

Cavite 1st, 2nd districts partner for effective public service delivery



TRECE MARTIRES CITY, CAVITE (PIA) – Local government executives under the first and second districts of the Cavite gather in support of the Partnership Agreement Signing ceremony held October 17 at the Strike Gymnasium.

The Partnership Agreement between the Bacoor City government and 1st District will allow the LGUs to work together and will share services such as Disaster Response particularly the implementation of Rescue 161; social services like medical, burial, and educational assistance; relief and rehabilitation; peace

and order; and other government services which constituents may need.

This ultimately leads to economic development, adjustment of infrastructure projects, environmental protection, and the delivery of decent and quality disaster response.

1st District Representative Jolo Revilla and Bacoor City Mayor Strike Revilla led the event with Rosario Municipal Mayor Voltaire Ricafrente, Kawit Mayor Angelo Aguinaldo, Noveleta Mayor Dino Reyes-Chua and, Cavite City Mayor Denver Chua along with their

respective vice mayors councillors and board members and, Agimat Partylist Representative, Congressman Bryan Revilla in attendance.

"Malayo ang pangarap natin sa Unang Distrito at hindi ako papayag na mapag-iwanan sa usapin ng serbisyo sa tao. Halos tatlong dekada na napabayaan ang ating distrito at sa aking unang termino bilang Congressman, gusto kong madaliin ang aking mga plano at programa pero hindi ko ito kayang gawin mag-isa, kaya nandyan ang ating mga Alkalde mula sa Unang Distrito at nandyan ang Lungsod ng Bacoor sa

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SSS RACE campaign probes delinquent entreps in Cavite town



TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite (PIA) – The Social Security System rolled out its Run After Contribution Evaders (RACE) Campaign in the municipality of Naic this October 14 to intensify the campaign correcting errant business owners/employers.

The activity was headed by SSS Luzon South 1 Division Acting Head Edwin S. Igharas, and SSS Rosario Branch Head Eva E. Tomenio wherein ten delinquent establishments were visited and were issued written orders to which they must respond within fifteen (15) days to settle the obligations due.

According to SSS records, more than P 2M in obligations due are expected to be paid by these establishments.

This is a non-compliance under the Social Security Act of 2018 (RA 11199) which will affect the benefits of 139 employees. The employer may also be prosecuted if they would not settle the obligation on the said date.

Acting Head Edwin Igharas encouraged delinquent employers to apply for SSS' penalty condonation programs which will give them the opportunity to settle their obligations in lighter methods or thru installment payment terms.

"You can avail of our penalty condonation programs such as the Pandemic Relief and Restructuring Program 3 (PRRP 3), and Enhanced Installment Payment Program that can be availed until November 22, 2022. Also, there are the Contribution Penalty Condonation Programs for business and household employers," Igharas explained. On the other hand, Ms. Tomenio advised concerned and interested employers to visit their branch office at 248 Abutin Building, Barangay Tejeros Convention for proper coordination with the Account Officers. (RBF/PIA-Cavite)



Caviteño students compete in Cavite Koop Quiz Bee: As part of the Cooperative Month celebration, the Provincial Cooperative Livelihood and Entrepreneurial Development Office hosted the Cavite Koop Quiz Bee on October 12, 2022 at the Cavite Cooperative Development Center in Trece Martires City. The activity aims to influence schools in enterprise development through cooperatives and extend their social and economic contribution to society. Nine (9) Grade-10 students from various schools in the province participated in the said quiz with their respective coaches and the judges composed of Ms. Alyssa Jeanne Latag-Garcia from the Cooperative Development Authority, Ms. Eva R. Reyes from the Department of Agrarian Reform, Mr. Michael Dasig of PAMANA DCF, and Ms. Regielyn Catibayan of UNECO. Ashley Grace Bertiz from St. Francis of Asisi College, City of Dasmariñas emerged as champion. Beatrice Lorraine Salaum of Infant Jesus Montessori Center of Santa Rosa Height Silang Cavite, Inc., Ma. Rebwin Joy Tolentino of Carmona National High School and Anika Paige Hontiveros of Queen's Row Integrated Science School, City of Bacoor ranked first, second and third runners-up, respectively. Plaque and cash prize were awarded to the top four students while medals and a consolation prize were given to the other competitors. (PICAD)

EDITORIAL

Infrastructure to power PH growth

In his speech at the President's Night conducted by the Manila Overseas Press Club at the Sofitel Plaza last week, President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. emphasized the need to sustain and expand the country's infrastructure program as a means to support growth for the now-recovering Philippine economy.

Marcos Jr. renewed his promise that his "Build Better More" agenda will build on Duterte's legacy program "Build, Build, Build," and create and complete more infrastructure projects in his term. Under his own infrastructure program, Filipinos will expect grander and more ambitious projects not only to provide convenience to commuters and support mobilization, but also to generate employment for more Filipinos.

Early this month, Marcos graced two of the country's big-ticket infrastructure projects—the groundbreaking rites for the construction of the Ortigas and Shaw Boulevard stations of the Metro Manila Subway Project (MMSB) and the launching of the Clark International Airport in Mabalacat City, Pampanga.

MMSB is a multi-billion project spanning a 33-kilometer route and covers 17 stations from North Avenue in Quezon City to the Ninoy Aquino International Airport in Pasay City. The subway will use a fleet of 80 eight-car train sets sourced from Japan, with each set supposedly able to carry as many as 2,242 passengers. Once completed and fully operational, the project is expected to cut travel time to only 35 minutes from one hour at present.

Marcos Jr. also recently graced the official opening of the Clark International Airport -- a facility expected to be a key contribution in the country's goal to becoming a logistics center of Asia.

The development of the 110,000-square-meter new terminal building aims to decongest the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) in Metro Manila and targets to service around eight million passengers annually.



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Aside from the Clark Airport and Metro Manila subway, some of the projects that will be implemented include the North-South Commuter Railway, and Light Rail Transit (LRT) Line 1 Cavite Extension Project. Also linked to the BBM program are more specific infrastructure initiatives such as the Network Development Program, Asset Preservation Program and Bridge Program.

Cognizant of the challenges though, Marcos highlighted the need for "unity" -- the battlecry of his administration since the beginning of the campaign, by strengthening partnerships with other countries as well as the private sector for the achievement of these goals.

"In the uncertain times that we are facing, these partnerships will stabilize our transformation into the post-pandemic, new global economy. And it is an uncertain world that we are facing, and it is an uncertain future that makes those partnerships all the more important," he said.

"No man is an island" -- this is how I describe the president's call for unity for the growth of our

country. Even in achieving this goal, the public sector cannot do it all by itself in the same way that the private sector cannot prosper without the support from the government.

The private sector can be the engine of development, innovation and job creation, but the firepower that propels it should be the government, whose main function is to develop, secure and support business environments through sound and strong policies and laws.

Similarly, there is a need for the Philippines to continue strengthening relationships with other countries, as this will bolster trade and lure foreign investments that are both major contributors to the country's gross domestic product.

Seamless collaboration and collective action are imperative to the fulfillment of programs that will benefit the country and the people. But ultimately, these partnerships must be supported by concrete decisions, stronger policies, and initiatives to promote growth for both businesses and the economy. (By Joe Zalzarriaga)

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PGC extends health care services at Cavite Center for Mental Health: In celebration of Mental Health Week with the theme: "Lusog Isip para sa lahat: A Global Priority" on October 12-16, 2022, Cavite Provincial Government through the Office of the Provincial Governor-Extension, in collaboration with the Provincial Health Office conducted a medical mission to examine the wellness of patients and employees of Cavite Center for Mental Health on October 12, 2022. A total of eighty-one (81) employees and patients, received free consultation as well as free medicines and Vitamin supplements. Medical team from General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital composed of Dr. Gilbert Mortel, Dr. Joshua B. Solis, and Dr. Merry Louise L. Bautista, and medical doctors from Cavite Collaboration Center for Public Health rendered their services during the health mission. Patients underwent screening process and antigen swab testing prior to medical consultation and medicine distributions. Minimum safety health protocols were also observed during the conduct of the event. (PICAD)

Pasig City, kinilala bilang "Most Business-Friendly LGU" sa NCR

LUNGSOD QUEZON, (PIA) -- Kinilala ang Pasig City bilang "Most Business-Friendly LGU" sa National Capital Region (NCR).

Ginawaran ang pamahalaang lungsod bilang "Most Business-Friendly LGU" - City Level A1 or Highly Urbanized Cities within the National Capital Region sa ginanap na 48th Philippine Business Conference and Expo sa Manila Hotel nitong Huwebes na inorganisa ng Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Personal na tinanggap ni Pasig City Mayor Vico Sotto City Administrator Jeronimo

Manzanero ang award mula kay President Ferdinand "Bongbong" R. Marcos, Jr. na nanguna sa paggawad ng Most Business-Friendly LGU awards.

Bukod sa Lungsod Pasig, nabigyan din ng parangal mula sa ibang category ang mga Lokal na Pamahalaan ng Pakil, Laguna; Kapalong, Davao Del Norte; Tagbilaran City, Bohol; General Trias City, Cavite; Mandaue City, Cebu; at Provincial Government ng Bulacan.

Ayon kay Mayor Vico, ang parangal ay bunga ng pagsusumikap ng iba't ibang opisina ng

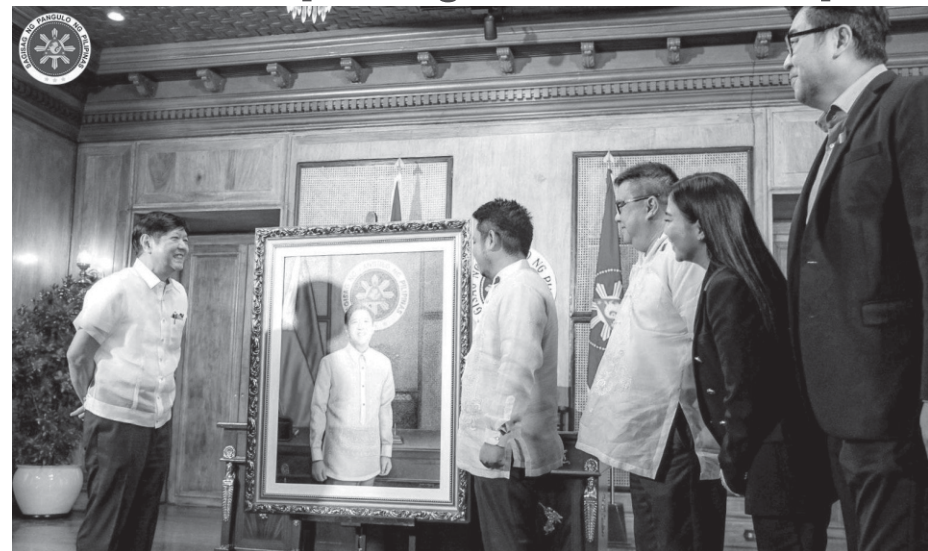
pamahalaang lungsod at indibidwal para maisakatuparan ang mga reporma tungo sa m a b u t i n g paggogobyerno.

Idinagdag din ni Sotto na sa mga susunod na mga buwan ay magiging mas madali pa ang pagnenegosyo sa Pasig sa pamamagitan ng systems at physical improvements sa Office of the Building Official, pagtatayo ng bagong business one-stop-shop, patuloy na capacity building para sa mga kawani ng pamahalaang lungsod, at iba pa. **(Pasig City/PIA-NCR)**



Tinanggap ni Pasig City mayor Vico Sotto mula kay Pang. Ferdinand 'Bongbong' R. Marcos, Jr. ang parangal sa lungsod na kinilala bilang "Most Business-Friendly LGU" sa NCR. (Mga kuha mula sa Pasig PIO FB page)

PBBM receives painting from artist Alvin Hipolito



President Ferdinand R. Marcos on October 21, 2022 expressed gratitude after receiving a portrait of him made by renowned artist Alvin Hipolito.

Marcos received the portrait during Hipolito's courtesy call at the Malacañan Palace.

Alvin Hipolito is the son of the late visual artist Dante Hipolito, who was known for his

painting "Salubong," which portrays Pope Francis with some Filipino celebrities in a rural setting.

Among those featured in the painting were actress Vilma Santos, singer Gary Valenciano, and movie stars Marian Rivera, Dingdong Dantes, Coco Martin, and Kris Aquino. President Ferdinand R. Marcos on October 21,

2022 receives a portrait of himself from the established painter, Mr. Alvin Hipolito.

The Caviteño painter, who was influenced in the arts by his late father, Dante Hipolito, is known for making portraits of former President Rodrigo Duterte.

Photo: Office of the President



Deployment of computer sets to local government units of Cavite. The Provincial Persons with Disability Affairs Office headed by Ms. Marie Shiela Haloc in partnership with the National Council of Disability Affairs (NCDA) carried a ceremonial turnover program of complete sets of computer to some local government units of the province on October 13, 2022 at Cavite Collaboration Center for Public Health, Trece Martires City. Local government units of Alfonso, Amadeo, Dasmariñas City, General Trias City, General Mariano Alvarez, Kawit, Magallanes, Silang, Tanza, and Trece Martires City received the computer sets which are intended to use for the real-time encoding of PWD data in the Department of Health – Philippine Registry with Disabilities (PRPWD) system. Through the PRPWD database, all PWDs in the province would be identified and verified quickly and could apply for the privileges and incentives from the government. Before the conclusion of the program, Cavite products and goods were given to NCDA as token of appreciation. Present during the program were Mr. Joniro Fradejas, Executive Director of NCDA and Hon. Romel Enriquez, 1st District Board Member and Chairperson on Social Services, Family, Women, Children and Elderly. (PICAD)

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practices.

Dr. Mina Gabor, ISST President, acknowledged the vital roles of sectors such as the youth and indigenous peoples in promoting ecotourism. She likewise thanked the government of the Philippines, through the Department of Tourism, for expressing its full support to IETM 2023.

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The event scheduled for 2023 will feature discussions that offer practical insights into improving sustainability knowledge and practice for tourism operators. Experts and tourism practitioners with over 40 years of combined experience will gather and share best practices and lessons on sustainable

tourism from the Asia-Pacific region.

"As we try to build back better, we can also take the opportunity to build our tourism greener and more sustainable," said Lim. As a partner for the IETM, the ACB will feature the success stories of its biodiversity conservation and livelihood programmes through an interactive exhibition. **(ACB)**

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pangunguna ni Mayor Strike Revilla na siyang magiging katuwang natin para sa mabilis na implentasyon ng ating mga plano at programa sa paghahatid serbisyo sa mga Caviteño," stated Congressman Jolo Revilla.

On the other hand,

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Mayor Strike Revilla expressed his gratitude for the undertaking and welcomed the new sister city and municipalities to the City of Bacoor, the marching band capital of the Philippines. "We are excited and grateful to be working with our new

partners – kaugnay ng mga programa at proyekto para sa ating mga nasasakupan. Salamat kay former Vice Governor, and now Congressman Jolo Revilla for helping make this happen," Mayor Revilla said. **(RBF/PIA-Cavite with reports from Jolo Revilla)**

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Tanza LGU, SM top officials lead 7th supermall grand opening



TANZA, Cavite (PIA) – Tanza local government officials headed by Mayor Yuri A. Pacumio and Vice Mayor Simon Matro together with SM Supermalls President Steve Tan, SM Prime President Jeffrey C. Lim, SM Supermarkets Chair Herbert SY along with 7th District Board Member Ping Remulla led the grand opening of SM Supermall Tanza this October 13.

SM Prime President Jeffrey C. Lim said, "We are excited to welcome everyone to SM City Tanza as this marks another milestone and partnership between SM Prime and the Province of Cavite, specifically with the Municipality of Tanza."

To date, SM City Tanza is the 80th mall in the country and the 7th supermall opened in the province after SM City Bacoor, SM City Dasmariñas, SM City Molino, SM City Rosario, SM City Trece Martires, and SM Center Imus.

The mall and its various establishments will be a catalyst for employment and business opportunities to the people of Tanza that will highly contribute to the town's economy.

"Natutuwa ako ang daming employed na kababayan nateng Tanzeño, Maraming

salamat po sa SM Holding Corp. by putting up SM City Tanza, Ibayung may SM sa isang bayan, lalong dumadaming investors, sana magtuloy-tuloy and dumami pang magtiwala sa Bayan ng Tanza," Mayor Yuri Pacumio said in interview.

Likewise, Mr. Lim enthused, "With the continuous improvement in our local economy, we hope that SM City Tanza will be an avenue of opportunities for local MSMEs to grow as well as for local employment to prosper and drive progress not only in Tanza but in the whole province of Cavite."

Strategically located in an 86,718 sqm site along Antero Soriano Highway, the two-story mall would cater to shoppers in the north-western areas of Cavite as well as in nearby localities in Batangas province.

SM City Tanza's major anchors are SM Store and SM Supermarket along with SM Appliance Center, ACE Hardware, Watsons, Surplus, Uniqlo, Pet Express, Miniso, Levi's, and Crocs. It will also have, fashion boutiques, jewellery stores, bookstores, as well as

service and wellness centers.

Fast food chains for eating out options include the Food court, Kenny Rogers, Panda Express, Bon Chon, Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf, Mary Grace Café, Breadtalk, J. Co Donuts and Coffee, and Starbucks while specialty restaurants Mesa, Botejyu, The Great Buddha Café, Marugame Udon and Tempura, and Crustasia Asian Bistro are ready to serve.

For fun and entertainment, the mall will also have five state-of-the-art cinemas and a Cyberzone for techie enthusiasts.

Wide parking space of 800 slots was provided to assure customer shopping convenience, and will also have public transport terminals for inter-province, and inter-region travel that will further boost tourism and commerce in the area.

The historic town of Tanza is the place where Emilio Aguinaldo was sworn in as President of the revolutionary government of the Philippines.

It is also the birthplace of Felipe G. Calderon, who composed the Malolos Constitution. (RBF/PIA-Cavite)

ASEAN, PH ink partnership for ecotourism



(L-R) Dr. Theresa Mundita Lim, ACB Executive Director; Dr. Mina Gabor, ISST President; and Dr. Glenn Gregorio, SEARCA Director signed agreements for the joint conduct of the International Ecotourism Travel Mart to be hosted by the Philippines in 2023. The signing was witnessed by Allan Pormento, External Relations and Policy Officer, ACB; H.E. Jesus Domingo, Undersecretary for Civilian Security and Consular Affairs, DFA; Marites Castro, OIC Regional Director DOT Region 4; Miguel Guioguo, ISST Treasurer; Merlita Del Mundo, ISST Finance; and Assoc. Prof. Joselito G. Florendo, SEARCA Deputy Director for Administration.

LOS BAÑOS, LAGUNA -- The International School for Sustainable Tourism (ISST), the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB), and the Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA), forged an agreement to collaborate in the International Ecotourism Travel Mart (IETM), the first-ever green travel mart and selling fair in the world organised by the Asian Ecotourism Network (AEN). The biggest ecotourism-focused fair is set to be held on March 29 to April 2, 2023 in Cavite, Philippines. This celebration of green technology and sustainable practices in the tourism industry signifies an opportunity towards a better normal and a more resilient community as the world slowly re-opens.

For a region as naturally diverse and culturally rich as the ASEAN, tourism contributes significantly to economic growth and local livelihoods. Acknowledging the tourism sector's vital role in recovery, the ASEAN has declared the revival of the tourism sector as an imperative in the region's overall recovery efforts in its comprehensive framework. "The COVID-19 pandemic has catalysed the growing awareness that nature is part of the solution to public health and environmental challenges," said Dr. Theresa Mundita S. Lim, executive director of the ACB. "Thus, a regional fair that elevates the tourism sector as a leader in promoting the balance between economic development and harnessing nature as a solution to our current challenges only

comes timely." This partnership is also part of the ASEAN's efforts in mainstreaming biodiversity across sectors such as tourism and agriculture. Dr. Glenn Gregorio, director of SEARCA, shared that SEARCA recognises not just science-based, but also nature-based solutions to agricultural challenges since conserving biodiversity also contributes to food security. "We are more than willing to work with you in establishing this green economy for our farmers and farming families in the Southeast Asian region who can be part of this trade fair," said Dr. Gregorio. The IETM is designed to bring together delegates and exhibitors worldwide to showcase products and services that have a strong ecotourism component, green technology, and sustainable green

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The DOST-FPRDI Himig Agham Kawayan composed of foresters, chemists, engineers, and researchers from the Forest Products Research and Development Institute performed during the ceremony. The IETM also aims to feature local talents in the participating countries using biodiversity-based materials such as the angklung.