



Calabarzon tourism alliance boosts revival of region's tourism industry

TAGAYTAY CITY, Cavite – Recognizing the importance of the tourism industry in driving economic growth, creating jobs, and supporting local businesses, a group of travel operators in Calabarzon region has come together to help

revive the industry from the blows of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Calabarzon Alliance of Independent Tour Operators, Inc. (CAITO) was established in March 2020 with just seven members. Its goal is to centralize government programs and initiatives to

support its members as they work towards restarting and revitalizing the region's tourism industry.

"The travel agency business in Region IV-A has faced immense challenges, with many agencies forced to close. However, Caito has

persisted in its efforts to help and support fellow travel agencies," said Lorilyn Tepora, the group's founding president and chairman.

To further assist and guide travel operators, Caito recently launched the Calabarzon Tourism Business Exchange

(CTBEx) at the Summit Ridge in Tagaytay City, Cavite.

The event brought together government, private, and market sectors with the aim of revitalizing and reintroducing Calabarzon as a leading tourism destination in the

Philippines, in line with the Department of Tourism's #LoveCalabarzon and #LoveThePhilippines campaigns.

The CTBEx attracted 85 tourism stakeholders and 280 travel agencies from Region IV-A, along with Provincial and Local

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Coca-Cola PH, partners collect more than 1,000 kgs of waste in coastal cleanup in Tanza, Cavite

Coca-Cola Philippines, together with Plastic Bank Philippines and Lighthouse Legacy Foundation, led over 200 volunteers to collect debris and marine waste at Julugan Fish Terminal in Tanza, Cavite, on September 16, as part of the International Coastal Cleanup (ICC).



Plastic Bank Philippines, ICC Philippines, Lighthouse Legacy Foundation, and the Don Bosco School of Theology were some of the organizations that joined Coca-Cola Philippines in collecting debris and marine waste during the coastal cleanup.

Employees from the Coca-Cola Philippines system, together with waste collection members of its Ecosystem Impact Program with Plastic Bank Philippines and volunteers from ICC Philippines, Lighthouse Legacy Foundation, the Local Government of Tanza, Philippine Coast Guard Cavite Chapter, and Don Bosco School of Theology collected more than 1,000 kgs of waste to help address coastal waste issues in the area.

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2022 election winner in Cavite proclaimed

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite: A candidate for provincial board member in the 5th district of Cavite was finally proclaimed the winner more than a year after the elections.

The Commission on Elections (Comelec) main office named incumbent Liga ng mga Barangay

(LnB) Cavite Provincial Federation President and Ex-officio Provincial board member Francisco Paolo

Crisostomo as a provincial board member of the said district on Tuesday,

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2022 ELECTION WINNER Cavite 5th District Board member-elect Francisco Paolo Crisostomo and lawyer Mitzel Morales-Castro, Cavite Provincial election officer, show the copy of a certificate of canvass after the former was proclaimed winner in the May 2022 national elections. Crisostomo was declared by the Special Provincial Board of Canvassers Cavite (SPBC) at the Commission on Elections main office at Palacio Del Gobernador in Intramuros, Manila, on Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2023. Photo courtesy of Cavite Provincial Election Office

MPT SOUTH, DOT IV-A, DILG IV-A, AND PROVINCE OF CAVITE CELEBRATES NATIONAL TOURISM WEEK WITH BIYAHENG SOUTH

Metro Pacific Tollways South (MPT South), builder and operator of the Cavite-Laguna Expressway (CALAX), takes part in this year's celebration of National Tourism Week in collaboration with the Department of Tourism- CALABARZON (DOT IV-A), Department of the Interior and Local Government Region 4-A (DILG IV-A), and Provincial Government of Cavite with a memorable 2-day 'Biyaheng South' Experiential Tour in the picturesque province of Cavite, made easily accessible through the CALAX.



This journey brought together a diverse group of 'Ka-Biyaheros,' a community composed of travel content creators and lifestyle journalists. Among these were DarShey Goes To, All About Cavite, Lakwatsero Cavitenon, Go Philippines, Go Cavite, Go Tagaytay, Dabياهو, Kaemtayo, The Social Momdia, Travel With Karla, and Aliventures. Additionally, this event saw the participation of top lifestyle media outlets such as, Manila Bulletin Lifestyle, Lifestyle Inquirer and Spot.ph. The tour was also supported by brand partners Jetour Auto Philippines and Cafe Agapita.

"We are thrilled to join the entire nation in celebrating National Tourism Week through our tourism program, 'Biyaheng South.' This marks the second year of our unwavering commitment to organizing this Experiential Tour, and it

wouldn't have been possible without the strong support of our esteemed partners, DOT-IVA, DILG-IVA and Cavite Tourism and to our Ka-Biyaheros, whose enthusiasm fuels our journey. Biyaheng South is a living testament to our steadfast commitment to help stimulate economic activity by creating accessible roadways and fostering seamless travel experiences, all in alignment with our mission of empowering individuals to explore, connect, and rediscover the marvels of Region 4-A," expressed Ms. Arlette Capistrano, Vice President for Communications and Stakeholder Management at MPT South.

"The Provincial Government of Cavite genuinely appreciates the efforts of MPT South in contributing to the growth of the tourism sector in the

Cavite province. Their commitment extends far beyond profit-seeking in their business endeavors; it reflects their dedication to connect tourists with the breathtaking destinations that Cavite has to offer. They have proven to be steadfast partners in our mission. Our office remains committed to exploring avenues to promote our province and make it even more appealing to tourists," expressed Cavite Governor Jonvic Remulla, underlining the significant impact of MPT South's initiatives on regional tourism.

"Our Biyaheng South Experiential Tour stands as a testament to our unwavering dedication to expand horizons, allowing travelers to savor the breathtaking beauty of this region in a single day's journey. This program is made possible through our partnerships with DILG IV-A, Provincial Government of Cavite, and MPT South. Together, we are on a collective mission to not only promote but also galvanize economic growth and development throughout the southern reaches of our region. With CALAX's efficient connectivity, the allure of these hidden gems and vibrant traditions is now just a journey away. This collaborative effort not only enriches the traveler's experience but also strengthens the economic fabric of the southern provinces, bolstering our region's potential as a must-visit destination for adventurers, culture enthusiasts, and those seeking to explore the world within a single region," expressed DOT IV-A Regional Director Marites Castro.

Before setting out on their exciting journey to the various destinations, the tour commenced with a visit to MPT South's

sustainable headquarters, the MPT South HUB.

MPT SOUTH HUB

This remarkable 4-story building, located in the heart of Imus, Cavite, proudly boasts LEED Gold certification. Guests were treated to an insightful look into its innovative and eco-friendly features, including an expansive solar panel field that powers the facility, the building's biophilic design that seamlessly blends nature and architecture, a dedicated electric vehicle (EV) charging station, and an advanced traffic control room.

ULTIMATE ROAD TRIP EXPERIENCE

Situated strategically in close proximity to Metro Manila, the province of Cavite beckons as the perfect destination for a seamless road trip and a revitalizing weekend retreat, with CALAX paving the way for an enhanced travel experience. Ka-Biyaheros embarked on a scenic journey through the operational sections of CALAX, experiencing firsthand the convenience and efficiency it offers to travelers. Furthermore, they were treated to a sneak peek of the soon-to-open Silang (Aguinaldo) Interchange which is now 93% completed, showcasing the continuous development along the CALAX route. This not only showcased the ongoing progress along the CALAX but also highlighted the proximity of their tour destinations to these exits. It was an itinerary designed for both exploration and accessibility.

CAFE AND RESTAURANT HOPPING

1. Cafe Agapita

Just a brief 10-minute drive from the soon-to-be-opened CALAX Silang (Aguinaldo) Interchange, MPT South treated the Ka-Biyaheros to a visit to a beloved family-operated café in Silang, Cavite. This café is renowned for its flavorful coffee, freshly baked bread, pastries, and cakes. It's housed in a cozy two-story establishment with large windows, wooden accents, and lush greenery that gives it a friendly and calming vibe.

In addition to their delightful beverages and Pinoy fusion cuisine, Cafe Agapita arranged an exclusive focaccia-making session, especially for the Ka-Biyaheros to enjoy.

2. Perlas ng Silang

Silang town, known as the "Garden Capital of the Philippines," is a haven for plantitos and plantitas. Just a 15-minute drive from CALAX Silang East Interchange, this cafe and restaurant has transformed its sprawling hectares into a beautiful flower park. During the visit, our Ka-Biyaheros enjoyed the

stunning scenery and indulged in oriental cuisine at their al fresco area.

3. Ricardo's Coffee + Classic Cuisine

Explore a coffee and art haven just 20 minutes from the soon-to-open Silang (Aguinaldo) Interchange. Ricardo's Coffee + Classic Cuisine, located in Amadeo, Cavite, offers a diverse menu, from Filipino to Italian cuisine, as well as American classics like burgers and steaks. The restaurant also features a garden area where customers can buy plants. Adding to its appeal, Ricardo's displays local art, including paintings by talented local artists. During their visit, the Ka-Biyaheros experienced first-hand a coffee art class from local artist, Mr. Kenneth Estil.

4. Bag of Beans Tagaytay

A mere 20 drive from the soon-to-open Silang (Aguinaldo) Interchange of CALAX lies Tagaytay, often called the second 'Summer Capital of the Philippines.' This city is celebrated for its iconic dish, 'Bulalo,' and within its culinary landscape, Bag of Beans shines brightly. With multiple branches scattered across Tagaytay, Bag of Beans extends a warm and inviting ambiance that effortlessly beckons every customer to come in. During this trip, Ka-Biyaheros made their way to the main branch, indulging in a delightful exploration of Filipino flavors, including the Bulalo and the Kare-Kare.

STAYCATION The Park Silang

Nestled in a tranquil and idyllic setting, this peaceful hotel is a 5-minute drive from the CALAX Santa Rosa-Tagaytay Interchange. Following an extensive Biyaheng South tour, The Park-Silang offered our Ka-Biyaheros the ideal opportunity to unwind and rejuvenate overnight. Here, guests had the chance to disconnect, revitalize, and immerse themselves in the soothing sounds of birds and frogs, rekindling their connection with nature. Beyond the rooms featuring bathtubs and private jacuzzies, the hotel boasts natural spaces, perfect for leisurely strolls, picnics, or simply immersing oneself in the wonders of the great outdoors.

BIYAHENG SOUTH TOURISM PASSPORT

As the Biyaheng South tour came to a close, the Ka-Biyaheros also received an exclusive preview of the upcoming Biyaheng South Tourism Passport, a collaborative initiative with DILG-4A and Cavite Tourism, set to launch next year. This passport aims to elevate the tourism experience in the region via CAVITEX and CALAX road network, providing travelers with exciting new opportunities to explore and enjoy.

"This passport booklet will be distributed to our motorists and will receive a stamp at each selected destination within the region. Upon completion of all stamps, travelers will be eligible for rewards from our team," said Capistrano.

ABOUT BIYAHENG SOUTH

MPT South's "Biyaheng South" is an award-winning tourism program of the toll road company that has been active on social channels like Facebook, TikTok, and Instagram for promoting its toll road network Manila-Cavite Expressway (CAVITEX and CAVITEX C5 LINK) and CALAX as a gateway towards the sensational sites and attractions in South. With over 27,000 combined followers on digital platforms, Biyaheng South was able to generate more than 1 million views on TikTok and gain a lifetime reach of 75,000 on Facebook, increasing vehicle traffic count along its expressways and helping boost the economic growth of the provinces hampered by the pandemic.

ABOUT CALAX SILANG (AGUINALDO) INTERCHANGE

This upcoming 3.9-kilometer, 2x2 lane subsection will extend the operational section of CALAX from 14.24 kilometers to 18.14 kilometers- from Silang East Interchange up to the Silang portion of Aguinaldo Highway. Once opened, it is expected to cater to an additional 5,000 daily motorists, providing them with convenient access to these vibrant areas.

Looking ahead, CALAX will further expand to a total of 45 kilometers upon its completion and will feature eight interchanges: Technopark, Laguna Boulevard, Santa Rosa-Tagaytay Road, Silang East, Silang (Aguinaldo), Governor's Drive, Open Canal, and Kawit Interchange. It will connect to the Manila-Cavite Expressway (CAVITEX) in Kawit. Currently, its operational segments stretch from Mamplasan Rotunda up to Silang East Interchange.

ABOUT MPT SOUTH

MPT South is a subsidiary of Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC), the leading mobility infrastructure and solutions provider in the Philippines and the toll road development arm of Metro Pacific Investments Corporation (MPIC). Aside from CALAX and CAVITEX, MPTC also holds concession rights for the North Luzon Expressway (NLEX), the Subic-Clark Tarlac Expressway (SCTEX), the NLEX Connector Road, and the Cebu-Cordova Link Expressway (CCLEX) in Cebu.

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8th Mandaragat Olympics

Punong-puno ng kulay at saya ang ginanap na 8th Mandaragat Olympics kaninang umaga sa Barangay Sineguelasan, kung saan samu't-saring mga palaro ang isinagawa tampok ang mga rehistradong mangingisda sa Lungsod ng Bacoor. Ang nasabing paligsahan na may temang "Modernisasyon sa Karagatan, Masaganang Pangisdaan Maasahan", ay pinangunahan ng City Agriculture Office sa pamumuno ni OIC Allan G. Chua.



Ilan sa mga palarong ito ang Triathlon (Running, Swimming, at Non-motorized Boat Racing), Bangkang Desagwan Tug of War, Tahong Cook-off, Bangkarera, at ang pinaka-inaabangang Boat Decoration Contest.

Bukod sa mga papremyong tropeyo at medalya na handog ni Mayor Strike B. Revilla, Vice Mayor Rowena Bautista Mendiola at Congresswoman Lani Mercado Revilla, nakatanggap din ang mga nagwagi ng mga cash prizes

mula sa Maynilad Water Services Inc., at pa-affle na isang Motorized Unit ng Bangka at mga bigas.

Ang lahat ng ito ay naging matagumpay sa tulong at kooperasyon ng mga sumusunod: City Agriculture Office; Strike sa Serbisyo; Agimat Partylist; Maynilad Water Services Inc., Frabelle Food; Mamamayan Para sa Lambat at Dagat Multipurpose Cooperative; Maraming salamat po.

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Maraming salamat po. **#CityGovtOfBacoor** **#StrikeSaSerbisyo** **#StrikeAsOne** **#SaBacoorAtHomeKaDito**



IMUS CITY – Patuloy ang regular na clearing at clamping operations ng City of Imus Task Force na sinimulan noong September 18 hanggang September 24, 2023. Ito ay alinsunod sa City Ordinance No. 05-195 taong 2022 o ang revised Road Clearing Ordinance of the City of Imus, kung saan ipinagbabawal ang anumang uri ng mga sasakyan at istrakturang nakaharang sa mga pampublikong daan at sidewalk ng Imus. Ang mga sasakyan namang lalabag dito ay lalagyan ng clamp at makatatanggap ang may-ari ng Violation Form. Para matubos ang kanilang mga sasakyan, maaari silang makipag-ugnayan sa mga tanggapan ng CITF. Matatagpuan ang mga ito sa 4th floor, Imus City Government Center, Brgy. Malagasang 1-G at sa Old Sangguniang Panlungsod Building, Brgy. Poblacion 4-B. Maaaring tubusin ang mga na-clamp na sasakyan tuwing Lunes hanggang Biyernes, mula 8:00 AM hanggang 4:30 PM. Huwag kalimutang dalhin ang Violation Form at ihanda ang babayaran multa ayon sa uri ng sasakyan: • Motorcycles, e-bicycles, tricycles, and e-tricycles (2 to 3 wheels) – P500.00 • Light motor vehicles (4 wheels) – P2,000.00 • Medium motor vehicles (6 wheels) – P3,000.00 • Heavy motor vehicles (8 to 10 wheels) – P4,000.00 • Super heavy motor vehicles (12 to 20 wheels) – P5,000.00 (Photos by: City of Imus Task Force)

PBBM... (FROM PAGE 8)

conditioners, deodorants, and face creams will export products to Southeast Asian countries, Australia, New Zealand, and Kenya.

Benjie Yap, Unilever Philippines Chairman and CEO, noted that the company's investment in the new factory is anchored on its purpose to meet the needs of consumers and a direct response to the government's call for inclusive growth through countryside opportunities.

"Emerging markets contribute 59% of Unilever's global turnover, and the Philippines remains an important market and a growth driver for [the] company," he added.

According to Yap, Unilever intends to continue investing in the talents of the Filipino workforce with the hopes of adding more jobs for Caviteños.

"We are proud to be one of the very few consumer goods companies to continue to manufacture locally more than 90% of what we sell – a testament of how the Philippines is a growth driver for Unilever and our commitment to help strengthen the local manufacturing sector," Yap

said.

He added: "Our factory features highly-specialized and advanced technologies, and over the next few years, we'll house more automated machines operated by a highly-skilled workforce. The rise of this site will create jobs for Cavitenos and help decongest Metro Manila, all these in service of our consumers and customers all over the Philippines."

With increased manufacturing efficiencies and its optimal location in Cavite, Unilever boasts that they have significantly reduced their carbon footprint with less waste, less fuel usage, and 25% less plastic use for deodorant products, usage of wastewater treatment facility, and geothermal and solar power for their electric supply.

The President commended the multinational consumer goods company for utilizing innovations and for their corporate social responsibility efforts for the environment.

"Through our coordinated and synergized efforts, this will lead towards the realization of this administration's socio-economic agenda. I have faith that we can actualize

the goals of boosting employment, adapting research, development, and innovation, and shaping a blue and a green economy," the President said.

PBBM added: "Unilever Philippines has pioneered green programs through its initiatives such as the Unilever Sustainable Living Plan, Malasakit for All, and Zero Waste Program. These intend to lessen the environmental carbon footprint, deliver basic goods and services to vulnerable sectors, and address plastic pollution."

The Chief Executive, together with Department of Trade and Industry Secretary Alberto Pascual, awarded the Certificate of Registration from the Board of Investments to Unilever Philippines President and CEO Yap for the company's P4.7 billion investment in its Beauty & Wellbeing and Personal Care factory, its state-of-the-art technologies, export commitments, and local employment.

The President ended his message by calling for the support of everyone to have a more sustainable future: "I enjoin everyone to strive towards building a healthier and more resilient future by devising ecologically sound initiatives that confront our contemporary challenges." (CH/PIA-Laguna)

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BDRRMO REPORT
Total No. of Vehicular Accident: **0**

BTMD REPORT
Total No. of Traffic Violators Apprehended: **0**

CSWD REPORT
No. of Rescued Minors for Curfew Violation: **4**

Barangay Breakdown:
Zapote 1 - 1 Minor
Halbay 2 - 1 Minor
Molino 7 - 1 Minor
San Nicolas 3 - 1 Minor

MALASAKIT SA BAWAT RESIDENTE DAILY UPDATE

MayorStrike, StrikeB.Revilla

Bacoor City- Ang Lungsod ng Bacoor sa pangunguna ni Mayor Strike Revilla ay naglunsad ng MALASAKIT SA BAWAT RESIDENTE DAILY UPDATE. Layunin nito na mabigyan ng serbisyo ang bawat Bacooreño, kasama ang mga MSBR Volunteers. Ang kapakanan ng Bacooreño ang prayoridad ng lokal na pamalaan ng nasabing lungsod.

2022 election... (FROM PAGE 1)

September 26, at the Palacio Del Gobernador, in Intramuros, Manila.

The Special Provincial Board of Canvassers (SPBOC) proclaimed Crisostomo a winning candidate in the May 2022 national elections after the Comelec First Division granted a petition declaring Alvic Poblete a nuisance candidate.

Comelec spokesman John Rex Laudiangco said the proclamation was made based on the June 14, 2022 Resolution of the Comelec First Division

granting the petition filed by Crisostomo and the 16 March 2023 Writ of Execution, which directed, among others, the SPBOC to "count and canvass the votes for nuisance candidate Alvic Madlangsakay Poblete in favor of petitioner Francisco Paolo Poblete Crisostomo."

The SPBOC was also directed to count only one vote in favor of Crisostomo in case a ballot "contains votes in favor of both Francisco Paolo Poblete Crisostomo and Alvic Madlangsakay Poblete."

An amended election tally showed Crisostomo received 103,783 votes in the 2022 elections.

He will join Aidel Belamide, proclaimed last May 2022, for two elective post seats.

Crisostomo is scheduled to be sworn in before Cavite Provincial Governor Jonvic Remulla any day before sitting on the provincial board as a regular member.

He is also set to resign as LnB Provincial Federation president and appoint an interim president according to the rule of succession. (By Dennis Abrina)

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 Dasmariñas 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 Dasmariñas 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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Calabarzon... (FROM PAGE 1)

Tourism Offices, which showcased their hospitality services and locally-made products.

"This is just the beginning of what we hope to achieve. We plan to have an annual CTBEx in a larger venue to

accommodate more tourism stakeholders. We also aim to have more sellers and buyers participating," Tepora added.

In addition to the CTBEx, Caito intends to organize more training, activities,

and seminars in collaboration with the DOT and the Tourism Promotions Board (TPB). These initiatives will equip their members with the necessary skills and knowledge to promote the tourism industry not only in Calabarzon but also nationwide. (CO/PIA-4A)

Coca-Cola... (FROM PAGE 1)

Zed Avecilla, President of Lighthouse Legacy Foundation, commended Coca-Cola Philippines for its longstanding commitment to responsible waste management, highlighting the company's "World Without Waste" strategy that was initiated in 2018, well before the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Law was enacted in the country.

Avecilla also emphasized the impact of raising awareness on the importance of managing waste to prevent them from getting into Philippine waters- through events like ICC. "What we are achieving through these events is the creation of awareness on responsible waste management and educating Filipinos about the EPR Law. In a way, we are appealing to their emotions to help the environment," he said.

The ICC is renowned as the world's largest volunteer effort for ocean sanitation, with The Coca-Cola Company serving as a founding member of the Trash Free Seas Alliance since 1995. In partnership with its local bottling partners, the company is engaging employees, consumers, and communities in cleanups, providing resources, grants, and in-kind donations to help remove trash from beaches and

waterways.

In the Philippines, Coca-Cola is doing its part to prevent marine debris through community-based initiatives like the Ecosystem Impact Program with Plastic Bank. This initiative helps build collection and recycling systems in communities to prevent plastic bottles from ending up in places where they should not be, while at the same time, empowering workers in the solid waste management sector.

Dhang Tecson, Global Director for Country Operations of Plastic Bank, thanked Coca-Cola Philippines for its annual coastal cleanup activity as well as the company's invaluable contribution to advancing the circular economy of plastics in the Philippines. "Maganda 'yung ginagawa ng Coca-Cola kasi hindi lang sa ating mga bahay nasisimulan 'yung action, kundi pati sa ating komunidad (What Coca-Cola is doing is great because change doesn't just start in our homes but also in our community)," Tecson said.

Coca-Cola bottles can have many lives.

Coca-Cola Philippines President Tony del Rosario emphasized that coastal cleanup activity is part of the company's wider commitment to help tackle plastic waste. "No one

wants to see empty packaging end up where it doesn't belong. Our World Without Waste program is an ambitious global sustainable packaging strategy that aims to help drive a circular economy for our packaging in the Philippines. Together with our partners, we are making progress with still much more to do," he said.

The Coca-Cola Company's World Without Waste global sustainable packaging strategy aims to make 100% of its packaging recyclable globally by 2025, use at least 50% recycled plastic in its packaging by 2030, help collect the equivalent of every can and bottle it sells by 2030, and bring people together to support a healthy, debris-free environment.

In line with this, Coca-Cola Philippines recently introduced new bottles made from 100% recycled PET plastic (rPET) for Coca-Cola Original (190ml and 390ml) and Wilkins Pure (500ml), in addition to Sprite 500ml introduced in 2019. The company also launched "May Ikabobote Pa" a consumer engagement initiative aimed at educating people about the actions they can take around recycling. Currently, Coca-Cola Philippines is expanding its network of over 2,800 recycling drop-off points across the country to make it easier for consumers to return their empty bottles.

ADDENDUM TO THE EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE LATE SPOUSES ROMEO FERNAN SALVADOR AND NORMA NOSTRATIS SALVADOR

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: This Document is in reference to the document entitled EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE LATE SPOUSES ROMEO FERNAN SALVADOR AND NORMA NOSTRATIS SALVADOR, executed on January 3, 2022 at Naic, Cavite, notarized by Atty. Jose A. Mendoza, docketed under Doc. No. 43, Page No. 10, Book No. X, Series of 2022. May it be known that the undersigned parties do hereby agree to make the following ADDITION/ADDENDUM to the aforementioned Deed of Extra Judicial Settlement of the late Spouses Romeo Fernan Salvador and Norma Nostratis Salvador. "That the deceased Spouses Romeo Fernan Salvador and Norma Nostratis Salvador, left as their estate a Residential House declared under Tax Declaration No. AA-15 0023 00768, erected on the parcel of land covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-50788, with Lot No. 6, Block 1, with an area of 322 square meters, located at Muzon, Naic, Cavite and that we hereby divide and adjudicate as we have hereby divided and adjudicated among ourselves the above-described Residential House, including all our interests and participation, equally, Pursuant to Sec. 1 Rule 74 of the Revised Rules of Court." This ADDENDUM TO THE EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT was duly executed on September 11, 2023 at Naic, Cavite by the Heirs as per Doc. No. 150, Page No. 31, Book No. XX, Series of 2023 by ATTY. JOSE A. MENDOZA.

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STARBOOKS units of Ambulong Elementary School get an upgrade

The STARBOOKS or Science and Technology Academic and Research-Based Openly-Operated KioskS units of the Ambulong Elementary School in Brgy. Ambulong, Batangas City was upgraded to provide its students with updated S&T information and resources, facilitated by the Department of Science and Technology (DOST)-Batangas in partnership with the Pilipinas Shell Foundation, Sept. 22.



STARBOOKS is the country's first digital library, designed to house thousands of digitized science and technology resources in different formats (text, video, and audio) placed inside specially created "pods" set in a user-friendly interface. The technology was created by the Science and Technology Information Institute (DOST-STII). As a standalone information kiosk, information access through STARBOOKS is possible even without internet connection. Because it provides a compendium of S&T information gathered from all over the world, it is regarded as a one-stop

S&T information source. It is also fitted with the latest K to 12 learning materials as well as interactive activities to engage students with learning. STARBOOKS was first introduced to Ambulong Elem. School in 2019. Since its deployment, the units have been extensively used to strengthen academic infrastructure and boost the academic performance of the school. However, due to the shift on the learning modality at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the units have not been fully used. To provide the students with expanded contents and a new user interface, DOST-Batangas upgraded the

units and conducted a deployment orientation-training. Grade 6 students and faculty members of Ambulong Elementary School partook in the orientation-training activity. The activity covered the discussion on the background and contents of the STARBOOKS. A hands-on training on the use of the STARBOOKS units was also conducted. The students had the chance to enjoy the friendly interface, as well as the newly-added interactive activities for STARBOOKS. A separate training for the admin module and the networked capabilities of



STARBOOKS was likewise provided to the faculty members. Mr. Cedric L. Rodriguez, DOST-Batangas STARBOOKS Coordinator, facilitated the activity. The faculty members of Ambulong Elementary School thanked DOST for this assistance and stressed that the new interactive nature of the units will be more enticing

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DTI-Laguna Launches Rice on Wheels for Retailers Program in San Pedro City

San Pedro City, Laguna — The Department of Trade and Industry - Laguna Provincial Office (DTI-Laguna), in partnership with the Provincial Government of Laguna, City Government of San Pedro, and Maunlad Rice Mill Corporation, launched its first Rice on Wheels for Retailers Program at the Parking Space of Suki Market, Mabini St., City of San Pedro, Laguna, on September 19, 2023.



The Rice on Wheels for Retailers Program primarily provides retailers in public marketplaces the capacity to source out cheaper rice and attempts to assure the

availability of regular and well-milled rice under the price ceiling, imposed by the Executive Order 39 (EO 39), to the consumers. To bear witness to this

launching event, Officer-in-Charge Provincial Director Christian Ted Tungohan of DTI-Laguna, Officer-in-Charge Regional Director Marissa



CARMONA CITY – Pinangunahan ni Carmona City Mayor Dahlia A. Loyola ang ribbon cutting ceremony, hudyat ng pagsisimula ng dalawang araw na pagdiriwang ng ika 3rd CARMONA TOURISM SUMMIT AT CARMONA TOURISM FAIR. Ito ay nilahukan ng 15 tourism enterprises sa buong lungsod ng Carmona. Ang Free Carmona Tourism Fair ay ginanap sa Carmona Community Center nitong September 28 hanggang September 29, 2023.



Argente of DTI IVA Regional Office, Hon. Mayor Art Joseph Francis Mercado of the City Government of San Pedro, and Head Ms. Elsa Santos of the San Pedro City Business Permits and Licensing Office were all in attendance. The program started with the welcome remarks from OIC Provincial Director Tungohan, followed by the opening message of OIC Regional Director Argente. A Message of Support was then given by Hon. Mayor Mercado and closing remarks was delivered by BPLO Head Santos.

The Rice on Wheels

Program, which serves as a mitigating measure for those affected by the implementation of the EO 39, continued its roll-out caravan around the City of San Pedro, particularly in San Pedro Town Center, San Pedro City Hall, and SanJos Market. DTI-Laguna, through its Negosyo Center San Pedro, reported that the Rice on Wheels for Retailers program has sold a total of 76 sacks of well-milled rice on its initial launch in the City of San Pedro.

Furthermore, as part of the ongoing efforts to address the concerns on the implementation of the

rice price ceiling, DTI-Laguna together with the Department of the Interior and Local Government - Laguna, Department of Social Welfare and Development IVA, and Provincial Government of Laguna, has already distributed the first payout of cash assistance to micro rice retailers in the province of Laguna (total of nine rice retailers in San Pedro City were included in the list of beneficiaries), at Time Plaza, Provincial Capitol Compound, Santa Cruz, Laguna, last September 14, 2023. **(NMRRepol, DTI-Laguna)**

Ear Care Awareness and Free Hearing Test

In a commitment to the well-being of its employees, the Provincial Government of Cavite organized a special Ear Care Awareness and Free Hearing Test event on September 22, 2023 at the Ceremonial Hall of the Provincial Capitol in Trece Martires City.



The event was made possible through the collaboration of the Office of the Human Resource Management Officer and the Office of the Provincial Persons with Disability Affairs Officer.

They sought the services of Manila Hearing Aid Center, Inc. in providing free hearing tests to all employees in attendance. With a team of skilled audiologists on-site,

participants were assured of accurate and professional assessments of their hearing capabilities.

Mr. Mark Gabriel G. Santos, an expert in the field of ear care, had an informative session that not only emphasized the importance of ear health but also equipped participants with practical tips for maintaining optimal ear care, from the

significance of regular check-ups, to everyday practices for preserving hearing.

A total of 72 employees received free hearing tests. This not only underscores the proactive approach of the Provincial Government of Cavite towards employee health but also highlights the willingness of employees to prioritize their own well-being. **(OPIO)**

Cavite extends win streak to 3 in PCAP Wesley So Cup

The Cavite Spartans made it three in a row in the 2023 Professional Chess Association of the Philippines (PCAP) Wesley So Cup with victories over Rizal Batch Towers, 13.5-7.5, and Isabela Knights of Alexander, 10.5-10.5 (3-0), on Wednesday, September 27, 2023.

Coming from a rousing 13-8 opening day win against the Cagayan Kings last Saturday, Cavite scored a runaway win against Rizal but needed the extra play to hurdle the challenge of Isabela.

Cavite dominated Rizal in the blitz event, 4.5-2.5, and rapid time control, 9-5, for its second win in this professional online chess tournament held through the Chess.com platform.

Cavite continued its dominance when it prevailed over Isabela in the blitz section, 5.5-1.5, but the Knights of Alexander bounced back with a masterful 9-5 triumph in rapid play to even the count at 10.5-all and force the Armageddon.

In overtime, Anatoly Pascua, Candidate Master Jayson Visca and National Master Louie Salvador of Cavite scored victories against Lordwin Espiritu, Benjamin Lising and FIDE Master Steven Breckneridge of Isabela to secure win number three.

Highlighting the early surge of the Cavite team is the emergence of Praise Torre, niece of Asia's first chess grandmaster Eugene Torre.

The young Torre contributed for the Spartans with victories in the blitz category over Kelly Ann David-Salcedo of Rizal and Diana Ramos-Banawa of Isabela.

"It was a good start for our new-look team," said the 23-year-old Torre of Imus City.

Torre recently graduated with a degree of Bachelor of Science in Aviation Electronics Technology at the Philippine State College of Aeronautics in Pasay City.

Another Cavite player to watch is Arena FIDE Master Melizah Ruth Carreon, who remained undefeated in the tournament after crushing David-Salcedo and Ramos-Banawa in the rapid format.

The other members of the Cavite Spartans are International Master Barlo

Nadera, Renie Malupa, Arena Grandmaster Voltaire Marc Paragua, Ed Tunguia, Richard Cornell Manzano, Benjie Bercadez and National Master Jose Rafael "Jojo" Legaspi.

Defending champion Pasig shared the top spot with Cavite in the Northern Division after scoring wins against Isabela (14-7), Laguna (12-9) and Quezon City (17.5-3.5).

Meanwhile, Manilyn Cabungcag lifted Quezon City to its first win against Manila, 13-8, on Saturday.

Cabungcag, who hails from Bacolod City, defeated Kristel Shayne Herrera, both in blitz and rapid to lead the Simba's Tribe.

Quezon City, however, bowed to the San Juan Predators, 16-5, and Pasig King Pirates, 17.5-3.5, on Wednesday.

PCAP is sanctioned by the Games and Amusements Board (GAB) and sponsored by San Miguel Corporation, Ayala Land, Buenavie and PCWorx.



National Master Louie Salvador of the Cavite Spartans CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Smashing Asiad debut for Gilas women's team

HANGZHOU – Welcome to the Asian Games, Gilas women's team.



Photo from Philippine Sports Commission FB page

The Filipina cagebells had a rousing triumph in their first-ever game in the history of the quadrennial meet, hacking out an 83-59 rout of Kazakhstan Wednesday night at the Shaoxing Olympic Sports Centre gymnasium.

Janine Pontejos exploded for 21 points, Ana Castillo with 15, and veteran Afril Bernardino added 11 in the rousing win that put the team's campaign on a blazing start.

Gilas outscored the Kazakhs, 23-9, in the second period behind Pontejos, Jack Animam, Bernardino, and Stefanie Berberabe that had Gilas sitting on a 40-26 lead at the break.

Before the offensive spark, the contest was tied at 17-all after the first quarter.

Gilas women's return to the court on Friday against Hong Kong, badly beaten earlier by world power Japan, 118-46, in the other Group B

match-up.

Other results in the opening of the women's 5-on-5 competitions were Korea over Thailand, 90-56, and North Korea against Chinese Taipei, 91-77, in a pair of Group C games.

In the 3x3 competition, the Philippine men's team moved on the verge of completing a sweep of its Pool A assignment after carving out a 21-15 win over Hong Kong at the Deqing Geographic Information Park Basketball Court.

John Ray Pasaol and Bismarck Lina accounted for more than half of the team's output in its third straight win in their group.

Lina and Pasaol had seven points each while presiding over a short but telling run that turned the game around in favor of the Filipinos.

Held to a 4-4 standoff, the two sparked four straight points by the Gilas team to take the lead for good at 8-4.

Justin Sanchez and JB

Sajonia finished with four and three points, respectively.

Despite already being assured of advancing in the quarterfinal qualifications, Gilas wants nothing but an outright berth in the knockout stage, which it can clinch with a win over Mongolia on Friday for a sweep of the group stage.

"Yun ang gusto namin. Win as many games," head coach Lester Del Rosario said.

Gilas will take a needed rest on Thursday.

After the Philippines, running second in Group A is Chinese Taipei (2-1), Mongolia (1-1), Jordan (0-2) and Hong Kong (0-2).

The top team in each group will automatically earn a quarterfinal slot, while the next two teams will make it to the qualifications where the four other quarterfinalists will be determined. (PSC-POC Media Group)

Mandal delivers 1st PH silver in 19th Asian Games

HANGZHOU, China – Sanda fighter Arnel Mandal dropped his final encounter against a favored foe on Thursday, delivering the first silver medal for the Philippines in the 19th Asian Games.

The 27-year-old Mandal unloaded a large number of punches in a desperate attempt to knock out China's Jiang Haidong but failed to find the target throughout their two-round contest.

Jiang eventually got away with the title, 2-0, in the men's 56kg. category at the Xiaoshan Guali Sports Center.

"Ginawa ko lahat ng aking makakaya pero hindi ako pinalad (I did my best but I was not lucky)," said Mandal, the 2015 World Sanda Championship men's 52kg. titleholder.

There is no need to be disappointed though.

Mandal's second-place finish is the first for Team Philippines apart from the five bronzes across the medal tally.

Gideon Padua ended his Asiad stint with a bronze in the men's 60kg. after Filipino wushu officials decided not to field him in the semifinals on Wednesday night due to a broken nose bridge.

Padua hurt his nose in an impressive quarterfinal win over Turkmenistan's Agajumageldi Yazymov on Tuesday night.

"Ayaw namin i-risk pa si



FIRST SILVER. Arnel Mandal scores a head kick against China's Jiang Haidong during their Sanda finals match in the wushu competition of the 19th Asian Games in Hangzhou, China on Thursday (Sept. 28, 2023). Mandal settled for silver, the Philippines' first in the ongoing quadrennial meet. (Photo from PSC-POC Media Group)

Gideon.

Bronze na yan at mataas ang probability na matamaan ang injury nya sa mga kasunod na laban (We don't want to put Gideon at risk. He is already assured of a bronze medal and there is a high probability that his injured nose might get hit again in the next matches)," Wushu Federation of the Philippines President Freddie Jalasco said.

Joining Padua on the bronze podium is

Clemente Tabugara Jr., who was assured of a medal after downing Kazakhstan's Abdusamat Ashirov in the men's 65kg. quarterfinals before his run ended against Indonesia's Samuel Marbun.

The Philippine wushu team wrapped its campaign with one silver and three bronze medals, including the taolu specialist Jones Inso's medal performance in the men's taijiquan-taijijian all-round. (PSC-POC Media Group)

PBBM: Unilever's P4.7-B Cavite plant to create more jobs



GENERAL TRIAS, Cavite - President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. led on Friday the inauguration of Unilever's P4.7 billion-personal care facility in General Trias, Cavite, which he said was a result of his trip to Belgium.



PBBM inspects the new technology being used by the Unilever Beauty, Well-Being, and Personal Care Factory (BWPC) in General Trias (MBL/PIA-4A)

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The Safe Spaces Act Seminar

The Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC) took a significant step towards ensuring safety against all forms of gender-based sexual harassment committed in public spaces, educational or training institutions, workplace, as well as online space, as it hosted a landmark seminar on Republic Act 11313 or the Bawal Bastos Law, for PGC employees. Spearheaded by the Office of the Office of the Provincial Legal Office, the event held at the Ceremonial Hall on September 21, 2023, brought together employees to discuss and promote the vital provisions of this groundbreaking legislation.



The seminar featured a panel of distinguished speakers, each with a deep understanding of Safe Spaces Act and its implications for creating a safer and more respectful environment for all PGC employees.

The roster of speakers included Atty. Annaliza P. Mercene-Pulmones, Provincial Legal Officer who discussed the "Sexual Harassment and Safe Spaces Act in Relation to Civil Service Rules"; Atty. Brian Mey R. Tomas, Executive Assistant V Office of the Provincial Governor who delved into the topic of "Gender-based online

sexual harassment"; Atty. Reynaldo Angelito R. Cortes, Attorney III who addressed concerns within "Gender-based Streets and Public Spaces Sexual Harassment and Qualified Gender-based streets, Public Spaces and online Sexual Harassment"; Atty. Allana Marie P. Bawalan, Attorney III who enlightened the PGC employees about "Gender-based sexual harassment in the workplace"; and, Atty. Bianca Mari B. Herrera, Attorney IV, offered her knowledge on "Gender-based sexual harassment in educational and training institutions". Together,

these legal luminaries bring a wealth of expertise and experience to the discussions, reflecting the diversity and complexity of the issues at hand.

Atty. Pulmoses who is also the head of the Committee on Decorum and Investigation (CODI), likewise, shared the punishable offenses which lead to dismissal from service.

The seminar also reiterated the duties of the employers and co-workers to provide measures to prevent gender-based sexual harassments and the CODI to act on cases of GBHS. (OPIO)

The President said the state-of-the-art-facility is one of the results of his trip to Belgium during the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)-European Union (EU) Summit in December last year.

"I would like to note that this major investment is amongst the pledges that we received during our trip to Belgium for the ASEAN-EU Summit last December," President Marcos said in his speech

during the inauguration of Unilever's New Beauty, Well-Being, and Personal Care Factory (BWPC).

The President is hopeful that Unilever's largest personal care facility in the world will generate over 5,000 direct and indirect employment opportunities for the people.

"It is a truly welcome development for all our shared efforts to strengthen our manufacturing sector and to ultimately create jobs

and gainful opportunities for our people. This manufacturing plant is projected to produce nearly 90,000 tons of various personal care products annually. And this is to meet the export demands for Unilever products," the chief executive adds.

The BWPC factory will house the company's production of daily beauty and hygiene needs such as shampoo, hair

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Housing project for govt workers to rise in Noveleta

NOVELETA Mayor Dino Reyes Chua, Cavite 1st District Rep. Ramon "Jolo" Revilla 3rd and Cavite 1st District board member Davey Chua spearheaded the groundbreaking ceremony of the Unlad Noveleta Homes at the VFL Village, Barangay San Rafael 3 on Thursday.



HOUSING PROJECT Cavite 1st District Rep. Jolo Revilla (left), Noveleta Mayor Dino Reyes Chua (center) and Cavite 1st District board member Davey Chua lead the burying of the time capsule during the groundbreaking ceremony of the Unlad Noveleta Homes in VFL Village, Barangay San Rafael 3, on Thursday, Sept. 28, 2023. PHOTO BY DENNIS ABRINA

The housing project is dedicated to local government workers and uniformed personnel in partnership with Acasys Development Corp.

The local government unit (LGU) acquired a 3-hectare property for the initial project of 200 housing units.

"This is one of the housing projects I promised for the people of Noveleta, including the housing in San Rafael 1 under JICA and DPWH project for informal settlers and affected by the river revetment project," said the mayor in his speech.

As part of his 43rd birthday celebration on Thursday, Chua also handed out free health insurance to members of the Noveleta Tricycle Operators and Drivers Association.

The LGU also gave financial assistance to boat owners and fishermen in Barangay San Rafael 3 and 4. More than 400 applicants, likewise, took part in the Work Abroad Mega Job Fair at Primark Mall. Free rubber shoes were also given to public elementary school students as his birthday gift to select Noveleta pupils.