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Naic Pawikan Conservation Facility releases 78 sea turtle hatchlings

TRECE MARTIRES, Cavite (PIA) – The Pawikan Conservation Facility located in the coastal town of Naic released 78 Olive Ridley (*Lepidochelys Olivacea*) sea turtle hatchlings back to their natural sea habitat in Barangay Labac.

The activity was led by Councilors Tere Puno, and Eimeren Nazareno together with Naic Tourism Head Lady Anne Lopez.

According to Barangay Labac Chairman Roger Bilugan, more hatchlings are scheduled to be released to the sea in the next few days as the breeding season starts.

Chairman Bilugan shared that the barangay was one of the areas that were severely damaged by severe Typhoon Paeng on October 29, 2022.

The hatchery facility with more than 2,000 eggs during the onslaught of the

typhoon was not spared, and more than 300 Olive Ridley sea turtle eggs were affected in the nesting area.

"Last night, three turtles came to lay their eggs here at the facility, two of them with tags and the other without a tag," said Bilugan.

Turtles are tagged once they have laid eggs in the hatchery. An egg takes about 60 days in the hatchery before it finally hatches and returned to its ocean habitat.

Meanwhile, One Pawikan donated 30 tonner bags to create a revetment wall to hold and lessen erosion of the nesting areas and central hatchlings.

The Labac Conservation Facility was established to protect sea turtle eggs which are now considered an endangered species. **(RBF/PIA-Cavite with reports from Dennis Abrina)**



General Trias lighting ceremony, gift-giving programs usher in the season of hope

TRECE MARTIRES, Cavite (PIA) – The City Government of General Trias formally opened their Christmas lights decoration in the city hall, city plaza with the giant Christmas tree, and launched the annual 'Adopt a Child, Grant a Wish' program for the children in the city on December 1.

Mayor Luis 'Jon Jon' Ferrer with his wife Monette Ferrer together with Vice Mayor Jonas Labuguen led the symbolic opening of the decorative lights and the giant Christmas tree at the city esplanade to signal the gradual return of vigor and fun after more than two years in the pandemic and the recent calamities.

About fifty young children from poor

families from thirty-three barangays in the city received their gifts from the wish list for this Christmas season under the "Adopt a Child,

Grant a Wish" program of the LGU.

Among those who participated as godfathers/godmothers were Vice Mayor Jonas

Labuguen and his wife Lorie Labuguen, city councilors, Barangay Chairman of 33 villages, and city department

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Cavite PWDs show abilities for Bocchia game

TRECE MARTIRES, CAVITE (PIA) – The Cavite Provincial Persons with Disability Affairs Office (PPDAO), in partnership with the Provincial Youth and Sports Development Office, organized the BOCCIA Awareness and Ceremonial Game held on November 25, 2022 at the Robinson's Place, Dasmariñas City.

The said activity was part of the post-celebration of the 19th

Cerebral Palsy Awareness and Protection Week, with the theme "Edukasyon, Isports, Talento – Gamitin Taong may Cerebral Palsy – Palakasin Partisipasyon – Patibayan".

In his speech, Philippine Paralympic Committee Executive Director Walter Torres said, "We are not celebrating disability, but rather the

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PBBM meetings, tie-ups in Brussels to yield investments, jobs for Pinoys

MANILA — President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s business meetings on the sidelines of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)-European Union (EU) Commemorative Summit will yield more investments and jobs for Filipinos.

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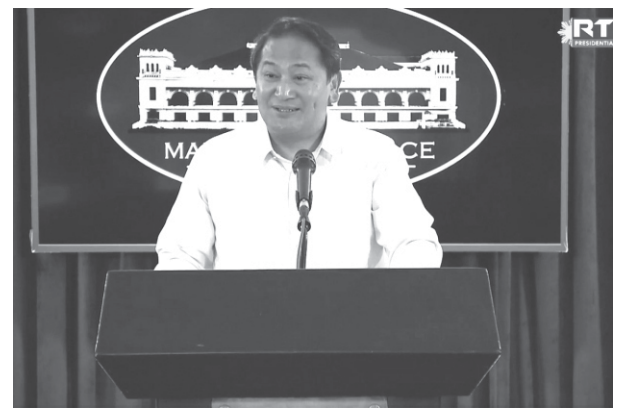
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heads.

Meanwhile, Mayor Jon Jon Ferrer gladly announced that the city government in coordination with the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) – General Trias, made it possible to help twelve Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs) be reunited with their families for Christmas as a free citizen.

Under the Light of Hope "Parol para sa Kalayaan" Program of the BJMP, 400 giant lanterns made by PDLs were bought by the LGU with the income from the program to be used to help 50 inmates with the processing of their release papers.

The giant lanterns will be distributed to all thirty-three barangays in the city for their locality's Christmas decorations. **(RBF/PIA-Cavite with reports from Dennis Abrina)**

Cavite PWDs show abilities... from page 1

opportunity to participate in the sports Boccia because it will allow PWDs to discover who they are and what they are still capable of doing."

First District Board Member and Committee Chairperson on Social Services, Family, Women, Children and Elderly Romel Enriquez witnessed the activity and pledged to provide one Boccia ball.

Boccia Pilipinas Team Coach Marangal Gonzales provided an overview of the sport and served as referee together with Coach Jhon Reyven Sarte in the Ceremonial Boccia game that followed.

Despite being differently abled, the fourteen participants which were divided into two-man teams displayed competitiveness and focus to excel and win

the game.

The victorious teams of Mr. Jobert Palaña and Mr. Rico Santiago won first place followed by Mr. David Gonzaga and Ms. Pearlyn Joy Mones in second place, and Mr. Ryan Oliveros and Elysa Marie Tovera in third place.

Mr. Jobert Palaña from the municipality of Carmona was awarded Best Player while the City of Dasmariñas was

named Most Participative Local Government Unit.

Boccia is a paralympic sport that can be played by anyone, with or without a disability. Originally designed for people with severe cerebral palsy, it is a target ball sport that can now be enjoyed by players with a wide variety of disabilities. **(RBF/PIA-Cavite with reports from PICAD)**



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800k worth of wildlife saved by DENR CALABARZON and CIDG Laguna

Calamba City, Laguna – The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) CALABARZON, through its Enforcement Division (ED), Licenses, Patents and Deeds Division (LPDD), assisted the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG) Laguna PFU in a 10-hour joint wildlife buy-bust operation at Sitio 4, Barangay Oogong, Sta. Cruz, Laguna last November 18, 2022.

The joint operation was done in response to the request for assistance of the CIDG on an alleged illegal wildlife trading operation in Calamba City, Laguna.

Recovered from the operation were 185 heads of various exotic wildlife species of Reptiles and Arachnids with an estimated market value of more or less Php 800,000.00.

Confiscated wildlife includes Ball Python (*Python regius*), Emperor Scorpion (*Pandinus imperator*), and Mexican Rose Tarantula (*Aphonopelma pallidum*) which are

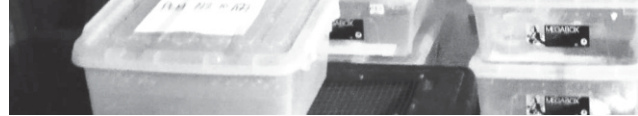
classified as Appendix II in the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).

Other non-CITES confiscated wildlife were Leopard Gecko (*Eublepharis macularius*), and adult and juvenile Bearded Dragons (*Pogona vitticeps*).

According to the LPDD, the illegal wildlife trader is a holder of a Certificate of Wildlife Registration for pet hobbyist purposes only and not for commercial trade.

All confiscated wildlife species were turned over to the Regional Wildlife Rescue Center in Calauan, Laguna for custody. Likewise, proper criminal charges will be filed against the suspect for violating Republic Act No. 9147 also known as the Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act.

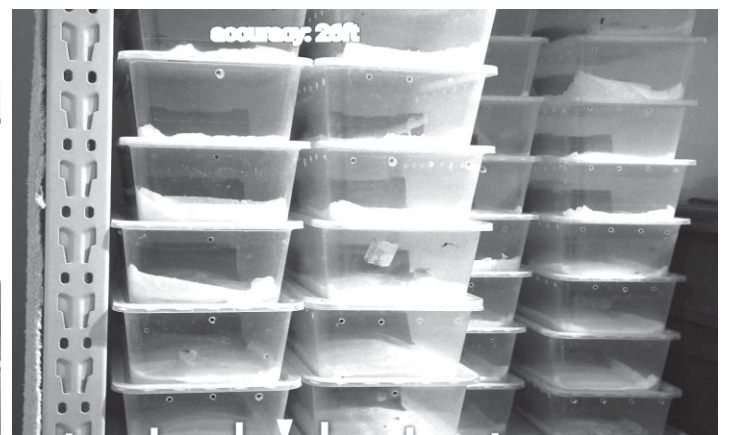
"DENR CALABARZON will continue collaborating with other law



enforcement agencies to combat illegal wildlife trade and other illegal environmental activities", said ED Chief Annabelle M. Barquilla.

DENR CALABARZON is urging the public to report Environment and Natural Resources-related, especially illegal

trading operations via hotline 8888, sms to +639456215007/+639083340224, email to denr4a.ord@gmail.com or send us photos, videos and other information via <https://www.facebook.com/DENR4AOfficial/>



Govt works for, not against Filipinos -Budget chief

MANILA, (PIA) – Department of Budget and Management (DBM) Secretary Amenah Pangandaman has reminded police cadets to ensure that they let people know that the government is "working for them and not against them."

Pangandaman made this call on Monday in her speech during the Distinguished Visitors Program of the Philippine National Police Academy (PNPA) at Camp General Mariano N. Castañeda in Silang town, Cavite province.

She said their duty as uniformed personnel is to serve as the nation's "vanguards of peace and order, safety and security."

Pangandaman assured the police cadets that the DBM fully supports the PNPA's vision to be a world-class center of excellence in public safety education.

"Our pursuit of reform-oriented service towards public trust is also evident in the 2023 proposed national budget which was crafted to ensure that no one will be left behind – from our public servants including our uniformed personnel to the public we are sworn to protect," she said.

She also expressed her full support to the PNPA's Cadetship Program to develop professional, morally upright and dedicated public safety officers imbued with the values of justice, integrity, and service.

Under the proposed national budget, the DBM has allocated a total of P191.85 billion for the PNP.

A total of P27.79 billion was allocated the Bureau of Fire Protection while P22.34 billion was allotted for the Bureau of Jail Management and

Penology.

Pangandaman was accorded arrival honors composed of an all-female battalion sized contingent during the event.

PNPA Acting Director Police Brigadier General Eric Noble, for his part, expressed his gratitude to Pangandaman and presented the current status of the different infrastructural projects of the Academy as part of the PNPA Camp Master Development Plan.

In a report by the Philippine News Agency during the 121st Police Service anniversary in August, President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. told police officers in the country to ensure that they are "firmly grounded" on moral principles in the performance of their



sworn duties.

The President also reminded the PNP that the use of force in their operations must be "reasonable, justifiable

and only undertaken when necessary."

Marcos, however, believes that the PNP has "done well and continue to do so in this

regard."

The Chief Executive earlier assured that his administration's crackdown against

illegal drugs would focus more on prevention and rehabilitation rather than law enforcement. **(PIA-NCR)**

PH, Japan experts strengthen climate change resiliency in the Philippines

MANILA – Filipino and Japanese experts are working to better prepare the Philippines from threats of climate change by discussing strategies on how to mitigate the adverse effects of flooding.

The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), through its Unified Project Management Office – Flood Control Management Cluster (UPMO – FCMC) headed by Project Director Ramon A. Arriola III, partnered with Japan's Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Disaster Management Bureau (MLIT – WDMB) in organizing a seminar titled "Seminar on Climate Change Perspectives in Managing Rivers and Floods".

Aside from MLIT and DPWH, also present during the seminar were representatives from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources – Forest Management Bureau

(DENR – FMB); DENR – National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (DENR – NAMRIA); Department of Science and Technology – Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (DOST – PAGASA); Climate Change Commission (CCC); National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA); and National Irrigation Administration (NIA).

DPWH Assistant Secretary Antonio V. Molano, Jr., in his opening remarks, urged the participants to reflect on how to capitalize the diversity of functions and mandates of their respective agencies to assess and improve current climate change adaptation strategies of the Philippines.

The seminar at Bayview Park Hotel Manila served as a venue for participating Philippine agencies to further hone their existing

knowledge in addressing climate change by learning from Japan's experience and success in river and flood management as pointed out by the Embassy of Japan Minister Daisuke Nihei in his speech.

According to Minister Nihei, Japan's achievements in climate change management are visible and integrated into ongoing disaster prevention projects and initiatives with the Philippines which includes the Pasig-Marikina River Channel Improvement Project Phase IV; Coastal Engineering Capacity Development for DPWH personnel; flood risk management projects in Cavite Industrial Area and Cagayan De Oro City; flood control master plan study in Davao City; and the feasibility study for the Parañaque Spillway Project.

The MLIT also outlined the extract of the Kumamoto Initiative for Water which is a joint statement and

declaration to address water challenges and transformation towards a quality-oriented society avowed by 18 heads of states from Asia and the Pacific during the 4th Asia-Pacific Water Summit (APWS) last April 2022.

For its part, DPWH UPMO – FCMC presented its Flood Risk Management Master Plans while the DPWH Bureau of Design (DPWH – BOD) detailed its flood control planning design responsive to climate change.

Other topics discussed at the seminar included the "Observed Climate Trends and Projected Climate Change in the Philippines" by DOST – PAGASA; "Sea Level Rise: Is It Climate Change of Land Subsidence?" by DENR – NAMRIA; "Climate Change Programs and Policies in the Philippines" by CCC; and "National Greening Program Towards Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation" by DENR – FMB. **(DPWH)**



This covered court is a project of the Municipal Government of Dasmariñas headed by Mayor Pidi Barzaga using municipal funds.

Ugnayan sa Barangay visits Brgy. Sta. Cruz I in Dasmariñas City. Governor Jonvic C. Remulla was able to communicate with the locals of the City of Dasmariñas in another leg of Ugnayan sa Barangay on December 6, 2022 at Brgy. Sta. Cruz I.

Thousands of Dasmariñeños gathered and listened attentively as the governor laid out the plans and programs of the provincial government that can help uplift the lives of every Caviteños.

Dasmariñas City Mayor Jenny Barzaga together with Fourth District Representative Elpidio Barzaga, Vice Mayor Rex Mangubat, Board Members Jun Dela Cuesta and Nicanor Austria and some Sangguniang Panglungsod members were present and expressed their appreciation for the assistance given to their constituents.--- **PICAD**

Locals of Silang avails free health care services offered by the mission team

Another leg of medical mission was conducted at Brgy. Sto. Cristo, Dasmariñas City on December 6, 2022.

Cavite Collaboration Center for Public Health team led by Dr. Ma. Lealyn L. Reyes and Dr. Ma. Jhenina M. Santos, along with nurses of rural health unit and barangay health workers rendered free medical consultation to Dasmariñeños.

A total of 201 patients registered to avail free medical services and medicines offered by the Provincial Government of Cavite through Office of the Provincial Governor-Extension and Provincial Health Office.

Barangay officials headed by Barangay Captain Lolita V. Federio were also present to show their support during the conduct of activity.



ALMOST PHP400,000.00 CASH RETURNED BY SM CITY BACCOOR'S SECURITY GUARD

SM CITY BACCOOR, CAVITE — A brown wallet containing Php 10,300.00 and USD 6,318.00 (Php360,955.32 in peso) with identity, cash and reward cards was returned by SM City Bacoor's Security Guard Silvestre C. Doblón, Jr. upon recovery at the

Food Court 4th Floor Dining area. The owner, who was a former High School Principal in Cavite City, was grateful for the commendable act the security personnel did.

SG REYMAR A. BULANDO was busy roving around the mall's Annex Parking area

when he saw a lost phone which he returned through the help of the CRS Office to the owner who is a public servant. SG FILEMAR B. VILLAREAL was also doing his rounds when he recovered cash worth Php30,000.00 which at a Security Bank ATM

located at Aguinaldo Covered Walk area. The lost cash was immediately turned over to the mall's Treasury Office since there hasn't been any claimant since the cash was found.

With the holiday season keeping us busy these days, there are much more than we have

on our plates. Trying to cope up with things getting back to normal, the holiday rush and yearend wrap-ups, most of us tend to forget things or overlook stuffs that are important in our daily lives. Imagine losing your phone or wallet in a busy mall while everyone is moving like trains in hurry. Not the best day for a three mall shoppers who found out that they lost their belongings as they were rushing their way into the mall to quickly grab the things they needed. Good thing there are still honest employees, who upholds their integrity more than any material thing they could gain from keeping something they found that aren't theirs.

These are the commendable acts of SG FILEMAR B. VILLAREAL from Defense Specialists Security Agency, SG

REYMAR A. BULANDO from Combined Blue Dragon Security and Services Inc. and SG SILVESTRE C. DOBLÓN, JR. from Defense Specialists Security Agency Inc. when they found lost items and cash unattended at their respective duties at SM City Bacoor. The honest guards never hesitated to surrender and return the items, which were immediately handed over and returned at the mall's CRS and Treasury Office where the owners thanked the honest employees for their good deeds.

These deeds are reflective of SM's Corporate value of honesty and integrity and bespeaks well of the attribute of a good member of SM Security force, worthy of praise and emulation. LG Donna B. Rean, LG Amie D. Tirado, and LG Irene Birso brought honor and pride not only to themselves, their families and security agencies, but also to SM group of companies in general.



SG Silvestre Doblón, DG Filemar Villareal and SG Reymar Bulando of SM City Bacoor (left to right)

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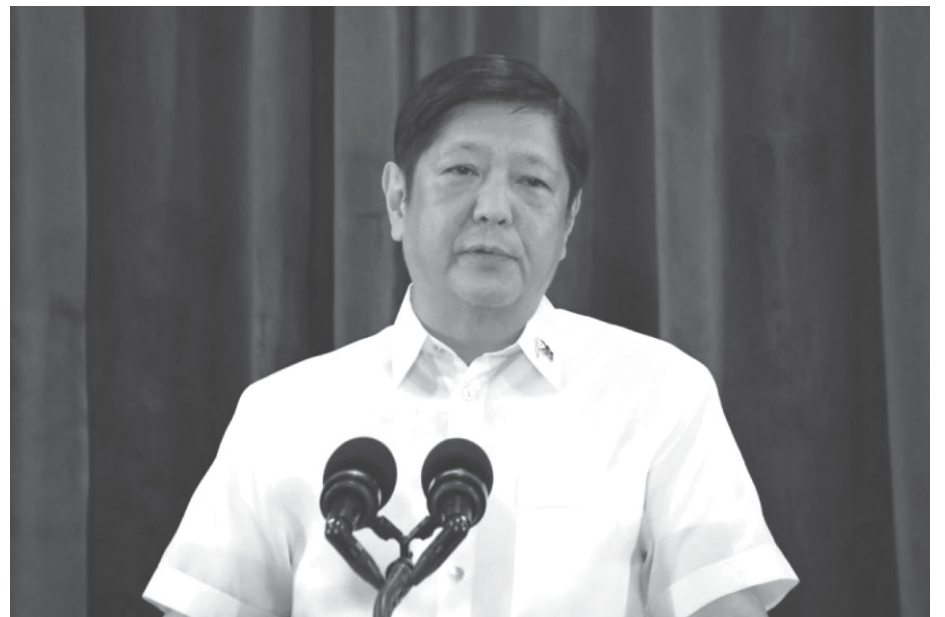
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Bay Area rallies to beat SMB at start of PBA Cup semis

MANILA — Bay Area fought back from a 16-point deficit to edge San Miguel, 103-102, at the start of the PBA Commissioner's Cup semifinals on Wednesday at the PhilSports Arena in Pasig City.

Kobey Lam scored the game-winning layup with 7.1 seconds left as the Dragons completed the comeback despite the challenge from June Mar Fajardo and Terrence Romeo.

Devon Scott tried to steal

the win for the Beermen, but he missed a jump hook just before time expired.

Andrew Nicholson led Bay Area, which got a headstart in its best-of-five series against SMB, with 30 points, 15 rebounds, three assists, two blocks and one steal, while Zhu Songwei added 19 points, one rebound and seven assists.

CJ Perez led SMB with 24 points, seven rebounds, and two assists, while Romeo finished with 21 points and four rebounds. **(PNA)**



BAY AREA. Andrew Nicholson of Bay Area soars for the jam against June Mar Fajardo at the start of the PBA Commissioner's Cup semifinals on Wednesday (Dec. 14, 2022) at the PhilSports Arena in Pasig City. Bay Area rallied from a 16-point deficit to steal Game 1 of their best-of-five series, 103-102. *(Photo courtesy of PBA Images)*

Ateneo sends UAAP Finals vs. UP to sudden death

MANILA — Ateneo forced a third and deciding game in the UAAP men's basketball finals after drubbing the University of the Philippines (UP), 65-55, in front of 20,616 fans at the Smart Araneta Coliseum in Quezon City.

"We lived to fight another day," Coach Tab Baldwin said after the Blue Eagles turned to its defense to hold off an error-prone Fighting Maroons squad that failed to sweep the best-of-three championship series.

UP actually had a chance to turn things around after cutting the lead down to nine, 63-54, with 4:46 left, but Ateneo held the team to only one point the rest of the way.

Ange Kouame led the Blue Eagles with 19 points, 11 rebounds, three blocks, and three steals, while Kai Ballungay added 15 points on 7-of-10 shooting.

Carl Tamayo made 15 markers, while JD Cagulangan added 11 for the Fighting Maroons in a game where newly-crowned season Most Valuable Player Malick Diouf was held to just two points.

Worse, they might play Game 3 on Monday night back at "The Big Dome" without Zav Lucero, who injured his knee in the fourth quarter of Game 2.

The Scores:

Ateneo 65 — Kouame 19, Ballungay 15, Padrigao 11, Daves 6, Chiu 6, Ildefonso 3, Gomez 2, Lazaro 2, Koon 1, Quitevis 0, Andrade 0.

UP 55 — Tamayo 15, Cagulangan 11, Fortea 9, Lucero 6, Alarcon 5, Abadiano 4, Diouf 2, Galinato 2, Spencer 1, Gonzales 0, Calimag 0, Lina 0.

Quarters: 20-19, 41-33, 57-44, 65-55. **(PNA)**



SUDDEN DEATH. Ange Kouame leads Ateneo to a decisive 65-55 Game 2 win against the University of the Philippines at the Smart Araneta Coliseum on Wednesday night (Dec. 14, 2022). The victory also sent the finals to a sudden death. *(Photo courtesy of UAAP Season 85 Media Team)*

PH wrestlers upbeat at pre-SEAG tourney in Cambodia



UPBEAT. A file photo of the national wrestling team training at the Medical and Scientific Athlete Services building inside the Rizal Memorial Sports Complex in Malate, Manila. The Philippine team is upbeat to perform well in the Southeast Asian championships which will start on Dec. 16 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. *(Contributed photo)*

MANILA — Members of the Philippine wrestling team, who arrived in two batches in Cambodia's capital city of Phnom Penh this week, are in high spirits as they look forward to the Southeast Asian Championships which will kick off on Dec. 16.

The men's team is composed of Michael Vijay Cater (Greco 55kg), Margarito Angana (Greco 50kg), Noel Norada (Greco 63kg), Joefer Callado (Greco 57kg), Jason Baucas (Greco 72kg), Jefferson Manatad (Greco 87kg), Alvin Lobreguito (Freestyle 57kg), Ronil Tubog (Freestyle 61kg), Jhonny Morte (Freestyle 65kg), Jefferson Calingayan (Freestyle 70kg) and Neonards Cervantes (Freestyle

79kg).

Participating in Women's Wrestling competition are Jiah Pingot (50kg), Maribel Angana (53kg), Aliah Rose Gavalez (55kg), Rea Grace Cervantes (57kg) and Mariane Mariano (59kg).

As a pre-SEA Games tournament, the Southeast Asian Wrestling Championships feature the best in the region.

Led by seven podium finishers at the 2022 Vietnam SEAG last May — silver medalists Manatad, Lobreguito, Morte, Tubog, Pingot and bronze medal winners Norada and Margarito Angana Jr.— the national wrestlers are expected to perform well against opponents who would be joining the 2023 Cambodia

SEAG.

With seven silvers and three bronzes, the Philippines finished third behind Vietnam (17 golds and one silver) and Cambodia (one gold, one silver and four bronzes).

The Cambodian wrestlers have shown their determination to win more medals as host of SEAG.

Last June, they pocketed three gold, three silver and one bronze medals at the Wrestling and Beach Wrestling Championships of Thailand.

They have also improved a lot since training under Iranian coach Komeil Ghasemi in 2021. Ghasemi won the freestyle 120kg gold medal at the 2012 London Olympics. **(PNA)**

PBBM leads ceremonial awarding of housing units to Caviteño beneficiaries



President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. during the ceremonial turn-over of housing units from the National Housing Authority (NHA) in Naic, Cavite on Monday, December 5, 2022
The government has 30,000 housing units in its inventory which will be distributed simultaneously all over the country in time for the Christmas season. (Photos: PIA 4A - CALABARZON)



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TRECE MARTIRES, CAVITE (PIA) – President Ferdinand Romualdez Marcos, Jr. heads the ceremonial turnover of housing units this December 5 in Barangay Calubcob in the town of Naic.

The activity was part of the Simultaneous Turnover Ceremony of more than 30,000 housing units by the National Housing Authority (NHA) in partnership with the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD).

Naic LGU heads Mayor Raffy Dualan and Vice-Mayor Jun Dualan welcomed and joined the president as he inspected several units in the said housing project, and cordially spoke with the beneficiaries before the start of the ceremony.

NHA General Manager Joeben Tai, and DHSUD Secretary Jose Rizalino Acuzar joined the president in the awarding of Certificates of Eligibility of Lot Allotment (CELA) to five family

beneficiaries, and the Enhanced Units to twenty four Kapatiran members.

GM Tai shared that the more than thirty thousand housing units built in different parts of the country were the result of a series of housing inspections done to fulfill their mission to deliver quality, and better homes for the Filipino families.

“Build Better, More housing to give hope, better homes, and better lives for the

Filipinos,” stated Tai.

In his speech, PBBM expressed his utmost appreciation to the NHA and the DHSUD for their efforts and dedication to deliver on their promise to help Filipino families achieve their dream of having their own homes.

“Ito ay isang kongkretong hakbang tungo sa pagkamit ng ating pangarap na mabigyan ng maayos na matirahan ang ating mga kababayan. Ito ay malinaw na nagpapakita ng inyong dedikasyon sa

inyong sinumpaang tungkulin. Nananatili ang ating layunin na makapagpapatayo ng de-kalidad at maayos na pabahay para sa bawat Pamilyang Pilipino lalo na para sa mahihirap na kababayan,” PBBM stated.

The president addressed the concerned government agencies including the local governments to help the families to gain stability through livelihood and employment to be able to support themselves

and their families in their new communities.

On the other hand, PBBM appealed to the beneficiaries to take care of their new homes, to grow and prosper with their families along with the other families in their community.

At the end of his speech, the president wished everyone a Merry Christmas knowing that many Filipino families would be spending the yuletide season in their new homes. **(RBF/PIA-Cavite)**