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Cavite honors stakeholders and top cities and municipalities in polio immunization drive

The Provincial Government of Cavite through the Office of the Provincial Health Officer held a recognition ceremony on August 20, 2024, at the Bayleaf Hotel in General Trias City, Cavite, to honor the outstanding stakeholders and cities and municipalities in the recent Bivalent Oral Polio Vaccine Catch-up and Supplemental Immunization Activity. The event highlighted the collective efforts of various local government units and national agencies in the fight against polio.

During the event, several awards were presented to acknowledge the dedication and



excellence of the participating municipalities, cities, and stakeholders.

Engagement Champion Award was presented to municipalities that demonstrated exceptional community engagement and outreach efforts during the immunization drive. Awardees were cities of Tagaytay, Trece Martires, Gen. Trias, Imus, Carmona and Dasmariñas and municipalities of Silang, Kawit, Amadeo, Alfonso, Naic, Mendez, Magallanes and Maragondon.

Recognition in Timely Reporting was awarded to cities of Trece Martires, Tagaytay and Gen. Trias and municipalities of Silang, Mendez, Indang,

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Smart Basco LOQALINK Launched to Boost Batanes Agriculture

The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) RO2 thru the PSTO Batanes, in partnership with Isabela State University, Batanes State College, and the Local Government Unit of Basco, launched the SMART BASCO LOQALINK project at the Basco Lighthouse. This groundbreaking initiative aims to transform Batanes particularly the municipality of Basco into a smart and sustainable community by providing data-driven solutions to boost the agriculture sector.

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Seminar and distribution of supplies to barangay tanods

In a series of events held on August 20, 21, and 22, 2024, the provincial government of Cavite under the leadership of Governor Jonvic Remulla successfully conducted Barangay Tanod Seminars and distributed essential supplies to strengthen the capabilities of local peacekeepers in the Cities of Imus, General Trias, and Bacoor. These seminars aimed to provide the Barangay Tanods with the necessary skills and tools to enhance community safety and maintain peace and order in their respective areas.



The first seminar took place at Imus City Sports Complex on August 20, 2024. Barangay Tanods from across the city gathered to receive training on effective community policing strategies, emergency response, and conflict resolution. The seminar delivered by Patrolman Gio Cruz of the Police Community Affairs and Development Unit (PCADU), Cavite PPO focused on practical approaches to handling daily challenges faced by Tanods, such as managing local disputes, ensuring public safety, and coordinating with other law enforcement agencies. Following the seminar, the Tanods were provided with supplies

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Safeguarding Journeys: MPT South Launches Bayani Ka Book 2

Ang Metro Pacific Tollways South (MPT South), isa sa mga subsidiaryo ng Metro Pacific Tollways Corp. (MPTC), ay naglunsad ng "Bayani Ka: Bayani ng Kalsada Book 2" sa National Library of the Philippines, ang nasabing activity book ay naglalayon na magbigay ng inspirasyon sa mga kabataan upang sila ay maging kampeon sa aspeto ng road safety sa kani-kaniyang komunidad.

Tampok ang makabuluhang istorya, makulay na paglalarawan at interactive na nilalaman, ang aklat ay idinisenyo upang magbigay ng aral sa mga batang mag-aaral ng kahalagahan ng kaligtasang panlansangan sa paraan na nakakaaliw at mabibigay ng tiyak na kamalayan. Dahil ang kaligtasan sa kalsada ay isang mahalagang paksa para sa mga batang mag-aaral, ang aklat ay isang mahusay na mapagkukunan para sa mga paaralan upang isama sa kanilang kurikulum, na maaring makatulong sa mga mag-aaral na mas magkaroon ng kamalayan at maging responsable sa mga lansangan.

Pinangunahan ng MPT South Vice President Vice President for Communication and Stakeholder Management Arlette Capistrano ang simbolikong turnover ng mga aklat ng "Bayani Ka" sa National Library of the Philippines. Kasama niya si MPTC Chief Corporate Governance and Risk Officer and Head of Sustainability, Atty. Cynthia Casino; gayun din si Dr. Angelito Umali, Health and

Nutrition Officer na kinatawan ng United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF). Ang mga aklat ay tinanggap nina nina Ginoong Cesar Gilbert Q. Adriano, Director ng National Library of the Philippines (NLP), Ginoong Eduardo B. Quiros, Assistant Director ng National Library of the Philippines, at iba pang mga kinatawan mula sa iba't-ibang lokal na aklatan.

Dalawang libong kopya ng Bayani Ka Book 2 ang ipamimigay ng MPT South sa iba't-ibang pampublikong aklatan at mga kapartner nitong institusyon sa Rehiyon IV-A at National Capital Region.

"MPT South conceptualized this campaign, "Bayani Ka: Bayani ng Kalsada Book 2," to empower children with the knowledge and confidence they need to navigate the streets safely. By distributing this book to schools, we hope to instill lifelong habits of safety and responsibility in our youngest citizens." saad ni Arlette V. Capistrano, Vice President for Communication and Stakeholder Management



ng MPT South.

Matapos tanggapin ang mga aklat na "Bayani ng Kalsada" mula sa MPT South, inilahad ni Director Cesar Gilbert Q. Adriano na, "This book will serve as a learning tool for teaching children about road safety, providing them with the essential knowledge to navigate the world safely. It empowers

the young minds about the importance of knowing traffic rules and pedestrian safety, protecting them from any harm they may encounter on the road."

Ang MPT South, sa misyon nitong mamuno sa pagbibigay ng maayos at ligtas na paglalakbay sa mga biyahero, ay nakatuon sa pagtiyak na ang mga drayber ay may sapat na

kamalayan sa kaligtasang panlansangan, gayun din ang mga kabataan ng kasalukuyan sa paghubog nila sa kani-kaniyang sarili na maging "Bayani ng Kalsada" ng hinaharap.

Ang MPT South ay isa sa mga subsidiaryo ng Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC), ang infrastructure arm ng Metro Pacific Investment

Corporation (MPIC). Maliban sa mga toll road networks ng CALAX at CAVITEX, ang MPTC's domestic portfolio ay kinabibilangan ng North Luzon Expressway (NLEX), NLEX Connector Road, Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway (SCTEX), at ng Cebu-Cordova Link Expressway (CCLEX) sa Cebu.

Health Outreach Program Brings Essential Services to Dasmariñas residents



A successful medical and dental mission was held on August 21, 2024 in Brgy. Saint Peter 1 in Dasmariñas City, providing essential healthcare services to 487 residents. The initiative was made possible through the collaboration of local officials led by Brgy. Chairperson Cesario R. Hernandez Jr. with the Office of the Provincial Governor, the medical professionals from the Office of the Provincial Health Officer, and CarSiGMA District Hospital.

The mission offered a range of services including medical consultations, dental care, and distribution of free medicines. The teamwork and dedication of all involved ensured the event's success, reflecting the commitment to improving the health and well-being of the community in Brgy. Saint Peter 1. (Romelyn P. Dones)

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FFCCCI...

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The forum, organized by the Embassy of the People's Republic of China to the Philippines, FFCCCI, the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce Hong Kong, and the Association for Philippines-China Understanding (APCU), with support from the Guangdong-Hong-Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Entrepreneurs Alliance, highlighted the transformative potential of this initiative. The event underscored the forum's significance in fostering bilateral economic relations.

Dr. Cecilio K. Pedro of FFCCCI emphasized the proposal's potential to act as a catalyst for economic growth. By drawing on the success of the

Guangdong-Hong-Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area—a region renowned for its \$1.98 trillion GDP—the Greater Manila Bay area is set to attract significant foreign investments and advanced technologies. This development aligns with the Philippine government's efforts to enhance the Luzon economic corridor, supported by international partners such as the United States and Japan.

A compelling audio-visual presentation at the forum illustrated how deepening economic ties with the Guangdong-Hong-Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area could invigorate the Philippine economy. The presentation highlighted the benefits of increased foreign investments and

technological collaboration, showcasing the dynamic growth and innovation of the Greater Bay Area.

Beyond its economic implications, the forum also served as a platform to strengthen cultural and diplomatic ties between China and the Philippines. The discussions emphasized the shared values and mutual benefits that underpin this collaboration, reinforcing the importance of trust and cooperation in advancing bilateral relations.

As the Philippines navigates its post-pandemic recovery, FFCCCI's proposal for the Greater Manila Bay area represents a forward-looking strategy with the potential to elevate the nation's economic stature and enhance international connections. This vision



promises not only to drive sustainable growth but also to contribute to a more interconnected and prosperous region. (Nelson Santos)

DepEd chief...

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encouraging regional leaders to advocate for necessary digital policies.

Angara stressed that digital transformation shall help learners in the region to be prepared against future challenges.

He, however, noted that this should remain a human endeavor, stressing the need for competent civil servants and stable policies.

"The future will be increasingly digital, but we

must remember that education is still a human endeavor—technology is simply a tool to address real human challenges," Angara added.

For its part, the Philippines has already launched several digital education advancements including Digital Education 2028, the Higher Education Digital Integration by the Commission on Higher Education, and Digital

Skills Training in Technical and Vocational Education by the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority, among others.

The Philippines has also initiated other digital initiatives within ASEAN, being the president of the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO) Council from 2023 to 2024.

To date, the ASEAN region is now approaching deadlines for its community blueprints as it plans to start its post-2025 strategic plans. (PNA)

Go Kadiwa...

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Besides accessibility to cheaper agricultural commodities, Tiu Laurel said they were also coordinating with some food manufacturers to supply other goods like cooking oil, fresh fish, and poultry products, among others.

"We're also talking to manufacturers of other basic goods like condiments, sugar, and canned goods to help ease the financial challenges of Filipinos and actualize President Marcos' vision to provide every Filipino family with affordably-

priced food on their table," he added.

Overall, the DA said it was out to standardize operations in 1,500 targeted Kadiwa stores in each municipality nationwide, with the eyed partnership with the country's farmers' cooperatives and associations.

Tiu Laurel earlier said there were 17 regularly operating and 230 irregular Kadiwa stores.

Regular Kadiwa sites include stores in the Bureau of Animal Industry Dome and National Irrigation

Administration (NIA) in Quezon City; Bureau of Plant Industry in Malate, Manila; Food Terminal, Inc. in Taguig City; Philippine Fiber Industry Development Authority in Las Piñas; Bayani Fernando Central Terminal and Barangay Fortune in Marikina; and those in Llano, Calocan; Valenzuela; Pantao Fisherfolks Consumer Cooperative in Malabon; Navotas Institute in Navotas; San Jose del Monte, Bulacan; Antipolo City; Bacoor, Cavite; and San Pedro City Hall and Santa Rosa, Laguna, which operate every Thursday to Saturday. (PNA)

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GCV \$314,159 CAN SATISFY A CURRENCY ATTRIBUTES



Doris Yin

As a currency, it is crucial to have three key attributes: universality, stability, and liquidation.

1. Universality: For Pi to become a global peer-to-peer payment currency, it must be universally accepted. With only 50 million pioneers currently, Pi needs to attract billions of users to achieve this goal. Once billions of miners start using Pi, the mining speed will decrease to a considerable extent. Therefore, the price of Pi needs to be set at a level that can attract eight billion people to hold it, making it universal.

2. Stability: Once people start using a currency, they look for stability in its value. If the purchasing power of a currency drops significantly, people tend to abandon

it. On the other hand, if the purchasing power rises sharply, people start hoarding the currency. Therefore, it is vital to maintain long-term stability in the value of Pi to ensure that people keep using it with confidence.

3. Liquidation: Before people start using a currency for the long term, they need to consider whether the currency has a long-term commitment. They need to know that holding the currency will provide them with corresponding benefits in the future,

no matter what happens. This is liquidation. GCV, therefore, is for Pi as a currency for the long term.

4. Some people are of the opinion that the supply of 100 billion Pi is too much, and its price should be low. However, Pi Network's white paper states that Pi will not exclude issuing additional coins when there is deflation, implying that Pi is designed to last hundreds of years. Therefore, 100 billion Pi might not be enough for circulation. Setting the price of Pi high enough, such as GCV \$314,159, will encourage most pioneers to hold Pi in their wallets until the demand increases. All the price and Pi coin is for future usage purposes. If the price is low, it will only be bought by a minority, which is undesirable for a currency.

5. While curbing inflation is the primary goal of macroeconomic control, a certain degree of inflation is beneficial for economic growth. However, deflation is harmful, and it should be avoided at all costs. Hence, the 100 billion supply and GCV price can potentially resolve the risk of future deflation.

6. As mentioned in the previous paragraph, the long-term stability of Pi as a currency is crucial. This is why it is essential to have a robust ecosystem with a united price high enough as GCV to keep it stable.

7. Dr. Nicolas created Pi because Bitcoin fails to meet the three essential attributes of a currency: universality, stability, and liquidation. However, some pioneers think that KYC and migration are slow for Pi. You should understand this is because CT is protecting Pi and avoiding it becoming a second Bitcoin. That's why Pi price is so important. GCV can make Pi satisfy all three attributes.

Cavite...

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Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo and Naic for consistently providing prompt and accurate reporting throughout the campaign.

Good Job Award was given to recognize the municipalities and cities with high immunization coverage rates. Awardees were cities of Cavite, Imus and Bacoor, and municipalities of Noveleta, Kawit, Amadeo, Rosario, General Emilio Aguinaldo, Ternate, Alfonso,

Magallanes, Indang and Tanza.

Excellent Jab Award was given to areas that exceeded their immunization targets. Recipients were cities of Gen. Trias, Dasmariñas, Trece Martires, Carmona and Tagaytay, and municipalities of Mendez, Maragondon, Gen. Mariano Alvarez, Naic and Silang.

Green Banner Award was presented to

Dasmariñas City Health Office 1, 2 & 4, Imus City Health Office 1 & 2, Carmona City Health Office, Gen. Trias City Health Office, Trece Martires City Health Office and Tagaytay City Health Office for achieving at least 75% coverage in their immunization activity.

Game Changer Award was given to cities of Bacoor and Dasmariñas, and municipalities of Silang, Tanza and Naic for having the most number of children vaccinated during the oral polio vaccination

drive.

Most Innovative Award was awarded to the Municipality of Gen. Mariano Alvarez for their creativity and innovation in implementing the immunization campaign.

In addition to these, plaques of appreciation were given to various national agencies and

stakeholders for their invaluable support and collaboration in ensuring the success of the polio immunization efforts.

The ceremony underscored the importance of collaboration between local government units, national agencies, and community stakeholders in

safeguarding the health and well-being of Caviteños, starting with immunizing children against vaccine-preventable diseases. The Provincial Government of Cavite remains committed to continuing these efforts and maintaining high standards in public health initiatives. (JDP)

Seminar...

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that included first aid kits, flashlights, batons, and communication devices, which are crucial in performing their duties effectively.

The initiative continued in General Trias City on August 21, 2024, where Barangay Tanods were similarly trained and equipped. The seminar facilitated by PLTCOL

commitment to fostering a secure environment for its residents through continuous support and capacity building for its Barangay Tanods.

The final leg of the seminar series was held in Bacoor City on August 22, 2024 and was again facilitated by Patrolman Gio Cruz. The Tanods in attendance were trained

of the Tanods, ensuring they are well-prepared to address any challenges that may arise in their communities.

The series of seminars and distribution of supplies across Imus City, General Trias City, and Bacoor City reflect the concerted efforts of the provincial government to empower Barangay Tanods as frontliners in community safety. The events have not only provided them with the



Chester Borlongan, Chief, PCADU-Cavite PPO, emphasized the importance of community engagement, vigilance, and the proper application of the law. The distribution of supplies was met with appreciation from the participants, who recognized the value of having reliable tools to support their efforts in maintaining peace and order. The event also highlighted the city's

on a wide range of topics, including crime prevention techniques, proper conduct during patrols, and effective communication with the community. As in the previous cities, the distribution of essential supplies followed the seminar. The provision of these supplies is seen as a tangible expression of the local government's dedication to enhancing the operational readiness

knowledge and tools necessary for their roles but have also reinforced the importance of their contributions to maintaining peace and order at the grassroots level.

Governor Remulla and the local officials of the three cities have expressed their continued support for the Barangay Tanods, acknowledging their vital role in ensuring the well-being of their communities. (JDP)

Smart Basco...

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The Digital Business Locator (DBL) for Agriculture Supply and Demand Information System (LOQALINK) is a key component of the project.

It will leverage technology to identify potential business opportunities, optimize agricultural production, and improve market access for local farmers.

The launch event was attended by key government officials, including DOST Secretary Renato U. Solidum Jr., PCIEERD Director Ernesto Paringit, Basco Mayor

German A. Caccam, Dr. Betchie E. Aguinaldo, Project Leader, DISC-TBI & Director, BIRDC, DOST Region 02 Director Virginia G. Bilgera and other representatives from DOST, the provincial government, and Batanes State College.

"This project is a testament to our commitment to empowering rural communities through science and technology," said DOST Secretary Renato U. Solidum, Jr. "By providing farmers with the necessary tools and information, we hope to

enhance their livelihoods and contribute to the overall development of Batanes", he added.

A pledge of commitment was signed by all partners to solidify their collaboration in achieving the project's goals.

LOQALINK will undergo several phases, including goal setting, data analysis, action planning, data mapping, pilot implementation, and communication. The project is expected to result in integrated information systems, increased support programs, enhanced government capabilities, and improved access to government services.



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Ms. Lumari

Historic Barter #102 at The Beacon Condo in Makati, Setting New Milestones for Pi Community in Makati

Makati, NCR, August 25, 2024 — The Pi GCV community Philippines marked a significant milestone on August 25, 2024, with Barter #102, the first-ever bartering event held in Makati. The event took place at The Beacon Condo, located at the corner of Chino Roces Avenue and Pasay Road, Makati City, and drew considerable attention from pioneers and local merchants.

A Successful Barter in Makati

Barter #102 was organized by a team of dedicated ambassadors: Mrs. Lerma Petalio Ablan, Ms. AimNor Gajelloma Omar, Ms. Jennifer Botalon, Mr. Franklin Novicio, Ms. Florinda Gajelloma Fernandez, Ms. Kath Ignacio, and Mrs. Beng Chavez. Their leadership was instrumental in orchestrating this groundbreaking event.

Held at The Beacon Condo, the Mini Market Bartering event featured a variety of goods available for purchase using Pi. The choice of venue not only provided a vibrant

setting for the event but also highlighted the potential for integrating Pi into daily transactions in urban settings. The enthusiastic participation of pioneers and local merchants showcased the growing acceptance of Pi in Makati's commercial landscape.

Gratitude to All Involved

A special thank you is extended to the merchants who accepted Pi as payment and contributed to the event's success. Their involvement is a key factor in building a robust marketplace around Pi. The positive feedback and engagement from both participants and merchants demonstrate the viability and appeal of Pi as a medium of exchange.

Looking Forward

Barter #102 represents a promising start for future bartering events in Makati. The success of this event at The Beacon Condo signals a bright future for Pi in fostering a dynamic and inclusive economic ecosystem.

We extend our gratitude to everyone who attended, supported, and contributed to Barter #102. Your involvement is crucial as we continue to build a vibrant economy with Pi at its core. Together, we can look forward to many more successful events and collaborative opportunities in the future.



MVP supports PH hosting of 2025 FIVB Men's World Championship

Sports patron and businessman Manny V. Pangilinan affirmed support for the country's hosting of the FIVB Volleyball Men's World Championship on Sept. 12 to 28 next year.

Pangilinan made the commitment during a recent meeting at his office in Makati City with Philippine National Volleyball Federation (PNVF) president Ramon Suzara, MVP Sports Foundation president Al Panlilio and PLDT Business Transformation Group head and sports leader Ricky Vargas.

"Mr. MVP (Pangilinan) has once again brought the meaning of sports patron to a superlative level," Suzara said in a news release on Monday.

"With Mr. MVP's commitment, the local organizing committee (LOC) will be shifting to a higher gear preparations for the world championship which is a little over a year away," he added.

The national men's

team, Alas Pilipinas, bagged bronze medals in the Southeast Asia Men's V-League in Manila and Indonesia, despite being formed only a month ago.

"Those bronze medals are already milestones for Philippine men's volleyball in Southeast Asia. The program is working and we are confident that Alas Pilipinas will make an impact in the world championship," Suzara said.

The tournament will feature the world's top 32 teams and is initially set at Smart Araneta Coliseum in Quezon City and Mall of Asia Arena in Pasay City.

There will also be a series of friendly matches between two top Japanese club teams and the Alas Pilipinas men's and women's teams on Sept. 7 and 8 at PhilSports

Arena in Pasig City, followed by the draw on Sept. 14.

"We are all excited about this historic hosting because Filipino fans will get the opportunity to witness elite volleyball action from 32 teams," Suzara said.

The LOC Board is co-chaired by presidential son William Vincent Araneta-Marcos, Senator Alan Peter Cayetano and Department of Tourism Secretary Christina Frasco, with Suzara as president.

With Pangilinan in the LOC Board are Senator Pia Cayetano, Philippine Olympic Committee president Abraham Tolentino and Philippine Sports Commission chairperson Richard Bachmann. (PNA)

PH Paralympians brace for action in Paris

PARIS – All six national para-athletes and four coaches will be dressed to the nines on Wednesday night as they take part in what promises to be a spectacular outdoor opening ceremony of the 17th Paris Paralympic Games at the Place de la Concorde to Champs-Élysées in Paris, France.

But once para-swimmer Ernie Gawilan and para-archer Agustina Bantiloc and teammates Jerrold Mangliwan, Cendy Asusano, Angel Mae Otom, and Allain Ganapin have finished taking part in the festive rites in their ethnic-inspired uniforms, their focus will be back to the task at hand.

Joining them in the Paralympic Games opening-night festivities for the first time are coaches Gershon Bautista, Jonathan Josol, Berson Buen, and Brian Ong of taekwondo, archery, track and field, and swimming, respectively, in the trip supported by the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC).

"To ensure that the spotlight is firmly on the achievements of the Paralympic athletes, the values that they embody, and the emotions that they inspire in us, Paris 2024 wanted to offer them a groundbreaking showcase by organizing the first Paralympic Games Opening Ceremony outside the confines of a stadium," Paris 2024 president Tony Estanguet said in a statement.

"Place de la Concorde and the Champs-Élysées, the world's most beautiful avenue, will be transformed into an outstanding stage to showcase the Paralympic movement in a breathtaking setting," Estanguet said of the occasion that is expected



READY FOR PARIS. All six members of the national para team and four coaches will represent the country in the 17th Paris Paralympic Games opening ceremony at the Place de la Concorde to Champs-Élysées in Paris, France on Wednesday (Aug. 28, 2024). They are para swimmer Ernie Gawilan, and para-archer Agustina Bantiloc and teammates Jerrold Mangliwan, Cendy Asusano, Angel Mae Otom, and Allain Ganapin. (Photo from PSC)

to draw at least 500,000 aficionados to the famous Parisian square starting at 8 p.m. (2 a.m. Thursday, Manila time).

The Paralympic Games' inaugural rites promise to be as colorful – albeit perhaps less controversial – as the Olympic opening ceremony also conceptualized by artistic director Thomas Jolly, regarded as the "Peter Pan" of French theater.

To reach the pinnacle of the quadrennial global sports showcase for physically-challenged athletes is no joke, and the country's "Sensational Six" are just among a select 4,350 athletes from 168 countries who will be vying for victory within the glamorous French capital in the next two weeks.

They will carry the hopes and prayers of not only Filipino fans but also

of an often overlooked and marginalized sector of Philippine society that strives to show all that they can be just as productive and as successful as their able-bodied counterparts.

"We pray that the success of our Olympians in Paris just two weeks ago will rub off and inspire our athletes to excel more than ever before," Philippine Paralympic Committee president Mike Barredo said in a statement from Manila.

"We would like to thank PSC Chairman Dickie Bachmann for fully supporting our Paralympians, allowing them extra time in France to acclimatize and adjust so they can do better and hold their own with the best in their respective sports."

Barredo urged the



SPORTS PATRON. Manny V. Pangilinan (3rd from left) will support the country's hosting of the 2025 FIVB Volleyball Men's World Championship in September 2025. Pangilinan made the commitment during a recent meeting at his office in Makati City with (from left) MVP Sports Foundation president Al Panlilio, Philippine National Volleyball Federation president Ramon Suzara and PLDT Business Transformation Group head Ricky Vargas. (Contributed photo)

Manila, Cebu marathons eyed to promote PH thru sports tourism

Promoting the country through sports tourism is the main objective of the forthcoming Manila marathon and Cebu half-marathon.



SPORTS TOURISM. Organizer Rio dela Cruz discusses upcoming the Samsung Galaxy Watch Manila Marathon and Cebu Half-Marathon during the Philippine Sportswriters Association Forum at the Philippine Sports Commission office in Manila on Tuesday (Aug. 27, 2024). Dela Cruz said the main objective of the two events is to promote the Philippines through sports tourism. (PSA photo)

Rio dela Cruz of main organizer RunRio told Tuesday's Philippine Sportswriters Association (PSA) Forum at the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) office in Manila that the twin events would benefit tourism and serve as the country's flagship running event.

"May impact sa (It has an impact on) tourism. When you look at other countries, they have the Bangkok Marathon then they have one in Ho Chih Minh, Kuala Lumpur and Singapore. We hope to make this the flagship marathon in the Philippines," Dela Cruz

said.

The Manila Marathon on Oct. 6 will cover the cities of Pasay, Parañaque, Manila, Makati and if needed, Taguig.

The races in 5K, 10K, 21k and 42K will start and end at Mall of Asia grounds in Pasay.

So far, Dela Cruz said they are on target with 4,000 registered runners so far.

"We want these races to be as big as they can be," Dela Cruz said in the forum supported by San Miguel Corporation, Philippine Olympic Committee and PSC.

After the Cebu half-marathon on Nov. 24, future legs are planned in Baguio, Clark, Bataan,

Manila, Legazpi, Iloilo, Davao, Cagayan de Oro City and Dapitan in Zamboanga del Norte.

Dela Cruz said they have coordinated with the Department of Tourism and are hoping for stronger ties with local government units and eventually, the PSC.

"Sana makasama natin sila sa program. And once okay na (the two events), mas madali na i-promote sa partners (I hope they will join the program. And once two events are approved, it would be easier to promote to our partners)," Dela Cruz said. "We are here to promote the Philippines." (PR)

Filipinos to pray just as hard for them "so that they can exceed all our expectations and make our country proud!"

Just like he rooted for the country's Paris Olympians, Bachmann left for Paris Tuesday to witness and cheer for the PH Paralympic Games standard-bearers from

start to finish.

"Our para-athletes have had to strive and work harder so that they can show to everyone that they are just dedicated and passionate about their sport. We admire them for overcoming their handicaps to prove that they belong among the elite in the Paralympic

Games," he said.

First to see action after Wednesday night's opening ceremony gala is Bantiloc, who will compete in the women's compound event at the shooting range in Les Invalides, a complex of buildings that pays homage to the colorful military history of France. (PR)

PMCJ: First Gen's appeal to subsidize fossil gas/LNG imports proves that it is costly, deadly

Quezon City, Philippines – The Philippine Movement for Climate Justice (PMCJ) denounced the First Gen Corp. (FGP)'s undue pressure on the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) for cost recovery on imported fossil gas/LNG including the landed costs to the consumers will make the end users bear the brunt of energy rate hikes. Landed cost of imported fossil gas/LNG covers payment of costs during testing, commissioning and other commercial operations of fossil gas/LNG facilities.

The notice of resolution released by ERC last August 13, 2024, confirmed First Gas Power Corporation (FGPC) is allowed to collect the pass-through cost of LNG that covers the loading, transportation, unloading, storage, regasification, and the actual transportation to the fossil gas receiving facilities for power generation. The consumers are already being burdened on the said costs as the energy price hike continues, following the ERC approval, seeing additional 32 to 33 centavos per kWh in Meralco rates starting from the October customer billing period.

In a manner of pressuring ERC, Lopez-owned FGP called on the ERC to issue guidelines for the recovery of its LNG investments. PMCJ called out ERC not to allow FGP to collect cost recovery on importing LNG.

However, granting cost recovery for landed cost of LNG is still unacceptable since it is allowing the market distortion caused by the artificial competitiveness of expensive LNG imports.

"It is convenient for

energy companies to import gas because of cost recovery and the provision of pass-through that continues to burden consumers. This policy will not allow the competitiveness development of the indigenous energy industry. Government must overhaul this policy as this will be burdensome to the economy in the long run," PMCJ National Coordinator Ian Rivera said. Artificially making fossil gas competitive through subsidies paid by consumers would be a barrier to renewable energy. This simply means that a stop to Fossil Gas expansion is a step forward to 100% Renewables.

FGP, together with other companies, asserts that the use of LNG as an "alternative fuel" is included in the circumstances where it is permitted to be used given the depleting supply from Malampaya is insufficient for the supply of power needed by Meralco. PMCJ, together with other environment-concerned organizations and individuals, have been proving it wrong.

"The 'transition fuel' narrative around LNG is not only misleading but also harmful. Instead of expanding indigenous and imported LNG, the government must focus on renewable energy since its energy efficiency is increasing compared to that of LNG and coal," Ian Rivera argued.

"Pass-through cost recovery provision for importing fossil gas proves that LNG importation is too expensive for energy companies to bear, and that these schemes instead pass the costs of importation to consumers through more expensive energy prices. This in turn creates an uncompetitive energy market where fossil gas is artificially competitive vis-à-vis indigenous sources of energy," Rivera explained.

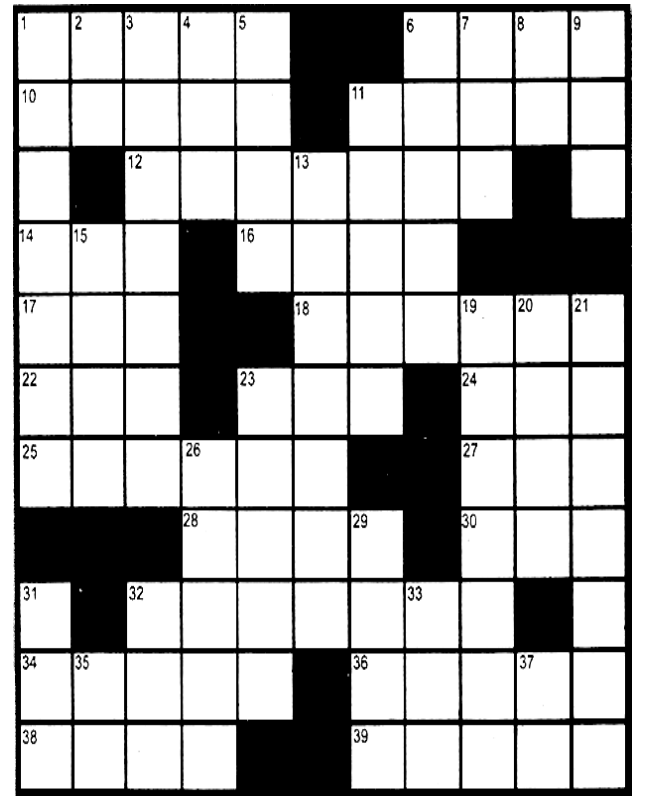
Subnational and local governments are taking the lead in shifting to renewables. "Local governments are increasingly learning about the benefits of renewable energy, such as the stable and cheaper energy, energy independence from volatile fossil fuel markets, and potential for

investments, jobs, and development. The local government of Albay, for example, declared their intention to reach 100% renewable energy before 2030. LNG investments are contrary to supporting and expanding this trend," PMCJ Senior Energy Officer Larry Pascua said.

The Philippines has historically had the second highest cost of electricity in Asia due to its reliance on imported fossil fuels, especially given that the Philippine Energy Plan intends to increase dependency on LNG. "The government must end the policy of cost recovery in favor of the fossil gas/LNG giants as this will distort the market," Rivera stressed.

PMCJ asserts that the government must subscribe to their mandate of ensuring the people's needs first and not the private corporations. If the ERC allows such, it is a clear suicide attempt on developing countries like the Philippines as this will set a precedent case of allowing public subsidy which should have been used first for poverty alleviation and social services.

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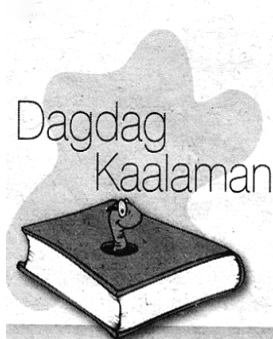
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Get Ready to Smile: Flying Tiger Copenhagen Lands at SM City Dasmariñas—First in Cavite! We are thrilled to announce the grand opening of Flying Tiger Copenhagen at SM City Dasmariñas! Discover a world of fun and functional products perfect for your home, school, and more. From quirky kitchen gadgets to stylish stationery, every item is thoughtfully designed to bring a smile to your face. Join us and explore a delightful selection of unique and affordable finds that are as useful as they are cute!



Ang Beatles ang pinakamabentang music group sa kasaysayan ng musika. Tinatayang 500 million plaka ang binili ng kanilang fans.

FFCCCI Proposes Greater Manila Bay Area as the Next Economic Powerhouse

Manila, Philippines – August 21, 2024 – The Federation of Filipino-Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Inc. (FFCCCI) has unveiled a visionary proposal to transform the Greater Manila Bay area into a leading economic hub, drawing inspiration from the success of China's Guangdong-Hong-Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area. This ambitious plan was presented at the Manila Forum for Philippines-China Relations: Exploring the Opportunities with Guangdong-Hong-Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, held at Conrad Manila in Pasay City, Metro Manila.



The proposal envisions a dynamic development strategy that will link Bataan, Cavite, Greater Manila, and Bulacan through a network of innovative infrastructure projects. This strategic approach aims to harness the economic potential of these interconnected regions, positioning the Greater Manila Bay area as a prime destination for investment and technological advancement.

► **FFCCCI • 3**

DepEd chief bats to advance digital reforms in ASEAN

Education Secretary Sonny Angara on Monday pushed for the advancement of digital education reforms among member states of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

Angara made the call during the 13th ASEAN Education Ministers Meeting (ASEM) in Thailand, the Department of Education (DepEd) said in a news release.

"We have a duty to ensure that our students are not merely passive recipients of knowledge but active citizens capable of shaping their futures and contributing to the growth of their communities and the entire ASEAN region," he said in a speech.

► **DEPED CHIEF • 3**



PURSUING DIGITAL EDUCATION. Education Secretary Sonny Angara leads the Philippine delegation at the 13th ASEAN Education Ministers Meeting (ASEM) in Buriram, Thailand on Monday (Aug. 26, 2024). Angara underscored the need to advance digital education among the member states of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). (Photo courtesy of Ministry of Education Thailand)



Babiyahe na patungong Kawit ang Lingkod Pag-IBIG on Wheels! Bibisita ang Pag-IBIG Fund sa ating munisipyo sa August 28, simula 9:00 AM hanggang 3:00 PM para sa inyong registration, transaction, at iba pang katanungan. Maraming salamat, Pag-IBIG Fund para sa paglalapit ng inyong serbisyo sa ating Kawit! #RatedTripleA #PusoAtMalasakitParaSaAtingKawit #MayorAguinaldo

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60 Kadiwa ng Pangulo stores available nationwide in September

The Department of Agriculture (DA) said Monday it is targeting to have 60 Kadiwa ng Pangulo stores available nationwide in September in line with the directives of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. to realize food security and affordability under his term.



FRESH AND AFFORDABLE. Buyers troop to the Bureau of Animal and Industry Kadiwa store in Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City on July 26, 2024. The Department of Agriculture announced on Monday (Aug. 26) the target expansion of more Kadiwa stores in Visayas and Mindanao in September. (PNA photo by Ben Briones)

In a statement, DA Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr. said the administration's targets include expanding Kadiwa sites in Visayas and Mindanao.

"We expect to have at least 60 Kadiwa ng Pangulo stores across the country next month to provide more Filipinos with greater access to affordably-priced agricultural products, including the PHP29 per kilo rice intended for vulnerable sectors," he said.

The P29 program or the sale of aging but good quality rice stocks from the National Food Authority (NFA) worth PHP29 per kilogram is targeted at the vulnerable sector including members of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino (4Ps), persons with disabilities (PWD), senior citizens, and solo parents.

► **GO KADIWA • 3**

The Medical and Dental Mission team travels to Alfonso, Cavite

In maintaining a healthy Cavite, the Office of the Provincial Governor and Office of the Provincial Health Officer, delivered free basic healthcare services, as well as medicines and vitamins prescribed to the residents of Lucsuhin Ibaba, Alfonso during the medical and dental mission conducted recently.



Two hundred eighty-one (281) locals availed medical check-ups, while 55 underwent dental check and tooth extraction. Laboratory examinations, including ECG and X-ray, were also availed by 7 and 5 patients, respectively.

The medical and

dental mission is an initiative of the provincial government that delivers health services closer to the door step of Caviteños, ensuring that everyone, of all status and ages, could have access to quality healthcare without financial worries.

8th District Board

member Reyniel A. Ambion, alongside Lucsuhin Ibaba Barangay Officials, joined the event, expressing warm appreciation and support to everyone who contributed in making the program possible and successful. (Jam Elisse M. Reyes)