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## Cavite hosts 23rd ATOP Convention, local city & municipalities awarded



**TAGAYTAY CITY, Cavite (PIA)** – The Cavite Provincial Government recently hosted the 23rd Association of Tourism Officers of the Philippines (ATOP) National Convention with around 900 ATOP members and officers nationwide participating in the 4-day event held on October 26 - 29, 2022 at Taal Vista Hotel, Tagaytay City.

Department of Tourism (DOT) Secretary Christina Garcia-Frasco in her video message on the first day of the event, emphasized the importance of tourism towards the country's

economic recovery which could be achieved through the improvement of tourism infrastructures for more resilient tourist destinations.

During the 17th Department of Tourism (DOT) Pearl Awards held last October 27, the city of Bacoor and the municipalities of Naic and Tanza were among the awardees recognized for best tourism practices.

The City of Bacoor was hailed as Grand Champion for Best Tourism Promotion (Brochure), Grand Champion for Best Tourism Promotion for City Publication (Kasaysayan

ng Bacoor (1671-1900): Unang Aklat, 1st Runner-up for Best Tourism-Oriented LGU, 1st Runner-up for Bacoor Shell Crafts as Best Tourism Promotion

**TRECE MARTIRES, Cavite (PIA)** – Around thirty-six exhibitors from sixteen cities and municipalities in the province recently participated in the two-

(Tourism Gift or Souvenirs – No Food Category), and Special Citation for City Publication – Proclamation: Philippine Independence (A Historical

day Agri-Trade Fair and Exhibits spearheaded by the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist (OPA) held at the Provincial Agriculturist Compound.

The agri-event held

Inquiry) The Truth About August 1, 1898 Bacoor Assembly.

Meanwhile, the municipality of Naic was recognized as the 1st

Runner-up for the Best Practice in Community-Based Responsible Tourism for its Pawikan Conservation and

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## Cavite Agri-Trade Fair and Exhibits showcase locals' farm produce

from November 10-11 themed, "Produktong Pinagyanan sa Kanayunan, Laan sa Malusog at Maunlad na Pamayanan" aims to promote the variety of local farmers' produce.

According to OPA Officer-in-Charge Ms. Lorna E. Aviñante, the Agri-Trade Fair and Exhibits is a quarterly event held for the province's farmers, fishermen, and exhibitors to recognize their efforts and hard work for the industry.

During the program, Mr. Joselito Felix H. Noceda, Agricultural Program

Coordinating Officer for Cavite gave emphasis on staying dedicated to farming, fishing, and raising animals because these are sources of food.

"I encourage each and every one to continue supporting one another to grow and strengthen the agricultural industry in the province," urged Noceda.

Meanwhile, Media Production Specialist II Ms. Maridelle G. Jaurigue representing Dr. Rolando V. Maningas, OIC-Center Director, stated that the

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## PGC conducts an Exploratory Meeting with the Cavite Officers Federation of the Deaf

In line with the celebration of Deaf Awareness Week with the theme, DEAFusion: Bridging the Gap, the Provincial Government of Cavite through the Persons with Disability Affairs Office,

spearheaded the conduct of an Exploratory Meeting with the Cavite Officers Federation of the Deaf on November 16, 2022, at the Conference Room of the new Municipal Building in Kawit,

Cavite.

On behalf of Mayor Angelo Emilio Aguinaldo, Municipal Administrator, Engr. Rey Victor Santos welcomed the attendees and expressed support to programs for persons

with special needs.

To set the tone relevant to the event, a self-introduction using sign language was done. With the assistance of sign language interpreters,

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EDITORIAL

Xi's unity and cooperation wins 'Asian Moment'

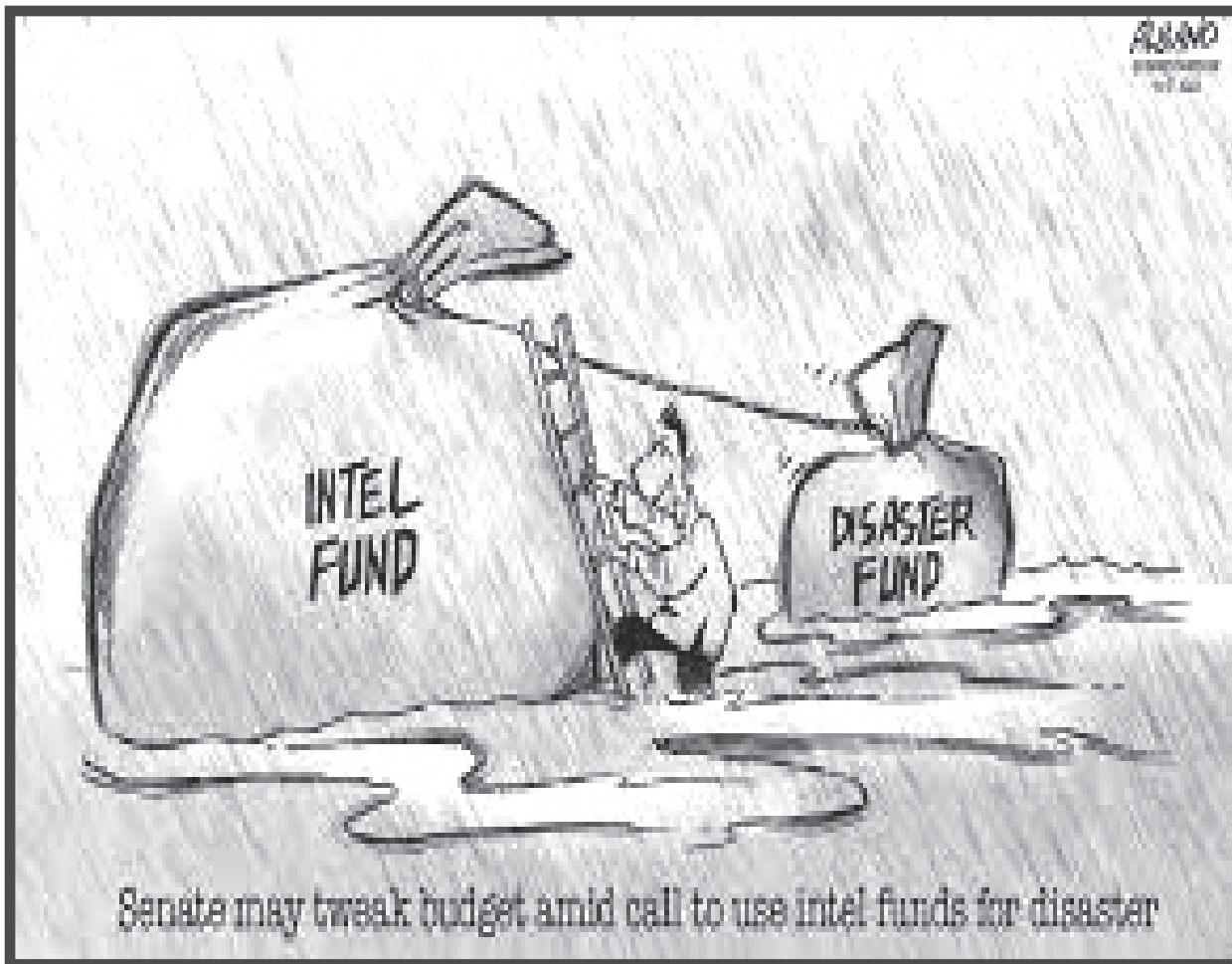
The last of three major global conferences this November 2022 affecting the peace, progress and prosperity of mankind, the Asia-Pacific Economic Community (APEC) meeting in Cambodia just ended on Nov. 19. This followed the conclusion of the G20 Summit in Bali, Indonesia on Nov. 16 and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Summit on Nov. 13. The period became known as the "Asian Moment" focusing the world's attention on this region and its vitality in guiding the affairs of the globe.

Curtains opened on the "Asian Moment" after several decades of the spectacular peaceful rise of China followed by the consequential rise of ASEAN and the tandem's successful navigation of the rough waters of the South China Sea stirred up by forces external to the region and the efforts of the same external forces to suppress the fantastic economic progress of Asia with China at the lead through sanctions and trade wars. This success has presented the rest of the global community with a new model of international, regional and unique economic relations to associate with.

This desire to associate or relate with this model has brought not only attention from the rest of the world but also the desire to participate in the same process that the international community has begun to seek membership in and engage with for their own national future, the establishment of stable and stable international relations and predictable economic progress in sharing prosperity. Consider some of the most highlighted events in the three summits that constitute the November 2022 "Asian Moment" which the international media gave special attention to.

One striking coverage of the international media during the Asian Moment was on the first day of the G20 Summit meeting in Bali, Indonesia on Nov. 15 where China's President Xi Jinping met individually with eight world leaders in that one day alone. That is, French President Emmanuel Macron, Prime Minister of the Netherlands Mark Rutte, South African President Cyril Ramaphosa, Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, Senegal's President Macky Sall, S. Korean President Yoon Suk-yeol, Spanish President Pedro Sanchez and Argentina's President Alberto Fernandez.

Consultations with Chinese President Xi Jinping



was one of the most sought after by world leaders, a measure of the importance of China's views on global events and developments, highlighting the significance of engagement with China and a rising Asia with its impact on world affairs. The reason for this is the success of China's proposals to the world: the call for global unity via a multipolar world, win-win diplomacy and economic cooperation through such endeavors as the Belt and Road Initiative, and cooperation to build a - "Community of Shared Future for Mankind".

The second highlight of the "Asian Moment" was the Xi-Biden meeting that stretched to three hours and resented the two contrasting world views represented by the two major world leaders. President Joe Biden of the United States, in all goodwill and sincerity, proposes "managed cooperation" as the ideal and proper mode of engagement of the two powers. President Xi takes the views, however, that cooperation should be the paramount mode of international relations, even between the two major economic and geopolitical powers on Earth.

"China-US relations should not be a zero-sum game where one side out-competes or thrives at the expense of the other", the Chinese media quotes President Xi Jining telling Biden, and continues, "The successes of China and the US are opportunities, not challenges, for each other. The world is big enough for the two countries to develop themselves and prosper together... China-US interactions should be defined by dialogue and win-win cooperation, not confrontation and zero-sum competition." I think the world liked the sound of President Xi words more than the others, hence the attraction to it.

The Xi-Biden summit sent a consoling signal to the world that even though the US spirit of incessant competitiveness exists and pushes perpetual tensions, China is steady in trying to calm the overly aggressive impulse of Western civilization with its millennial patience and tolerance, the mark of all and particularly of the oldest Asian philosophies, in general, seeking harmony and compromise, and showing this in its transcendent diplomacy and foreign policy while firmly holding on to the principles of national sovereignty, peaceful coexistence and non-interference in internal affairs of nations.

The dilemma of countries and of the real and whole (not just the Western) International Community" is what the Russian journalist has learned to describe the US with, as a country that is "agreement incapable". Not even the Americans themselves can predict what US policy can change to be after elections every four years and even announced policies like the "policy of ambiguity" over Taiwan actually means what the American Indian used to call "forked tongue" - a deliberate policy that insinuates

ultimate betrayal and treachery like hiding a knife behind the back.

While China continues to present bright prospects for common peace and prosperity through cooperation and sharing, the US continues to hammer on non-real, irrelevant and arbitrarily concocted issues such as Hong Kong, Xinjiang or Taiwan designed simply to provoke and provoke without end. However, China and Asia's growth and strengthening independent and defense posture can fend off the dangers of conflict and as Sun Tzu says "Win the war without fighting" while prospects for durable and lasting peace and prosperity increase year-by-year.

ASEAN continues to be perfectly happy with the Asian Moment under the shepherding of China's diplomacy of cooperation, dialogue, economic sharing of the fruits of trade and commerce, having become the top trading partner of China. ASEAN has taken up the cudgels to champion peace, reconciliation and economic cooperation amongst all regions and countries. China's Premier Li Keqiang reaffirmed the "comprehensive strategic partnership with a shared future" of China and ASEAN that have withstood the test of time and through "thick and thin".

While the rest of the world is inexorably drawn to the East, such as Saudi Arabia and then Qatar now gravitating to China closing long-term titanic oil deals likely introducing the "Petrodollar", Germany's Scholz bringing German industrial titans to visit President Xi Jinping and more recently the European Council President Charles Michel to handshake with China's president too. It's all coming together at this moment in history, paving the globe for a new, fair and just world structure that will lead to the "Forever Peace" humanity has been singing carols to for millennia.

The "Asian Moment" and China's role in guiding the world community to the next stage of the development of the human community or mankind's civilization to an era of 500 years of tranquility and progress is at hand, helping humanity leave behind the 500 years of "forever wars" brought about the historic era of Western colonialism, imperialism and Cold Wars. This short assessment of the historic November 2022 Asian Moment calls on Asia brings me to see true hope in the future of the world and the human community.

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# PGC conducts... from page 1

Ms. Beatriz Go and Ms. Josephine Barbin, the participants were able to communicate and convey information to one another.

A screening of the short film &quot; Trio & quot; was included in the program as well. The heartwarming movie tackled topics including motherhood, bullying, truth, and acceptance revolving the lives of a deaf teenage son, an alcohol-dependent mother, and her 7-year-old daughter.

The highlight of the meeting was a focus group discussion where the participants were divided into two teams. The deaf participants were encouraged to share their past and present struggles while representatives from partner agencies helped identify recommendations and suggestions in terms of access to education, employment, livelihood, health services, and



information and communication technology.

In closing, Ms. Marie Shiela Antenor-Haloc, PPDAO head, thanked everyone for being part of the

success of the event and encouraged all to continually support initiatives for persons with disabilities Partner agencies for the inclusion and empowerment inter-

agency exploratory meeting for the deaf community were DOLE, PESO, PCLEDO, TESDA, PYSO, PHO, DILG, DepEd, HAPPY HOMES HC, and CvSU GADRC.--  
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# Cavite hosts... from P1

Protection Project; and the municipality of Tanza was given Special Citation on Best Practice during the Pandemic.

A day tour treat to the national convention delegates enlightened them with a historic glimpse of the province's past and the development of infrastructures. They were also entertained by the warmth and hospitality of Caviteños and were gratified with sumptuous farm-to-table dishes in known organic farm resorts, and restaurants in the province.

The excellent tour guides who accompanied the delegates were the pride and product of the Cavite State University-Main Campus, Lyceum of the Philippines University-Cavite, and the University of Perpetual Help System Dalta-Molino Campus. **(RBF/PIA- Cavite with reports from the Bacoor Tourism Office)**

# Cavite Agri-Trade Fair...

farmers and exhibitors in Cavite are fortunate to have such a platform to consolidate their products.

"This Agri-Trade Fair and Exhibits is an excellent opportunity for farmers and exhibitors to become known for their focused commodities which will not only help connect

with other farmers and exhibitors, but will also help build trust with consumers," added Jaurigue.

Likewise, Dr. Nellie M. Ilas, Chairwoman of the Provincial Agriculture and Fishery Council, urged everyone to always support agricultural programs and activities

that will help the province and the country's growth because agriculture is part of our livelihood.

Third District Board Member and Chairman, Committee on Agriculture, Shernan S. Jaro pledged to always be of service for the improvement of the agricultural industry in

the province of Cavite.

Another leg of the Agri-Trade Fair and Exhibits will be held in December to give local farmers and exhibitors more opportunities to market their products with the Christmas season coming. **(RBF/PIA-Cavite with reports from PICAD-Cavite)**



**POSITIONS are temporary  
RANKS and TITLES, are limited.  
But the way you treat people, will always be remembered**

-Amazing-

# PEZA attracts Japanese investors, keen on manufacturing and renewable energy

**PASAY CITY** — In relentless pursuit to position the Philippines as the best choice of investment destination in Southeast Asia, the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA) reports positive outlook on attracting more Japanese investors to the Philippines in the recently concluded outbound investment mission in Japan, held on November 14 to 18.

In a five-day investment promotion meetings and activities, PEZA together with private sector partner Aboitiz InfraCapital (AIC) pitched the Philippines for investments especially for export productions in ecozones. The said investment mission was joined by the

September, PEZA has a total of 898 Japanese enterprises located in our economic zones with cumulative investments of PhP 739.599 billion. Meanwhile, from January to September 2022, PhP 11.262 billion of investments were made from Japanese investors, with USD 13.258 Billion of export income generated, and created 351,335 direct jobs."

In terms of priority sectors in the current PBBM administration, OIC Chief Panga said "We draw our guidance from the priority strategy of President Bongbong Marcos which are into economy, agriculture, and renewable energy. We are also guided by DTI's

ranking investor in economic zones under PEZA, we are still encouraging them to invest more in the Philippines.)

According to DTI Undersecretary and BOI Managing Head Dr. Ceferino S. Rodolfo, "They are pioneers and leaders in key areas in renewable energy and digitalization. Japan also administered visionary industrial souls that will provide us with full solutions should they decide to locate in the Philippines."

Back-to-back investment signings

In a roundtable discussion of PEZA and AIC last 17 November, PEZA inked two (2) strategic partnerships: A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)



PEZA Director General Tereso O. Panga delivering his keynote address citing investment opportunities for Japanese stakeholders and locators already registered with PEZA.

companies in Japan but as well as startups that want to collaborate with local startups or MSMEs that are engaged in

activities under the Fourth Industrial Revolution (FIRe). Junca Global Partner, Inc. is into stem cells biotech, fintech, and blockchain technology.

OIC Chief Panga mentioned, "With the signed MOU, PEZA and Junca will collaborate in bringing renewable energy technologies to ecozones and thereby enable locator companies to remain globally competitive while at the same time contributing to mitigating the effects of climate change pursuant to the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement."

In an interview with

PTV, Panga also said, "These are high-tech industries that will diversify the country's investment profile. The biotech industry will support our bid to attract (investments in) R&D and pave way for their commercialization and level up the value chain so we can compete with big countries on high-tech industries,"

Junca Chairman and CEO Dr. Hisayuki Nagatome stated, "I would like to thank Director General Panga, DTI Secretary Alfredo Pascual, and President Marcos Jr. for this

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[From left to right] Group Manager for Management Information Systems and Corporate Planning Group (MISCP) Anidelle Joy M. Alguso, Cavite Economic Zone Administrator Atty. Norma B. Tañag, OIC Director General Tereso O. Panga, Junca Chairman and CEO Dr. Hisayuki Nagatome, and Vice President for Operations of Lima Land, Inc. during the Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Junca Global Partner, Inc.

Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Board of Investments (BOI), Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), Department of Energy (DOE) and Philippine Trade and Investment Center (PTIC-Tokyo).

In his presentation, PEZA OIC Director General Tereso O. Panga discussed during the "Philippine Business Forum" held on 14 November, "As of

Science Technology Innovation-driven industrialization strategy."

"Ito po ang hinahanap natin na investments galing sa Japan. Bagama't sila ngayon ay number one na investor sa ecozones under PEZA, patuloy pa natin silang hinihikayat na mag-invest pa sa Pilipinas," added Panga. (Although they are already the number one

with Junca Global Partner, Inc. and a Registration Agreement (RA) with Kurabe Industrial Philippines, Inc.

Under the MOU Signing with Junca Global Partner, Inc., PEZA and Junca shall aggressively promote the Philippines as an investment destination not only for the established manufacturing



Roundtable Meeting between Japanese EV stakeholders and BOI, DOE, and PEZA.

# Pres. Marcos to lead 159th Bonifacio Day on Nov. 30

**MANILA, (PIA) --** President Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. will lead on Wednesday, Nov. 30, the nationwide commemoration of the 159th Birth Anniversary of Andres Bonifacio at the hero's national shrine in historic Caloocan City.

The President will lead the flag raising and wreath-laying ceremonies in "Monumento" that will revisit and honor the past and Bonifacio, the most proletarian of all Filipino heroes.

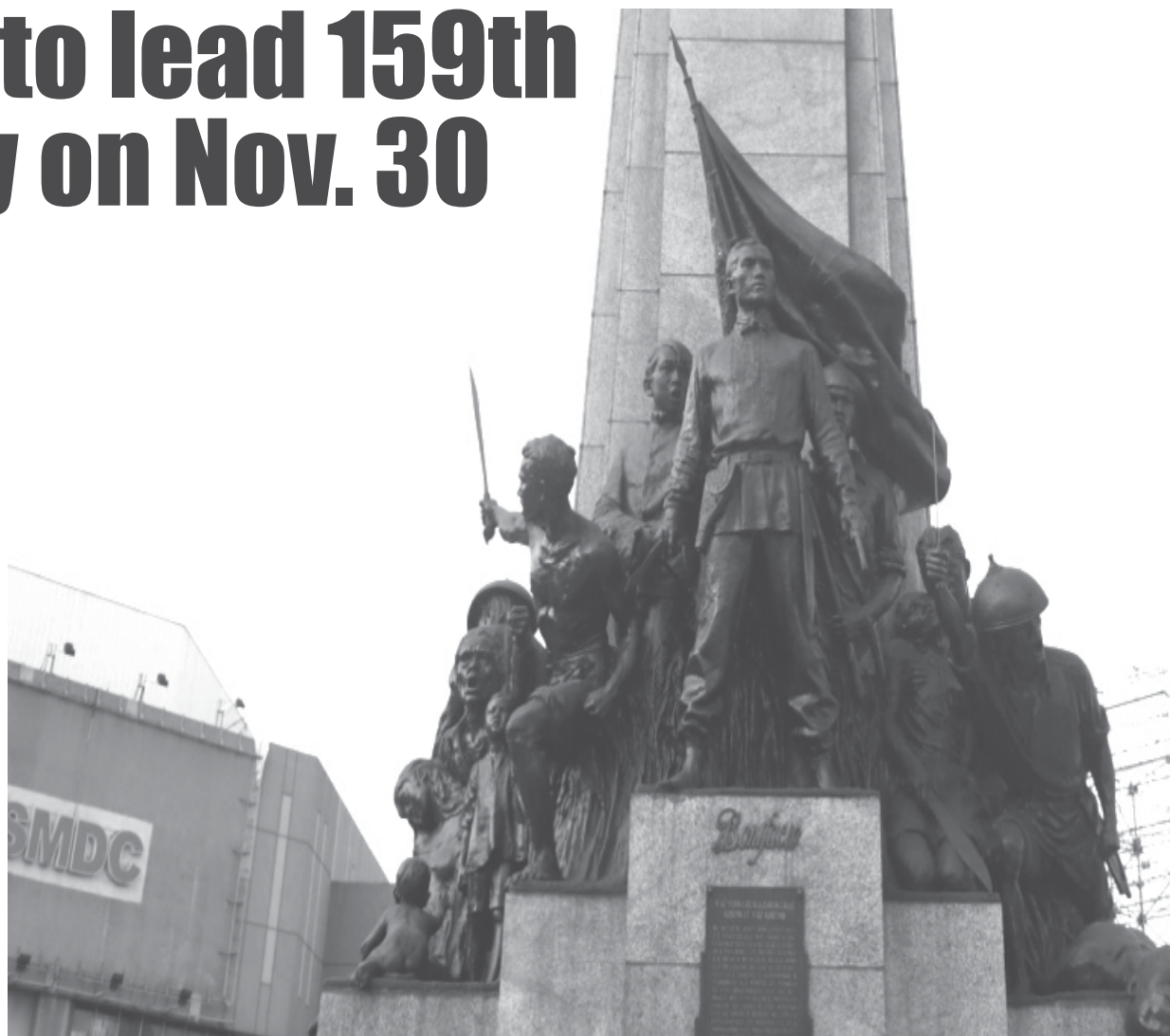
This year's celebration, led by the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP), carries the theme: *Kabayanihan at Pagtindig sa Makabagong Panahon* (Courage and Reputation in the Modern Age).

Pres. Marcos is also

set to deliver a speech that will impart a stronger sense of nationhood to present and future generations of Filipinos, inspired by Bonifacio's patriotism, bravery, and sense of camaraderie.

The Chief Executive will be joined by NHCP Chairperson Rene Escalante, Armed Forces of the Philippines Chief-of-Staff Lt. Gen. Bartolome Vicente Bacarro, Caloocan City Mayor Dale Gonzalo "Along" Malapitan and Caloocan City First District Representative Oscar Malapitan, among others.

Local government units will also conduct simultaneous simple commemorative rites at the Andres Bonifacio Shrine in Tutuban, Manila, Spirit of Pinaglabanan Shrine in San Juan City, Bonifacio Monument at the



Bonifacio Global City in Taguig City, Bonifacio Monument in Cloverleaf, Quezon City, and Maragondon Trial Museum in Maragondon, Cavite.

To recall, Act No. 2946 enacted by the Philippine Congress in Feb. 6, 1921 declared November 30 of every year to be the day of commemoration of the

birth of Andres Bonifacio.

Last year's celebration of Bonifacio Day was made more special with the newly restored El Deposito

Underground Reservoir and the new diorama exhibit at the Museo ng Katipunan in San Juan City, which showcases the historical Battle of San Juan del Monte.

## PEZA attracts... *from page 4*

partnership. I guarantee you that Junca Holdings will invest and bring in the latest technology in the Philippines through PEZA, especially in the field of artificial intelligence (AI), blockchain system, biotech and stem cell, and wellness products."

Meanwhile, with the signed Registration Agreement, Kurabe, an electronics company, will operate in a five-hectare lot in Lima Technology Center - Special Economic Zone (LTC-SEZ) in Lipa City, Batangas. Kurabe will engage in the manufacturing and assembly of car seat heater (CSH), steering wheel heater (STH), and CSH and STH heating wires.

Japanese stakeholders committed to bringing more investments in PH

OIC Chief Panga shared that business meetings with potential investors were "serious and have heightened interest to invest in areas under the renewable energy, electronic vehicle, and agro-industrial sector."

PEZA delegates met with Japanese EV stakeholders, Marubeni, Umehara, Epson, Canon, FEC, and SMBC Nikko Securities Inc. There were also consultation meetings with the Philippine Embassy in Tokyo with leading Japanese banks.

With PEZA's robust investment promotions in Japan and in other recently visited countries, PEZA OIC Director General highlighted, "We echo the call of the government and our investors that the Philippines is the smart

investment choice in the region. This is the best time to invest in the Philippines as it is one of the top-performing

countries in Asia."

This is seconded by Aboitiz InfraCapital Head of Economic Estates Rafael Fernandez de

Mesa. He said, "We are committed to helping establish the Philippines as a preferred investment destination in

the region and we would be honored to welcome more Japanese [investment] leaders." (PEZA)



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[From left to right] OIC Deputy Director General for Finance and Administration Aleem Siddiqui M. Guiapal, Kurabe Industrial Philippines, Inc. President Suyama Koichi, Kurabe Industrial Philippines, Inc. President and CEO Kanazawa Takenobu, OIC Director General Tereso O. Panga, Aboitiz InfraCapital Head of Economic Estates Rafael Fernandez de Mesa, and Vice President for Operations of Lima Land, Inc. during the Signing of Registration Agreement with Kurabe Industrial Philippines, Inc.

# 367 online freelancers attend DICT's conference

**ILIGAN CITY (PIA) —** A total of 367 online freelancers throughout the country attended the 2022 Philippine Online Freelancers Conference (POFCON) here on Nov 8-9.

The Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT-10) held the said conference with the help of the local government unit of Iligan, Filipino Online Professional Service Cooperative (FOPSCo), and other stakeholders.

POFCON 2022 is a national event that brings together online professionals, freelancing industries, and digitaljobsph graduates in an insightful discussion about the digital freelancing industry situation in the country.

DICT Sec. Ivan John Uy said virtually that they are mandated to "provide every Filipino access to ICT services,

as well as to ensure the sustainable growth of ICT-enabled industries in the country for the creation of more opportunities and jobs, especially in the countryside and for our online freelancers."

Moreover, Usec. Jocelle Batapa-Sigue of ICT Industry Development emphasized that their office is committed to providing support to Filipino freelancers and making the industry reach greater heights, to make the Philippines the fastest-growing market for the online freelancing industry in Southeast Asia.

"We in the DICT continue to find ways to ensure that our support to the industry and its communities become something that is sustainable and impactful," she said.

Meanwhile, Marivic Flores, a freelancer and digitaljobsph trainer

from Cavite is glad to be given the opportunity to participate in the conference.

"I find this convention as very educational, especially sa isang trainer na

kagaya ko, ang dami ko nakuhang mga techniques na pwede kong ishare sa trainers ko as a trainee in digitaljobsph. Napakalaking opportunity nitong

event na ito," she said.

[I find this convention very educational, especially for a trainer like me, I got a lot of techniques that I can share with my trainers as a trainee in digitaljobsph. This event is a great opportunity.]

There were different panel discussions with the topics on the Status of the Online Freelancing Industry in the

Philippines, the Potential and Future of Online Freelancing, and Enablers of the Freelancing Industry. Resource speakers came from Virtual Workforce Professionals, Inc., Payoneer, Digital Filipino, Taxumo, Network of Outsourcing Agencies, among others. **(LELA/PIA-10/Lanao del Norte)**



## Batangas State University, nagsilbing host ng ika-6 na STRASUC Festival

**LUNGSOD NG BATANGAS (PIA)—**Nagsilbing host university sa ginanap na 6th Southern Tagalog Regional Association of State Universities and Colleges (STRASUC) Culture and Arts Festival ang Batangas State

University-National Engineering University mula Nobyembre 14-18.

Sa pagbubukas nito noong ika-15 ng Nobyembre, pambihirang sigla at talento ang ipinamalas ng mga kalahok na nagmula sa 12 state universities and

colleges (SUCs) sa Southern Tagalog.

Sinimulan ito sa pamamagitan ng pagparada ng mga kalahok kung saan tampok ang mga hinirang na kinatawan bilang King and Queen ng bawat SUCs.

Ang tema ng naturang pagdiriwang ay "Advancing Culture and the Arts as Strategic Resource for National Development".

Ayon kay Dr. Tirso Ronquillo, President BatStateU, ito ang unang pagkakataon

matapos tayong makaranas ng pandemya na muling magsasama at magkakaharap ang bawat isa kung kaya't umaasa sila na ito ay maging mas mayabong at makabuluhan.

"Matagal naming hinintay ang pagkakataon na muling makapagsagawang ganitong aktibidad at karangalan ng BatStateU-National Engineering University na maging host sa taong ito," ani Ronquillo.

Kabilang sa mga kategoryang paglalabanang mga ito ang music, dance, theater at visual arts.

Tampok din dito ang press presentation sa mga kinatawan ng 12 SUCs na magtatagisan upang makuha ang korona bilang King and Queen.

Sa huli ay tinanghal na nagwagi dito sina Ryan Kristopher

Sacopon ng University of the Philippines - Los Banos at Cleveris Villapando ng Southern Luzon State University (SLSU) at sila ay nakatakdang lumaban sa National Culture and Arts Festival sa susunod na taon.

Kabilang sa mga paaralang nakibahagi dito ang mga sumusunod: Cavite State University; Laguna State Polytechnic University; Mindoro State University; Marinduque State University; Occidental Mindoro State University; Palawan State University; Romblon State University; Southern Luzon State University of the Phils. Los Banos; University of Rizal System; Western Philippines University at Batangas State University. **(MDC/PIA-Batangas)**



# Philippine Tennis Academy ward wins doubles title in Vietnam

**MANILA** — Number 1 seeds Joewyn Rey Pascua of the Philippines and Pham La Hoang Anh of Vietnam were crowned boys' doubles champions in the second leg of the International Tennis Federation (ITF) Juniors category 4 tournament in Vietnam on Saturday.

They rallied past Ching Chang Chiu and Xiao Feng Zhou of Chinese Taipei, 7-6 (5), 4-6, 10-8 in the final match at the Phu Tho Tennis Club in Ho Chi Minh City.

Pascua and Pham walked over Chieh En Hou and Tzu-Cheng Liu in the first round to reach the quarterfinal round where they beat local pair Khang Quoc Thang Huynh and Xuan Duc Le, 5-3, 4-2.

In the semifinal round, they prevailed over another Vietnamese tandem, Tran Quoc Cuong and Quang Vinh Nguyen, 6-3, 3-6, 10-7.

In the singles category, the second-seeded Pascua settled for a runner-up finish after bowing to No. 7 seed Matthew Johnson of Singapore, 2-6, 6-1, 3-6.

During the first leg last week, the fourth-seeded Pascua made it to the singles semifinal but was ousted by local Vinhheien Truong, 4-6, 4-6.

Truong advanced to the final against compatriot Minh Tuan Dinh Viet, who eventually took the title, 6-3, 6-4.

Pascua reached the semifinal after defeating locals Ngoc Lam Cao in the first round (6-3, 5-7, 6-3), Dai Khang Nguyen in the second round (6-1, 6-4), and Johnson in the quarterfinal (7-6 (5), 6-4).

Unseeded Heinz Aslan Carbonilla, on the other hand, absorbed a 5-7, 1-6 first-round loss

to Hong Kong's Hong Kiu Lau.

Seeded No. 2 in the doubles category, Pascua and Pham outplayed Carbonilla and Vietnamese Dai Khanh Nguyen, 3-6, 7-5, 10-6, in the first round to arrange a quarterfinal duel with Ching Chang Chiu of Chinese Taipei and Hyeon Seok Seo of South Korea.

Pascua and Pham conquered Ching and Hyeon, 7-6 (5), 6-4, to advance to the Final Four but were ousted by No. 4 seeds Minh Phat Nguyen and Vinhheien Truong, 3-6, 6-3, 7-10.

Minh and Vinhheien went on to clinch the title following a 6-2, 7-5 victory over the unseeded pair of Shun-Te Chou and Tzu-Cheng Liu from Chinese Taipei in the championship round.

Shun-Te and Tzu-Cheng marched to the final after eliminating No. 3 seeds Quang Vinh Nguyen of Vietnam and Johnston, 3-6, 6-2, 10-8.

Pascua, 17, hails from Mapandan, Pangasinan while Carbonilla, 16, is a native of Maranding, Lanao del Norte.

Both players are training at the Philippine Tennis Academy (PTA) headed by long-time tennis patron Romy Chan.

"For me, during the third set of the singles finals, Joewyn was a step slower already. It got him because he played nine sets the night before the singles finals," PTA head coach Jun Toledo said in an online interview on Sunday.

The team will return to Manila on Monday.

"I see very good potential in both of these boys. I see them as the future of Philippine tennis. I think they have a bright future ahead of them.

Hopefully, these ITF outings will pave the way for a college education in the United States, just like the other PTA players (Francis Casey Alcantara, John Bryan Otico, Roxanne Resma, Khim Iglupas, and most recently, Arthur Craig Pantino). This has always been PTA's goal — to ensure that they have a good education anchored on their tennis talent!" added Toledo, who won the men's team silver medal with Joseph Lizardo, Bobie Angelo and Camoy Palahang in the 1995 Southeast Asian Games in Chiang Mai, Thailand. **(PNA)**



**DOUBLES CHAMPION.** Joewynn Pascua of the Philippines (right) and Pham La Hoang Anh of Vietnam flank tournament director Nguyen Thi Kieu during the awarding ceremony of the second leg of the International Tennis Federation Juniors category 4 tournament in Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam on Saturday (Nov. 26, 2022). They rallied past Ching Chang Chiu and Xiao Feng Zhou of Chinese Taipei in the final match. (Contributed photo)

## Magnolia boosts twice-to-beat chances with win vs. Meralco

**MANILA** — Magnolia caught fire in the third quarter before holding off Meralco, 108-96, in a crucial PBA Commissioner's Cup game at the PhilSports Arena in Pasig City on Sunday night.

The Hotshots exploded for 47 points in the third quarter, the most in a single quarter since 2016 and which outscored their entire first-half output, and

repulsed a huge fourth-quarter push from the Bolts.

Paul Lee fired 27 points on 8-of-15 shooting, including 5-of-9 on threes, to go with two rebounds and one assist for Magnolia.

The Hotshots moved up to 9-2, a game ahead of Converge and 1.5 games ahead of Ginebra for the second seed, which would mean a twice-to-beat

advantage in the quarterfinals.

Calvin Abueva added 17 points, five rebounds, three assists, one steal, and one block, while Nick Rakocevic chipped in 16 points, 16 rebounds, three assists, and one steal.

Magnolia can seal the Top 2 finish if it beats Rain Or Shine in the final game of the elimination round on Friday night,

also at PhilSports.

KJ McDaniels made 32 points, nine rebounds, four assists, one steal, and three blocks for the Bolts, whose bid to advance hit a crucial snag as they fell to 4-6.

Meralco's game on Wednesday also at PhilSports against sister squad NLEX is a virtual knockout game as the loser could be eliminated outright.

The Bolts will then face the San Miguel Beermen two days later.

The scores:

**MAGNOLIA 108** — Lee 27, Abueva 17, Rakocevic 16, Jalalon 12, Sangalang 11, Barroca 11, Dela Rosa 6, Ahanmisi 3, Reavis 2, Corpuz 2, Laput 1, Wong 0, Dionisio 0.

**MERALCO 96** — McDaniels 32, Black 16, Quinto 14, Banchero 11, Johnson 9, Almazan 8, Caram 2, Hodge 2, Pascual 2, Maliksi 0, Hugnatan 0, Pasaol 0, Jose 0.

Quarters: 27-21, 46-51, 93-74, 108-96 **(PNA)**



Paul Lee (with ball): 27 points, two rebounds, one assist (Courtesy of PBA Images)

# Batangas State University, hinirang na kinatawan sa PSQ National Championships

**LUNGSOD NG BATANGAS (PIA)**— Matagumpay na isinagawa ng Philippine Statistics Authority IV-A ang Regional Statistics Quiz na ginanap sa Jet Hotel, Lungsod ng Lipa noong ika-14 ng Nobyembre.

May 25 mag-aaral mula sa iba't-ibang universities and colleges sa rehiyon ng Calabarzon ang nakibahagi sa naturang patimpalak na layong linangin, tukuyin at mas paunlarin ang angking galing ng mga mag-aaral na inaasahang siyang susunod na mga statistician ng bansa.

Ayon kay PSA IV-A Regional Director Charito Armonia, ito ang unang pagkakataon na magsasagawa ng Statistics Quiz matapos ang naranasang pandemya noong nakaraang dalawang taon.

"Nagpapasalamat kami sa pakikibahagi ng mga paaralan, mag-aaral, coaches at lahat ng naririto upang muli ay maisakatuparan natin ang pagsasagawa ng PSA quiz hindi lamang upang maging statistically literate kundi maipaunawa din ang kahalagahan nito sa pagbuo ng ating komunidad," ani Armonia.

Ang patimpalak ay may tatlong round kung saan bawat round ay may 10 katanungan. Ang bawat katanungan ay may kaakibat na timer upang bigyan ang mga kalahok ng pagkakataon na makasagot ng maayos. Ang una at ikalawang round ay may tig-isang puntos sa bawat tamang tanong na masasagot habang ang ikatlong round ay may dalawang puntos.

Sa huli ay tinanghal na kampeon si Dan Ferial Villanueva mula sa Batangas State University-National

Engineering University Pablo Borbon Campus. Siya ay nakatkdang lumaban sa PSQ National championships sa mga susunod na araw at magiging representante ng rehiyong Calabarzon.

Kabilang sa mga paaralang nakilahok sa PSQ ang mga sumusunod: Batangas State University-National Engineering University Pablo Borbon Campus; University of Batangas; Sta. Teresa College; De La Salle University Dasmaringas; Philippine Nautical and Technological College; University of Perpetual Help System-GMA Campus; Cavite State University-CCAT Campus; University of the Ohils. Los Banos; De

La Salle University Laguna Campus; Pamantasan ng Cabuyao; STI College-San Pablo; Inter-Global College Foundation Inc.; Southern Luzon State University main Campus; Dalubhasan ng Lungsod ng Cabuyao; College of Sciences, Technology and Communication Inc.; University of Rizal System Morong Campus; Universtiy of Rizal Binangonan Campus; at University of Rizal System Cardona Campus.

Lahat ng mga lumahok sa patimpalak ay pinagkalooban ng sertipiko ng pagkilala at munting regalo mula sa pamunuan ng PSA IVA-(MDC/PIA-Batangas)



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## PBBM set to grace 49th CESB Founding Anniversary, 2022 Galing Pook Awards on Tuesday



**CALOOCAN CITY, (PIA)** — President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr, is set to grace two events on Tuesday, November 22, 2022.

First, the President is expected to attend at the 49th Founding Anniversary of Career Executive Service Board (CESB) at the Philippine International Convention Center where he is set to deliver a message.

The CESB is the governing body of the Career Executive

Service mandated to promulgate rules, standards and procedures on the selection, classification, compensation and career development of members of the CES.

Recently, President Marcos, Jr, has appointed three (3) new members of the Career Executive Service Board (CESB), namely: Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) Undersecretary Luis Meinrado C.

Pañgulayan, Office of the President Undersecretary Lolibeth R. Medrano, and Office of the President Director Andrea Maila A. Ordañez.

The President's attendance is also expected at the 2022 Galing Pook Awards at the Ceremonial Hall, Malacañan Palace.

During the event, there will be a recognition of top 18 finalists as follows:

1. Alcala, Cagayan: "Green Wall of Alcala"
2. Bacoor City Cavite: "Kabataang Bacooreño, At Home Ka Dito (Residential Child Care Services)"
3. Basilan Province: "Advancing and Sustaining Good Governance and Community Actions towards Resiliency and Empowerment"
4. Bataan Province: "1Bataan Seal of Healthy Barangay"
5. Bataan Province: "Bataan Public-Private Partnership Programs"
6. Biñan City, Laguna: "Balik-Biñan

Project: Tourism Development through Heritage Conservation"

7. Cagayan de Oro City: "Making Dreams Come True: Providing Better Access to Quality Education in Cagayan de Oro City"

8. Barangay Cayabu, Tanay Rizal: "Building Community Resiliency, Sustainability, and Strengthening Local Government Ability to Prepare for Hazards through Agri-Fishery"

9. Davao City: "Mental Wellness Center for the Homeless (MCWH)"

10. Goa, Camarines Sur: "Trekking to Unlock Community Ailments and Difficulties (TUCAD)"

11. Barangay Hayanggabon, Claver, Surigao del Norte: "Brgy. Hayanggabon Health Services"

12. Iloilo City: "I-BIKE: A Program Promoting the Development of the Iloilo City Bike Culture"

Whole-of-Community Approach Towards Disaster Management"

14. Libertad, Antique: "Libertad Fish Forever Savings Club"

15. Paglat, Maguindanao: "Creation of Community Leaders and Military Police Advisory Council (CLAMP-AC)"

16. Palayan, Nueva Ecija: "Palayan City People's Cold Storage Program"

17. Piddig, Ilocos Norte: "Basta Piddigueño, AgriHenyo: Consolidated Farm Production System"

18. Pulilan, Bulacan: "Pulilan Community Connect"

Thereafter, the 2022m Galing Pook top 10 awardees will be announced.

President Marcos is expected to deliver a congratulatory message at the event.

The Galing Pook awards was launched in October 1993 to search for excellent and innovative local government programs. (pia-ncr)