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TRB inspects CALAX construction phase



Trece Martires, Cavite (PIA) - The Toll Regulatory Board (TRB) on Thursday, January 12 inspected the 14kilometer operational segment of the Cavite-Laguna Expressway (CALAX) whose construction has reached more than 57 percent.

Once completed, CALAX will be connected to the Aguinaldo Highway expanding the road network to 45 kilometers. CALAX will then be connected to the Manila-Cavite Expressway (CAVITEX) to help decongest the major thoroughfares in Cavite and Laguna, the TRB said.

CALAX stretches from Mamplasan in Biñan, with interchanges at Laguna Technopark, Laguna Boulevard, Santa Rosa-Tagaytay Road, up to Silang East Interchange.

The TRB team led by Officer-in-Charge Josephine Turbolencia checked the expressway's operational system specifically its technological, safety, and

security features, including the Automatic License Plate Recognition (ALPR) cameras and Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) system.

The group also inspected the Silang (Aguinaldo) segment of CALAX which remained at 65 percent-completion due to right-of-way (ROW) issues critical to its construction completion.

Meanwhile, TRB said its government partner Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) is now on full swing with other project completion.

"While we work closely with DPWH to fast-track delivery of right-of-way, especially in the critical area in Silang, we continue to do construction work on areas where ROW has already been granted so as not to further delay the project," said MPCALA Holdings Inc. President Raul Ignacio. (RBF/PIA-Cavite with reports from MPT South)

Ugnayan sa Barangay visits anew Amadeo

Governor Jonvic and SK Federation Remulla visited anew the municipality of Amadeo thru the PGC Ugnayan sa Barangay program on January 10, 2023 at Amadeo National High School, where hundreds of constituents in attendance gathered and participated.

He was joined by the local officials of Amadeo led by Mayor Redel John Dionisio, Vice Mayor Joseph D. Legaspi and the entire in the province, and members of the also granted a garbage Sangguniang Bayan, together with ABC President Fred Bergado PICAD

President Jeric Bawar.

During the program 7th District Board Member Crispin Diego "Ping" Remulla was also present, and ask for continued support from his constituents, to pursue the progress and development of the town. Then, Governor Jonvic Remulla reported some plans and various development programs truck as requested by the municipality.---



DOST technologies at par with global technologies in the Consumer Electronics Show and Silicon Valley, USA

Science and Technology (DOST), in an effort to strengthen emerging technologies such as Semiconductor Manufacturing Services (SMS), Artificial Intelligence, Robotics, and Space Technology industry in the Philippines, presented engagement opportunities to scientists during the Consumer Electronics Show (CES 2023) in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA and Business Mission in Silicon Valley, San Francisco, California, USA from January 5-11, 2023.

CES is the most influential technology event in the world — the proving ground for breakthrough technologies and global innovators. This year, CES 2023 highlighted technologies on sustainability, digital health, metaverse, electric vehicles, transportation, and mobility from over 4,000 exhibitors thereby providing various insights and possibilities for the Philippines to utilize market intelligence and benchmarking.

The Philippine delegation, composed

The Department of Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA), the Semiconductor and Electronics Industries in the Philippines Foundation, Inc. (SEIPI) and the Philippine Trade and Investment Center (PTIC) sought possible partnerships with governments and key industry players through the Philippine Business Forum highlighting the country's investmentready environment. DOST participated in one of the fora, World Electronics Forum (WEF), where DOST Undersecretary Leah J. Buendia presented technologies and programs of the Philippine government which are at par with the emerging global technologies.

Technologies observed in CES 2023 include 1) SentiV from France, a scouting robot for monitoring field crops; 2) Agwa from Israel, an AI-assisted indoor home vegetablegrowing device; 3) Land Evaluation Engine by satellite data and AI from Japan, an of the DOST, the application for





Agwa from Israel, an Al-assisted indoor home vegetable-growing device (left) and Gul.Al a Philippine made mobile AI-powered plant growing system for optimum yield.

monitoring the lands of interest from space. Similarly, DOST Advance Science and Technology Institute (ASTI) has ongoing project counterparts such as 1) Robot for Optimized and Autonomous Mission-**Enhancement Response** (ROAMER), designed for detecting banana plantation monitoring, 2) Gul.AI, a mobile AIpowered plant growing system for optimum yield, and 3) DATOS, an AI-powered engine land feature detection from satellite images. The striking similarity in the functions between ASTI's projects and CES technologies demonstrate the relevance of its R&D activities and their potential to address

society's needs. "Similarly, as we vision to continuously be abreast with countries with cuttingedge technologies, we explored potential investment opportunities and areas for cooperation particularly with startup companies and universities in Silicon Valley," says DOST Undersecretary Leah J. Buendia. "We also recognize the importance of having a pool of experts in achieving this vision, hence we have the commitment of continuous knowledge

transfer and developing our home-grown science and engineering she added.

The DOST is the lead government agency that provides central direction,

and technological efforts and ensure that the results therefrom are geared and utilized in areas of maximum economic and social benefits for the people.





DOST Undersecretary Leah J. Buendia presented DOST's programs in 2023-2028 at the World Electronics Forum together with officials from DTI, DICT, PEZA, SEIPI and PTIC, and participants from the government and industry sectors

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WASHINGTON – US President Joe Biden welcomed the Golden State Warriors to the White House on Tuesday to celebrate their 2022 NBA Championship.

It marked their first visit to the White House since winning the 2015 title, as they avoided doing so during Donald Trump's years in office due to a high-profile clash with the former president.

"The last couple of years were pretty tough. You struggled in 2020, missed the playoffs in '21, and critics wondered if this team was gone for good as a championship team," Biden said in his remarks in the East Room.

"Fellas, I know what it feels like," he added.

Although the Warriors won the title in 2017 and 2018, they skipped visiting the White House as Trump said he would not be inviting them after Steph Curry, their star player, criticized him over some remarks he made about Black athletes. (Anadolu)



FIFA opens disciplinary case vs Argentina over World Cup behavior

MOSCOW - The International Football Federation (FIFA) announced on Friday that it opened disciplinary proceedings against Argentina for alleged offensive behavior after winning the 2022 World Cup final in Qatar last month.

The Argentine national football team became a three-time world champion when it defeated France in a penalty shootout in the finals.

After the game, a video of the Argentinian players celebrating was posted on the Internet, on which goalkeeper Emiliano Martinez announced a moment of silence in a dressing room for French footballer Kylian Mbappe - despite the latter having scored three goals against the Argentine during the tourney.

Martinez's continued to make more lewd gestures during the championship parade in Buenos Aires, where he showed a doll with an

attached photo of Mbappe.

Golden State Warriors return to

"The FIFA Disciplinary Committee has opened proceedings against the Argentinian Football Association due to potential breaches of articles 11 (Offensive behavior and violations of the principles of fair play) and 12 (Misconduct of players and officials) of the FIFA Disciplinary Code," the statement read.

The world football federation has also initiated a case against the Croatian Football Association for alleged violation of "discrimination" and "order and safety at matches" after the match for third place against the Moroccan team, which the Croatians won.

This was in connection with media reports that Croatian players Dejan Lovren and Marcelo Brozovic displayed fascist connotations during the end-of-the-tournament party. (Sputnik)



19 Siargao surfers to compete in La Union int'l tourney



SIARGAO SURFERS. Nineteen professional surfers from Siargao Island will compete in the World Surfing League (WSL) La Union International Pro that will be held from Jan. 20 to 26 this year. The surfing event will take place at The Point in Urbiztondo Beach, San Juan, La Union. (Photo courtesy of Rep. Bingo Matugas)

BUTUAN CITY -Nineteen professional surfers from Siargao Island in Surigao del Norte will see action in the Jan. 20 to 26 World Surfing League (WSL) La Union International Pro, an official said Wednesday.

"Our surfers are already on the competition site since Jan. 16, Monday. They need to familiarize the surfing site especially the waves of Urbiztondo Beach in La

Union," Surigao del Norte 1st District Rep. Francisco Matugas II said in a statement.

The international surfing event will feature men's and women's Qualifying Series 3,000 and the Longboard Qualifying Series (LQS) 1,000.

Matugas said that aside from his office, the local government unit of General Luna in Siargao is also extending its full support to the surfers.

. In a separate statement, the WSL said the La Union international surfing event "will be one of only a couple of Longboard events in the Asia Region in 2023."

"After the two LQS events, the top male and top female on the rankings will be awarded a spot on the 2023 WSL Longboard Tour which will run in the second half across four locations around the world," the WSL said. (PNA)

48 Bagwis-compliant SUNDAY TRIBUNG establishments recognized in Cavite

Cavite (PIA) - The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)-Cavite awarded Bagwis Certificate of

TRECE MARTIRES, Continuous Compliance to forty-eight (48) establishments in the province on Friday, January 20.

The validity of the

awards was extended for three (3) years for the establishments' continuous compliance with the Bagwis parameters.

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Pursuant to DAO 17-08, Series of 2017, Implementing Guidelines on the Grant of Bagwis Award to Business

Establishments that Uphold Consumers' Rights and Interest and Practice Business Ethics, the DTI-Bagwis Award is automatically revalidated upon confirmation of the DTI Provincial Office that an awardee establishment is consistently complying with the Bagwis parameters within three (3) consecutive years.

Reassessment of all existing Bagwis awardees in the respective jurisdiction could be done within three years before the expiration of the

award.

Also, three (3) establishments were awarded the Gold Bagwis Seal of Excellence: the SM Hypermarket Tagaytay; SM Supermarket Trece Martires, and Abenson HomePlus Kawit.

The DTI-Bagwis Program gives due recognition to establishments that uphold the rights of consumers while practicing responsible business where consumers get the best value for money. (RBF with reports from DTI-Cavite)





PGC's Ugnayan sa Barangay visits Tanza. Cavite Governor Jonvic C. Remulla together with Vice Governor Athena Bryana Tolentino and 7th District Board Member Ping Remulla once again visited the municipality of Tanza, this time in Poblacion 1 on January 9, 2023 thru the Ugnayan sa Barangay program of the provincial government.

The governor laid out the plans and programs of his administration for the benefit of Caviteños.

Local officials of Tanza headed by Mayor Yuri Pacumio warmly welcomed the Ugnayan sa Barangay team. Likewise, they extended their utmost gratitude for the services given to their constituents.-- PICAD