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Cavite LGUs bag Most Business Friendly awards at 48th Biz Expo

TRECE MARTIRES, Cavite (PIA) – Two local government units in the province received recognition in the recent 48th Philippine Business Conference and Exposition of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) held on October 20 at the Fiesta Pavillion, Manila Hotel.

The city government of General Trias bagged the Most Business Friendly Local Government Unit (LGU) City Level 2 (1st and 2nd Class Component City) while the municipality of Carmona received special citation as Most Business Friendly LGU for the year 2022.

President Ferdinand Marcos, Jr. awarded the Plaque of Recognition to General Trias City Mayor

Luis 'Jon Jon' Ferrer IV, and Cavite 6th District Representative Antonio 'Ony' Ferrer.

The award is in recognition of the LGU's commendable efforts in adopting and instituting innovative and best practices in good governance in partnership with the private sector, significantly benefiting its business community and citizenry.

"Marami pong salamat sa patuloy na pakikiisa ng pribadong sektor at lahat ng m a m a y a n g Gentriseño upang makamit ang ating minimithi na mas maunlad at mas maayos na lungsod," said Mayor Jon Jon Ferrer.

(Thank you very much for the continued

partnership by the private sector, and to all the Gentriseño people to achieve our goal of a more prosperous and better city.) Meanwhile, Cavite 5th District Representative Attorney Roy Loyola received the plaque for the special citation award in recognition of the LGU's initiatives to improve and streamline business processes, quality management, and innovative systems for the good of the business community in the town of Carmona.

The municipal government of Carmona was acknowledged as a Hall of Famer since the LGU had received the said award from 2009 to 2011. **(RBF/PIA-Cavite with reports from Dennis Abrina)**



Cavite Police Provincial Office nagsagawa ng seminar para sa PIOs



LUNGSOD NG GENERAL TRIAS, Cavite (PIA) – Nilahukan ng mga nakatalagang public information officer ng iba't ibang istasyon ng Cavite Police Provincial Office ang pagsasanay na 'Empowering Public Information Officers' nitong ika-19 ng Oktubre sa The Bayleaf Hotel, Brgy. Manggahan, General Trias City.

Pinangunahan ni Cavite Police Director Col. Christopher F. Olazo ang gawaing kaugnay ng pagtataguyod ng Peace and Security Framework na "Malasakit, Kaayusan, Kapayapaan tungo sa Kaunlaran" o M+K+K=K.

Layunin ng pagsasanay na lalo pang mapatibay ang pagtutulongan sa pagitan ng mga miyembro ng media at ng Philippine National Police sa pagbibigay ng tama at mapagkakatiwalaang impormasyon sa publiko.

Kasama sa mga tinalakay ay ang 'Strengthening One's Strength as Public Information Officer' ni Willy Perez, host ng Professor on Air ng Radyo Pilipino; 'Basic News Writing' ni Deputy Regional Head Kier Gideon Paolo Gapayao ng Philippine Information Agency CALABARZON at 'Television Interview: Setting the Phase for Effective Public Information Dissemination' ni Rossel Calderon ng GMA News and Public Affairs at siya ring presidente ng Cavite Press Corps. **(MBIL/PIA4A)**



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EDITORIAL

Powering adoption of electric vehicles

Just when mobility began increasing as the country recovers from Covid-19, the war between Ukraine and Russia -- two of the world's largest oil producers, sent economies tumbling after the massive increases in global crude oil prices that dribbled down to the local fuel industry.

Based on data from Statista, the average retail price of one liter of gas in the Philippines is now up by 36.9 percent in the first half of the year versus the same period in 2021, making it a huge challenge for the transportation sector which is one of the priority sectors for the development of the Marcos administration.

In his first State of the Nation Address, President Ferdinand R. Marcos said that one of his priority programs is developing the country's transportation industry through a better railway system. There were also statements assuring improvements in the mass transport system -- one that is not only efficient but also eco-friendly.

For more than a decade now, the Philippine government has been promoting the use of electric vehicles (EV) with the goal of creating a more sustainable environment for the country. In 2006, the government issued Executive Order 488 to support the manufacturing of EVs. This effectively reduced the tariff rate for EV components, consequently allowing EV manufacturers to import at a more affordable price.

This was further supported by Republic Act 11697, or the EV Industry Development Act (EVIDA), which provides a national policy framework to develop the electric vehicle industry in the Philippines.

There is increasing interest in EVs in the country, and the pandemic years were a testament to this when transportation and mobility were limited to keep the virus outbreak at bay.

As compared with conventional vehicles, EVs are more eco-friendly as they do not emit carbon



dioxide that is harmful to the environment and are considerably more economical. A report said that the energy consumption cost of using an EV or electric public utility jeepney (EV-PUJ) is roughly 39 percent as against a diesel-fueled conventional PUJ.

Many companies have also incorporated EVs into their sustainability agenda. One of which is the Manila Electric Company (Meralco), the largest distribution utility in the Philippines.

Over the last two years, Meralco has launched its Green Mobility Program which aimed to electrify its entire vehicle fleet. As of this writing, Meralco has successfully converted the entire fleet of its Metro Manila Business Centers into Evs.

To support the program, Meralco installed five fast chargers in strategic locations across its franchise area and looking to more than double the number over the next three months. Four more charging stations will be put up at its Power Tech facility at the Meralco Compound which can cater to almost all major commercially available protocols to date. It is also expected to feature a vehicle-to-home bidirectional charging station that will allow customers to use their EVs to supply power to their appliances.

Technology-wise, new models continue to evolve. According to Meralco Chief Sustainability Officer Raymond Ravelo during the recently concluded 10th Philippine EV Summit, new models

now are able to reach over 800 kilometers on a single charge -- roughly the distance between Pasay City and Banaue, Ifugao, and back, whereas EVs could barely run 100 kilometers on a full charge a decade ago.

In addition, Ravelo says that EVs have improved greatly, especially as lithium-ion battery pack prices are now down by already 90 percent from over \$1,200 per kWh in 2010 to just around \$130 last year. This has consequently driven down the price of an EV with a comparable range to almost a third of price points a decade ago.

Compared to neighboring countries such as Thailand and Singapore, the Philippines' development of the EV industry is still relatively slow. This is where government participation plays a very crucial role.

EV industry acceleration will happen given enough government support through policies as well as the provision of subsidies or incentives. Manufacturers will be encouraged to ramp up production, thereby bringing down the prices and generating more jobs.

Just as the whole world goes in the same direction, EV adoption in the Philippines is inevitable -- it is just a matter of when. Best that we adapt early on, and educate ourselves and others on the benefits of an electrified and green future. (By Joe Zaldarriaga)

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Health outreach event in GMA, Cavite. Another health outreach event was successfully conducted for the benefit of Brgy, Teniente Tiago residents in Gen. Mariano Alvarez, Cavite on October 14, 2022. Volunteers from OPG-Extension and Provincial Health Office led the provision of basic medical services to more than 70 beneficiaries. Before the medical consultation, patients underwent screening as well as antigen testing to ensure the safety of everyone. Likewise, medical mission team strictly observed minimum safety health protocols during the conduct of activity. (PICAD)

Cavite provincial, local governments recognized in Competitiveness Summit



TRECE MARTIRES, Cavite (PIA) – The provincial government of Cavite and several cities and municipalities received recognition in the recently concluded 10th Cities and Municipalities Competitiveness Summit held at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC).

This year's summit with the theme: "A Decade of Excellence: Championing Innovation to Sustain Competitiveness" highlights Innovation, being the 5th Pillar of Cities and Municipalities Competitiveness Index (CMCI), a vital key to a more efficient, sustainable, and productive locality. The Provincial Government of Cavite ranked second Competitive Province

after Rizal province, a big jump from 5th place in 2021.

Likewise, two local government units in the province were also recognized for competitiveness: the Municipality of General Emilio Aguinaldo as Top 1 Most Competitive in Economic Dynamism (5th – 6th Class Municipality) while the city of Tagaytay as Top 3 Most Competitive in Government Efficiency (Component Cities).

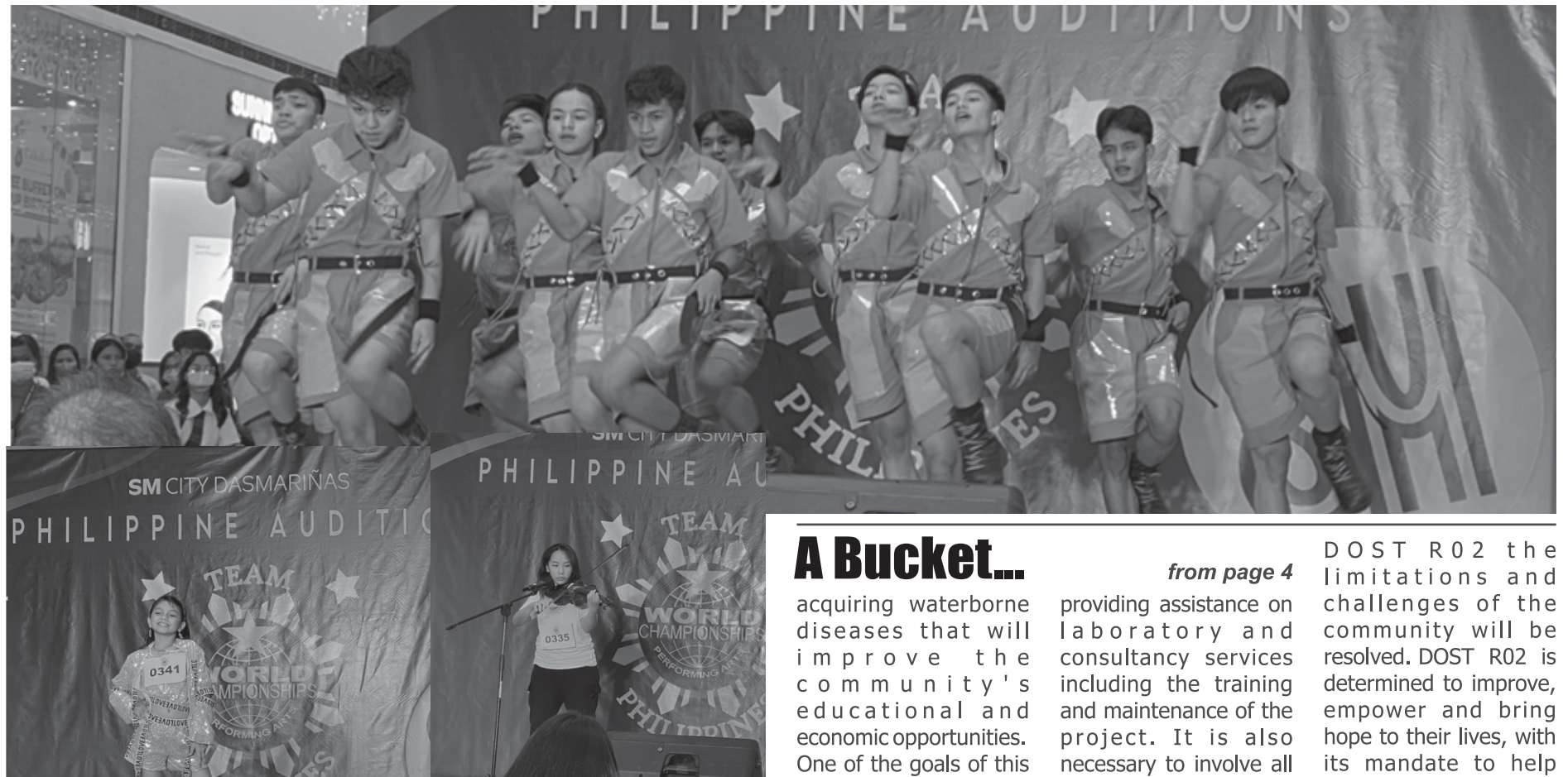
Meanwhile, the city of Dasmariñas ranked Top 7 Component City, and the municipality of Carmona ranked Top 8 Component Municipality.

Rankings of Cities and Municipalities are based on the sum of their scores on 5 Pillars: Economic Dynamism, Government Efficiency,

Infrastructure, Resiliency, and Innovation. Provincial rankings are based on population and an income-weighted average of the Overall scores of cities and municipalities under a province.

The CMCI is an annual ranking of Philippine cities and municipalities, a total of 1,634 LGUs in all, and was developed by the National Competitiveness Council through the Regional Competitiveness Committees (RCCs) with the assistance of the United States Agency for International Development. **(Ruel Francisco with reports from DILG-Cavite/Cavite Provincial Information Office)**

WCOPA auditions go to SM City Dasmariñas



SM City Dasmariñas held the WCOPA auditions for Caviteños and for the local talents of nearby provinces such as Laguna and Batangas to join the Elite WCOPA Team Philippines.

They are searching for singers, dancers, actors, models,

instrumentalists, and variety acts that will represent our country at the 26th Annual World Championships of Performing Arts 2023 in Anaheim, California.

Almost a hundred auditionees gathered at the annex event center of SM City Dasmariñas to vie for a slot and be

part of the Team Philippines.

The passers for the audition shall undergo a rigorous process before they become part of the team.

The WCOPA auditions are being done at SM Supermalls nationwide.

A Bucket...

acquiring waterborne diseases that will improve the community's educational and economic opportunities. One of the goals of this project is also to explore the gender dynamics of the residents in the sustainability and functionality of their water supply systems, with the aim of addressing approaches to women's empowerment in the water sector.

DOST02 will also be

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providing assistance on laboratory and consultancy services including the training and maintenance of the project. It is also necessary to involve all the users of the community in order to identify potential contaminating sources and misuse of land management that can contaminate water.

The bucket of hopes and dreams of the community is now finally coming to life. With the continuous assistance of

DOST R02 the limitations and challenges of the community will be resolved. DOST R02 is determined to improve, empower and bring hope to their lives, with its mandate to help marginalized communities, the agency will continue to integrate S&T solutions in every community in the region and bring science closer to their hearts. **#OneDOST4U#DOSTintheNEWS#dostPH#ScienceForThePeople#DOSTRegion02**

A Bucket of Hope in Penablanca DOST R2



Water and sanitation are proven to have a major impact on public health. It gives people time, hope and joy. A chance for them to access equal opportunity to reach their full potential. However, the challenge remains evident in various far-flung communities in our country and in the region.

One of the affected areas related to this problem are sanitation and hygiene, water quality, appropriate technology and clear health indicators. It was really hard for everyone in the community to walk long distances just to get water. In addition, they are still unsure if it is clean enough for their consumption and to secure their safety.

As practiced, women usually have the responsibility of fetching water. This activity can be a dangerous, time-consuming and physically demanding task for them. The image of women and children carrying heavy containers of water from far distances is really unforgettable, much more so when heavy rains come, and the roads are slippery and dangerous to pass.

Moreover, women have specific hygiene needs. Specially on the access to sanitary products and disposal systems to manage their

menstrual hygiene and pregnancy. With this, the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Region 02 through the program Community Empowerment thru Science and Technology (CEST) geared towards establishing and improving the water management of these far-flung communities in Cagayan Valley.

The DOST-CEST program is a package of S&T interventions that aims to build empowered, progressive, and resilient communities. CEST is DOST's response to the government's whole of the nation approach in support of reaching the marginalized sectors like farmers, fisherfolks, indigenous people, women's organizations, and of those residing in the Geographically Isolated and Disadvantaged Areas or GIDAS.

One of the beneficiaries of CEST is Sitio Amilan in barangay Baliuag, Penablanca Cagayan. One of the reasons the area was chosen is because of their lack of access to safe drinking water and adequate sanitation.

Residents in this area outsource water from streams and springs accessible only through the pace of the mountain. Thus, the

scarcity of water is experienced especially during summertime, and also a challenge during the wet season due to the slippery trek. Through the CEST program, the community will be given access to clean and potable water. This is also one of the goals of the DOST to promote health and sanitation that will serve as an avenue of opportunities for safe water and other domestic uses of water in the Region.

DOST R02 in partnership Pentur Farmers Agriculture Cooperative funded a total of P445,000 for the provision of a water distribution system to the community.

On October 14, 2022, the turnover of the funds was led by the Assistant Regional Director for Field Operation Services Engr. Sylvia Lacambra together with Science Research Specialists Ms Rowena Guzman and Engr. Benjamin Nicdao and Project Assistant Mr. John Benedic De Asis.

This project will solve the sufficiency and easy access of water supply in the area most especially the women in connection with their specific hygiene needs and personal use.

Moreover, this will be a great benefit to lessen the risks of

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DTI Rizal through Negosyo Center Antipolo awards PPG livelihood kits in Antipolo City



The Department of Trade and Industry Rizal, through Negosyo Center Antipolo, distributed livelihood kits to 107 beneficiaries of the Pangkabuhayan sa Pagbangon at Ginhawa (PPG) Program on October 10 2022 in Sports Hub, Barangay San Isidro, Antipolo City. PPG is a post-disaster response livelihood seeding and entrepreneurship development program of DTI which aims to assist individuals and families affected by fire incidents and other calamities, including health disasters like the COVID-19 pandemic, to recover and/or start their businesses.

The program started with Consumer Advocacy for Rizal Entrepreneurs seminar. Ms. Concepcion Ramos, OIC-Chief of the

Consumer Protection Division-Rizal, led the discussion. She covered the different types of sales promos and how to apply for a sales promo permit. She also discussed how and where to file a consumer complaint.

DTI-Rizal OIC-Provincial Director Cleotilde Duran, Rizal Vice Governor Reynaldo San Juan Jr, and Antipolo City Mayor Casimiro "Jun" Ynares represented by his wife, former Mayor Andrea "Andeng" Ynares led the distribution of livelihood kits to 107 beneficiaries from the different barangays of Antipolo City.

The livelihood kits awarded include packages for sari-sari store, salon/parlor, and barbershop.

OIC-PD Duran, who discussed the PPG

program, stated that it is one of the government's interventions, particularly for micro, small, and medium enterprises affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The kits, which include materials, equipment, and initial stock, will assist them in starting or expanding their businesses.

Bryant Kim An, the president of PCCI Antipolo, gave the beneficiaries a final message.

He also pushed the recipients to sustain their enterprises by using the livelihood assistance that was given to them.

Also present during the program were BDD Chief Sharon Dioco, STIDS Marlene De Luna, NC Antipolo Business Counsellor Daryl Andres, and AnTIPO OIC Amalia Engalla.