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CPJ celebrates 65th Founding Anniversary



Cavite Provincial Jail (CPJ) marked a momentous occasion as they celebrated their 65th founding anniversary on September 8, 2023 with showcase of talents, fun games, and recognitions.

Mr. Roland Costales, Assistant Provincial Warden, extended his warm welcome to the distinguished guests and participants. He also commended the unit personnel, recognizing their dedication and hard work that led to their well-deserved promotion. More so, he instilled in everyone's minds to always pursue goodness in their actions and congratulated everyone for CPJ's accomplishments, having LINKod Beyond Bars program qualified in the national validation for the Galing Pook Awards.

Mr. Noel Alegre, were presented, followed by the awarding of CPJ Personnel Performance Award and Appreciation Award, acknowledging the employees who excelled and performed their duties well, contributing to the overall success of CPJ.

Mr. Noel Alegre, emphasized the amount of time employees spent with their colleagues at work – 8 hours a day, 40 hours a week, 170 hours a month, longer than the times spent in their own homes. Hence, he urged them to work harmoniously and anticipate better services that will be provided by the Cavite Provincial Jail in the

Jail accomplishments

► **CPJ CELEBRATES • 4**

DOST 1 unveils DOST-ITDI's technology, SAFEWTRS: Emergency Disinfection System of Drinking Water

EMERGENCY DISINFECTION SYSTEM OF DRINKING WATER A DOST - ITDI TECHNOLOGY



On August 31, 2023, the "SAFEWTRS: Emergency Disinfection System of Drinking Water a DOST-ITDI Technology" was featured in the 25th episode of the weekly radio program of the Department of Science and Technology Region 1 (DOST-1) and DZAG Radyo Pilipinas Agoo to promote knowledge and advancements in the field. ► **DOST 1 • 4**

BENEPISYO NG 'MARIJUANA' BILANG GAMOT, KINILALA NG MGA MAMBABATAS



INAASAHANG bago matapos ang taon ay maisabatas na ang mga panukala na naglalayong gawing legal ang paggamit sa medical cannabis o marijuana bilang gamot.

Oras na maisabatas ito, ang anumang resulta ng medical studies at pagsasaliksik ukol sa medical cannabis sa buong mundo ay tatanggapin ng Pilipinas lalo na't ang mayorya ng mga mambabatas ay kumbinsido na sa pagkaepektibo ng halaman para panggamot.

Isa pa sa maraming benepisyo nito ay ang pagpalakas sa sex at pagpapagaling sa sexual dysfunction o karamdaman sa sex.

Ang bagay na ito ay iniulat ni Dr. Richard Nixon Gomez sa lingguhang Media Health Forum ng Bauertek Corporation, kung saan general manager ang imbentor at scientist. ► **BENEPISYO • 4**

EDITORIAL

Campaign vs vote-buying should not sacrifice confidence in banking system

Vote-buying has been a perennial problem every election — be it national, local, barangay, or Sangguniang Kabataan poll exercise.

And it has become a cycle of election fraud despite stiff penalties imposed under the Omnibus Election Code.

In previous elections, there had been reports on the arrest of individuals for vote-buying. However, nothing was heard of after the apprehensions.

Now comes Commission on Elections (Comelec) Chairman George Erwin Garcia, who has expressed his determination to fight vote-buying.

Appearing before the House Committee on Appropriations, which tackled the proposed Comelec budget in 2024, Garcia told congressmen that the poll body is ready to address “modern vote-buying” — which is carried out via transfers to e-wallets — in the Oct. 30 barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections (BSKE). He particularly mentioned money transfers via GCash and Paymaya as possible cases of modern vote-buying.

“If a person sends money, whether a candidate or not, then we will presume [vote-buying]. For example, if the person sends to 20 people, 200 people, amounts worth ₱1,000 and ₱500 each with no loose change, we will presume that person to have engaged in vote-buying,” the Comelec chair told congressmen, saying a resolution has been passed to carry it out.

Section 30 of Comelec Resolution No. 10946 defines what constitutes suspicious transactions of vote-buying and vote-selling. It states: “Any unusual transaction flow between accounts, digital banking and digital wallets, including unusual large cash withdrawals involving the amount exceeding ₱500,000, encashment of checks, during election period, which have no underlying legal/trade obligation, purpose or economic justification, or the amount involved is not commensurate with the business or financial profile of the client, shall be considered suspicious transactions of vote-buying and vote-selling. For this purpose, the Commission shall have the authority to inquire into the financial records of candidates and any organization or group of persons, motu proprio, after due notice and hearing...”

Another step to fight vote-buying is the ban on carrying ₱500,000 or more when the campaign period



starts.

“Carrying ₱500,000 daily is not normal a few days before the election day. So we will presume that those carrying that amount are engaged in vote-buying activities,” the Comelec chair told security officials in a recent meeting.

The Comelec move is a welcome development if the government wants to put a stop on vote-buying and vote-selling.

But while the state wants to preserve the sanctity of the ballot, it should put enough safeguards to keep the public's confidence in the banking system and in the digital environment that the government is trying to promote. Without safeguards, the Comelec policy may be subject to abuses and possible harassment against

perceived enemies of the state or opponents of influential political figures considering that mere presumption would trigger an investigation and, therefore, prompts the opening of financial accounts. Any indiscriminate and unnecessary opening of bank accounts or financial records is certain to dilute confidence in the banking system.

With this in mind, we encourage the Comelec to strike a balance between its campaign against vote-buying on one hand, and respecting the privacy of individuals and keeping the public's confidence in the banking system on the other hand.

We need a clean election, the same way we need a strong banking system. One should not be sacrificed for the other.

MARCOLETA, PANG-10 SA SURVEY NG PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION OF THE PHILS, INC. (PAPI)

NASA IKA-10 puwesto si Rep. Rodante D. Marcoleta ng SAGIP partylist sa pagka-senador sa 2025 midterm elections, batay sa pinakahuling survey ng Publishers Association of the Philippines, Inc. (PAPI) na isinagawa kamakailan lamang.

Ang survey na ipinatupad noong Agosto 15-19 ay may 1500 respondents. Ang nakakuha ng unang puwesto ay si dating presidente Rodrigo Duterte, sinundan ito ni Erwin Tulfo ng Anti-Crime and Terrorism Community Involvement and Support (ACT-CIS) partylist at sumunod si Sen. Imee Marcos, dating Senate president Tito Sotto, Dr. Willie Ong, mga senador na sina Bong Go, Ronald ‘Bato’ Dela Rosa, dating Manila Mayor Isko Moreno, dating senador na si Mar Roxas, Dept. of National Defense secretary Gilbert ‘Gibo’ Teodoro at nasa ika-12 puwesto ang dating Duterte presidential spokesman na si Harry Roque.

Bilang mambabatas, sariwa pa sa isipan ng publiko ang pagsampa ni Marcoleta ng may 283 panukalang batas. Dalawa sa mga ito ay hinggil sa tax reformation at ang dalawa naman ay ang pagkaroon

de kalidad na edukasyon sa mga paaralan. Marami rin siyang isinulong hinggil sa pag-angat ng antas ng kabuhayan

Bilang mambabatas sariwa pa sa isipan ng publiko ang pagsampa ni Marcoleta ng may 283 panukalang batas. Tatlungo’t siyam dito ay naisabatas na samantalang dalawa sa mga ito ay hinggil sa tax reformation at ang dalawa naman ay ang pagkaroon ng de kalidad na edukasyon sa mga paaralan. Marami rin siyang panukalang isinulong hinggil sa pag-angat ng antas ng buhay at para sa kapakanan ng mga mamamayang Pilipino.

MULA SA ANGKAN NG MGA MAGSASAKA

Si Rep. Marcoleta ng Social Amelioration and Genuine Intervention on Poverty o SAGIP partylist ay mula sa pamilya ng mga magsasaka sa Paniqui, Tarlac. Pangalawa siya sa siyam na magkapatid.

Lubhang pinahalagahan

ng mambabatas ang edukasyon kahit ang pamilya nito’y naghihikahos noong araw. Lumaban ito sa hamon ng buhay nguni’t positibo nitong sinuong ang lahat.

Tinamo nito ang doctorate degree sa Public Administration mula sa University of the Philippines sa Diliman. Quezon City noong 2020 samantalang ang kanyang master’s degree sa kursong Business Administration ay mula sa University of the East at kumuha rin siya ng kursong Developmental Leadership sa Harvard Kennedy School.

Matatandaang noong 2017, ay isa si Marcoleta sa 54 mambabatas na kumontrang ibalik ang death penalty at bumoto naman siya na magkaroon ng libreng matrikula sa kolehiyo.

Co-author din si Marcoleta sa panukalang-batas na naglalayong magbigay ng libreng basic medicine services sa mga

mamamayan at pati na sa magna carta para sa mga mahihirap.

Ang iba pang panukalang-batas na isinusulong ng partylist representative ay ang proteksiyon ng mga Filipino consumers sa patuloy na pagtaas ng presyo ng LPG gas mula sa LPG industry.

Isang panukala pa ay naglalayong paigtingin ang industriya ng renewable energy sa pamamagitan ng green energy auction program.

Ang House Bill 163 naman ay naglalayong magtayo ng renewable energy sa may Laguna de Bay upang itaas ang renewable energy capacity ng bansa at paglalagay ng pondo para rito.

Mapapansing maraming isinusulong na panukala si Marcoleta para sa kapakanan ng mga dukha o mahihirap at ang HB176 ay naglalayong bumuo mg Overseas Filipino Workers social security at retirement.

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RICE RETAILERS SAY GOV'T CASH AID COULD HELP THEM WEATHER EFFECTS OF EO 39

The cash aid being provided by the government to rice retailers would greatly help small businesses overcome the effects of Executive Order (EO) No. 39 while the country awaits the palay harvest season, rice retailers said Monday.

This developed as the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) began the payout of Sustainable Livelihood Program (SLP) cash assistance for micro rice retailers in Parañaque City. Simultaneous distribution of the cash aid

was also held in Navotas City and in Zamboanga del Sur. On the other hand, Mayor Miguel Ponce III of Pateros requested to re-schedule the payout in his locality on Tuesday, Sept. 12. "Malaking tulong sa amin 'yung ibinigay na ayuda," according

Evangeline de Rojas, a rice retailer from Navotas. Social Welfare Secretary Rex Gatchalian said that the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) started providing livelihood grant to micro and small rice retailers last

Saturday in Quezon City, the cities of San Juan and Caloocan. Around 300 retailers received P15,000 each.

As part of this continuing effort, the government targets to provide cash aid to some 400 rice retailers in Parañaque and Navotas Cities and Zamboanga del Sur on Monday.

Gatchalian said that the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) is studying extending similar assistance to small sari-sari store owners, as he described the recent aid distribution as "very smooth."

"Mas gusto sana natin na ang DTI ay magbigay ng mas maraming listahan para simultaneous nationwide, pwedeng gawin iyan [pamamahaging ng ayuda]," Gatchalian told Gising Pilipinas Program on DWPM.

The government allotted an estimated P1 billion for the grant of assistance to cash aid beneficiaries who are qualified retailers



President Bongbong Marcos

identified by the DTI.

The provision of assistance is in line with the directives of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. to assist small-scale business owners who have been directly impacted by the imposition of rice price ceilings.

Citing the Department of Agriculture (DA), Gatchalian said major rice producing areas have started their palay harvest that will result in expected

drop in rice prices soon as more supply enter the market.

President Marcos issued EO No. 39, putting a price cap on rice in the effort to ease off the increasing price of the staple caused by hoarding and price manipulation.

Under EO 39, the mandated price of regular milled rice is PhP41 per kilogram while well-milled rice should be sold at PhP45 per kilogram. / PND

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MEDICAL MISSION IN BARANGAY HALANG, NAIC: Residents of Barangay Halang, Naic, Cavite were the beneficiaries of the provincial government's Medical Mission Program held on September 12, 2023. The event was supervised by the medical mission team from the Office of the Provincial Governor, with the help of doctors and volunteers from the Office of Provincial Health Officer (OPHO). With an impressive turnout, the Medical Mission successfully accommodated a total of 509 patients, providing them with free consultations and necessary medications. The presence of dedicated doctors and volunteers from OPHO ensured that each patient received proper medical attention and care. (OPIO)

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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 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)

For reservations and to know more about their menu plus current offerings, kindly visit 'The Pier's' FB page: www.facebook.com-ThePieratBalailsabel.

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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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.

CPJ...

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coming years.

In closing, Mr. Ariel Cahigan imparted that the institution's role is not to suppress the freedom of persons deprived of liberty (PDLs), but to rehabilitate

them to be better individuals in preparation to their reintegration to community.

Filled with engaging intermission numbers and parlor games, the PDLs enjoyed the 65th founding

anniversary celebration.

Cavite Provincial Jail was founded in 1958 and evolved into a progressive institution that provides a supportive environment for PDLs, giving them hope, opportunities, and a pathway to a brighter future. (OPIO)

Benepisyo...

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Kabilang sa guest panelists ay sina Zarah Uytingban Cruz at Dr. Gem Mutia, adult medicine specialist founder ng Philippine Society of Cannabinoid Medicine.

Si Cruz na naka-base sa Sacramento, California ay babalik na sa Pilipinas upang tumulong sa pagsulong na gawing legal ang marijuana bilang gamot sa maraming karamdaman.

Dati siyang program specialist mula sa Office of Cannabis Management sa Sacramento at eksperto siya sa policy development at licensing regulations mula 2017. Mahigit sa 20 taon ang karanasan nito sa state of California at local government.

Naging resource person din ito sa Senado at Kongreso, hingginl sa

usaping medical cannabis.

Ayon kay Mutia, hindi na isyu sa ngayon kung nakakagamot ang marijuana o hindi dahil mismong si Health secretary Dr. Ted Herbosa ang naniniwala rito. "Marami ng nakakita ng ebidensiya na talagang nakakagamot ang cannabis and the seven bills on medicalization," ayon sa doktor. Ito ay maliban pa sa panukalang-batas na humihiling na alisin sa talaan ng dangerous drugs ang cannabis.

May dalawa pang panukala ang naglalayong magtayo o bumuo ng

Philippines Cannabis Development Authority o PHILCADA na siyang mamahala sa pagkontrol sa pagpatakbo ng cannabis kung ito'y gamot

na.

Isang abogado, si Atty. Henry Enaje ang nagsampa naman ng petisyon sa Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB) na kilalanin ang "reclassification" na ginawa ng United Nations na "ibaba" ang kategorya ng cannabis, cannabis resin at alisin ang CBD o cannabidiol bilang dangerous drug.

Napag-usapan din sa forum na ang alcohol at tabako o sigarilyo ay higit na malala ang naidudulot nito sa katawan kaysa cannabis. Sinasabini Mutia na ang tobacco industry ay isa ng "dying industry."

Ayon kay Gomez, sa loob ng 120 araw matapos maisabatas ang legalisasyon ng marijuana bilang gamot, lahat ay tatanggapin ang resulta ng research at pag-aaral sa cannabis sa buong mundo. (Nelson Santos-PAPI)

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The resource person, Engr. Reynaldo L. Esguerra, Chief Science Research Specialist at the DOST-Industrial Technology Development Institute (DOST-ITDI), Environmental and Biotechnology Division, introduced the Emergency Disinfection System of Drinking Water with his knowledge and commitment.

As a result of typhoons, flooding, earthquakes, breakouts, etc., there has been a dearth of sources of drinking water, and this ground-breaking technology has begun to offer a solution. In response, DOST-ITDI announced the SAFEWATRS Upgraded Emergency Disinfection System (UPEDS), a portable, manually controlled, solar-powered emergency drinking water system with a capacity of up to 2000 liters of safe drinking water for 9 hours.

The decision to change the name of UPEDS to SAFEWATRS was made in August 2023 after it became clear that access to

safe drinking water is a problem that affects many people on a regular basis rather than just in times of emergency. In addition to addressing the drinking water scarcity, this technology complies with the strict requirements outlined in the Philippine National Standards for Drinking Water.

Engr. Esguerra also presented the features of SAFEWATRS which is an energy independent using its solar panels, batch type or semi-continuous compact and mobile water treatment system, has a capacity of 2000 liters per day, and is effective in the removal of chemicals and metals in water, making the post-processed water to be safe for consumption of the public.

Also mentioned is that the SAFEWATRS have no major differences from the other filtration and disinfection systems besides the disinfecting of saltwater as this technology can operate on rainwaters, spring waters, and turbid waters. One good thing about SAFEWATRS is that

it was developed not for the agency to earn from it, rather it was developed mainly to help the communities.

To prove its effectiveness, this was already deployed to Bagong Silangan, Quezon City; Agoncillo, Batangas; Sto. Domingo, Ilocos Sur; San Clemente, Tarlac. Adding to that the said technology had its performance testing using the Laguna Lake water which resulted in an excellent rating following the Philippine National Standards for Drinking Water.

Region 1 is currently on the list of recipients of this technology through the efforts of DOST 1, which consistently offers its customers and stakeholders high-quality service and assistance through the various programs and projects of DOST and with the assistance of various partner agencies like the DOST-ITDI, which provides revolutionary technologies.

(Christian Dominic I. Casimiro) #dostoneriglat #DoSTInRegion1 #OneDOST4U #ScienceForThePeople

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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DOST-TAPI Unveils Lunduyan 2023: The Nexus of Filipino Innovation

In a grand celebration of innovation and camaraderie, the Department of Science and Technology – Technology Application and Promotion Institute (DOST-TAPI) is setting a historic milestone with the unveiling of "Lunduyan 2023" this coming October 2 at the Podium Hall in Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila.

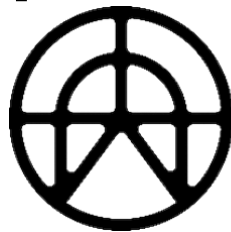
The event, a first of its kind spearheaded by DOST-TAPI, promises a vibrant showcase of 28 trailblazing technologies and innovation projects stemming from a wide array of sectors including Food and Manufacturing, Health and Wellness, Agriculture, Industry, Energy and Environment, and MSMEs.

"Lunduyan 2023 is not just a convergence point of brilliant minds; it is the cradle of our nation's

future, woven from the rich tapestry of our diverse populace. It is here where ingenuity meets experience, where the young and the elderly, the differently-abled, and individuals from every corner of our archipelago — from the highlands of Benguet to the far reaches of Sulu — come together to forge a roadmap to a brighter, more innovative future for the Philippines," expressed DOST-TAPI Director Atty. Marion Ivy D.

Decena "Through DOST-TAPI's substantial investments in intellectual property and technology development, we are nurturing homegrown talent and elevating Filipino innovations on the global stage," Atty. Decena added.

This noble venture is backed by a substantial investment portfolio with DOST-TAPI allocating over P30 million for invention and technology



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development and intellectual property rights protection, and more than P12 million for commercialization projects for MSMEs as of August 30, 2023.

Matthew Bryan P. Villanueva, the head of the Applied Communications Unit for non-Inventors (ACU-n) projected, "It's not just an event; it's our shot at supercharging local innovation, lighting the path to a future guided by our homegrown brilliance."

"Lunduyan is our platform to spotlight Filipino inventors and innovators, allowing them to introduce their initiatives and amplify their advocacies in science," Marvin Dela Cruz,

head of Applied Communications Unit for Inventors (ACU-i) said.

The initiative is further bolstered by the presence of influential personalities including DOST Secretary Dr. Renato Solidum and revered DOST-TAPI institutional partners, along with a diverse guest list of 200 attendees encompassing national agencies, legislative members, non-profit organizations, CSR companies, private stakeholders, universities, and micro-small medium enterprises.

The event promises not only a rich visual and intellectual feast but aims to fulfill twin goals; celebrating the accomplishments of DOST-TAPI's 2023 Call for

Proposal while drawing in potential partners, funders, and collaborators to support the burgeoning Filipino innovation landscape.

As we stand on the cusp of a revolution guided by homegrown talent and innovation, Lunduyan 2023 invites you to witness a tapestry of brilliance, ambition, and collaboration unfold. It is more than an event; it's the beginning of a tradition that pledges to foster the spirit of Filipino innovation year after year.

Join us in championing the bright future of Filipino innovation at Lunduyan 2023.

To learn more, contact mattcasequinho@gmail.com or sharahibrahim0805@gmail.com

DOST Batangas joins the National Simultaneous Earthquake Drill (NSED)

The DOST Batangas staff pulled off the "Duck, Cover and Hold" exercise under their office tables and practiced evacuation of the office in an orderly manner.



As part of the exercise, the DOST Batangas Public Service Continuity Plan (PSCP) was activated. The PSCP ensures that the critical services of DOST Batangas will be restored after a disaster strikes.

The chain of command and practice drills in which the office's Emergency Response Team (ERT) was called upon are both included in the plan. They are tasked with treating wounds and conducting a headcount of

evacuated employees.

A recovery team was then assembled to evaluate the office building's damages. The employees are instructed to go back to their assigned positions once it has been determined that the office is secure.

The drills serve as evidence of DOST Batangas' ongoing disaster readiness and efficient disaster response, which are designed to maintain business continuity even in the event of a disaster.

Note to editors: DOST-CALABARZON is one of the regional offices of the Department of Science and Technology and is located at Jamboree Road, Brgy. Timugan, Los Baños, Laguna.

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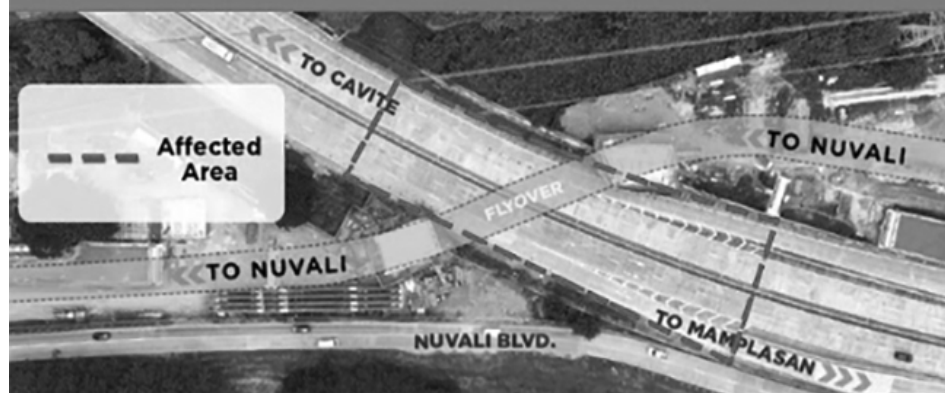
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IMUS CHESS EVENT

On August 25 to September 03, 2023 the Imus Chess Team competed at the 18th IGB MALAYSIAN CHESS FESTIVAL 2023.

Below are the players and events they participated in:

TEAMEVENT:

**OPEN RAPID TEAM CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP
IMUS CHESS TEAM 10TH Place**

- Bd. 1. NM Franz Robert Grafil
- Bd. 2. KayKai (Guest)
- Bd. 3. Chet
- Bd. 4. Lourecel Hernandez Ecot (Gold Medalist)

Team Captain: Assi L. Bagaipo
Team Manager: Hyabeth Desalet Meneses
LITTLE SCOUTS CHESS CLUB (JUNIORS)
10TH Place

- Bd. 1. John Curt Valencia (Guest)
- Bd. 2. Christian Tolosa (Bronze Medalist)
- Bd. 3. Kara Meneses
- Bd. 4. Evan Meneses

Coach: Lourecel Hernandez Ecot
Team Captain: Hyabeth Desalet Meneses
Team Manager: Eiji Meneses
TWICE GIRLS (KIDDIES)

- 1. Jeanne Marie Arcinue (Guest)
- 2. Sophia Paras (Guest)
- 3. Elle Castronuevo
- 4. Deandra Castronuevo

Coach: NM Franz Robert Grafil

Team Managers: Abi Castronuevo, Monette Arcinue

**INDIVIDUALEVENT:
CHALLENGER DIVISION**

- 1. Lourecel Hernandez Ecot - 6pts
- 2. Christian Tolosa - 5.5pts
- 3. Deandra Castronuevo - 4pts
- 4. Evan Meneses - 3.5pts
- 5. Kara Meneses - 3.5pts
- 6. Asiscio L. Bagaipo - 3.5pts
- 7. elle Castronuevo - 3.5pts

Participated in by 209 players

**AGE GROUP OPEN DIVISION
UNDER 10 BOYS**

- 1. Evan Meneses – 5th Place

Coach: Lourecel Hernandez Ecot

UNDER 10 GIRLS

- 1. Elle Castronuevo – Bronze Medalist
- 2. Deandra Castronuevo – 10th Place

Coach: NM Franz Robert Grafil

UNDER 12 BOYS

- 1. Christian Tolosa – 15th Place

Coach: Lourecel Hernandez Ecot

UNDER 12 GIRLS

- 1. Kara Meneses – Gold Medalist

Coach: Lourecel Hernandez Ecot
MERDEKA OPEN AGE GROUP (RAPID)
UNDER 10, 12, 14, 16
FROM DASMARIÑAS CITY
PROVINCE OF CAVITE

UNDER 12 DIVISION

- 1. John Curt Valencia – 3rd place

Coach: FM Roel Abelgas, Dandy Legaspi

Asst. Coach: Chester Caminong
MERDEKA OPEN AGE GROUP (RAPID)
UNDER 10, 12, 14, 16
FROM DASMARIÑAS CITY
PROVINCE OF CAVITE

UNDER 12 DIVISION

- 1. Jeanne Marie Arcinue – 2nd Place

Coach: Dandy Legaspi

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FROM GENERAL TRIAS CITY
PROVINCE OF CAVITE

1. National Master Oscar Joseph Cantela – Gold Medalist
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5 sports being appealed for Asian Games replacements

Gilas Pilipinas is not the only team being appealed upon by the Philippine Olympic Committee (POC) to have replacements approved.

POC president Abraham Tolentino said Friday that athletes from gymnastics, golf, fencing and football also want to have replacements ahead of the Hangzhou, China Asiad that will fire off Sept. 23.

In the case of the women's football team, or the Filipinas, Tolentino said that there is a huge chance that the appeal might be granted since the replacement player ruling in the event is different from the other sports.

"Nasa playbook nila 'yun na (It's in their playbook that) six days before the first game, they can replace [players]," Tolentino said during the

Pandesal Forum at Kamuning Bakery Cafe in Quezon City.

The Filipinas' campaign will begin against Hong Kong the day before the opening, which means they can still shake up their final lineup until Saturday.

However, it's in the other four sports that the POC is pushing hard since they have stricter rules.

"All the rest, walang ganoon (there is no such rule)," Tolentino added.

The POC is appealing that men's basketball team's Calvin Abueva and Jason Perkins replace Brandon Rosser and Jamie Malonzo due to injuries.

Abueva and Perkins were not listed in an initial 60-man pool, the basis for the final 12, that the Samahang Basketbol ng Pilipinas handed to the POC.

If the Hangzhou Asian Games Organizing Committee (HAGOC) turns down the appeal, Stanley Pringle will step in as the official member, but that could also mean Gilas might play with only 11 players if Abueva and Perkins are both denied.

Pringle was designated as a reserve player in the list of coach Time Cone.

Tolentino said the POC meets with HAGOC again on Sunday. (PNA)



ALL SET. The media and technical officials village of the Asian Games started official operations Thursday (Sept. 14, 2023). The first group of journalists and technical officials arrived and completed check-in procedures. (Photo courtesy of 19th Asian Games Hangzhou 2022 Facebook)

PH tennis team ready for Hangzhou Asian Games

Only three tennis players will represent the Philippines at the 19th Asian Games scheduled from Sept. 23 to Oct. 8 in Hangzhou, China.

United States-based Ruben Gonzales and homegrown Francis Casey Alcantara and Alex Eala comprised the team, which includes coach Cris Cuarto.

Alcantara is entered in the men's singles and doubles (with Gonzales) while Gonzales will team up with Eala in the mixed doubles. Eala is also competing in the women's singles.

The 18-year-old Eala is excited on her Asian Games debut. She bagged three bronze medals -- singles, mixed doubles (with Fil-American Treat Huey) and women's team (with Shaira Hope Rivera, Marian Capadocia and Jenaila Rose Prulla) on her first Southeast Asian Games appearance last May in Cambodia.

"I am confident that I will bring on the best level of tennis I can bring. My main priority is to enjoy the opportunity and fight every point. I don't like to create expectations in terms of results, especially because this is my first time joining the Asian Games," the 5-foot-9 player from Quezon City told the Philippine News Agency on Wednesday.

Eala, a graduate of the Rafael Nadal Academy in Mallorca (Spain), is currently at No. 192 in the Women's Tennis Association (WTA) singles rankings, a career-high after reaching the final of the USD25,000 event in Aldershot, Great Britain. She lost to Australian Destanee Aiava, 6-3, 4-6, 1-6.



TOP-RANKED. A file photo of 2022 US Open Juniors singles champion Alex Eala. At No. 195, she is the highest ranked Filipino singles player in the Women's Tennis Association (WTA) rankings. (Contributed photo)

In Roehampton, which is another USD25,000 event, Eala defeated Australian Arina Rodionova, 6-2, 6-3, to clinch her fourth pro title. Last week, Eala made it to the main draw of the USD100,000 event in Tokyo, Japan as a qualifier. However, she lost to Australian Kimberly Birrell, 6-4, 6-7 (5), 2-6 in the second round.

She will join the Galaxy Holding Group Guangzhou Open in China from Sept. 18 to 23 before going to Hangzhou.

Meanwhile, Gonzales and Alcantara are also busy gearing up for Hangzhou.

Gonzales, ranked No. 178 in the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP), won the doubles gold medal in Cambodia with Huey. They beat Alcantara and Jeson Patrombon in the final.

"I will be playing in Europe for two weeks before I head to Manila,"

said Gonzales, who turned 38 on Sept. 11.

He and partner Filip Bergevi of Sweden reached the round-of-16 at the Challenger Tour in Genoa, Italy last week.

Alcantara, on the other, is enjoying a career-high No. 238 ranking, boosted by a final stint at the Challenger Tour in China.

Teaming up with Chinese Fajing Sun, the pair marched into the final round in Zhangjiagang two weeks ago, but they lost to Ray Ho of Chinese Taipei and Matthew Christopher Romios of Australia, 3-6, 4-6.

"I'm happy with my career-high ranking now but my goal this year is to reach the Top 200," said the 31-year-old Alcantara. "I will do my best in Hangzhou."

The tennis competition in the Asian Games was scheduled from Sept. 24 to 30 at the Hangzhou Olympic Sports Expo Center courts. (PNA)

All set for Shakey's Super League 2023 pre-season tourney

All is set for the Shakey's Super League 2023 Pre-Season Championships, which will kick off at the FilOil-EcoOil Center in San Juan City on Sept. 16.



EVENT LAUNCH. Shakey's Pizza Asia Ventures president Vic Gregorio (right) talks about the forthcoming Shakey's Super League 2023 Pre-Season Championships during a press conference at Shakey's Malate in Manila on Thursday (Sept. 14, 2023). The tournament will kick off at the FilOil-EcoOil Center in San Juan City on Sept. 16. (PNA photo by Jean Malanum)

De La Salle University and the University of the Philippines are skipping this year's edition, leaving 16 teams -- six from the University Athletic Association of the Philippines (UAAP) and 10 from the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) -- battling for the crown.

The UAAP teams are Adamson University, Far Eastern University, University of the East, University of Santo Tomas, Ateneo de Manila University, and National University (NU), which defeated La Salle in the finals last year.

Arellano University, College of Saint Benilde, Emilio Aguinaldo College, Jose Rizal University, Letran College, Lyceum of the Philippines University, Mapua University, University of Perpetual Help DALTA, San Beda University, and San Sebastian College-Recoletos are from NCAA.

Despite the absence of De La Salle, NU is still expecting a strong challenge from other teams.

"All teams will try to dethrone us, so we have to do our best and always be prepared every match," Lady Bulldogs head coach Norman Miguel said

during the event's launch at Shakey's Malate in Manila on Thursday.

Also present were Shakey's Pizza Asia Ventures, Inc. president Vic Gregorio and general manager Jorge Concepcion; Philippine Sports Commission Commissioner Fritz Gaston, representing chairman Richard Bachmann; Athletics Events and Sports Management, Inc. president and CEO Ian Laurel; and NCAA Management Committee chairman Peter Cayco of Arellano University. (PNA)

MULTI-STAKEHOLDER COALITION BRINGS HEALTH ADVOCACY TO CARMONA WITH FLU VACCINATION OUTREACH PROGRAM



L-Dr. Lulu Bravo, Mayor Dahlia Loyola, Usec. Eric Tayag, Mr. Ding Latoja, Dr. Maria Beatrix Gueco Duzon.

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

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DOH Usec. Eric Tayag vaccinating a senior citizen during RAISE Carmona Event.

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PALAY, RICE PRICES TO STABILIZE AS MAIN HARVEST STARTS - DA

Prices of palay and rice are expected to stabilize as thousands of farmers start to harvest their main season crop this September and October.

By the end of September, initial palay harvest is expected to reach 2 million metric tons (MMT), and in October up to 3 MMT, totalling 5 MMT, based on estimates by the Philippine Rice Information System (PRISM) using satellite data, as of August 14, 2023, Dr. Leo Sebastian, Department of Agriculture Undersecretary for Rice Industry Development said in a report to President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.



President Bongbong Marcos

"In all, for the second semester, or July to December, we estimate to produce more than 11 million metric tons, and barring strong typhoons in the remaining months of the year, we hope to hit the 20-million MT level for 2023 national palay output," Sebastian added.

For the month of September 2023, Sebastian said the Philippine Rice Industry Stakeholders Movement (PRISM) has reported that the bulk of the 2.3-MMT harvest would come from 12 provinces, namely: Isabela (419,000+ MT), Cagayan (172,000+ MT), Iloilo (148,000+ MT), Nueva Ecija (137,000+ MT), North Cotabato (95,000+ MT), Leyte (91,000+ MT), Oriental Mindoro (77,000+ MT), Camarines Sur (76,000+ MT), Palawan (73,000+ MT), Bukidnon (61,000+ MT), Zamboanga del Sur (55,000+ MT), and Davao del Norte (52,000+ MT).

By end of October 2023, most of the estimated 2.9-MMT palay yield would come from 15 provinces, namely: Nueva Ecija (440,000+ MT), Pangasinan (258,000+ MT), Tarlac (172,000+ MT), Isabela (163,000+ MT), Occidental Mindoro (153,000+ MT), Cagayan (151,000+ MT), Oriental Mindoro (110,000+ MT), Palawan (90,000+ MT), Bulacan (74,000+ MT), Iloilo (74,000+ MT), Bukidnon (69,000+ MT), Agusan del Sur (61,000+ MT), Ilocos Sur (59,000+ MT), Leyte (55,000+ MT), and Camarines Sur (53,000+ MT).

For the 2023-2024 dry season, Sebastian said the DA under the Masagana Rice Industry Development Program (MRIDP) of the President, who is also DA Secretary, will continue to provide clustered rice farmers (IAs, FCAs, ARBOs and SWISAs) with needed high-yielding seeds, fertilizers, biofertilizers, soil ameliorants, farm machinery, and extension, financial, and marketing support.

"Initially, we will focus on fully irrigated clustered farms to optimize palay yield, where farmers would plant high-yielding hybrid rice varieties, to at least one million hectares (ha), and we expect them to produce an average of six to eight MT per hectare, for a total of 6 to 8 MMT.

The DA will implement MRIDP with its regional field offices, National Irrigation Administration (NIA), Bureau of Soils and Water Management (BSWM), local government units (LGUs), Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), the private sector, and more importantly with organized farmers' groups, particularly Irrigators' Associations (IAs), Farmers' Cooperatives and Associations (FCAs), Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Organizations (ARBOs), and Small Water Irrigation System Associations (SWISAs).

DOST OFFICIALS VISIT JUAN PAULO PRODUCERS COOPERATIVE

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.



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 ► **DOST • 4**