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Cavite celebrates Teachers' Day



LET'S DANCE Mendez-Nuñez Mayor Francisco Mendoza Jr. joins teachers of the town during the World Teachers' Day celebration on Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2023.

MENDEZ-NUÑEZ, Cavite: In celebration of the Month of Teachers from September 5 to October 5 of this year with the theme "Together4Teachers," local governments joined in the celebration through different ways of paying tribute and thanking them in eight cities and 15 towns in the province of Cavite.

The local government of the upland town of Mendez led by Mayor Francisco "Cocoy" Mendoza Jr. organized a special program dedicated to their beloved teachers.

It was attended by teaching and nonteaching personnel of all private and public schools of the town, even teachers who serve in Child Development Centers or day care centers.

Those who attended also included members of the Sangguniang Bayan and Vice Mayor Raygan Dimapilis.

With the theme "Barrio Fiesta," the teachers of Mendez were made to feel the love of the town government for their dedication and wholehearted service to their beloved town.

In his speech, Mendoza
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MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR FACILITY TO DEVELOP 'MARIJUANA' AS MEDICINE TO BE BUILT SOON



AS everybody's anticipating the legalization by the Senate and House of Representatives, on the use of medical cannabis or marijuana as medicine, a manufacturing facility to develop this will be constructed soon and it's said to be the biggest in Asia and at par with the United States' in terms of standards.

The Senate and House bills relating to medical cannabis are now with the technical working group but advocates of the marijuana plant strongly believe that its legalization will happen soon. This good news was relayed to the Media Health Forum by Bauertek Corporation's general manager Dr. Richard Nixon Gomez, a scientist and inventor.

Broadcasters Rolando "Lakay" Gonzalo and Edwin Eusebio ► **MULTI-MILLION • 4**



Magandang Kawit! Syempre, advanced Happy Teacher's Day din sa ating mga kababayang guro! Bilang bahagi ng ating #AlangAngeloAguinaldo sa edukasyon, naghandog tayo ng service vehicle para sa kanila. Muli, maraming salamat sa mga guro ng Kawit, sa pangunguna ni SDS Rolando Talon, Jr. Sana ay magamit n'yo sa inyong may puso at malasakit na pagseserbisyo ang service vehicle! #RatedTripleA #PusoAtMalasakitParaSaAtingKawit

Young artist ng Naic, Cavite wagi sa Regional On-the-Spot Poster Making Contest ng DA-4A

Itinanghal na kampeon ang labing-dalawang taong gulang na si Alexa Rinoa Aguinaldo mula sa Naic Elementary School ng Cavite sa isinagawang Regional On-the-Spot Poster Making Contest ng Department of Agriculture IV-CALABARZON (DA-4A).



Mula sa 215 na nagpasa ng litrato ng likhang sining online sa Kagawaran ay 25 mula sa iba't ibang paaralan sa rehiyon ang napiling sumabak sa nasabing kompetisyon na isinagawa face-to-face sa Argosino Hall, Lipa Agricultural Research and Experiment Station, Batangas. Dito ay binigyan lamang ang mga kalahok ng mga materyales na 1/2 illustration board, oil pastel, at pentel pen na kanilang ginamit sa loob ng tatlong oras na pagguhit. Katuwang ang Department of Education (DepEd) at Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), ang aktibidad ay pinangunahan ng DA-4A Regional Agriculture and Fisheries Information Section (RAFIS) sa layon na maipamulat sa mga kabataan ang kahalagahan ng agrikultura at seguridad sa pagkain sa pamamagitan ng sining.

Si Alexa ay nag-uwi ng sampung libong piso (P10,000) bilang Grand Winner na sinundan naman nina Georgina Alexi Salvacion ng Trece Martires, Cavite (1st Place) na may limang libong piso (P5,000) at Zachi Dominique Nohay ng Batangas City, Batangas (2nd Place) na may tatlong libong piso (P3,000).

Ayon kay Felipe Ryan Duatin na tagapagsanay ni Alexa, hindi nila akalain na maiuwi ng paaralan ang panalo dahil sa rami ng magagandang obra ng mga mag-aaral. Buo ang kanyang pasasalamat sa malaking oportunidad na ibinigay ng Kagawaran. Irerepresenta ni Alexa ang CALABARZON sa parehong kompetisyon sa nasyonal na nakatakdang ganapin sa ika-5 ng Oktubre. Ang mga nanalang likhang sining ay ilalagay sa eksibisyon para sa selebrasyon ng World Food Day sa ika-16 ng Oktubre. (Danica T. Daluz, DA-4A)

The 10th Cavite MSME Conference centers on enabling self-reliant and resilient MSMEs, pushes for #FoodSecure.Ph



The 10th Cavite MSMEs Business Conference, a collaborative partnership between the Provincial Government of Cavite through the Provincial Cooperative, Livelihood and Entrepreneurial Development Office (PCLEDO) and its partners, the Cavite Small Medium Enterprise Development (CaSMED), Department of Trade and Industry-Cavite and the Local Government Unit of the City of Bacoor, was successfully held on 28 September 2023 at the Fynn Boutique Hotel, Bacoor City, Cavite.

With the theme “#FoodSecure.Ph: Government, Private Partners and Cavite MSMEs on the Road to Food Security,” the conference focused on Food Security as an increasingly serious concern at the present time and the role of all stakeholders in propelling self-sufficient industries to achieve Food Security in the Philippines.

The event was graced by Hon. Abeng Remulla, Board Member of the 7th District of Cavite, Councilor Reynaldo Fabian, and 2nd District Representative Lani Mercado Revilla.

Before the program started, an overview of the Cavite MSMEs Business Conference was given by Cavite SMED Council Chairperson, Ms. Teresita M. Leabres.

The Economic Roadmap

of the Philippines was discussed by Prof. Ronilo Balbieran - President of Research, Education & Institutional Development (REID) Foundation Inc. He pointed out that the Philippine Economy was steadily improving until COVID-19, but then 2020-2022 eventually accelerated the digital transformation of government and businesses, and come 2023 and beyond, with the right mix of actions from the government and businesses, and the right strategic choices, the Philippine economy will eventually catch up and bounce back.

In the 2nd part of the program, the Technical and Advisory Visit (TAV) was discussed by the Department of Labor and Employment and shortly after, the Food Security

and Economic Development discussion started and was moderated by the OIC of the Office of the Provincial Cooperatives Development Officer (OPCDO), Atty. Khervy V. Reyes.

Panelists were from NEDA 4A ARD Carmel P.

Matabang, DTI 4A ARD and concurrent DTI Cavite Provincial Director Revelyn A. Cortez, Agricultural Program Coordinator of Department of Agriculture Mr. Ruben Perlas, and Cooperative Development Authority Regional Director Salvador Valeroso.

Meanwhile, Agri and Food Security were discussed by Mr. Jeremy Gohkongwei, Founder and Group CEO of World Food Chain and Food Starter/Co-Founder of Metafarms. Mr. Gohkongwei

highlighted in his discussion their company objective which is to improve logistics to lessen post-harvest losses. Here, he showed an actual simulation of processing an order that only took around 24-26 hours from Nueva Ecija to a Supermarket in Las Piñas, Metro Manila.

Before the program ended, a success story was narrated by the General Manager of Palangue Agrarian Reform Cooperative, highlighting

the success of their organization and the breakthrough that farming has brought them.

The 2023 Cavite MSMEs Business Conference was concluded by Atty. Khervy B. Reyes who shared his Words of Challenge: M = Maging bahagi ng solusyon. Wag hayaang maiwan lng sa papel ang mga natutunan. S = Sikaping magkaroon ng pagkakaisa. M = Maging resilient and adaptive. E = Envision a better version of ourselves.



SM PRIME HOLDINGS INC. AND SM GROUP OF COMPANIES, HAILED AS THE TOP REAL ESTATE TAXPAYER AND TOP BUSINESS TAXPAYER IN BACOOR CITY: The awards were received by John Jason Terrenal, SM Supermalls' Senior Assistant Vice President for Mall Operations for South Luzon, who represented SM along with Lorenz A. Calingasan, Assistant Vice President for Mall Operation for South 1, SM City Bacoor's Mall Manager Josephine A. Arvesu, and SM City Molino's Assistant Mall Manager Lyd Russel A. Abrazado. The Tribute to Outstanding Admirable and Stellar Taxpayers (TOAST) 2023 Award headed by Bacoor City Mayor Strike Revilla, aims to acknowledge the city's top and exemplary taxpayers in real estate, individual, and in the business sector. This year's awarding ceremony was held at the Event Center of SM City Bacoor.

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PGC Employees' Month Celebration

To honor the dedication and hard work of the employees of the Provincial Government of Cavite, the Office of the Provincial Human Resource Management Officer spearheaded the PGC Employees' Month Celebration, coinciding with the celebration of the 123rd Philippine Civil Service Anniversary, banner the theme, "Transforming Public Service in the Next Decade: Honing Agile and Future-Ready Servant-Heroes".

The month-long celebration was kicked off with a Stress Management Activity through Zumba Dance on September 1, participated by PGC employees.

It was followed by a series of activities and learning sessions for the whole month which included, GSIS Pre-Retirement Seminar, New employee orientation and E-card enrollment, Defensive Driving Skills Seminar for PGC Drivers, Supervisory Development Course-Track II, Seminar-Workshop on Safe Spaces Act and Free Legal Assistance, and Ear Care Awareness and Free Ear Examination.

On September 29, 2023, Palaro ng Lahi and Recognition of PGC Loyalty Awardees signaled the culmination of the 2023 PGC Employees' Month celebration.

Palaro ng Lahi featured Filipino games like sack race, kantaririt, larong pinoy relay, amazing race, and batuhang bola. These activities encouraged team building and camaraderie among employees from different departments and build stronger bonds, fostering a more collaborative work environment.

Another highlight of the celebration was the recognition of 305 PGC employees' who are loyalty awardees for 2023. Employees



with 10 to 15 years of dedicated service were presented with certificates of appreciation, while those with 20 to 45 years of service were honored with plaques of appreciation. Cash incentives will be given in December.

Mr. Avelino D. Abelida, Construction and Maintenance

Capataz of the Office of the Provincial Engineer was recognized for his remarkable 45 years of dedicated service.

In closing, Ms. Maria Fe Satsatin, OPHRMO head, extended her appreciation to everyone who contributed to the success of the event. (OPIO)

Z Benefits for Breast and Cervical Cancers, Now Available in Laguna

PhilHealth Members in Laguna can now avail of the Z Benefits for Breast and Cervical Cancers.

PhilHealth has recently signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Calamba Medical Center (CMC) as a contracted facility for the said Z Benefit Packages, the first in Laguna and in Region 4A. This was made possible after grueling months of negotiation by the Local Health Insurance Office (LHIO) Calamba Team headed by LHIO Head Maria Teresa Alba with support from the Accreditation and Quality Assurance Section.

The Z Benefit package came up not only to cover hospital expenses, but also to ensure totality of care and attainment

of better health outcomes. Now, cancer treatment is made accessible to Calamba and its neighboring towns through this partnership.

Dr. Jose Juliano, Calamba Medical Center President expressed his delight to have finally been recognized by PhilHealth as a Cancer Center. "When it approved our Z Benefit Package, we were so proud of it because it is a sign of becoming of age, of getting close to what we want. This is just a beginning for us. A beginning for Calamba Cancer Center. We can continue improving our center so we can do more for the people of Calamba and nearby cities. We



reiterate our thanks to PhilHealth for approving our Z Benefits Package so that we can serve our countrymen better."

Dr. Ronnie C. Lanzanas of the Calamba City Health Office stressed that the MOA is an affirmation of the commitment of all involved stakeholders to improving the lives of individuals battling these critical illnesses. "This collaboration represents a union of our shared vision and dedication to enhancing health care services for those facing these challenging conditions. Together, we aim to ensure that every patient receives the highest quality of care, support, and resources they need on their journey

for recovery."

Understanding the plight of both the patients and their caregivers, CMC-Cancer Center Medical Director Dr. Salvador Villanueva emphasized the significance of this collaboration between PhilHealth and CMC-Cancer Center "in their journey in dealing with cancer". He further stressed that the Z Benefit Package will provide "accessible, specialized, cost-effective, and modern cancer care available for patients".

Case Type Z conditions are catastrophic illnesses that usually require prolonged hospitalization and poor outcome if early intervention is not done. The package is called Z

benefit since if ranking all illnesses from A to Z those illnesses that push patients into prolonged hospitalization and very expensive treatments would be the Z illnesses. These illnesses are what the Z Benefits package will be addressing.

The Z Benefit package rate for breast cancer stage 0 to III-A is P100,000. Meanwhile, there are two Z Benefits packages that cover complete course of treatment for cervical cancer for stages IA1, IA2-IIA1 where it pays P120,000 for Chemoradiation with Cobalt and Brachytherapy (low dose), and P175,000 for Chemoradiation with Linear Accelerator and

Brachytherapy (high dose).

These benefits may be availed at any PhilHealth contracted facility. Contracted facilities for the Z Benefits are any level 3 and 4 hospitals that have signed the performance commitment and contract to provide total quality care for the Type Z conditions.

With the Z Benefit Package, PhilHealth is committed towards the realization of the UHC law that all Filipinos will have access to the full range of quality health services they need, when and where they need them, without financial hardship. (SMOC)



Para sa Mahal... (FROM PAGE 8)

the Philippine DanceSport Federation (PDSF) Breaking National Ranking 2023 winners battle it out on stage while DJ Negative gives the beat.

MC Leandro has released solo songs such as "Nang Dumating Ka" and "Unite as One," which are motivational rap songs that plead for unity.

He has also shown his talents in some parts of the world such as Belgium, Japan, Thailand, Switzerland, and in the US.

B.O.N., on the other hand, wrote one of his successful songs entitled "Bayanihan," which was produced by National Artist for Music Ryan Cayabyab.

He is a protege of Filipino rap icon Gloc-9 and Jazz Nicolas of Itchyworms

during the Elements Camp 4 in 2013.

The B.O.N also won the 2018 Tampus Songwriting Competition (A Song For Ilog Pasig) and the 2018 Karapatan Dapat Songwriting Contest ng Commission on Human Rights.

Meanwhile, Delicano Uno is an artist who looks up to Filipino rap legends Francis M., Andrew E., and Gloc-9.

He is now known for writing motivational and inspirational rap songs, where he uses his genre to spread the Word of God being a Christian.

Uno bagged the championship for Studio 23 rap contest in 2012.

The featured artists value the education fostered in them by their teachers as they offer their performances to all

Filipino teachers who continue to nurture the youths and prepare them for "Bagong Pilipinas" as envisioned by the Marcos administration.

Konsyerto sa Palasyo: Para sa Mahal Nating mga Guro is made special by multi-awarded theater actors, Gerald Santos, Shiela Valderrama-Martinez, and Ima Castro.

The concert for the educators is the third installment of the Konsyerto sa Palasyo which aims to feature young and popular artists from all over the country.

Concerts were also held for medical workers and athletes last April and August, respectively.

Konsyerto sa Palasyo will be shown live on the official Facebook pages of Konsyerto sa Palasyo and Radio Television Malacañang on October 1, 2023 at 6:30 in the evening. (PND)

Cavite... (FROM PAGE 1)

expressed his gratitude and admiration for the so-called second parents for their love and patience for all Mendezeño youth.

He announced that starting next year, the local

government will give a "birthday incentive" to teachers on their birthdays.

In Bacoor City, Mayor Strike Revilla attended the program tribute to all

teachers of the locality inside the Strike Gym in New Bacoor Government Center compound on Molino Boulevard on Thursday.

Classes were suspended in the towns of Noveleta, Silang and Cavite City as a tribute to the teachers on October 5.

BOSS: Bacoor... (FROM PAGE 8)

at negosyo. Sa pamamagitan ng pagpapagsama-sama ng mga serbisyo at mapagkukunan, ang BOSS ay layong magbigay ng maginhawang karanasan, na nag-aalis ng pangangailangan para sa multiple na pagdalaw sa iba't ibang ahensiya ng pamahalaan at nagbabawas ng mga kumplikadong proseso.

Sa pamamagitan ng pakikipagtulungan sa SM Prime Holdings, ang BOSS ay matatagpuan nang estratehikong paraan sa loob ng SM Bacoor sa Bacoor City, na nagbibigay ng madaling access at kaginhawahan para sa mga residente at negosyante.

Ang pagsasama-sama

ng sektor ng pampubliko at pribadong sektor na ito ay layong mapaunlad ang pangkalahatang karanasan ng pakikipag-ugnayan sa mga serbisyong pamahalaan sa pamamagitan ng pagbibigay ng moderno at maaliwalas na kapaligiran.

Magbibigay ang BOSS ng malawak na sakop ng mga serbisyo, kabilang ang pagrehistro ng negosyo, mga permiso at lisensya, pagbabayad ng buwis, tulong sa kawanggawa, serbisyong pangkalusugan, at iba pa. Sa pamamagitan ng pagpapapagsama-sama ng mga serbisyong ito, maaaring makatipid ng oras, ng walang kahirap-hirap.

"Kami ay masaya na makipagtulungan sa SM Prime Holdings Inc upang itatag ang BOSS, isang panibagong inisyatiba na magpapadali sa mga Bacoreñong malapit dito sa pakikipag-ugnayan ng mamamayan at negosyo sa pamahalaan," sabi ni Mayor Strike B. Revilla. "Sa pamamagitan ng pagkakaroon muli ng isang one-stop shop para sa mga serbisyo ng pampamahalaan, layunin naming mapadali ang mga proseso, mapahusay ang kahusayan, at magbigay ng mas maginhawang karanasan sa mga mamamayan. Ang pakikipagtulungan na ito sa SM Prime Holdings ay tumutugma sa aming pangarap na palaganapin ang mga negosyo at magpalago ng ekonomiya sa Bacoor City."

DOST... (FROM PAGE 8)

hunter app that won one of the seven being practiced globally, plans app ready to reveal – the first app in the world that is automated.

Meanwhile, Rep. Rufus B. Rodriguez of the 2nd District of Cagayan de Oro City, in his message of support, said the occasion "is a testament to the department's unwavering commitment to their

mandate of using science and technology to build a better and resilient nation." He said Cagayan de Oro City is defined as a city which has resilience and the ability to spring back. Others who attended the event were DOST undersecretary for regional operations, Engr. Sancho Maborang; Undersecretary Teodoro Gatchalian; Cagayan de

Oro City 1st District Rep. Lordan G. Suan; DOST 10 regional director, Engr. Romela Ratilla, Others who sent in their representatives on their behalf were Senate president Juan Miguel "Migz" Zubiri, Dept. of Interior and Local Government (DILG) Secretary Benjamin Abalos Jr., Cagayan de Oro City Mayor Rolando "Klaxex" Uy, Dinagat Islands Lone Rep. Alan B. Ecleo.

Multi-Million (FROM PAGE 1)

are the moderators of the Bauertek Corporation's weekly forum held in Quezon City.

The guest panelist for the week was no less than Rigel Gomez, the company's president and son of Dr. Gomez, who reported that they recently returned from the United States to visit big medical cannabis facilities there.

The elder Gomez said that the facility to be built in the country soon is 13 times bigger than Bauertek Corporation located in Guiguinto, Bulacan.

This is scheduled to have its ground-breaking in the middle of November.

Rigel said first and foremost, it's necessary to conduct proper media campaign for people to understand on the benefits of medical cannabis. "The

right medicine for the right disease, right disorder because any medicine can be a cure or a poison if you use it in the right or wrong way," he explained.

The elder Gomez also expounded that once marijuana use is legalized, it will become a \$180-billion dollar industry by 2030 and the Philippines stands to earn millions in taxes.

He also disclosed that in their talks with the experts in the US, the latter reportedly claimed that "As early as now, they want Bauertek to position for export in Europe.

Hindi na daw Columbia kasi mura, US mahal, Israel napakamahal." Dr. Gomez said. Europe cannot make its own, he added.

One advantage of the Philippines producing

medicine from medical cannabis is the fact that the country is very good for growing marijuana. Another is working hand-in-hand with the government in providing the proper regulations in order to ensure that what goes out is the highest quality and with Bauertek that uses the best equipment in the whole of Asia.

The Philippines has also the perfect weather for growing lots of cannabis, Rigel said. The country likewise wants to participate in the global cannabis trade aside from the benefits the Filipinos will get, especially for the patients and the employment it will generate.

This will surely benefit the Philippine economy as it stands to earn P40-billion in taxes, the Dr. Gomez said. (Nelson Santos-PAPI)

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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SM'S 65TH ANNIVERSARY EXTRAVAGANZA SENDS OCTOBER INTO OVERDRIVE

Super Month Unleashed! October has dawned, and that can only mean one thing at SM – it's Super Month! Get ready to dive into a whirlwind of excitement, deals, and experiences as SM celebrates its remarkable 65th anniversary. This month-long extravaganza is packed with thrilling activities, immersive attractions, and memories waiting to be made.

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From October 1, key malls and iconic landmarks will bathe in a brilliant shade of blue, marking the beginning of SM's 65th celebration.

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Indulgent Super Treats

On October 15, cinephiles can rejoice with a Php 65 movie ticket deal and a Php 65 caramel popcorn combo at SM Cinema – a match made in cinema heaven! But the

treats don't end there. From October 1 to 30, unleash your inner bowler with Php 65 off on unlimited bowling for one hour at SM Game Park and SM Bowling. Skating enthusiasts can also get in on the action with a Php 65 discount on the all-day pass at SM Skating.

Thrilling Adventures Await!

For the daredevils, October brings a super treat! Enjoy a full day of wonder and excitement with a Php 65 entrance fee at Skyranch Tagaytay for all Mondays of October until 12 noon.

ACHIEVING BETTER LIFE QUALITY THROUGH STI

A BETTER quality of life can be achieved through science, technology and innovation (STI), according to Secretary Renato U. Solidum of the Dept. of Science and Technology (DOST).



The Science head was the keynote speaker in the yearly celebration of the Regional Science, Technology and Innovation Week (RSTW) in Caraga Region which opened on Sept. 29 at the Surigao del Norte Provincial Gymnasium in Surigao City.

The theme of this year's RSTW Celebration "Siyensya,

Teknolohiya at Inobasyon: Kabalikatang Matatag, Maginhawa at Panatagan Kinabukasan" encapsulates the significance of STI in attaining a prosperous and sustainable future, Solidum said.

"We cannot ignore the fact that science and technology are the driving forces behind economic growth.

The data from the World

Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), including the Global Innovation Index rankings, shows that countries with strong STI 4 ecosystems tend to have higher GDP per capita," he added.

In the same occasion, guests and attendees witnessed the unveiling of various DOST-supported projects.

They also attended the informative



S&T fora and visited the different exhibits.

The DOST chief said that the agency is guided by a strategic thrust aptly called DOST four Pillars namely: promotion of human well-being; wealth creation, wealth protection and sustainability.

DOST-CARAGA is headed by regional director, Engr. Noel M. Ajoc and other guests present at the event were Surigao del Norte Governor Robert Lyndon S. Barbers represented by Vice Governor Eddie Gokiangkee, Rep. Robert

Ace Barbers from the 2nd District of Surigao del Norte and Mayor Pablo Yves L. Dumlaog II represented by Vice Mayor Alfonso Casurra.

The pillars of DOST orchestrate the interrelationship of processes involving knowledge production and generation through research and development; technology transfer, commercialization, adoption, and utilization; and provision of scientific and technical services to target beneficiaries and

stakeholders, according to Solidum.

They serve as guide on how DOST can contribute to social and economic development at the national, regional, and local level to achieve "Ambisyon 2040" and the vision of a Prosperous, Archipelagic, 3 Maritime Nation by 2050, as articulated in the PAGTANAW 2050 document, the country's science, technology and innovation foresight. **(Nelson Santos-PAPI)**

Regional Civil Society Organization Summit, isinagawa ng DA-4A



Nagsagawa ang Department of Agriculture IV-CALABARZON (DA-4A) ng Regional Civil Society Organization (CSO) Summit 2023 noong Septyembre 25-26 at Oktubre 3-4, 2023, sa Lipa City, Batangas.

Ito ay upang hikayatin ang mga organisasyon ng magsasaka na maging DA-Accredited CSO at mas palakasin naman ang mga ganap nang akreditadong CSO sa pamamagitan ng pagkakaroon ng personal na interaksyon at pakikipagugnayan sa ibat ibang government agencies, Government Owned and Controlled Corporations (GOCC), government banks, Local Government Units (LGUs), at mga banner programs ng DA-4A.

Dito ay tinalakay ng mga naimbitang ahensya ang kanilang mga serbisyo at programa para sa pagpapalakas at pagpapatibay ng mga akreditadong organisasyon. Ang CSO ay tumutukoy

sa isang samahan o organisasyon sa pribadong sektor ng lipunan na nakikiisa sa pamahalaan upang makatulong sa mga adhikain at layuning pangkalahatan. Samantala, ang DA-Accredited CSO naman ay ang mga lehitimong grupo o samahan na dumaan sa masusing akreditasyon na isinagawa ng DA upang maging kwalipikado sa mas malalaking interbensyon o ayuda ng kagawaran na kung saan sila mismo ang magiging katuwang ng ahensya sa pagsasagawa o implementasyon ng mga programa o proyekto. Ang mga naging tagapagsalita ay mga representante mula sa



Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR), Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Philippine Council for Agriculture and Fisheries (PCAF), Technical Education And Skills



Promoting Food Safety in the Municipality of Tanza, Cavite

On September 27, 2023, DOST-Cavite, in collaboration with the Local Government Unit of Tanza, conducted a seminar on food safety.



Ms. Joan Mae B. Acasio, a member of the Food Safety Team of DOST-CALABARZON, led the discussion on various food safety topics, including the importance and benefits of food safety, principles and guidelines for personnel hygiene, equipment and facility maintenance and sanitation, proper handwashing, food quality and protection, control and operations, and product information, among others. Participants acquired basic skills and knowledge necessary to

implement best practices in ensuring the ongoing production of safe and high-quality products. In response, Ms. Salvacion from DTI Cavite expressed appreciation to DOST-Cavite for sharing knowledge about food safety standards and practices, and she looks forward to further collaboration for the benefit of the people of Tanza. Food safety education is crucial for safeguarding our communities.

As such, DOST-Cavite remains committed to

ensuring compliance with food safety standards through seminars, technical assistance, and consultancy. This approach empowers food producers to adopt and maintain food safety practices.

For more information, please contact us via email at cavite@ro4a.dost.gov.ph. We also encourage you to like, follow, and share updates from the DOST Cavite Facebook page for the latest information. **(By Esther Joy Salazar)**

Development Authority (TESDA), Cooperative Development Authority (CDA), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP), Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), National Irrigation Administration (NIA), Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation (PCIC), Landbank Lending Center-Batangas, Office of the Provincial Agriculturist Cavite, Office of the Provincial Veterinarian Cavite, DA-4A Administrative Division, at mga banner programs representative o opisyal mula sa Rice, Corn, High Value Crop, 4K, Organic, Livestock at F2C2.

Ayon Kay Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Division Chief at Vice-Chairperson for DA-4A CSO Regional Technical Committee Ma. Ella Obligado, ang mga DA-Accredited CSO ay ang

magiging modelo ng mga organisasyon sa agrikultura. Aniya, sila ang magiging partner ng kagawaran para pagpapaunlad ng mga magsasaka at sila din ang kokonsultahin ukol sa mga pangangailangan ng mga ito.

Samantala, ang mga naimbitang mga DA-Accredited CSO ay ang Lipanta Agriculture Workers Association, HoneyBee Multi-Purpose Cooperative, Bongliw Women Improvement Club, Sentrong Ugnayan ng Mamayang Pilipino Multi-Purpose Cooperative, Pacheco Agrarian Reform Cooperative, Daine 1&2 Farmers Association Inc., Infanta-Gen.Nakar Producers Cooperative, Buklod Unlad Multi-Purpose Cooperative, L7 Livestock Agriculture Cooperative, Cavinti Farmers Agriculture Cooperative, Pina Taysan Agriculture

Cooperative, Rhudara Multi-Purpose Cooperative, Top Herbalist Agriculture Cooperative, Barangay Bato Organic Farmers Association, Batangas Egg Producers Association Inc., Quezon Federation Union of Cooperative (QFUC), Terra Verde Ecofarm, Bilibinwang Multi-Purpose Cooperative, Yakap at Halik Multi-Purpose Cooperative, Luzon Eco-Transport Service and Multi-Purpose Cooperative at Pangkalahatang Samahan ng Magsasaka ng Siniloan (PASAMASI).

Ayon kay G. Ramon Daet, isang opisyal mula sa Brgy. Balungay Coconut Farmers Association ng Panukulan, Quezon, ang ganitong aktibidad ay malaking tulong sa kanilang samahan. Aniya, nagkaroon sila ng mga ideya sa mga possible nilang makuhang tulong sa iba pang ahensya upang lalong patatagin ang kanilang samahan.

Marcial clinches Paris Olympic ticket, vies for Asian Games gold

HANGZHOU – Eumir Marcial hit two birds with one stone in the 19th Asian Games on Wednesday.

The Filipino southpaw made it to the gold medal round of the men's 80kg class after demolishing Ahmad Ghousoon of Syria and earned an outright berth in the 2024 Paris Olympics.

Marcial, bronze medalist in the Tokyo Games, dominated Ghousoon in their semifinal bout at the Hangzhou gymnasium, twice decking the Syrian in the second round, including a left jab which set him up for a smashing right hook that served as the coup de grace in the rousing victory.

Official time was 1:49 of the second round.

When everything was over, Marcial went to his corner and cried on the shoulders of coaches Ronald Chavez and Don Abnett as reality quickly set in that he was bound for another shot at the Olympics.

Boxing is among the few

sports in this edition of the continental meet that serves as a qualifier for next year's Paris Olympiad.

"Sabi ko baka hindi na para sa akin itong Olympics (I thought Olympics is not for me)," said an emotional Marcial, who initially doubted he'd be able to compete in the Olympiad again after his weight class of 75 kg had been scrapped in the Paris Games.

But upon the prodding of his family including his wife Princess, Marcial gave it one more shot, moved up in weight, and briefly set aside his pro boxing career for the Asiad.

"Sabi niya (Princess), 'kaya mo yan, kung may pagkakataon ka gawin mo (Princess said, 'you can do it', if you have a chance, do it)," Marcial recalled his conversation with his wife.

Now, he's just a win away from winning that gold.

"That's Eumir, he's very focused and dedicated and he has trained well not only for the Asian Games but also for his Olympic qualification," said Philippine Olympic Committee (POC) president Abraham 'Bambol' Tolentino, one of the many people Marcial thanked in his quest for another Olympic stint, along with ABAP (Association of Boxing Alliances in the Philippines) chairman Ricky Vargas, and boxing legend and promoter Manny Pacquiao.

Marcial vies for Philippine boxing's first Asiad gold since 2010 as he faces Tanglatihan Tuohetaerbieke of China, a 4-1 win over Turabek Khabibullaev of Uzbekistan in the other semifinal bout.

The gold medal round is set for Thursday at 8:45 p.m. (PSC-POC Media Group)



PARIS OLYMPIC-BOUND. Eumir Marcial celebrates after knocking out Ahmad Ghousoon of Syria in the second round to advance in the gold medal round of the men's 80kg class of the 19th Asian Games boxing competition in Hangzhou, China on Wednesday (Oct. 4, 2023). Marcial also earned an outright berth in the 2024 Paris Olympics. (PSC-POC Media Group photo)

Cone on Brownlee's last 2 shots: People will remember them forever

HANGZHOU – This could be a rematch for the ages: Gilas Pilipinas vs. Jordan for the 19th Asian Games men's basketball gold medal.

And Justin Brownlee vs. Rondae Hollis-Jefferson outing for bragging rights as the tournament's best player.

The 2023-2024 PBA season, meanwhile, may be four weeks away, but the Gilas-Jordan final should also provide a preview for another great matchup: Barangay Ginebra San Miguel with Brownlee against TNT Tropang Giga with Hollis-Jefferson in the forthcoming Commissioner's Cup.

However, for now, all roads lead to the Hangzhou Olympic Sports Center on Friday, where the flag-waving hometown crowd will be on hand at 4 p.m. to watch China and Chinese Taipei, upended by two visiting teams, dispute the spoils of war — the bronze medal. Then it gets to choose its pick between the Philippines and Jordan.

The two teams will be equally motivated to claim the glittering hardware.

Jordan has never won the Asian Games title, finishing fourth place twice, including in 1986 in Seoul when it bowed to an all-amateur Philippine team coached by Joe Lipa in the battle for bronze.

So revenge for a long ago slight could be out there somewhere, for the Jordanians.

The Philippines, on the other hand, last ruled Asiad basketball in 1962, at the tail end of an 11-year reign as champions, and when its current coach Tim Cone

was only seven years old and still two years away from moving to the Philippines with his parents.

Payback will also be on the Nationals' mind after Jordan beat them in the preliminaries 87-62 and sent them off down a perilous path against Iran in the quarters and China in the semis.

In contrast, Jordan, having secured an outright quarterfinal berth after downing Gilas, breezed past Saudi Arabia in the round of eight and Chinese-Taipei in the Final Four.

But Gilas survived both missions, weathering a massive comeback by the Iranians to win by one, and then completing an epic rally to beat host China, again by one — with Brownlee figuring prominently in the two victories.

While the gut-wrenching squeaker over Iran was magical enough in its essence, the down-the-wire thriller against China took on an almost miraculous state as both games were decided after the opposition's best shooters missed dying-second threes.

"This is special," said Cone, choking on his words. "Twenty-five years ago, China beat me. And, I tell you, to this day that's the only game where I cried. To come back here and get this victory now is to come full cycle. It's an emotional time for us and, I think, for everybody."

Quickly snapping out of

the reverie, he added: "But I'm trying to keep an even keel because we got another game, and our goal still is to win the gold."

"We said that from the beginning. I'm not sure we believe we'd get here, but we did say that from the beginning. We also kept saying we want to get back and play Jordan, so we're back to play them. Now we'll see what we can do on Saturday."

Cone went on to gush over Brownlee, who took one unbelievable shot after another from beyond the arc in the fourth quarter, most memorable of which was the stop-on-a-dime, step-back three he took in front of China's bench that cut the lead to 76-74. Then came that mind-boggling pull-up three, falling away against two defenders for the go-ahead basket 77-76 with 23 seconds left.

"Those last two shots were impossible," said Cone. "Guys were right on his face, and I thought there's no way either of those would go in and both of them go...Boom! Boom! And I was like, wow, we have a shot!"

"Whew! Those last two shots...they're unforgettable. People will remember them forever."

Jordan waltzed into the gold medal game after crushing Chinese-Taipei 90-71 in their Final Four match, with Hollis-Jefferson leading the way with 20 points. (PSC-POC Media Group)

Reyes, Bustamante to headline MassKara billiards tourney

BACOLOD CITY – Filipino world billiards champions Efren "Bata" Reyes and Francisco "Django" Bustamante will headline an exhibition match during the 2nd Mayor Albee Benitez 10-ball Billiards Tournament at the Main Atrium of SM City Bacolod on Oct. 8 to 12.



'THE MAGICIAN'. Filipino billiards legend Efren "Bata" Reyes will be featured in exhibition games during the 2nd Mayor Albee Benitez 10-ball Billiards Tournament on Oct. 8 to 12 at the Main Atrium of SM City Bacolod. He is facing off with fellow world champion Francisco "Django" Bustamante in one of the matches. File photo courtesy of Bacolod Yuhum Foundation

The five-day competition is one of the 10 sports events for the 44th MassKara Festival that will kick off on Oct. 6.

Reyes will not see action this year, but Bustamante will compete anew against the country's top billiards players before the Bacolodnon fans.

Tournament organizer Bacolod Yuhum Foundation said it has yet to finalize the date of the Reyes-Bustamante face-off.

"Reyes will not be competing but will have exhibition games with

billiards' fans, including a face-off with Mayor Alfredo Abelardo Benitez on the last day of the competition," it said in a statement on Wednesday.

Last year, Reyes bowed out on the fourth day of the competition after losing to 15-year-old AJ Manas.

In the tournament's first edition, former Guinness world champion Jundel Mazon bested more than 120 players to win the title and bring home PHP350,000 in cash prize.

Other sports events scheduled during the 44th MassKara Festival include beach volleyball, badminton, table tennis,

football, tchoukball, bike riding, golf, BMX racing and skateboarding, and a marathon. (PNA)

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Pinangunahan nina Mayor Strike Revilla at Vice Mayor Rowena Bautista Mendiola ang pagbukas ng Bacoor One Stop Shop B.O.S.S. sa Bacoor City, kasama ang mga kinatawan mula sa SM Prime Holdings, Inc.

BOSS: BACCOOR-ONE-STOP-SHOP NAGBUKAS NA!

BACCOOR CITY, September 29, 2023— Ang Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Bacoor sa pangunguna ni Mayor Strike B. Revilla ay labis na nasasabik na ipahayag ang pakikipagtulungan nito sa SM Prime Holdings Inc upang ilunsad ang BOSS (Bacoor-One-Stop-Shop), isang inobatibong inisyatiba na layong pabilisin ang mga proseso ng pamahalaan at magbigay ng madaling access sa iba't ibang serbisyo para sa mga negosyo at mamamayan.

Ang BOSS ay magiging isang malawak na plataporma na magpapagsama ng lahat ng ahensiya ng pamahalaan at mga serbisyo ng Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Bacoor sa isang solong lugar, na nagpapadali at nagpapahusay sa pagpapakumplikado ng mga kinakailangang proseso ng mga indibidwal

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“Para Sa Mahal Nating Mga Guro” concert at the Palace grounds tonight

The “Konsyerto sa Palasyo Para sa Mahal Nating Guro” will be held tonight, Sunday, at the Malacañan Palace grounds.



The concert, held upon the request of Vice President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. and Department of Education Secretary Sara Duterte, is dedicated to Filipino teachers in line with the administration's efforts to remember and join them in this month's

celebration.

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. is expected to attend the concert together with several key government officials.

Selected talented performers from all over the country will be showcasing their talents

tonight include rap trio MC Leandro of General Trias, Cavite; B.O.N, or the “Bars Overcoming Negativity” of Tanza, Cavite; Delicano Uno of Sta. Cruz, Manila and powerhouse vocalists Alex Dagaleam Rommel Arellano, Bea Sacramento and Luke Dela Cruz.

The Central Mindanao University (CMU) Music Society and Douglas Nierras Powerdance, are ready to show their gratitude to our beloved teachers with their heartfelt performances.

More action awaits as ► **PARA SA MAHAL • 4**

DOST ADVOCATES FOR SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, INNOVATION FOR ‘HANDA PILIPINAS’

THE opening ceremony for the 3-day event, “Handa Pilipinas: Innovations in Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Exposition’s” Mindanao leg opened on Wednesday in Cagayan de Oro City. The festivity, organized by the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), aimed to serve as a platform to empower communities and barangays through the utilization of available data and research on disaster response, rehabilitation, and recovery. It sought to foster collaboration among legislators, local government units (LGUs), private firms, and other agencies in embracing science and innovative technologies.



DOST secretary Dr. Renato U. Solidum Jr. was the keynote speaker for the occasion held in the so-called “City of Golden Friendship.” He compared Filipinos’ resilience to a bamboo that “remains standing upright after disasters and the ability to absorb, adapt and transform despite the adversities.” “As we aim and aspire to grow our economy in Mindanao, then therefore, we need to protect our resources, our wealth through reducing climate and disaster risks,” Solidum said, adding that “there is no such thing as natural disaster, only natural hazards.” This year’s expo aims to increase public awareness of preventable and solvable problems. The Science head said that disasters are reversing development as Filipinos are usually the victims and he wants them to prevail as “victors over disasters” or survivors.

Solidum mentioned some of the inventions and innovations to counter disasters. Among these are Filipino-made technologies such as early warning systems, satellite rainfall extremes, geo-risk Philippine initiative platforms that include hazard ► **DOST • 4**



BUSY but a FRUITFUL Monday: yan ang naging panimulang araw ni Mayor Dino Reyes-Chua para linggong ito sa kanyang opisina makikita talaga natin ang pagiging propesyunal, dedikado nya bilang Ama ng Noveleta at yung puso nya para sa kanyang mga nasasakupan pati sa mga taga ibang lugar ay ramdam na ramdam ng bawat nakakaharap nya iba talaga ang Chua Cares at iba talaga ang alagang Mayor Dino Chua #ganitonakamingayonsaunangdistrito #unlaDNOveleta #TeamUnlaDCaviteño