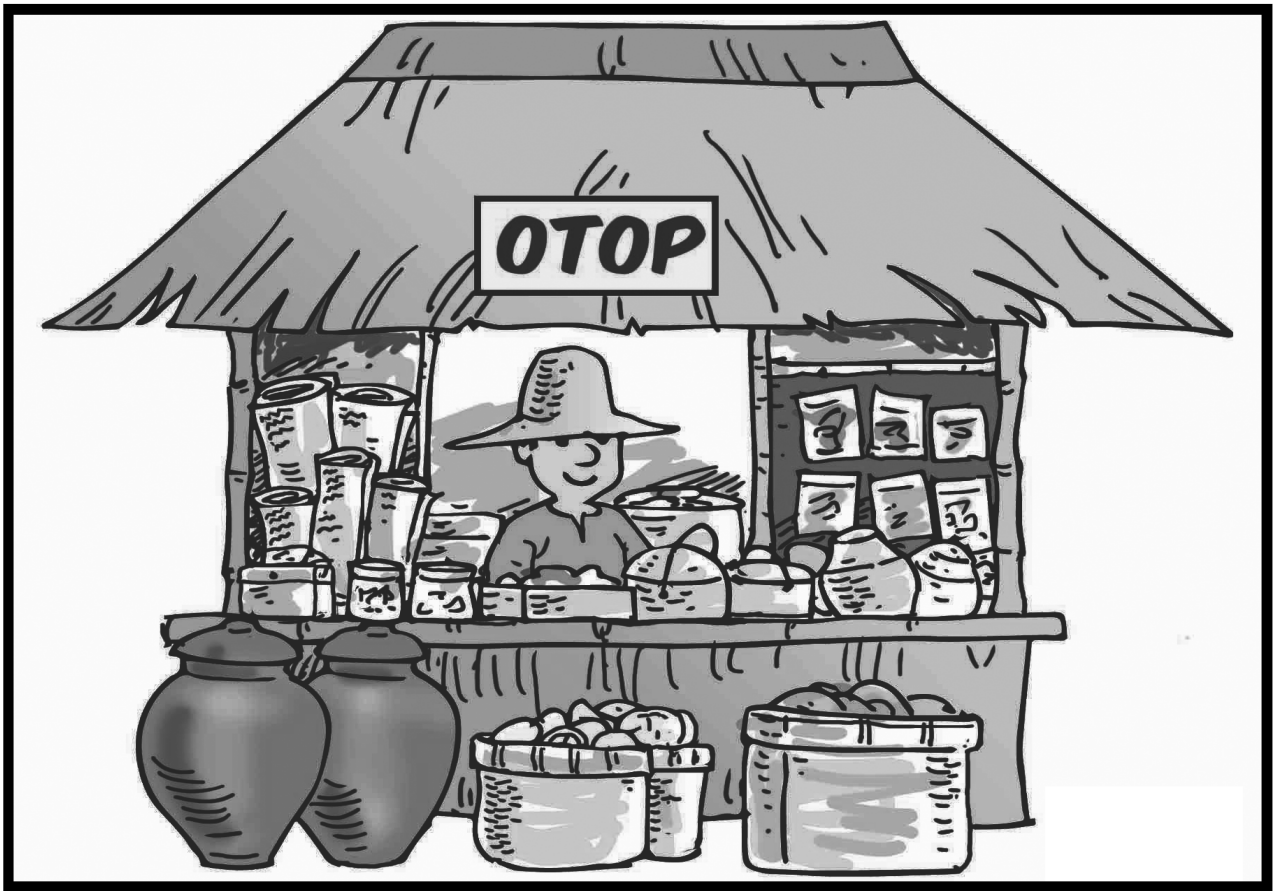
According to a statement from Malacañang, RA 11960 is designed to "develop a self-reliant and independent national economy effectively controlled by Filipinos through policies and programs that drive inclusive local economic activity and boost national economic growth." Furthermore, it aims to "provide adequate and effective support services for local MSMEs, led by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) in collaboration with various agencies."

Senate President Pro Tempore Loren Legarda, the principal author and co-sponsor of the bill, hailed this legislation as a "monumental milestone for the MSME sector," recognizing its role as "one of the backbones of the Philippine economy." She emphasized that this law would not only cater to MSMEs but also serve as a strategic tool for achieving a more inclusive economic growth trajectory.

Legarda explained that RA 11960 institutionalizes the OTOP program that "promotes local products and capacitates the MSMEs through developing indigenous raw materials, utilizing local skills and talents, and featuring local traditions and cultures across the country." Moreover, it also "addresses critical gaps in entrepreneurial skills, market compliance, and access to local and foreign markets."

"The OTOP law is a long time coming. We are now in an era where every role of the Filipino, whether big or small, is deemed crucial toward a progressive nation. This law assures Filipino local businesses of our continuous commitment to MSMEs in upholding their welfare and growth," Legarda added.

On the part of the House, Speaker Martin Romualdez said that the new law is the "true embodiment of the Filipino-first policy" and a "perfect post-pandemic law that would go a long way in helping the MSMEs."



What sets this law apart is its comprehensive package of assistance for MSMEs. It offers support in various facets, including quality improvement, product development, design, packaging, standards compliance, marketability, production capacity, and brand development, empowering Filipino businesses to create world-class products.

Soon, the DTI will introduce the "OTOP Philippines Trustmark," a symbol of assurance that products under the program represent the best that our country has to offer.

The significance of the OTOP law cannot be

overstated, particularly in a time when the local economy needs to regain its momentum. MSMEs play a pivotal role in providing livelihoods for millions of Filipino families. Their success ensures that not only will the majority have decent jobs, but it also guarantees that there will be food on their tables. The profitability of MSMEs empowers workers to provide a better future for their children, thus creating a ripple effect of progress and stability throughout our society.

With the law now passed, it is now time for concerned agencies to buckle down and put in the hard work needed to fully harness its potential.

Cavite teacher, kauna-unahang Filipino language prof sa Harvard University

I pinakilala na ng Harvard University ang kauna-unahan nilang Filipino language instructor na si Lady Aileen Orsal, na dating faculty member sa Cavite State University.



Sa inilabas na anunsyo, sinabi ng Harvard University Asia Center and the Department of South Asian Studies na magtuturo si Orsal ng "elementary and intermediate Filipino (Tagalog) courses in Fall 2023."

Sa halos 400 taon ng kasaysayan ng Harvard, sinabi ng unibersidad na ngayon lang ituturo doon ang kursong Filipino.

Ang Filipino (o Tagalog) ang ika-apat na lengguwahe na binibigkas umano sa Amerika, matapos ang English, Spanish, at Chinese.

"Thanks to a generous gift, this new Preceptor position is funded through an endowment that ensures that Filipino languages will always be taught at Harvard," ayon sa pahayag.

Sa pagpapakilala kay Orsal, sinabi ng Harvard na si Lady Aileen ay isang "dedicated, creative, and effective teacher who is committed to being a leader in Filipino language pedagogy."

Nagturo rin ng Filipino language sa Center for Southeast Asian Studies sa Northern Illinois University noong 2018.

Unang inanunsyo ng

Harvard na magkakaroon sila ng Tagalog language courses noong Marso.

Ginawa ito makaraang punahin ni Eleanor V. Wikstrom, co-president ng Harvard Philippine Forum at Crimson Editorial Chair, sa kaniyang opinion article sa kanilang pahayagan sa unibersidad ang kawalan ng Tagalog language course sa Harvard. — **FRJ, GMA Integrated News**

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PHILIPPINE ORTHOPEDIC CENTER RECEIVES PHP200-MILLION CASH ASSISTANCE FROM OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Fulfilling the commitment of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. to prioritize the health sector in the Philippines, the Office of the President (OP) has provided PhP200 million in financial assistance to the Philippine Orthopedic Center (POC).

POC Medical Center Chief Dr. Jose Pujalte Jr. said that the financial assistance from the OP will go a long way in sustaining the operations of the country's prime orthopedic center, especially with the upsurge in the cases of injuries in the country.

"To achieve true universal health care, we need the confluence of a leader's vision, the dedication and expertise of the health workers, and wherewithal," Pujalte said in his letter of acceptance and gratitude to the OP.

"For the Filipino

orthopedic sick, injured, and crippled: this moment has arrived," he added.

Aside from helping in-need Filipino orthopedic patients, Pujalte said that the cash assistance will also help in their efforts to modernize the POC by procuring state-of-the-art hospital facilities and equipment.

He added that the assistance is a manifestation of the commitment of President Marcos to uphold the welfare of orthopedic patients, as promised during his second State of the Nation Address

(SONA).

He noted that the POC has been operational since the '40s.

"Our hospital kasi was designated as a national specialty center in orthopedics. That means that it's an apex center. It's an apex hospital, and for us to qualify, our equipment have - they have to become modern and 'yung medyo state-of-the-art. So that's where we're going, in that direction because right now the Universal Healthcare is being implemented," Pujalte said.

"And, during the SONA

of President Marcos last July, he specifically mentioned the development of specialty centers and included (in) that, of course, (are) orthopedics, bolts, and joints," he added.

Pujalte said that they can now accommodate more than 600 patients daily, with the donation received from the Office of the President, in compliance with the Universal Healthcare Law which provides that all Filipinos must be able to avail of affordable, accessible and quality medical care. |PND



DTI Rizal, TESDA Cainta celebrate National Tech Voc Day with Technician Training

22-23 August 2023 | In celebration of the National Tech Voc Day, DTI Rizal Provincial Office was invited by the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority Cainta Training Center to present DTI Programs to their TVET graduates through Entrepreneurial Seminar with the Trabaho, Negosyo at Kabuhayan program. TESDA Center Administrator Evangeline Plazo appreciated the support of DTI Rizal in developing aspiring entrepreneurs.

DTI Rizal's Business Development Division Chief Sharon Dioco presented the programs and assistance for MSME development. She discussed flagship programs such as Kapatid Mentor Me-Money Market Encounter, One Town One Product, Industry Cluster as well as Rizal-

initiated projects such as CHAMPS (Collaborative Harnessing Assistance Mentoring Program for SMEs), STRIPE (Series of Trainings on Intellectual Property for Entrepreneurs), Digital Tuesdays and Fintech Fridays. Consumer Protection Division Trade & Industry Development Specialist Joanna Caldito

shared DTI Requirements on Refrigeration and air Conditioning Servicing Companies. She reiterated that this accreditation ensures that the enterprises have the necessary tools, equipment and facilities and its technical personnel have the required expertise to provide the services.



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The event was graced by the presence of Cleotilde M. Duran, Officer-in-Charge Provincial Director of DTI Rizal, Meliton Oliver R. Darvin, President of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry - Antipolo, Hon. Danilo O. Leyble, District Board Member of Antipolo, as well as Go Negosyo's accomplished mentors and Rizal's local mentors. Partner exhibitors also extended their services to entrepreneurs from different regions of Rizal and beyond.

Originating from the Philippine Center for Entrepreneurship, Go Negosyo's 3M On Wheels program stands as a revolutionary mobile mentorship initiative with the goal of enhancing the

capacity and development of entrepreneurs through face-to-face mentoring sessions. The event featured invaluable one-on-one coaching sessions conducted by accredited mentors. These sessions equipped participants with personalized business insights and guidance drawn from seasoned entrepreneurs. Furthermore, the event provided a unique opportunity for MSMEs to foster meaningful connections with fellow business owners, mentors, and professionals within their industry. Notably, partner exhibitors and national agencies showcased their offerings, effectively bringing their programs and services directly to entrepreneurs. DTI Rizal played a

pivotal role in the event, offering essential business name registration and business consultancy services through its dedicated booth. This service was extended to both existing and aspiring MSMEs keen on benefiting from the mentoring program.

One enthusiastic entrepreneur, hailing from Taytay Rizal, shared, "Since I've been into business since 2019, gusto kong magkaroon ng insights kung paano palaguin ang business ko, ano yung mga channels na kailangan. Maraming salamat sa inyo."

This collaboration between Go Negosyo, DTI Rizal, and PCCI Antipolo effectively empowered entrepreneurs by granting them access to a plethora of opportunities tailored to MSME development and capacity enhancement.



EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given to the public that this EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE made and entered into this 6th day of September 2023 by and among: SUSANA MUNSAYAC CUEVAS, of legal age, Filipino citizen, single, and with residence and postal address at 1754 Tripa De Gallina St., Pasay City; CATHERINE CUEVAS RAMIREZ, of legal age, Filipino citizen, married, and with residence and postal address at Block 16 Lot 3 Ipil St., Macaria Homes Phase 1 Molino II Bacoor Cavite; CONCEPCION CUEVAS NEBRIA, of legal age Filipino citizen, married, and with residence and postal address at Block 2 Lot 6 Greentown Village 3 Bayan Luma 1, Imus Cavite; MARILYN CUEVAS GUTIERREZ, of legal age, Filipino citizen, married, and with residence and postal address at Block 19 Lot 36 Paris St., San Marino Salawag. That we are the legal heirs of SPS. CONSORCIO MADRID CUEVAS who died on June 22, 2023 in Dasmarinas Cavite and PURIFICACION MUNSAYAC CUEVAS who died on December 11, 2022 in That said deceased died without any will or testament and without any outstanding debts in favor of any person or entity; That said deceased, at the time of his death, left a certain real property, situated in City of Dasmarinas Cavite and more particularly described as follows, to wit: TCT NO. 398639 A PARCEL OF LAND LOT 32 BLOCK 19 SITUATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DASMARINAS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, CONTAINING AN AREA OF THIRTY FIVE (35) SQUARE METERS MORE OR LESS. That pursuant to Section 1 of Rule 74 of the Revised Rules of Court of the Philippines, and we being all of age and with full capacity to contract, we do hereby adjudicate unto ourselves the land described above, in equal shares. It has been the subject of Extra-Judicial Settlement of Estate duly executed on September 6, 2023 by the heirs before Notary Public Atty. ATTY. HENRY D. ADASA, identified as Doc. No. 121, Page No. 27, Book No. IX, Series of 2023.

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THE NUN 2 IS ARRIVING AT SM CINEMA! Pray for forgiveness and get ready to confess your sins on September 6 because The Nun 2 is arriving at SM Cinema! Uncover the greatest secret as Sister Irene (portrayed by Taissa Farmiga) gets entangled on yet another murder mystery and face again the strong, terrorizing demon nun – Valak. Catch The Nun 2 in IMAX for a larger-than-life horror adventure that will you on the edge of your seat. Immerse yourself and be haunted by every terrifying scene with the best cinematic experience from SM Cinema's huge and crystal-clear screen display and laser projector. You won't be able to unhear the chilling screams with SM Cinema's digital surround sound. Pair these with Snack Time's best snacks and aromatic popcorn for a more enjoyable horror movie date night. Valak is invading your late nights and midnights too! If you're looking for night terrors, the late and midnight screening is for you. Visit www.smcinema.com or @SMCinema on social media to know more about the participating branches and great deals you can grab for the best movie experience.

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future in the Indo-Pacific region with ASEAN at its core.

"To further expand mutual trade, we should continue efforts at enhancing ASEAN connectivity and supply chains," he said.

Marcos also recognized Canada's continued support for education in ASEAN and its Feminist International Assistance Policy, including its support for the ASEAN Institute for Peace and Reconciliation (AIPR) through the Canada

Fund for Local Initiatives. Earlier, President Marcos and Canadian Prime Minister Trudeau had a bilateral meeting at the sidelines of the summit, where Trudeau invited him to visit Canada next year as the two countries celebrate 75 years of diplomatic relations. | PND

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Innovation (STI). This strategic alignment is expected to bring many benefits, such as knowledge exchanges, technological breakthroughs, and finding innovative solutions that can improve the STI efforts of the country.

For DOST, research and development projects on OneLab Network, SETUP (Small Enterprise Technology Upgrading Program) and CEST (Community

Empowerment through Science and Technology), alongside the areas of cooperation outlined in the MOU are envisioned to be continued. These are R&D programs focused on upgrading and supporting countryside development and empowering the marginalized communities in the country, through S&T interventions in five entry points: health and nutrition, water and sanitation, basic education and literacy, livelihood/

economic enterprise development, and disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation.

Notably, it is important to highlight that the DOST and the US-ASEAN Business Council formalized a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in 2019. This MOU stands as a testament to the joint efforts in promoting the development and implementation of government-driven science, technology, and innovation initiatives within the private sector. (30)

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including rubber, rice, corn, fruits, vegetables, and other agricultural services is expected to be explored under this joint

cooperation. All member-states also agreed to jointly promote effective strategies in addressing climate change

and ensure a sustainable agribusiness environment.

The Philippines has already signed the same MOU with Malaysia during President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s state visit to Malaysia in July 2023. | PND

Grand Love, Grand Fun: Have a grand time at SM with your lolos and lolas this Grandparents Day!

SM Supermalls is rolling out the red carpet for the pillars of society that light up our lives. Yes, it's Grandparents Day at SM! And this year, the celebration is bigger, bolder, and bursting with more fun than ever before. Brace yourselves for a grand time with your lolos and lolas that promise unforgettable memories, heartfelt moments, and a whole lot of groove.



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Grannies Food Fiesta: Where cravings are satisfied, grannies-style!

Indulge in a feast that is sprinkled with a dash of love for your grand folks. SM Supermalls will be giving grand dining deals—free treats, desserts, and meals—for lolos and lolas who will celebrate Grandparents Day at the malls. Enjoy comfort food at its finest with your best grannies, and it's all served with a side of cherished family moments.

Snap picture-perfect memories with your folks

What's a celebration without capturing the moments that matter most? Take your whole family to SM Supermalls' designated spots and step into a beautifully designed frame with your grandparents. Whether it's a goofy grin or a heartfelt hug, strike a pose with your folks and don't forget to share it online!

Groove like nobody's watching at the Grannies Disco Tunes

Get ready for live performances that will make you want to dance, groove, and simply let loose. From timeless tunes that your grandparents loved in the 70s and 80s that had everyone on their feet, it's a celebration of life, love, and endless fun at SM Supermalls' Grannies Disco Tunes.

Seniorpreneur Bazaar

Age is just a number, and the Seniorpreneur Bazaar is living proof! Get ready to shop 'til you drop as senior entrepreneurs showcase their products. From handmade crafts that will add a touch of magic to your home to delicious treats that will satisfy your sweet tooth, this bazaar is all about celebrating the creativity and innovation of our grand folks.

Say a prayer for

lolo and lola

Amidst all the excitement, it's important to take a moment to utter a prayer for our grand folks. The Special Mass for Grannies is a beautiful way to come together, offer blessings, and reflect on the journey of life that our grandparents have guided us through. It's a moment of serenity and connection that adds a meaningful touch to the festivities.

This Grandparents Day, SM Supermalls is throwing a celebration that's all about honoring the ones who've helped us grow and learn. So take your grandparents to your favorite SM mall and get ready to have a grand time at the Grandparents Day festivities!

To know more about SM Supermalls' fun activities for the whole family, visit www.smsupermalls.com or follow @SMSupermalls on social media.

PBBM: ASEAN MUST NOT ALLOW INTERNATIONAL ORDER TO BE SUBJECTED TO HEGEMONIC AMBITION

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) is facing a challenge of whether to allow the international order to be subjected to the forces of might or hegemonic ambition with regard to the South China Sea issue, President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr said on Tuesday as he reiterated the Philippines' commitment to the peaceful resolution of disputes.

In his intervention during the 43rd ASEAN Summit Retreat, Marcos said, "History will ultimately judge whether the supremacy of the rule of law prevails, ushering in an era where all nations truly stand as equals, independent and unswayed by any single power."

"The challenge for us remains: that we should never allow the international order to be subjected to the forces of might applied for a hegemonic ambition," he said.

Marcos said that the Philippines is committed to continue working with all countries to foster a rules-based international order, as well as in upholding and exercising freedom of navigation and overflight in the South China Sea in

accordance with international law, including the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).

The Philippines is not seeking conflict but will always rise to meet challenges to its sovereignty, sovereign rights, and maritime jurisdiction in the South China Sea, the President said.

"The Philippines firmly rejects misleading narratives that frame the disputes in the South China Sea solely through the lens of strategic competition between two powerful countries. This not only denies us of our independence and agency, but also disregards our own legitimate interests."

Marcos called for self-restraint on activities that complicate disputes in the region and undermine

regional peace, stability, and security, underscoring that actions, not words, should be the ultimate measure of their commitment to securing peace and stability.

"We therefore seek your support for the operationalization of practical measures such as the ADMM Guidelines for Maritime Interaction, which we envision will be expanded to our external partners in due time," he pointed out.

"The Philippines is also pleased to have hosted the 2nd ASEAN Multilateral Naval Exercise (AMNEX) off Zambales and Bataan, and the 40th Meeting of the JWG-DOC2 in Manila to expedite the negotiations for a substantive and effective Code of Conduct (COC) in the South China Sea."

He also emphasized the need for all parties involved to leverage on the ASEAN regional architecture to serve as a diplomatic bridge that promotes mutual understanding, strategic trust, and peaceful settlement of disputes.

Marcos warned that as tensions and mistrust between the great powers escalate, so does the prospect of miscalculation that could threaten to engulf the region, with severe consequences for all. (PND)



President Bongbong Marcos

BAUERTEK CORP. TO BUILD NEW HUGE FACILITY THRU DOST SUPPORT

THE government through the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) continues to extend help to private institutions that render services in the development of science and technology in the country.



The most recent of which is the plan to build a new and huge facility for "Extraction and Processing of High Purity Curcumin, Piperine, Allicin, Jamun and other Bioactive Compounds for Food and Agriculture Industry," by Bauertek Corporation, a research, development and manufacturing facility in Guiguinto, Bulacan.

This was made possible through DOST's Business Innovation through Science and Technology (BIST), according to Dr. Richard Nixon Gomez, a scientist, inventor and the general manager of Bauertek Corp.

The good news was relayed by Gomez to the

attendees of the weekly Media Health Forum on Monday, Sept. 4, after Bauertek, DOST through Secretary Renato Solidum, Enrico Paringit, Executive Director of Philippine Council for Industry, Energy, and Emerging Technology Research and Development (DOST-PCIEERD) and Region 3 Director Julius Caesar Sicat signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). The signing ceremony took place at the Bauertek office on Sept. 1.

"This is the first time that the government signed this kind of program in Central Luzon or Region 3," Gomez disclosed. The

groundbreaking for the new facility will be in the middle of October.

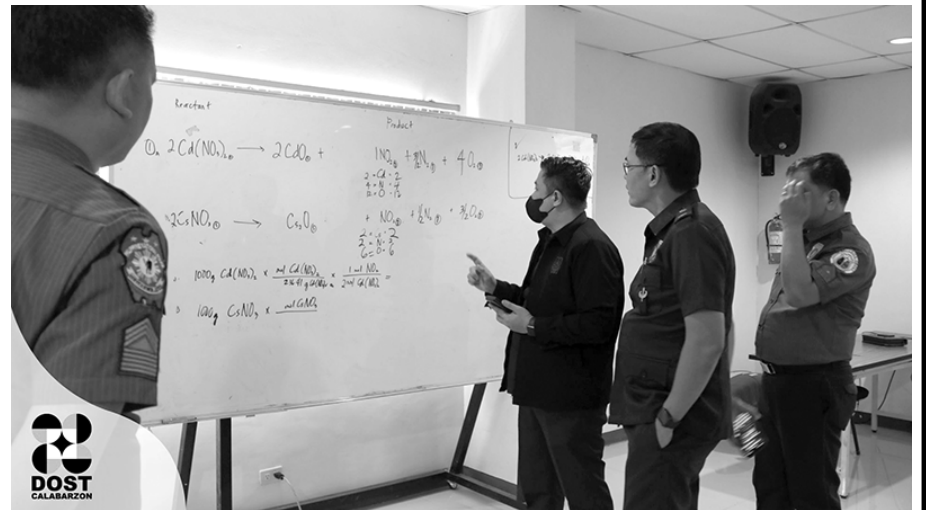
Bauertek, the "mother" facility is a high-end company and of international standards, is many times bigger than the former and the best of its kind in Asia, Gomez said.

The company is known to be an excellent manufacturer of various food supplements and a high-end facility in research and development as well.

Bauertek Corporation is the first company in Central Luzon to be granted with DOST support through BIST. (Nelson Santos-PAPI)

ICP, DOST-CALABARZON capacitated Basic Training Course on the Fundamentals of Chemical SDS of PNP

The Integrated Chemists of the Philippines (ICP) and the Philippine National Police (PNP) conducted a 7-day event that extended from August 14 to 18 and resumed on August 22 to 23. The Basic Training Course on the Fundamentals of Chemical Safety and the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) aimed at enhancing the knowledge and expertise of PNP personnel in chemical safety and hazard management which reinforced their dedication to safeguarding both its officers and the communities they serve.



Hosted by various regional offices of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), including DOST-CALABARZON, the training provided an opportunity for PNP personnel to delve into the intricacies of chemical safety and hazard management. The comprehensive course covered a wide range of topics, ensuring that participants gained a holistic understanding of chemical safety protocols, the significance of the Global Harmonized System (GHS), and interpreting safety data sheets.

ICP President, Dr. Fabian Dayrit spearheaded the event as its lead trainer who presented a platform for in-depth exploration and intensive training in a

spectrum of crucial topics related to chemical safety and hazard management. Funding for this initiative was provided by the Philippine Council for Industry, Energy, and Emerging Technology Research and Development (PCIEERD), underscoring the collaborative nature of this endeavor.

Throughout the course, participants were exposed to a diverse range of subjects aimed at enhancing their understanding of chemical safety; the GHS, SDSs of chemicals, and the hazards posed by different types of chemicals. The curriculum was thoughtfully designed to strike a balance between theoretical knowledge and practical applications, equipping the PNP personnel with tools that are directly relevant to their duties.

The event empowered the participants to better assess and manage potential hazards, not only within their own work environments but also when responding to emergencies in the field. Beyond the dissemination of knowledge, the event also served as a networking hub where PNP personnel could interact with experts in the field, share their experiences, and collaborate on effective strategies for dealing with chemical-related challenges. The event thus fostered a sense of camaraderie and unity among participants, reinforcing the idea that safety is a collective effort that transcends individual roles. (By **Cherrylene M. Bolante**)

Sports academy to rise in Ilocos Norte thru PAGCOR aid

LAOAG CITY – The provincial board has unanimously approved a resolution for PHP100 million financial assistance for the construction of the Ilocos Norte Sports Institute and Research (INSPIRE) building in this city.

In an interview on Wednesday, Governor Matthew Joseph Manotoc said Provincial Resolution 188-2023 authorizes him to enter into a memorandum of agreement with the Philippine Amusement Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR), which will be funding the facility that will be built near the Ferdinand E. Marcos Sports Stadium.

The provincial resolution was approved on Tuesday. "The proposed construction of INSPIRE building has been planned since last year and finally,

we are happy to inform you that it will materialize soon in support of the country's nation-building programs," Manotoc said.

Earlier this year, presidential son and Ilocos Norte 1st District Rep. Sandro Marcos and his uncle, Ilocos Norte 2nd District Rep.

Angelo Barba, jointly filed House Bill 6412 to establish a sports facility to enhance secondary education program with a curriculum specially designed for student-athletes in the province.

The proposed sports

academy will reportedly house a research center devoted to sports medicine and the nutrition of the athletes.

Aside from the financial assistance from PAGCOR, the Ilocos Norte government has also sought the help of the Philippine Sports Commission and the Office of the President for the grant of additional funding for the operation of the sports program to help home-grown athletes excel in various sports events in the future.

(PNA)



SPORTS DEVELOPMENT. The Ferdinand E. Marcos Sports Stadium in Laoag City, Ilocos Norte. Soon, a sports academy is expected to rise near the stadium to develop home-grown athletes. (Image courtesy of the Provincial Government of Ilocos Norte)

PH karatekas training abroad for Asian Games

MANILA – Eight athletes, led by World Games champion Junna Tsukii, make up the Philippine karate team set to compete at the 19th Asian Games from Sept. 23 to Oct. 8 in Hangzhou, China.



GETTING READY. Members of the Philippine karate team undergo training in Turkiye in this undated photo to prepare for the upcoming 19th Asian Games in Hangzhou, China from Sept. 23 to Oct. 8, 2023. They will return to Manila on Sept. 24, 2023. (Photo courtesy of Levent Aydemir)

The Japan-based Tsukii ruled the women's kumite -50kg category at the World Games in Birmingham, Alabama last year, making her the second Filipino to win the gold medal after billiards player Carlo Biado topped the 9-ball men's singles event in the 2017 edition in Wroclaw, Poland.

Also in the line-up are Cambodia SEA Games gold medalists Jamie Christine Lim (women kumite -61kg) and Sakura Alforte (women's individual kata), and silver medalists Arianne Isabel Brito (women's +68kg), John Matthew Manantan (men's -67kg) and Ivan Christopher Agustin (men's kumite -84kg), and John Christian Lachica (men's kumite -60kg) and Alwyn Batican (men's kumite -75kg).

Tsukii is training in

Japan while Lim, Batican, Brito, Lachica and Manantan are in Turkiye with Filipino coach Junel Perenia and foreign coach Levent Aydemir.

"Everything is fine, we're following the program in our training camp here," Aydemir told the Philippine News Agency in an online interview on Thursday.

"We're focusing on attack and score protection," added Aydemir, who coached the Turkiye national team from 2009 to 2022.

At the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, Turkey won four karateka medals – one silver from Eray Samdan (men's kumite -67kg) and three bronzes courtesy of Ugur Aktas (men's kumite +75kg), Ali Sofuoglu (men's kata), and Merve Coban (women's -61kg).

Perenia, on the other hand, is an Asian Karate Federation licensed coach.

He was a former team captain of the national team, winning the silver in the 2001 SEA Games.

He won the gold in the 2001 Hong Kong Asian Invitational Championship and the 2019 World Police and Fire Games. He is the head coach of the Philippine National Police karate team.

Aside from the training camp, the national karatekas who arrived in Istanbul on Aug. 10 are joining tournaments there. They will return to Manila on Sept. 24.

The karate competition at the Asian Games will be held from Oct. 5 to 7 at the Hangzhou Linping Sports Centre Gymnasium.

The national team also trained in Turkiye last April in preparation for the Cambodia SEA Games. (PNA)

Gilas, Filipinas have momentum on their side in Hangzhou - POC

MANILA – Philippine Olympic Committee (POC) president Abraham "Bambol" Tolentino said the country has momentum on its side in men's basketball and women's football in the forthcoming 12th Asian Games in Hangzhou, China.



SELFIE. Philippine Olympic Committee President Abraham "Bambol" Tolentino and First Vice Al Panlilio pose with the electronic scoreboard in the background showing the final score of the Philippines-China game at the Smart Araneta Coliseum on Sept. 2, 2023. Tolentino heads the cycling federation while Panlilio is the basketball association president. (Photo courtesy of POC)

"That was one big victory over China," said Tolentino on Monday, two days after Gilas Pilipinas clobbered China, 96-75, to close out their FIBA World Cup 2023 campaign.

"The win was confidence-building and that brought back the belief that yes, Filipino athletes can," added the cycling federation president.

Tolentino has the same trust and confidence for the Filipinas, who made history by qualifying for the Women's World Cup and scoring a 1-0 victory over co-host New Zealand last July.

"Those are two momentum going for us in the Asian Games," he said.

The men's basketball competition in the Asian Games will start three

days after the opening ceremony on Sept. 26.

The Philippines is bracketed in Group C, playing Bahrain first then Thailand (Sept. 28) and Jordan (Sept. 29).

Japan, who qualified for the Paris Olympics as the best-finishing Asian team with a 3-2 record at the World Cup, is in Group D with Indonesia, Qatar and medal contender but a non-World Cup team South Korea.

Iran, Kazakhstan, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates are in Group A while China, Lebanon, Chinese Taipei and Mongolia are in Group B.

"But of course, we should be expecting a big fightback from the Asian teams which were in the World Cup and didn't fare well, much more nail a

victory," Tolentino said.

Lebanon (2-3) was the second-best Asian finisher at No. 23, China (1-4) was at No. 29, Iran (0-5) at No. 31 and Jordan (0-5) at No. 32. China beat Iran, 84-72, in the gold medal round of the 2018 Asian Games held in Jakarta, Indonesia. The Philippine team coached by Yeng Guiao finished eighth.

Meanwhile, the accreditation cards of Asian Games-bound athletes, coaches and officials are scheduled to be released by the POC at the PhilSports Complex in Pasig City on Monday.

A total of 395 athletes will compete in 37 of the 40 sports featured in the Hangzhou Games. The national associations for basketball and football have yet to announce their final rosters. (PNA)

DOST establishes vibrant partnership with US private companies through the US-ASEAN Business Council

Development of Smart Cities, Quantum Technology, Digital Transformation, Advanced Weather Forecasting, and the facilitation of Health Technology Assessment (HTA) initiatives are among the points of interest of the companies during the annual US-ASEAN Business Council 2023 Philippine Business Mission meeting held recently at the Manila Marriott Hotel.

The US-ASEAN Business Council represents over 175 U.S. companies, including many of the world's largest global firms, with operations in Southeast Asia. In this Business Mission, senior representatives from member companies went to the Philippines to engage with priority

stakeholders, reinforcing the importance of U.S.-Philippines business relations.

Led by Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Secretary Renato U. Solidum Jr., the DOST welcomed the opportunity to collaborate with the private sector in Science, Technology, and

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DOST officials, US-ABC executives, and member companies posed for a photo op at the close of the 2023 Philippine Business Mission

CLUB BALAI ISABEL'S THE PIER LAKESIDE BAR AND RESTAURANT: Where good food and service complements the great outdoor view

Creating a buzz around town to as far as Manila for their great tasting food, good service and an awesome view of Taal volcano is this newly opened lakeside bar and restaurant inside Club Balai Isabel (Talisay, Batangas) called The Pier Lakeside Bar and Restaurant.



The well attended opening: The ribbon cutting ceremony recently was led by Talisay Mayor Nestor Natanauan (2nd from right), Club Balai Isabel owner Nelson Terible (2nd from left), and The Pier management team composed of Jonalyn Agrazada (leftmost) and Kiel Cabusao (rightmost). Joining them (at the back), from left: Bong Agrazada, Mrs. Natanauan, and Arianne Laranang.

Guests (checked in or walk-ins, from around or in nearby towns, including those from Manila) will now have more dining options inside the property.

"From Filipino, ihaw-ihaw (grills) and Italian fusion, and now, seafoods which everyone loves - sourced straight from the seafoods capital of Roxas City," said owner Cecile Arenas Terible.

The 4th food outlet inside Club Balai Isabel, it will be operated and manned by a team of industry experts in hotel and restaurant management (each boasting some 15 plus years in experience), led by Jona Agrazada and Kiel Cabusao -both seasoned hoteliers and who used to be, and still are, frequent guests of the property.

"It was during one of our visits (in Club Balai Isabel) where we saw the

potential for a relaxing hang out place, thus this concept with the Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco, California as our inspiration," said founding partner Cabusao.

Just a few days from its opening (last Saturday), the place is fast gaining loyal/frequent patrons for its relaxing outdoor ambience, cold beverages, hot and fresh grilled food, and good service.

The venue, which could accommodate upto 150 pax, also provides a perfect setting for banquets and socials. They can customize menu, based on the client's preferences.

The Pier Lakeside Bar and Restaurant is open everyday, from 10AM to 10PM.

For reservations and to know more about their menu plus current offerings, kindly visit 'The Pier's' FB page:

www.facebook.com-ThePieratBalaiisabel.

Some of the menu items, which includes seafood and meat choices.

The outdoor grilling station, for that inviting effect, providing the outlet's delicious smoky profile.

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PBBM CITES CANADA'S ROLE IN PROMOTING MARITIME SECURITY, SAFETY UNDER ITS INDO-PACIFIC STRATEGY

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) recognizes Canada's role in promoting maritime security and safety in the region under its Indo-Pacific Strategy launched last November, President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. said, citing its role in maintaining regional peace and stability.

"We certainly welcome the initiatives under Canada's Indo-Pacific Strategy, such as training on smart border patrols, addressing crime and terrorism, and military-to-military capacity building, to name but a few," President Marcos said in his intervention during the ASEAN-Canada Summit at the Jakarta Convention Center where Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau personally attended.

"We recognize Canada's role in promoting maritime security and safety in the region. We welcome Canada's continued engagement through capacity-building programs, specialized and skill-based training to counter traditional and emerging threats," President Marcos told Trudeau.

At the same time, Marcos said the regional grouping welcomes the adoption of the Joint Leaders' Statement on ASEAN-Canada Strategic Partnership, which is timely as Canada deepens its relations with ASEAN with the launch of its Indo-Pacific Strategy.

Upholding ASEAN Centrality, Marcos said the Strategy seeks to promote peace, resilience, and security; expand trade, investment, and supply chain resilience; invest in and connect people; build a sustainable and green ► **PBBM CITES • 4**



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