

HRMO spearheads the PGC PRAISE Awards 2022

The provincial government of Cavite through the Human Resource Management Office and the Program on Awards and Incentives for Service Excellence (PRAISE) Committee spearheaded the PGC PRAISE Awards 2022 held at The Bayleaf Cavite in Gen. Trias City on December 22, 2022.

The awarding ceremony formally started through a welcome message of Provincial Administrator for Community Affairs Alvin Mojica, on behalf of Governor Jonvic Remulla. He then recognized the exemplary contribution rendered by the awardees to the provincial government.

Seventy-nine (79) service awardees were presented a plaque of appreciation and cash incentives for their dedicated service to the provincial government while the plaques and incentives for the thirteen (13) posthumous awardees were received by their family members.

Likewise, former Vice-Governor Jolo Revilla and former Board Members Edralin Gawaran, Valeriano Encabo, Felix Grepo and Ivey Jayne Reyes were recognized for completing their three (3) terms as elected official.

On the other hand, Dir. Maria Theresa R. Poblador, Director II of

Civil Service Commission-Cavite Field Office, presented a certificate of recognition to the Provincial Government of Cavite for achieving Maturity Level 2 in the system of Recruitment, Selection and Placement. She also encouraged all heads of offices and the entire PGC organization to practice the culture of recognition as it translates to more productive workforce.

In conclusion, Ms. Maria Fe M. Satsatin, OIC-HRMO, expressed her gratitude to all PGC offices who have been part of the success of the event.---PICAD



Calabarzon workers get second tranche of wage hike

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) — Minimum wage earners in Calabarzon will get an increase of P23 to P48 in their daily take-home pay following the implementation of the

second tranche of a wage order.

The Regional Tripartite Wages and Productivity Board (RTWPB) IV-A announced on Tuesday, January 3 that Wage

Order IVA-19 previously signed in May 2022 took effect last December 30.

Minimum wage earners in the region have already received an additional P3 to P49 daily increase during the

first tranche of the wage order last year.

The new minimum wage rate in the non-agricultural sector is set to P470 in the extended metropolitan area which includes the cities of

Bacoor, Imus, and Dasmariñas in Cavite; Binangalan and San Pedro in Laguna; Antipolo City, Cainta, and Taytay in Rizal.

Component cities and first class municipalities will receive a P28 wage increase or P429 daily rate.

Wage rate in the second and third class municipalities workers was set to P390 while the rate in the fourth to 6th class municipalities was set to P350.

Meanwhile, agricultural workers in the extended metropolitan area and component cities will now receive P429 daily; workers in first class municipalities will get

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PBBM admin activates thousands of areas under Broadband ng Masa program in 2022

The administration of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. has activated thousands of previously offline areas under the Broadband ng Masa (BBM) and Free Wi-Fi for All programs of the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT).

Reporting its accomplishments for 2022, the DICT said 4,757 live sites were activated in 17 regions, 75 provinces and the

National Capital Region under the government's digitalization initiative.

This is in addition to 606 cities and municipalities which have undergone digitalization.

To promote investments, the DICT carried out the Digital Startup Development and Acceleration Program (DSDAP), led the Brunei Darussalam-Indonesia-Malaysia-Philippines East ASEAN Growth Area (BIMP-

EAGA) ICT cluster for the year 2022-2025, and signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Singapore's ministry of communications and information.

In order to improve bureaucratic efficiency, the DICT launched the e-Gov Super App, the country's first one-stop platform for local and national government services that will streamline processes and transactions and

ensure ease of doing business for Filipinos.

To ensure social protection, the DICT pushed for the passage of the SIM Card Registration Act, monitored more than 1,000 cybersecurity threats, conducted sessions on Data Privacy Act, and launched Cybersecurity Awareness programs.

The DICT also listed in its year-end report its plans and targets for next year.

These include plans for digital infrastructure, investment promotion, as well as improvements in bureaucratic efficiency.

Under its digital infrastructure thrust, the DICT plans to complete the Broadband ng Masa's Luzon Bypass Infrastructure (LBI) Phase 1 in the first half of 2023, launch more than 15,000 free Wi-Fi sites, and improve satellite connectivity

with Starlink and Satellite Systems Providers and/or Operators (SSPOs).

To promote investments, the Digital Cities Program will set up Information Technology and Business Process Management (IT-BPM) locations in 31 cities by 2025 to generate jobs in the countryside.

The DICT will also push for the development and implementation of interagency initiatives such as the National ID of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), iLGU of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Vaxcert of the Department of Health (DOH), E-Commerce of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), and OFW App of the Department of Migrant Workers (DMW).

The DICT will also play a significant part in the implementation of the SIM Card Registration Law, being the agency mandated to collect SIM Card registries from public telecommunications entities (PTEs) and maintain the records.

And to protect the country from online threats, the DICT will develop the National Cybersecurity Plan for 2023

Dagupenyong atleta, wagi ng gintong medalya sa UAAP Season 85

LUNGSOD NG DAGUPAN (PIA) — Isang atleta mula sa lungsod ng Dagupan ang nag-uwi ng karangalan matapos makamit ang gintong medalya sa men's high jump category, isang major sports sa University Athletic Association of the Philippines (UAAP) Season 85 na naganap mula Nobyembre 30 hanggang Disyembre 4, 2022 sa Philsports Track and Field Oval sa Pasig City.

Si Alberto Ubando, bente tres anyos at residente ng barangay Bonuan Boquig, ay tumapos ng 1.91 metro

sa nasabing kategorya kung saan kinatawan niya ang National University at tinalo ang University of Sto. Tomas sa score na 1.88 meter.

Si Ubando ay dumaan sa mahigpit na pagsasanay sa kanyang unibersidad at sa lalawigan ng Cavite para maghanda sa UAAP.

Ngunit idinagdag niya na ang kanyang paaralan dito sa lungsod, ang Bonuan Boquig National High School (BBNHS), ay nananatiling malaking bahagi ng kanyang mga nagawa.

Pinuri ni Mayor Belen Fernandez,

alcalde ng lungsod, ang tagumpay ni Ubando bilang isang atleta.

"Inspirasyon kayo sa ating mga kabataang atleta sa Dagupan," ani Mayor Fernandez.

Dagdag pa niya, patuloy ang pagbibigay ng tulong at suporta ng gobyerno sa mga ganitong sports event.

Ang atletang si Ubando, na may taas na 5'11, ay tuwang-tuwa sa pagpapahalaga ng alkalde, idinagdag na bukod sa aktuwal na mga kaganapan sa palakasan, ito ang unang pagkakataon na kinilala ang kanyang mga nagawa sa isang seremonya.

Nasungkit din ni Ubando ang ginto sa high jump juniors



category sa 2017 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) event.

Siya ay nasa senior high school sa Arellano University noon.

Isa siyang bemedaled na atleta, si Ubando ay nakakuha rin ng silver medal para sa long jump at bronze medal para sa 4x100 relay mula sa NCAA noong 2017.

Ayon sa Education graduate mula sa National University, ang pagsisikap at sakripisyo

ay mahalaga sa sports.

Inalala niya kung paano siya nagsumikap upang malampasan ang mga hadlang bago siya umani ng tagumpay.

Nagpapasalamat si Ubando kay Romy De Guzman ng BBNHS na nagsilbi bilang kanyang trainer at coach sa kanyang mga unang taon sa pag-aaral.

"Wala ako kung nasaan ako ngayon kung wala ang tulong niya," ayon kay Ubando. **(JCR/AMB/RPM, PIA Pangasinan)**

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P390 daily; those in second to sixth class municipalities will receive P350 daily.

Those in the retail and service establishments with not more than 10 workers will receive an across-the-board increase of P23 giving them a P350 daily wage rate.

The minimum wage rate is given to employees who work for not exceeding eight hours a day.

According to the RTWPB IV-A, the wage hike is the government's response to the lower purchasing power of the peso, two-tiered wage system, poverty threshold, impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, comparability of wages vis-a-vis benchmark regions, and the dispersal of industries across the region. **(CH/PIA-Laguna; with reports from RTWPB IV-A)**

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maintained its safety in spite of the power failure encountered by the system.

As we continue to work to guarantee the safe return of normal flight operations, the Authority would also like to apologize and thank affected passengers for their patience in this unfortunate event.

The Philippine Air Traffic Management Center (ATMC), which

houses the equipment to the system, resumed partial operations with limited capacity at 4:00PM and normal operations have resumed as of 5:50PM on 1 January 2022.

Philippine Airlines flight 222 (4:55PM) and Cathay Pacific flight 930 (5:33PM) were the first flights to respectively land and take off at NAIA after the airport resumed normal operations. **(CAAP)**

Wrestler Lobreguito eyes 2023 SEA Games gold

MANILA — After winning the Philippines' only gold medal at the Southeast Asian Championships held from December 16-18 at the Phumin Phnom Penh University in Cambodia, wrestler Alvin Lobreguito is setting his sights on another golden performance in the 2023 SEA Games.

Lobreguito bagged the men's freestyle 57kg championship after earning the highest points in the round-robin competition. He beat Thailand's Nattawut Kaewkhuanthum (10-0), Vietnam's Khac Huy Phung (11-3) and Cambodia's Sophors Soeun (10-0) but lost to Indonesia's Zainal Abidin, 3-4.

"Masaya ako kasi hindi ko expected na mananalo ako. Lahat ng nakalabanan ko magagaling. Nag-focus lang ako sa kung ano ang dapat kong gawin (I am happy because I did not expect to win. All my opponents were very good. I just focused on what I need to do)," said the airman first class in an interview on Friday.

In his 11-year career as an athlete, Lobreguito earned a bronze medal at the 2017 Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games (AIMAG) in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan. He also has three SEA Games medals under his belt — two silvers (2019 Manila and 2022 Vietnam) and one bronze (2013 Myanmar).

The 30-year-old Lobreguito was born and raised in Bagong Silangan, Quezon City. The youngest among three siblings was a college sophomore taking up entrepreneurial management at the Quezon City Polytechnic University in Batasan when he decided to quit.

"Tumigil ako ng pag-aaral para makapag-concentrate

sa wrestling (I stopped schooling so I can concentrate on wrestling)," shared Lobreguito, who started training at the age of 14 under the supervision of former national playing coach Violeto Agustin, a second cousin from his father's side.

"My goal is to win the gold medal in the 2023 Cambodia SEA Games. It is achievable with proper training and exposure," said Lobreguito, who is busy preparing for his wedding in January next year.

Aside from one gold, the Philippines also pocketed five silver and five bronze medals in the Cambodia tournament, which served as preparation for next year's SEA Games.

Ronil Tubog (men's freestyle 61kg), Michael Vijay Cater (men's Greco Roman 55kg), Jason Baucas (men's Greco Roman 72kg), Jiah Pingot (women's freestyle 50kg) and Mariane Mariano (women's freestyle 59kg) bagged the silver medals while Jhonny Morte (men's freestyle 65kg), Jeferson Calingayan (men's freestyle 70kg),



WINNER Gold medalist Alvin Lobreguito from the Philippines (center) on the podium with bronze medalist Zainal Abidin of Indonesia (left) and silver medalist Khac Huy Phung of Vietnam during the awarding ceremony of the men's freestyle 57kg category at the Southeast Asian Championships in Phnom Penh, Cambodia on December 18, 2022. (Photo courtesy of United World Wrestling)

Margarito Angana Jr. (men's Greco-Roman 60kg), Jefferson Manatad (men's Greco-Roman 87kg), and Maribel Angana (women's freestyle 53kg) secured the bronze medals.

Noel Norada (men's Greco Roman 63kg), Joefer Callado (men's Greco Roman 57kg), Neonards Cervantes (men's Freestyle 79kg), Aliah Rose Gavalez (women's Freestyle

55kg) and Rea Grace Cervantes (women's Freestyle 57kg) missed the podium.

Aside from Lobreguito, Morte, Tubog, and Pingot and Margarito Angana Jr. were also Vietnam SEAG medalists.

Meanwhile, Vietnam, who ruled wrestling when it hosted the SEAG last May, topped the medal tally board with 18 golds, 11 silvers and one bronze.

Indonesia was second with six golds, nine silvers and three bronzes followed by Cambodia (3-3-13), Philippines (1-5-5), Thailand (1-2-6) and Singapore (1-0-2). Laos failed to win any medals.

Cambodia's three-gold performance in the pre-SEAG showed its determination to win more medals in the tournament proper slated May 5 to 17.

Last June, the

Cambodian wrestlers grabbed three golds, three silvers and one bronze at the Thailand Wrestling and Beach Wrestling Championships.

The big improvement can be credited to Iranian Komeil Ghasemi, the 2012 London Olympics freestyle 120kg gold medalist who has been training the Cambodian wrestlers since 2021.

(PNA)

Baguio keeps 'Batang Pinoy' crown

BAGUIO CITY — This summer capital has retained the top spot in the annual Batang Pinoy sports competition for athletes 15 years and below held in Vigan City, Ilocos Sur.

In a press release coursed through the City Public Information Office, city sports division head Gaudencio Gonzales said Baguio finished with a 31-30-39 gold-silver-bronze

medal output, ahead of closest rivals Pasig City (22-12-14) and Quezon City (21-10-15).

Gonzales said archery produced 11 gold, 8 silver, and 9 bronze medals,

taekwondo brought home an 8-4-6 medal tally, and Muay Thai with 5-3-4.

The city sent a 278-person delegation to the more than one-week sporting event from Dec. 17 to 22.

Gonzales said nine-year-old Jathniel Caleb Fernandez and Chass Mhaiven Colas led the archery haul with six and three-gold medal win, respectively.

Wushu, arnis, and swimming teams contributed one gold each.

Baguio also bagged the championship in 2018 and 2019, the last two editions before the onset of the coronavirus pandemic which resulted in the

cancelation of the games in 2020 and 2021.

Gonzales said a total of 17 events were played either in-person or virtually.

Among the events conducted virtually were arnis, dancesport, judo, karate, Muay Thai, Pencak silat, taekwondo, and wushu while in-person events were archery, athletics, badminton, chess, cycling, table tennis, swimming, weightlifting and game sports.

Aside from the championship trophy and two "Pursigido" (persistent) Awards from Milo, the city also received PHP3 million in check for the biggest medal haul. (PNA)



DPWH heeds PBBM directive to build bridges, farm-to-market roads to make life easier for farmers, common folks

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MANILA — The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) has heeded the directive of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. to make life easier for common folks as the agency continues to build, upgrade and rehabilitate bridges, flood control structures and school buildings.

Through a budget provided by the Department of Agriculture, the DPWH built some 75 kilometers of farm-to-markets roads from July to November this year as part of President Marcos' pledge to help farmers transport their harvest to public markets.

To ensure the unhampered transport of goods and services in the provinces, the DPWH built, upgraded, and rehabilitated a total of 112 bridges, 650 flood control structures as well as 2,575 school buildings for use of public school students.

The DPWH has also played an active role in disaster response like what it did in the aftermath of the magnitude 7.3 earthquake in Abra where the agency deployed thousands of personnel to help in the search, rescue and relief efforts.

In its report to Malacañang, the DPWH said it deployed more than 7,000 personnel as the government responded to several disaster areas brought about by earthquakes and the successive typhoons that hit the country this year.

Aside from personnel deployment, the DPWH also dispatched 1,711 pieces of equipment and cleared 168 road sections in multiple provinces from Luzon to Mindanao.

Responding to the President's call to build

high-quality and efficient infrastructure, the DPWH said in its accomplishment report that it has so far constructed, maintained and rehabilitated 1,105 kilometers of roads from July to November this year.

The DPWH's major infrastructure projects include the Cavite-Laguna Expressway, NLEX-SLEX Connector Road, Central Luzon Link Expressway, Cagayan de Oro River Flood Management project, Samar-Pacific Coastal Road and the Mindanao Growth Corridor Road Sector Project.

Also on the DPWH list are road network development projects in conflict-affected areas in Mindanao, Laguna-Lakeshore Road Network, Bataan-Cavite Interlink Bridge, Panguil Bay Bridge, Samal Island-Davao City Bridge and the Davao City Bypass Construction project.

The agency's key priority programs under the administration's 8-point socioeconomic agenda include a traffic decongestion program through the construction of high-standard highways and expressways, bypasses, diversion roads, flyovers and interchanges.

The DPWH is also actively involved in the Integrated and Seamless Transport System Program such as improving the Daang Maharlika, construction of inter-island linkages and mega bridges, and connecting gaps along national roads.

Through its Rural Roads Convergence Program, the DPWH will construct and upgrade access roads leading to tourism destinations, industry and trade corridors, RORO ports, airports and railway stations.

To support the Agri-

infrastructure Support Program, farm-to-market and farm-to-mill roads will be built, based on the DPWH program.

The DPWH also has programs on flood management, water management and basic social infrastructure support that will create more livable, sustainable and resilient communities. **(PND)**



CAAP's statement on the ATMC power supply failure

PASAY CITY -- The Communications, Navigation, and Surveillance/Air Traffic Management (CNS/ATM) System was a P10.8-billion project financed by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) that was completed on October 2017.

The CNS/ATM system provides various computer-aided safety measures in Air Traffic Control (ATC), and enhances safety through reduction of controller/pilot workloads and human errors. The new ATM System introduced Air Traffic Flow Management (ATFM) and Air Space Management (ASM) functions, which optimize the use of

airport capacity and the efficient use of airspace, hence minimizing delays and allowing more flexible and user-preferred air-route selection.

Previously, CAAP only used three radars which are stationed at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport in Pasay, in Clark, Pampanga, and in Tagaytay, Cavite to manage the Philippines' air traffic.

With the new CNS/ATM system, the country now has 13 radars (NAIA1, Clark, Tagaytay, Aparri, Laoag, Cebu-Mt. Majic, Quezon-Palawan, Zamboanga, NAIA2, Mactan, Bacolod, Kalibo, and Davao) covering around 70% of Philippine air space. Additionally, with the

introduction of the Automatic Dependent Surveillance – Contract (ADS-C) and the Controller-Pilot Data Link Communications (CPDLC), the CNS/ATM is able to cover 100% of the remaining oceanic airspace, hence increasing air traffic safety and capacity in the oceanic region of the Manila FIR.

The system was inaugurated on 16 January 2018 and commenced operations on 26 July 2019.

The incident that resulted in the loss of power in the system was due to a problem in the system's electrical network, with its uninterruptible power supply (UPS), which is to be used as backup

power supply, also failing. The main cause of the power supply problem is still being determined and is subject for investigation. The CAAP's Aerodrome and Air Navigation Safety Oversight Office (AANSOO) will be tasked to investigate the incident.

CAAP recognizes that the system is already behind when it was first used in 2019 and has made recommendations to the President on improving the country's air traffic management system.

Despite the circumstances, CAAP, alongside concerned authorities, has ensured that no aircraft or passengers were harmed. CAAP is grateful to its air traffic management officers, air navigation system officers, and other staff involved in ensuring that the country's air traffic