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## Cavite Career Caravan in Kawit



On August 5, 2024, the Cavite Career Caravan took place at Mana Town Center in Kawit, Cavite. The event was a joint effort led by the Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager (OPPEM), under the leadership of Ms. Rizalie P. Enero, and Cavite SK Federation President Chelsea Jillian G. Sarno. The event was conducted in collaboration with Mana Town Center management and was supported by the Public Employment Service Office (PESO) of Kawit.

The Cavite Career Caravan attracted 187 job seekers and 27 companies, offering numerous employment opportunities to attendees. By the end of the day, 35 individuals secured employment on the spot, showcasing the event's effectiveness in connecting job seekers with potential employers. Notably, one of the on-the-spot hires was a participant from the Government Internship Program (GIP) under the Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager (OPPEM). **► CAVITE • 3**

### Imbestigasyon ni Marcoleta sa Offshore Accounts Nagdudulot ng Pagdududa sa Comelec Chairman Bago ang Halalan

Ibinunyag ni Hon. Rodante Marcoleta ang umano'y offshore bank accounts na pagmamay-ari ni Comelec Chairman George Erwin Mojica Garcia. Kung totoo ang mga alegasyong ito, seryosong tinatanong nito ang integridad ng darating na pambansang halalan at ang kalinisan ng proseso ng eleksyon.



Sa isang detalyadong press conference, ipinaliwanag ni Marcoleta na kinumpirma ng kanyang verification team, sa tulong ng mga international volunteers, ang pagkakaroon ng mga offshore accounts na ito. Isang volunteer mula sa New York ang nagdeposito ng \$100 sa dalawang account sa Cayman Islands sa pangalan ni George Erwin Mojica Garcia, na nagpapatunay na meron itong mga offshore accounts. Ang pagbubunyag na ito ay dumating matapos paulit-ulit na itinanggi ni Garcia na may offshore accounts siya. **► IMBESTIGASYON • 3**

### Sen. Imee Marcos & FFCCII Undertake P60 Million Typhoon Relief, Urge Reforms in Economy, MSMEs, Sports & Foreign Policy



Quezon City – Senator Imee Marcos and Federation of Filipino Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Inc. (FFCCII) President Dr. Cecilio K. Pedro announced their ongoing P60 million typhoon Carina relief effort during their talk at the Pandesal Forum of the 85-year-old Kamuning Bakery Cafe. This relief effort, spearheaded by FFCCII and Senator Imee Marcos, involves 30 major Filipino Chinese business, cultural, and civic organizations, providing aid to flooded and hard-hit areas of Metro Manila and nearby provinces such as Bulacan, Bataan, Pampanga, Tarlac, and Cavite. The eventual target is P100 million worth of donations for essential relief supplies like rice, canned sardines, and other necessities.

During the forum, Senator Marcos and Dr. Pedro congratulated **► SEN. IMEE • 2**

### Outpouring support bolsters oil spill response in Cavite



Trce Martires City – The ongoing response to the recent oil spill affecting Cavite has received significant reinforcement through the generous donations from local government units, national agencies and private partners ensuring and sustaining the efficient and effective cleanup of the affected areas in Cavite. **► OUTPOURING • 3**



**BENEFISYO PARA SA BAWAT PAMILYANG KAWITEÑO:** Katuwang ang ating mga kasamahan sa Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps), atin pong pinagtuunan kung paano natin mas mapapabuti ang implementasyon ng ating mga programa para sa ating mga kababayan. Hangad natin na hindi lang maitawid ang bawat pamilyang Kawiteño kundi matulungan din sila para sa ikalalago at ikagaganda ng kanilang buhay. #AlagangAngeloAguinaldo #RatedTripleA #PusoAtMalasakitParaSaAtingKawit #MayorAguinaldo

# SM Prime Widens the Landscape In Renewable Energy

As part of its net-zero commitment by 2040, one of Asia's leading real estate and property developers, SM Prime Holdings, Inc. (SM Prime), partnered with global integrated energy company TotalEnergies for the installation of a 2 Megawatt-peak (MWp) Solar Photovoltaic (PV) System Rooftop project in Pasay City.

The partnership venture aligns with SM Prime's efforts in expanding its renewable energy portfolio and affirms TotalEnergies' commitment to advancing renewable energy solutions in various urban settings.

Designed with a power yield of 3,000 Megawatt-hour (MWh) of electricity annually, the solar partnership project has over 3,672 PV panels installed and is expected to provide huge cost savings for SM Prime. Located at the MOA Square in the Mall of Asia Complex, the solar installations are expected to reduce the building's carbon footprint by about 1,430 tons of carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions annually.

"SM Prime is proud to work alongside TotalEnergies on this project. This partnership is our commitment to sustainability and achieving Net Zero by 2040. We are also taking a proactive stance in supporting the Department of Energy's (DOE) target of reaching 35% renewable energy by 2030. Together, we're driving meaningful change towards a more environmentally conscious future," said John Nai Peng

Ong, SM Prime Chief Finance Officer.

"We are thrilled to announce the successful deployment of solar rooftop installations at the Mall of Asia in the Philippines, marking a significant achievement in both environmental and economic sustainability for SM Prime," said Elodie Renaud, Managing Director of TotalEnergies Renewables Distributed Generation Asia.

For the past few years, SM Prime continues to grow its partnerships with key clean energy players, leveraging its relationships and earned experiences to drive its environmental stewardship campaign. Capitalizing on these partnerships has provided for SM Prime huge economic, environmental, and social dividends.

In 2022, SM Prime secured a long-term deal with AboitizPower for its clean energy supply. Under the agreement, AboitizPower will provide reliable and responsibly-sourced energy from Tiwi-MakBan Geothermal Power Plants, and PV Sinag's Power Plants, operated and managed by AboitizPower subsidiary, Aboitiz Renewables, Inc. (ARI).



More than 3,600 solar panels were installed on the roof of MOA Square in the Mall of Asia Complex.

The following year, SM Prime signed a memorandum of agreement with Citicore Renewable Energy Company (CREC), wherein SM Prime will source 90 megawatts (MWac) from CREC's upcoming Lumbangan Solar Power Plant in Tuy, Batangas.

Apart from contributing

to the DOE's 35% renewable energy goal by 2030, all these partnerships are aligned with the energy department and Energy Regulatory Commission's (ERC) policy of expanding the adoption of Retail Competition and Open Access (RCOA) in the energy industry.

To date, SM Prime currently sources at least 50% of its electricity utilization from clean, renewable energy.

SM Prime supports the Philippine government's aim to increase the country's renewable energy supply component to 50% by the year 2040. It remains committed to its

role as a catalyst for economic growth, delivering innovative and sustainable lifestyle cities, thereby enriching the quality of life of millions of people. SM Prime is pursuing the next horizon on integrated property development and onward to building sustainable cities of the future.

## SM CITY BACOOR SUPPORTS HABAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL THROUGH BRIGADA ESKWELA



Strengthening the community and aiding for growth, SM City Bacoor recently extended its support to Habay Elementary School by participating in the annual Brigada Eskwela initiative. Mall employees and security personnel volunteered to clean the school grounds, ensuring a safe and welcoming environment for the students. In addition to their hands-on efforts, SM City Bacoor generously donated cleaning supplies and painting materials, which will help the school maintain its facilities throughout the school year. This collaboration highlights SM City Bacoor's commitment to fostering community development and supporting education in the local area.



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Imbestigasyon... (FROM PAGE 1)

Dagdag pa ni Marcoleta, nagbigay si Garcia ng waiver ng bank deposits sa Anti-Money Laundering Council (AMLC) at sa National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), subalit wala pang ulat mula sa mga ahensyang ito. Dahil sa kawalan ng tugon, si Marcoleta at ang kanyang team ang nagsagawa ng sariling imbestigasyon. Binanggit niya na matapos ang isang press release noong Hunyo 26 na nagtatampok ng mga alegasyon na ito, isinara ang mga account sa pagitan ng Hunyo 28 at Hulyo 15, at ang mga transaksyon ay inilipat sa mga account na may banyagang tunog na pangalan. Ang mabilisang pagsasara ng mga account at paglipat ng pondo ay lalong nagpatibay sa hinala ni Marcoleta.

Dati nang tinawag ni Chairman Garcia ang mga alegasyon bilang isang "demolition job," subalit iginiit ni Marcoleta na ang pagsasara ng mga account ay

nagpapahiwatig ng kabaligtaran. Binigyang-diin niya na kung walang batayan ang mga alegasyon, wala sanang pangangailangan para sa ganitong mga hakbang. Malubha ang mga implikasyon ng mga aksyong ito, na posibleng magpahina sa tiwala ng publiko sa proseso ng halalan.

Pinunto ni Marcoleta ang kahalagahan ng pagsisiyasat sa mga alegasyon upang matiyak ang integridad ng darating na halalan. Iginiit niya na nakasalalay ang kredibilidad ng proseso ng halalan at na mahalaga ang isang malinis, maayos, at totoo na pagsasagawa ng halalan para sa demokratikong karapatan ng mga Pilipino. Sa halip na magpatuloy sa isang impeachment process, na magiging mahaba at posibleng hindi matutugunan bago ang halalan, nagsumite si Marcoleta ng House Resolution upang magsagawa ng isang komprehensibo at mabilis

na imbestigasyon sa mga account na ito.

Nanawagan siya para sa isang agarang at masusing pagsisiyasat ng House of Representatives upang mapatunayan ang mga pahayag ni Garcia at matukoy kung dapat bang manatili ang Chairman upang pamahalaan ang halalan. Binanggit ni Marcoleta na kung mapatunayan ang mga alegasyong ito, maaari itong magkaroon ng malawak na epekto sa kredibilidad ng Comelec at ng darating na pambansang halalan.

Tinalakay din ni Marcoleta ang pagbili ng MIRU system, na pinagdududahan ang pagiging maaasahan nito at ang posibleng epekto sa halalan. Iminungkahi niyang maaaring sapat na ang mga umiiral na ballot-counting machines at binigyang-diin ang pangangailangan ng kalinisan sa proseso ng halalan.

Sa konklusyon, hinimok ni Marcoleta ang publiko na manatiling mapagbantay at magkaroon ng kamalayan habang umuusad ang imbestigasyon. Inulit niya

ang kanyang pangako sa kalinisan at pananagutan sa pamahalaan, na binibigyang-diin na ang integridad ng proseso ng

halalan ay napakahalaga. Ang resulta ng imbestigasyon na ito ay magiging mahalaga sa pagpapanatili ng tiwala ng

publiko sa halalan at sa pagsisiguro na ang mga Pilipino ay makakapili ng kanilang mga lider nang malaya at patas.

Sen. Imee... (FROM PAGE 1)

gymnast Carlos Yulo for his unprecedented success in winning two Olympic gold medals in Paris, expressing high hopes that pole vault athlete EJ Obiena, boxers, and other athletes will also secure medals in the ongoing Olympiad. Dr. Pedro emphasized the importance of focusing on individual sports where height is not a crucial advantage, advocating for disciplines where the Philippines can excel globally, unlike basketball which has height requirements. Senator Marcos advised Carlos Yulo and other Filipino sports winners to manage and invest their prize money wisely, seeking good and honest advisers. She also urged the government to revive grassroots sports programs similar to the successful Gintong Alay project of her late father, President Ferdinand E. Marcos, which nurtured champions like Lydia de Vega and Elma Muros.

Senator Marcos, former Director-General of the Experimental Cinema of the Philippines (ECP), expressed her sadness over the August 4, 2024, passing of top movie producer Mother Lily Yu Monteverde. Dr. Pedro also eulogized Mother Lily and her late husband Remy

Monteverde, recognizing them as respected philanthropists within the Filipino Chinese business community. Both Senator Marcos and Dr. Pedro lamented the August 3, 2024, death of FFCCCII Honorary President and philanthropist Dr. Henry Lim Bon Liong, known as the "Father of Philippine Hybrid Rice." Dr. Lim was a strong advocate of Philippine economic self-reliance, agricultural self-sufficiency, and enhanced economic cooperation with China.

Addressing questions on foreign policy, Senator Marcos urged the government to uphold an independent and balanced approach similar to other ASEAN countries like Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, and Indonesia, which prioritize trade and economic cooperation. She emphasized the importance of the Philippines maintaining friendly relations with all global powers for economic and strategic benefits, avoiding involvement in power rivalries. She advocated for less aggressive rhetoric and actions regarding the West Philippine Sea tensions and for continuing diplomatic negotiations. Senator Marcos also stressed the need for national defense self-

reliance and regional peace through ASEAN consultation and consensus.

On the need for railways, Senator Imee Marcos lamented that China has first offered their modern railway technology to the Philippines with the Northrail project started under then President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo but unfortunately this was not continued, while other ASEAN countries had benefitted from China-built modern trains like Indonesia's Jakarta-Bandung high-speed rail, trains in Thailand and Laos. She pointed out that her home province Ilocos Norte would benefit, if the country and China can jointly build a modern train system across Luzon.

On the economy, Senator Marcos called for increased support for micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and the promotion of local manufacturing to reduce reliance on Business Process Outsourcing (BPOs) and overseas Filipino workers (OFWs). Dr. Cecilio Pedro echoed these sentiments, urging improvements in ease of doing business and energy reforms to attract more foreign direct investments (FDIs), including the adoption of nuclear energy and other new technologies to lower high electric power rates.

Cavite... (FROM PAGE 1)

The event was further enriched by the presence of representatives from several national government agencies. These agencies included the Social Security System (SSS), PhilHealth, Philippine National Police (PNP), Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Pag-IBIG Fund, and Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA). Their participation provided

valuable information and assistance to job seekers regarding employment and social welfare programs.

The Cavite Career Caravan served as an excellent platform for job seekers to explore various employment opportunities and gain insights into different career paths. It also highlighted the commitment of the local government and partnering organizations to address unemployment and support community members in securing

gainful employment.

Overall, the event was a testament to the power of collaboration between government agencies, local organizations, and the private sector in creating positive change and empowering individuals through meaningful employment opportunities. The success of the Cavite Career Caravan in Kawit underscores the importance of such initiatives in fostering economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents in Cavite. (Axel A. Sarte)

Outpouring... (FROM PAGE 1)

On August 5, Cleanway Environmental Management Solutions Inc. has extended its support by donating 50 drums with covers, specifically designed to serve as containers for wastes contaminated with oil collected along the shorelines of Cavite during the cleanups of the Office of the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer, DENR-Cavite, and the Philippine Coast Guard. The substantial donation is expected to play a crucial role in safely storing and transporting contaminated materials, minimizing the environmental impact, and speeding up the overall cleanup process. The company also signified

readiness to provide more containers whenever needed.

Adding to this, All Waste Services from Santo Tomas, Batangas, also stepped forward with donation of 12 drums on August 6. Their swift response reflects the strong community spirit and cooperation across regions, highlighting the importance of collective efforts in addressing environmental emergencies.

In other response activities, the Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC) has also completed the hauling of the 25,000 relief packages provided by the DSWD Regional Office IV-A through Dr. Regional Director, Dr. Barry

R. Chua. Hauling was competed faster through the manpower augmentation of the 93 Army Reservist courtesy of the Reserve Command, Philippine Army thru BGen Samuel B. Manzano PA, RESCOM Deputy Commander. The PNP Provincial Office also extended their manpower support through Provincial Director PCol Eleuterio M Ricardo, Jr. deploying 25 PNP personnel to assist in the hauling activities, together with PNP-Maritime personnel.

PGC officials expressed their deep gratitude for these donations. The timely support from both the private sector and neighboring local government units underscores the collaborative approach needed to tackle such crises.

## Pag-aalaga sa pasyenteng may katarata

**WRITTEN INSTRUCTION**

Malinaw na ibigay sa pasyente ang mga bilin kasama ang detalye ng gamot, petsa ng pagbalik, pangunahing paalalang pangkalusugan (health advice), impormasyon tungkol sa posibleng komplikasyon, at mga numero na maaaring tawagan kung may komplikasyon.

**REFERRAL**

Kung ang attending physician ay sakaling hindi makita ang pasyente sa itinakdang skedyul ng follow-up, dapat ay i-refer ang pasyente sa ibang ophthalmologist para sa kinakailangang pangangalaga.

**FOLLOW-UPS**

- Ang mga simpleng kaso ay nangangailangan ng follow-up matapos ang 48 oras, samantalang ang mga "high-risk" o nagkaroon ng komplikasyon habang nasa operasyon ay kinakailangan ng follow-up pagkatapos ng 24 oras.
- Ang lahat ng pasyente ay dapat na magkaroon ng kahit isang follow-up sa isang buwan matapos ang perasyon.
- Kailangan ang regular na follow-up kasama ang pagsusuri sa paningin o "refractive evaluation".
- Isulat ang mga inuulat ng pasyente sa health record at mga petsa ng follow-ups. Ito ay makatutulong sa pamamahala ng komplikasyon at sa pagpapabuti ng resulta ng operasyon.

**PAG-UULAT**

Payuhan ang pasyente na agad makipag-ugnayan sa kanilang doktor kung sila ay makararanas paglabo ng paningin, matinding panakit ng mata o ulo, pamamaga o pamumula ng mata.

**PAGSUSURI MATAPOS ANG OPERASYON**

Kasama sa bawat pagsusuri ang interval history (gamot, pagsusuri ng paningin, bagong nararamdaman sa mata), intraocular pressure measurement, slitlamp biomicroscopy, counseling at management plan.

"Tandaan, ang pangangalaga matapos ang operasyon sa mata ay mahalaga. Siguraduhing nasusunod ang mga hakbang na ito ng tama."

# Philippines to Host Global GCV Conference

Theme: Cultivating Sustainable Growth: Building Real Ecosystems

Beyond Creating an Impact - Striving for Sustainable Growth

In a significant move towards ensuring sustainable growth and long-term success, Global Consensus Value (GCV) pioneers are set to advance their mission. The Philippines Global GCV Conference, scheduled for August 10th, 2024, at 9 PM PHST

9 AM EST via Zoom Conference, promises to be a milestone in the journey of building a real, thriving ecosystem. Event Details:

- Host: Lumari
- Co-host: Wynn Figueroa
- Special Guests: Doris Yin (Canada), Liang Shi (China), Olivier Ndatimada (Africa)

These esteemed guests, along with 18 dedicated Philippines regional GCV ambassadors, will gather to share insights and strategies for sustainable growth.

These ambassadors have been instrumental in shaping the future of Pi GCV with their bravery and determination.

Lumari, Global GCV Ambassador and founder of the Philippines GCV Campaign, emphasized the importance of this conference: "To build a real, thriving ecosystem, we need to focus on sustainable growth and

long-term success. Together, let's build a strong and resilient legacy."

The conference aims to foster a sense of unity and purpose among GCV pioneers, ensuring that their efforts lead to lasting and impactful change.

Join this significant endeavor and help bring Pi Global Consensus Value (GCV) 314,159 to victory. — Lumari



MS. LUMARI  
Global GCV Ambassador  
Philippines

## Why Pioneers... (FROM PAGE 8)

Therefore, it is essential to support CT's mission and vision to ensure the OM happens.

It is worth noting that some pioneers may not be selling or using up their Pi, but others are. If you do not want others to follow suit, you need to do your part

by enlightening your community or social media. We must work hard on community education and spread this information worldwide to help other pioneers awaken.

Think of it this way: if your father is very wealthy, he wouldn't just give you

his wealth. You need to learn how to use it wisely. If you spend a million dollars on a car or \$10,000 on a meal, your father won't transfer his wealth to you. Instead of complaining that your father doesn't give you money, you should focus on improving yourself.

To summarize and answer some questions

from pioneers about why OM hasn't started:

1. The Pi Network mission cannot be supported by the current blockchain record, and that is why it hasn't started.

2. The pioneers' community should focus on widely educating themselves about the white paper and practicing it.

3. Short-sighted

behavior such as low price to use up Pi or selling Pi is a barrier to mass KYC, migration, and OM adoption.

4. The GCV community will not do things that only satisfy greedy individuals, but rather, we will wisely protect ourselves and use small items to enhance the whole community consensus. That's why we

won't buy Pi at GCV price. Our goal is the whole community consensus not only one or two get profit.

5. We will work hard on the pioneers' consensus price so that big item merchants can reduce their risk and gain confidence. (Doris Yin)

## DepEd: All schools open nationwide

MANILA – The Department of Education (DepEd) on Tuesday reported the full opening of public schools nationwide after an initial postponement due to the effects of the enhanced southwest monsoon and Super Typhoon Carina.

In a Viber message, DepEd Media Relations chief Dennis Legaspi said all schools are now in normal operations for school year 2024-2025.

"Open na po lahat ng schools (All schools are open) nationwide today. Wala na din pong schools ang ginagamit (No more schools are being used) as evacuation centers," he said.

During the opening of classes on July 29, some 1,063 schools postponed their official start, with the highest number recorded in Central Luzon with 457 schools.

The Ilocos region

followed with 310 affected schools, Metro Manila with 225 schools, Calabarzon with 67 schools, and four schools in Soccsksargen.

The DepEd, meanwhile, logged 87.2 percent of its target enrollment on Tuesday, recording 24,178,797 out of 27,722,835 target enrollees from elementary to senior high school (SHS) in all public and private schools.

These include 290,461 enrollees in the Alternative Learning System (ALS).

To date, the highest number of learners was reported in Calabarzon with 3,516,873 enrollees;

followed by Central Luzon with 2,557,435 enrollees, and Metro Manila with 2,489,979 enrollees.

Free school kits for Manila kinder learners

Some 1,000 kindergarten learners in the city of Manila received free school supplies.

Mayor Honey Lacuna led the distribution of the school kits for Kinder 1 and Kinder 2 at the Fugoso (Delpan) Sports Complex in Tondo and in Barangay 830 in Paco on Tuesday, ahead of the opening of pre-school classes in the city on Aug. 19.

These include school bags, a pair of rubber



ALL SCHOOLS OPEN. Students flock to the Northern Tacloban City High School during the first day of classes on July 29, 2024. The Department of Education on Tuesday (Aug. 6, 2024) said all public schools nationwide are now open. (PNA photo by Sarwell Meniano)

shoes, notebooks, pencils, raincoats, books, hygiene kits and shirts.

The lady mayor thanked the parents for enrolling their children early and for being patient with them.

"Alam nyo po, sa ibang bansa, lalo na sa Japan, disiplinado ang mga bata. Kasi hindi pa muna sila tinuturuan ng Math at Science.

Tinuturuan sila ng

tamang asal. Kaya mga teachers, sana bigyan natin ng panahon 'yung pagtuturo ng mga simpleng bagay na dapat ipaalam sa mga bata (You know in other countries, especially in Japan, the children are disciplined. They are not yet taught with Math and Science. They are taught with values. To our teachers, let us give time in teaching

these simple gestures to our children)," she added.

These include acts of courtesy such as "pagmamano" (honoring gesture) and the use of respectful words such as "po" and "opo".

She called on the learners to study hard and listen to their parents and teachers at all times.

(with Ferdinand Patinio/PNA)

## Blindness... (FROM PAGE 8)

the world with confidence and dignity.

The program concluded on a high note with the distribution of white canes to 30 deserving beneficiaries from various cities and municipalities of Cavite. This gesture symbolized the commitment of the organizers to support and

uplift the blind community, providing them with essential tools to enhance their mobility and independence.

The "Blindness: Education and Awareness" event was a resounding success, leaving a lasting impact on all attendees. It underscored the importance of education,

awareness, and community support in promoting the rights and well-being of blind individuals.

Through inspiring talks, meaningful discussions, and the generous distribution of white canes, the event highlighted the collective effort needed to create a more inclusive and accessible society for all. (Axel A. Sarte)



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#TaraSaKawit na ngayong History Month! Nakiisa po tayo sa media day ng NHCP ngayong araw at nakasama natin ang ilang mga bisita at media personnel na nag-tour sa ating Aguineldo Shrine. Isa po ito sa ating pagsubok para mas mapahalagahan natin ang ating turismo sa Kawit at magbigay saysay sa ating bansa. Open po ang ating Museo ni Emilio Aguinaldo tuwing Martes hanggang Linggo, alas-9 ng umaga hanggang alas-4 ng hapon. Kaya, #TaraSaKawit na! #RatedTripleA #PusoAtMalasakitParaSaAtingKawit #MayorAguinaldo

# Canadian Government representatives visit Magallanes, Cavite for CATALYSTE + Program Assessment

Minister Rechie Valdez of Canada's Small Business Department, accompanied by Canadian Ambassador David Hartman and Chair of the Canada-Philippines Inter-Parliamentary Group MP Marco Mendicino, visited the Catalyste+ MSME partners, the Magallanes Women's Club Multi-Purpose Cooperative (MAWCO), and the TIKME Food Processors Association on July 23, 2024. The visit aimed to assess the progress of the Catalyste+ program in the Philippines and to discuss how Canada can further support the economic development objectives of MSME partners.

During the visit, DTI 4A Regional Director Marissa Argente expressed deep gratitude to the Government of Canada for their steadfast dedication and leadership in advancing the growth of MSMEs in the region. RD Argente emphasized that Canadian support has been crucial in not only facilitating the success of

MSMEs but also in contributing to broader economic development and community enhancement.

RD Argente also acknowledged the significant and valued support of MAWCO and TIKME towards various government programs and services. She highlighted how their collaborative

efforts with the government have been instrumental in achieving substantial improvements in their business operations.

The delegation also included Embassy Head of Cooperation John Lok, Chief of Staff Kendra Wilcox, Director of Policy Chris Zhou, and Catalyste+ country representatives Matt



Navalta, Vner Velerio, and Magallanes Mayor Jasmin Lilibeth R. Chavez, and Erwin Altamarino. They were warmly welcomed by Magallanes Mayor Jasmin Maligaya-Bautista, DTI Cavite Provincial Director members and officers.

## To MEND and Defend: Mauban Unites for Sustainable Development, Climate Justice

A powerful alliance was formed last August 4, 2024, as the Philippine Movement for Climate Justice (PMCJ) united organizations and concerned individuals in Mauban, Quezon, to tackle the ongoing climate crisis head-on. The Mauban for Environment and Development (MEND) held a pivotal general assembly, setting a clear course for preserving Mauban's rich legacy, and safeguarding its environmental integrity.



MEND's founding organizations are: Heritage Houses, Unahin Natin Lagi ang Damayan at Pagkakaisa Para sa Maubanan (UNLAD), Marginal Fisherfolks of Daungan (Fisher Folks Alliance), Kapit-Bisig (Labor Group residing on Pantalan Port), Ang Saliwsiw, Yes-O (MSEMSAT), KAYA NATIN! Youth-Mauban (Youth Sector), SSLG Pastrana, SSLG, MSEMSAT, The Ridge, Kabataan Partylist Quezon, Brgy. Luya-Luya, and Mauban MENRO.

"There is a need to organize a multi-sectoral network/alliance that will advocate for environmental protection and climate justice, with a vision and mission of advancing our communities towards sustainable development," PMCJ Luzon Coordinator Erwin Puhawan said.

Like other cities and municipalities, Mauban faces severe impacts from climate change. "The recent Aghon typhoon is a grim reminder of the

reality of climate emergency. The flooding and landslides caused by these typhoons have devastated homes and livelihoods, necessitating immediate and sustained action," MEND Convenor Cedrick Mariano said.

MEND's core values are inclusivity and solidarity, respect for human rights and rights of nature; advocate for climate justice, social and sustainable development; watchdog for good governance; environmental defenders and climate justice advocates; and promote people empowerment and people-centered development.

MEND Co-Founder Chit Dy Tan highlighted the urgency of organizing such assemblies and discussions. "Wala na tayong panahon para sabihing, 'Saka na'. Wala na tayong panahon para tanungin kung 'bakit' at 'kailan'. Kailangan na nating kumilos ngayon. Nariyan ang kabataan na nag-oorganisa [...] kaya

dapat tayong sumuporta sa kanila." [We don't have time to say, 'Let's just do it tomorrow'. We don't have time to ask 'why' and 'when'. We have to do it now. The youth are pushing for the organization, so we must support], Ms. Tan said.

Yesterday, August 5, 2024, convenors of the MEND had a consultative meeting with Mauban Municipal Councilor Ken Llamas. He reaffirmed his support for the ongoing fight for climate justice and the transition to renewable energy. Hon. Llamas opened the possibilities of partnerships with PMCJ and other concerned groups, aiming to push for promoting policies in protecting the environment.

"As the climate crisis continues to devastate communities, it is imperative to campaign for climate emergency not just by different climate movements but with local governments leading climate actions and solutions. LGUs have a



significant role in mobilizing its constituents, and realizing knowledge and experiences of its residents, who are the primary ones affected by the climate crisis," PMCJ National Coordinator Ian Rivera said. #MENDMauban #ClimateJustice #RenewableEnergyNow

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# Carlos Yulo strikes gold for 2nd straight day

MANILA – Carlos Edriel Yulo overhauled Philippine sports history with a second Olympic gold in Paris on Sunday, ruling the men's gymnastics vault finals at Bercy Arena.

Following his floor exercise win on Saturday, Yulo became the first Filipino male athlete to win multiple golds in the Olympics -- on a single year.

Yulo's first try set the tone for the rest of the final round as his near-perfect routine garnered him 15.433 points, the highest single-vault attempt score for the night.

After tallying a 14.8 in his second vault, he finished with a total 15.116, enough to deny Great Britain a 1-2 finish.

Armenian Artur Davtyan, the last to perform, scored two consistent runs for a 14.966 average to overtake the British duo of Harry Hepworth and Jake Jarman and take the silver.

Hepworth, who scored the best second attempt with 15.066 points, ended up with the bronze at 14.949.

Jarman, the half-Filipino gymnast who was bronze medalist in the floor finals, dropped to fourth at 14.933.

A 0.1-point deduction in his first attempt eventually denied Jarman another podium finish.

Yulo's vault win gave the Philippines its fourth medal in the Paris Olympics, barely an hour after boxer Nesthy Petecio secured at least a bronze.

Petecio dominated Chinese Xu Zichun in the quarterfinals of the women's 57-kilogram at Paris North Arena in Villepinte, France.

She put on a virtual clinic with her punching accuracy and brilliant head movement to frustrate Xu, who struggled to connect on her shots.

Three judges, Holger Kussmaul, Yermek Suiyenish and Wade Peterson, scored the bout 30-27, while Jakov Peterson and Cho Jung-Sook had it 29-28, all for the Davao del Sur native, who will become the only Filipino female athlete to have multiple Olympic medals.

The 2021 Tokyo silver medalist will try to upgrade to another silver when she takes on Poland's Julia Szeremeta in the semifinals at Roland Garros Stadium early Thursday (PH time).

Szeremeta scored a similar unanimous decision win against Puerto Rico's Ashleyann Lozada.

The four-medal count as of Sunday, the other from virtual bronze medalist Aira Villegas (women's boxing 50kg), matched the total number of medals the Filipinos hauled in Tokyo.

Weightlifter Hidilyn Diaz, the country's first gold medalist in Tokyo, immediately posted a message for Yulo.

"Congratulations ulit, Caloy! Ang galing! Ipinagmamalaki kita hindi lang sa mga medalya mo kundi dahil sa hirap na pinagdaanan mo para makamit ang tagumpay, para sa sarili at higit pang lalo, para

sa bayan (Congratulations again, Caloy. It was great! I am proud of you, not just of your medals, but of all the hardships you went through to achieve this success for your self and most of all, for the country)," Diaz wrote on Facebook.

"Magkikita tayo dyan, Caloy, at mahigpit na yakap mula sa Ate Haidie mo (I will see you there, Caloy, and again, tight hugs from your elder sister Haidie)! God bless you!"

"Answered prayers. We already broke the record in the Olympics," Philippine Olympic Committee president Abraham Tolentino told reporters in Paris.

World No. 2 pole vaulter EJ Obiena can make it five medals during his final round Tuesday, starting at approximately 1 a.m. (PH time).

Meanwhile, hurdlers John Cabang and Lauren Hoffman will try to qualify for the finals via the repechage.

Cabang finished sixth in Heat 1 of the men's 110-meter hurdles with a time of 13.66 seconds. Three-time world champion and 2021 Tokyo silver medalist Grant Holloway of the US ruled the heats in 13.01 to lead the 18-man outright cut.

Hoffman was eighth in Heat 4 of the women's 400m hurdles with a time of 57.83 seconds. (PNA)



Artur Davtyan of Armenia, silver; Carlos Yulo of the Philippines, gold; Harry Hepworth of Great Britain, bronze (Screenshot)

## Espinosa's nephew wins boxing gold medal at ROTC Games

MANILA – Carlo Espinosa of the La Concepcion College - Bulacan bagged the men's 57-60kg event in the Air Force division of the Philippine Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) Games - Luzon leg at the Tagaytay Combat Sports Center in Cavite on Thursday.

The nephew of former world boxing champion Luisito Espinosa beat Ridge Aqui Burgos of the University of Perpetual Help System Dalta in a referee-stopped contest with 5 seconds left in the first round.

"My training was worth it. I think that the fight becomes easy if one gets so tired in training," said Carlo, an incoming third-year BS Criminology student.

"I will prepare for the national finals. I expect stronger opponents, especially those from Cebu and other parts of Visayas and Mindanao."

The National Finals is scheduled in Indang, Cavite on Aug. 18-24.

Other winners were John Rangel Calupe of the Philippine Merchant Marine Academy (men's lightweight) and Cyril John Delfin of the Maritime Academy of Asia and the Pacific (men's light welterweight) in the Navy; Ferdinand Melegrito of the Angeles University Foundation (men's featherweight) in the Air Force; and April Rose Lacson of Tarlac State University (women's flyweight) in the Army.

Meanwhile, the Army got three gold medals



BIG WIN. Carlo Espinosa (in blue) of the La Concepcion College connects a right hook against Ridge Aqui Burgos of the University of Perpetual Help System Dalta during the men's 57-60kg finals in the Air Force category of the Philippine ROTC Games - Luzon leg at the Tagaytay Combat Sports Center in Cavite on Thursday (Aug. 1, 2024). Espinosa won a referee-stopped contest with 5 seconds left in the first round. (Photo courtesy of Philippine Sports Commission)

from Edrian Anselmo (men's finweight), Mike Salceda (men's bantamweight) and Selah Pilla (women's flyweight) of RTU-Boni in the taekwondo competition at the Tolentino Sports Complex and Activity Center.

The Bulacan Agricultural State College and Central Bicol State University of Agriculture also pocketed two gold medals each for the Army.

In arnis, RTU-Boni's Maria Mae Ballester and Henry Soriano topped the women's and men's non-

traditional single weapon, respectively in the Army division.

In athletics, De La Salle University won the women's 4x100m relay (1:04.4) over Westmead (1:05.3) and Maritime Academy of Asia and the Pacific (1:07.4) in the Navy division at the Cavite State University (CvSU) track oval.

RTU-Boni secured the women's 4x100m relay gold medal in the Army division, while Fullbright College triumphed in the Air Force division. (PNA)

## Obiena vows he will bounce back from Paris heartbreak

The nation watched pole vaulter Ernest John "EJ" Obiena come tantalizingly close to an Olympic medal on the wee hours of Tuesday.

He ended up fourth after losing in the countback for at least a bronze due to his three failed attempts to clear 5.95 meters at Stade de France.

Nearly eight hours later, Obiena said reality was sinking in and he was still processing the outcome.

But come back he will. "The good get up, as they say. I have been knocked down. But I will get back up," Obiena wrote on Facebook.

He admitted though he was still hurting.

"Fourth place is painful to say the least; and in sports with three podium places, perhaps 4th is the harshest place to be," the 24-year-old said. "I am heartbroken that a single failure cost me and cost a nation I so deeply love -- the podium."

Despite a marked improvement from 11th place in 2021 Tokyo, the world No. 2 Obiena apologized for the outcome.

"Such is life as the world of competitive sports can be exhilarating at times, and painful at others. I have experienced both and unfortunately today I am on the other side of it!" he said.

On a positive note, he said he is proud of his achievement after all the struggles, including battling with various physical



Ernest John "EJ" Obiena (Screenshot)

problems since April, which he revealed in a social media post on July 20.

He thanked everyone who has followed, supported and believed in him while he takes it "one day at a time" on what he is going to do next.

"Thank you again for your support and standing by me. I love you all, and we all share a common love and pride for the Philippines," he said.

He congratulated double gold medalist Carlos Yulo for making the Paris Games an Olympics to remember for the Philippines.

"I salute him. I am sorry I didn't join him on the

podium," he said.

Meanwhile, Manila Mayor Honey Lacuna said the capital city will give a PHP500,000 incentive to Obiena, who finished high school in Chiang Kai Shek College in Tondo and took up engineering at University of Santo Tomas in Sampaloc.

"EJ Obiena, despite narrowly missing on a podium finish, has shown extraordinary talent and sportsmanship, achieving a commendable fourth place in the pole vault finals at the 2024 Paris Olympics," Lacuna said in a statement.

"Kinikilala ng Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Maynila ang

kanyang pagsusumikap at bibigyan siya ng PHP500,000 bilang pasasalamat sa kanyang tiyaga at natatanging performance. Ang paglalakbay at mga tagumpay ni EJ ay patuloy na nagbibigay inspirasyon sa maraming batang atleta sa Maynila at sa buong bansa (The city government of Manila will reward him PHP500,000 in recognition of his hard work and exemplary performance. His journey and success will continue to inspire young

athletes of Manila and the entire nation)."

As expected, world No. 1 Mondo Duplantis of Sweden took the gold with a new world record (6.25m) to boot, United States' Sam Kendrick got the silver and Greece's Emmanouil Karalis took the bronze.

The 24-year-old Duplantis broke his own world record of 6.24m set in April, the ninth time the two-time world champion has reset the mark.

John Cabang Tolentino will compete in the repechage of the 110-meter hurdles later Tuesday; while female boxers Aira Villegas and Nesthy Petecio have secured at least a bronze each.

Yet to see action are weightlifters Vanessa Sarno, John Ceniza and Elreen Ando; and golfers Dottie Ardina and Bianca Pagdanganan. (With reports from Ivan Stewart Saldajeno/PNA)

# PH, Australia, Canada, US hold multilateral maritime drill in WPS

MANILA – Philippine military units and their counterparts from Australia, Canada and the United States held a "multilateral maritime cooperative activity" (MMCA) on Wednesday within Manila's exclusive economic zone (EEZ), which includes the West Philippine Sea (WPS).

A joint statement signed by Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Chief of Staff Gen. Romeo Brawner Jr.; Australian Chief of Defense Force, Adm. David Johnston; Canadian Chief of Defense Staff, Gen. Jennie Carignan; and US Indo-Pacific Command chief Adm. Samuel Paparo said the drill would run until Thursday.

It said the MMCA aims to demonstrate the four nations' "collective commitment to strengthen regional and international cooperation in support of a free and open Indo-Pacific".

It added naval and air force units of participating nations will operate together, enhancing cooperation and interoperability between their respective Armed Forces.

"The activity will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with international law and with due regard to the safety of navigation and the rights and interests of other States," the joint statement read.

It added the four participating countries uphold the right to freedom of navigation and overflight, other lawful uses of the sea and international airspace.

Aside from this, the MMCA participants respect maritime rights under international law, as reflected in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.



"We stand together to address common maritime challenges and underscore our shared dedication to upholding international law and the rules-based order. Our four nations reaffirm the 2016 South China Sea Arbitral Tribunal Award as a final and legally binding decision on the parties to the dispute," it added.

Meanwhile, AFP public affairs office chief Col. Xerxes Trinidad said the MMCA is being conducted in the WPS, when asked for clarification on the exercise's location.

Trinidad also declined to give details on the participating ships or aircraft as the MMCA is still ongoing.

**First time for 4 nations**  
Meanwhile, Philippine Navy spokesperson for the WPS Rear Admiral Roy Vincent Trinidad said this is the first MMCA of the four countries.

"The activity is the first involving all four countries, was conducted in our EEZ and w/in the bounds of international law. It

supports the 2016 Arbitral Tribunal ruling of a free and a free and open Indo-Pacific," he added.

Trinidad also said the MMCA is not aimed against any particular country but a collective expression of support for a rules-based international order.

The AFP, meanwhile, said the exercise features a variety of naval and air assets from the participating nations.

It added that the Philippine contingent included the missile frigate BRP Jose Rizal (FF-150) with a AW-159 "Wildcat" anti-submarine helicopter and the offshore patrol vessel, BRP Ramon Alcaraz (PS-16).

Australia, meanwhile, deployed a Poseidon Aircraft (P-8A) while Canada sent the HMCS Montreal (FFH-336) and a Sikorsky CH-148 Cyclone helicopter.

Representing the US are the USS Lake Erie (CG-70) and a Sikorsky MH-60R "Seahawk" helicopter.

The MMCA is a series of events designed to

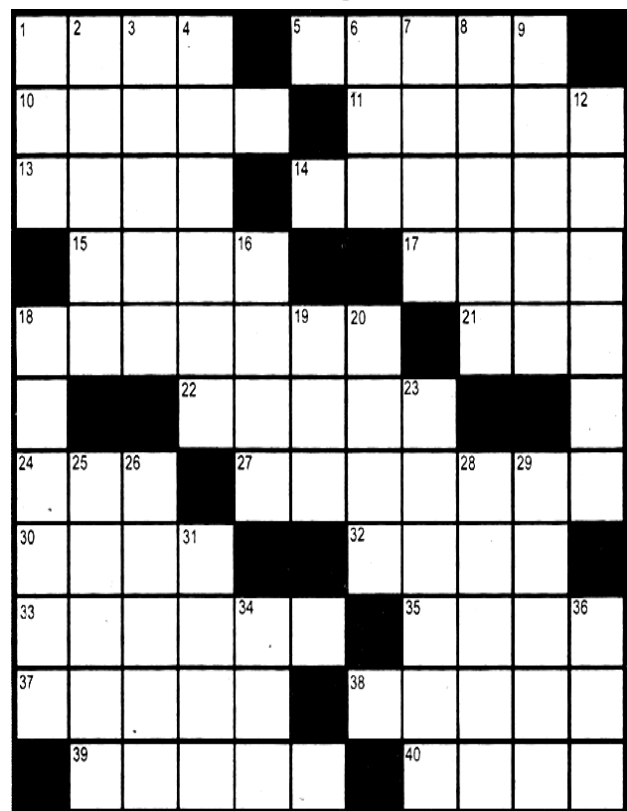
enhance interoperability and cooperation among the participating forces.

Among them are the pre-sail briefing, communication exercise, division tactics/officer of the watch maneuver, photographic exercise, cross deck landing operations, anti-submarine warfare exercise, replenishment at sea, contact reporting/maritime domain awareness, and a final exercise.

Brawner lauded the exercise, emphasizing its importance in strengthening regional security and fostering cooperation with allies and international partners.

"This multilateral exercise underscores the commitment of our nations to ensuring peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region. By working together, we enhance our collective capabilities and demonstrate our shared dedication to maintaining a secure maritime environment," he added. (PNA)

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## DOST lauds...

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City is a haven of numerous partnerships with the science department.

"Since 2022, we have implemented robust economic initiatives and foster international collaborations. Striving significant growth, stability and investor's confidence have returned and our digitized system bolsters public trust, said Mayor Siao.

Iligan is one of the 80 pilot local government units of DOST's Smart and Sustainable Communities Program, or the SMART Program. The program is anchored on digital transformation and resiliency through technology and innovation.

Under this program, DOST 10 supported the funding for eCitizen's PH App of LGU Iligan's

Township Innovation Management Application (TIMApp). eCitizen's app empowers citizens with features like reporting emergencies, accessing government services, and connecting with emergency hotlines.

"In DOST, we believe that science, technology, and innovation can provide solutions and open opportunities for cities and communities. It can potentially be a transformative tool that accelerates growth and brings sectors together for a bright future", said Sec. Renato U. Solidum in his message of support delivered by Cordillera Administrative Region Regional Director and the Project Leader of SMART Program, Dr. Nancy Bantog.

In 2023, the City hosted the Regional Science, Technology, and Innovation Week (RSTW), which featured technologies and innovations that can promote human well-being, wealth creation and protection, and sustainability.

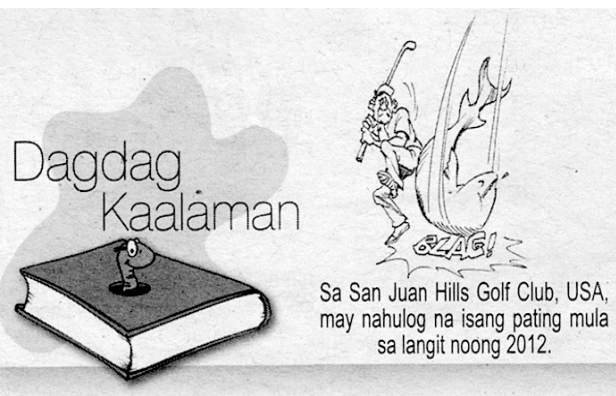
Also part of the SMART Program initiatives, key officials from the LGU participated in the International Smart City Exposition and Networking Engagement (iSCENE) in Cauayan, Isabela City, in March 2023. Months later, Iligan City hosted the Smart Cities Innovation Workshop, championing innovative solutions through dialogue and workshops. LGU Iligan, through its Center for Digital Iligan, Innovation, and Sustainability, partnered with Smart Cities Council Director Kok-

Chin Tay.

Iligan City posed as a model of an inclusive, people-centric smart City for prosperity, jobs, security, and peace.

Recently, the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) also recognized the City for its outstanding achievements in the Digital Cities Program. It was honored as one of the 19 digital cities in the Philippines.

DOST 10, through its Provincial Science and Technology Office in Lanao del Norte, remains steadfast in its commitment to fostering innovation and economic growth in Iligan City. (Melody Anne H. Donio, DOST Lanao del Norte) #ProvidingSolutions #OpeningOpportunities #ScienceForThePeople #OneDOST4U



# WHY PIONEERS SHOULD SUPPORT CORE TEAM MISSION AND VISION?

Today, I would like to discuss how we can change our fate. In our Pi community, I see many pioneers who are in poverty and are forced to sell their Pi due to financial difficulties, such as medical bills. It's disheartening to hear such stories, and I hope that all of you can have a good life, afford medical bills, and help those in need.

However, have you ever thought about what happens after you sell all your Pi? How will you survive and pay for future medical bills? Poverty is often the result of a poverty mindset. How we think about the world makes a big difference in our lives. If we are short-sighted, we will remain in poverty and anxiety forever. But if we change our mindset, we can change our fate and gain the world. Money will come to us, good relationships will come to us, and we will always be safe with our families.

It has come to my attention that some pioneers have a negative attitude towards the project. They seem to be focused only on completing KYC (Know Your Client) and selling their Pi or waiting for the OM (Open Mainnet) to happen. Some even go as far as asking me to buy their Pi to show support for GCV (Global Consensus Value: 1 Pi = \$314,159). However, this kind of poverty mindset is not productive and can lead to anxiety and depression.

We must realize that the goal of the Core Team goes beyond just the OM. Cryptocurrency is the next step in the evolution of money, and Pi is the first digital currency designed for everyday people, making it a significant milestone in the adoption of cryptocurrency worldwide. The Core Team's mission is to create a cryptocurrency and smart contracts platform that is powered and secured by everyday people. Their vision is to build the world's most comprehensive peer-to-peer ecosystem and online experience, all supported by Pi, the world's most widely used cryptocurrency.

The message implies that for the Pi currency to be stable, it should be held by a larger population. CT believes that Pi is meant for ordinary people and not just pioneers. It is, hence, the responsibility of pioneers to work with CT to spread the word and ensure that the mission and vision of CT are achieved. Additionally, it is crucial to educate pioneers on how to cherish Pi and avoid using it up or selling it. If many pioneers use or sell their Pi at a low price, it will hinder the OM from happening.



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## "Blindness: Education and Awareness" Program Highlights White Cane Safety Day in General Trias

On August 2, 2024, the Pavilion Hall at the Senior Citizen Office in the City of General Trias, buzzed with activity as it played host to a significant event titled "Blindness: Education and Awareness." Organized by the Office of the Provincial Governor - Office of the Provincial Persons with Disability Affairs Officer (OPG-OPPDOA) in collaboration with the City Government of General Trias, the program was held in celebration of White Cane Safety Day.



White Cane Safety Day is an important event dedicated to recognizing the achievements and independence of people who are blind or visually impaired. It serves as a reminder of the significance of the white cane as a tool for mobility and independence, promoting the rights and capabilities of blind individuals.

The program commenced with a warm welcome from Ms. Rebecca Generoso, the City Social Welfare and Development Officer of General Trias City. She greeted the beneficiaries and guests with heartfelt words, expressing gratitude for their attendance and emphasizing the importance of unity and support in fostering an inclusive society.

Following the welcome remarks, Mr. Ariel Mugol, Officer-In-Charge of the Persons with Disability Affairs Office (PDOA) of General Trias City, took the stage. Mr. Mugol delivered a stirring speech filled with inspiration and encouragement for the blind community. He underscored the power of resilience and the importance of providing equal opportunities for persons with disabilities to thrive.

The program featured an enlightening session led by Ms. Carolina C. Sam, the Chief Operating Officer of ATRIEV IT Center, who is an inspiring figure within the blind community. Ms. Sam captivated the audience with her remarkable journey, sharing her personal experiences, hardships, and achievements despite her blindness. Her story of perseverance and triumph over life's obstacles resonated deeply with everyone present, serving as a beacon of hope and motivation.

Ms. Sam also discussed the critical role of the white cane in the lives of blind individuals. She emphasized how the white cane not only serves as a mobility aid but also as a symbol of independence and empowerment, allowing blind individuals to navigate ► **BLINDNESS • 4**

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## DOST lauds Iligan gov't unit for conducting 1st ASENSO Iligan Investment Roadshow

The Department of Science and Technology 10 (DOST 10) lauded Iligan City for successfully conducting the 1st Iligan Investment Roadshow, held at EDSA Shangri-La Manila, recently.



The City Government of Iligan City secured Php7.9 Billion-worth of investment commitments for the real estate sector, economic enterprise, agriculture, green energy, and tourism during the 1st Iligan Investment Roadshow.

The roadshow showcased the City's strengths and business opportunities, particularly in ICT, agriculture, tourism, and infrastructure, resulting in Php 7.9 billion worth of investment commitments.

DOST praised the collaborative efforts of the LGU Iligan City headed by Mayor Frederick W. Siao, Iligan Investment Incentives and Promotions Center (IIPC), and the working committees who played a crucial role in organizing this convention.

Positioning itself as the Smart Industropolis of the South, Iligan ► **DOST LAUDS • 7**



On August 2, 2024, sixty (60) persons deprived of liberty (PDL) formally completed their Junior High School, while 28 PDLs finished their elementary education under the Alternative Learning System of the Department of Education (DepEd) in a solemn graduation ceremony with theme "Kabataang Pilipino Para sa Matatag na Kinabukasan ng Bagong Pilipinas" at the Cavite Provincial Jail, Trece Martires City, Cavite. The program was spearheaded by the CPJ under the leadership of Provincial Warden Candelario Warllie R. Hermo, together with the employees. He commended the perseverance of the graduates to continue learning despite their situation and encourage them to strive more to have meaningful participation in the community. Meanwhile, Al Jerald V. Leyson, ALS Education Program Specialist II of DepEd-Cavite, gave his motivational message to the PDLs to strive more to become better individuals. (Cavite Provincial Jail)



Kalusugan naman po ng mga residente ng Cluster 7 ang ating inalagaan sa pagpapatuloy ng ating proyektong Medical Mission. Bukod sa libreng konsultasyon, gamot at bakuna, mayroon rin po tayong libreng laboratory handog sa atin ng Jaro Med Diagnostic Center. Taos-pusong pasasalamat po sa ating mga naging katuwang para sa paghahatid ng libreng serbisyo. Sa Provincial Health Office at sa tanggapan ni Governor Jonvic Remulla, sa City Health Office at kay Mayor Alex Advincula, volunteers at staff ng iba't-ibang departamento. Muli't muli, kaisa po ninyo ako sa hangaring mas malusog at mas maginhawang buhay para sa bawat mamamayang Imuseño. #CONGkretongAJenda #AlagangAdvincula #TeamAJAA #AAngatAngImus #Nagkaka1sangTeamAJAA