

Multi-sector agencies partner for OTOP hub launch



BACOR CITY, Cavite (PIA) – The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), the city government of Bacoor, and the Office of the 2nd District of Cavite Representative partner to initiate the launching of the One Town One Product (OTOP) hub located at the 2nd Floor Main Square Mall, Molino Boulevard last February 14.

Together, DTI Secretary Alfredo Pascual, Mayor Strike Revilla, and Congresswoman Lani Mercado-Revilla led the ceremony together with Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) Regional Director Lionel Dalope, DTI-Calabarzon OIC Regional Director Marissa Argente, Congressman Bryan Revilla, DTI-Cavite Provincial Director Revelyn Cortez, and Vice-Mayor Rowena Bautista-Mendiola.

This is the second OTOP hub in the province that aims to provide a venue for market access to OTOP products that help Micro, Small, and Medium-scale Enterprises (MSMEs) in the city to sell and

promote their Bacooreño brand products and services.

"I believe that giving opportunities to micro small enterprises will stabilize the local economy not only in the city of Bacoor, it will also provide a livelihood to those who make products, and give a higher level to the product that can be export," said ASEC Dominic Tolentino Jr.

This project was first planned by the then mayor of the city and now Congresswoman Lani Revilla and was pushed to implementation by Mayor Strike Revilla in collaboration with the City Livelihood and Negosyo Center.

"This is not just a personal achievement but a collective achievement of all sectors," stated Congresswoman Lani Revilla.

Likewise, in full support of the city government's efforts to reach more constituents of Bacoor City, Filinvest housed the OTOP hub at the Main Square Mall, one of its Lifemalls. **(RBF/PIA-Cavite)**

DA-ATI holds 2-day work ethics and accountability training

TRECE MARTIRES, CAVITE (PIA) – Around forty staff of the Department of Agriculture (DA) – Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) – CALABARZON participated in the two-day seminar-workshop on Public Service Ethics and Accountability held on February 8-9, 2023.

The activity was initiated thru DA-ATI's Administrative and Finance Unit with guest speakers and discussants from the Civil Service Commission Regional Office IV, Ms. Melania Guanzon, and Attorney Henry Pablo.

Topics discussed during the program were

the importance of public service values such as Patriotism, Integrity, Excellence, and Spirituality (PIES), the responsibility of officials and employees under the "Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees," and ways to fight corruption.

The activity also allowed the participants to conduct self-assessments through various workshops and accompanying activities.

At the end of the program, TCS II/ Center Director Rolando V. Maningas, Ph.D. emphasized that 'being a public servant requires

responsibility and accountability' and expressed hope for the participants to uphold high ethical standards in

delivering efficient services in the region. **(RBF/PIA-Cavite with reports from DA-ATI Calabarzon)**



Mahigit 400 katao, naserbisyuhan ng NTC sa SIM card registration



LUNGSOD NG BATANGAS (PIA)— Isinagawa ng National Telecommunications Commission (NTC)

Calabarzon ang assisted SIM Card registration sa Municipal Gymnasium sa bayan ng Agoncillo noong ika-9 ng Pebrero.

Katuwang ng NTC ang lokal na pamahalaan at tatlong telecommunications providers kabilang ang Smart,

Globe at DITO sa pagsasagawa ng naturang aktibidad.

Mahigit 400 mga residente ng naturang bayan ang nakinabang dito kung saan sila ay inasistihan ng tatlong network providers sa step-by-step procedure para sa pagrerehistro.

Ito ang ika-apat na bayan kung saan nagsagawa na ng assisted SIM card registration kung saan nauna na dito ang bayan ng Rosario, Lemery at Lian.

Sa panayam kay NTC Calabarzon Regional

Director Barcelona, tuloy tuloy lamang ang ganitong aktibidad ng kanilang ahensya katuwang ang mga telco providers upang maging 100% registered bago sumapit ang itinakdang deadline ng pagrerehistro.

Ilang mga bayan pa sa lalawigan ng Batangas ang nakahanay na pagdausan ng parehong aktibidad kabilang ang Lobo, Mabini, Balayan at Talisay. Mayroon ding mga schedules sa iba't-ibang mga bayan sa mga lalawigan ng

Laguna, Cavite, Rizal at Quezon sa buong buwan ng Pebrero hanggang Abril.

Ayon kay Rody de Leon, hepe ng Business Process Licensing Office (BPLO) at designated Information Officer sa Agoncillo, malaking bagay na may ganitong mga aktibidad dahil mas napapabilis ang registration lalo na ang mga senior citizens at PWDs dahil naituro sa kanila ang tamang paraan para makapagrehistro. **(MDC / PIA - Batangas)**

DTI Rizal joins Information Caravan for Coconut Farmers and Industry

Information Caravan on Coconut Farmers and Industry Trust Fund Act was successfully conducted last Wednesday, February 1, 2023 at the Ynares Covered Court of Brgy. Katipunan Bayani in Tanay, Rizal.

It was attended by farmer-representatives from the Province of Rizal particularly from Antipolo City, Municipalities of Jalajala and Tanay. Also present were representatives from

different implementing agencies of the Coconut Farmers and Industry Development Plan (CFIDP) including Department of Agriculture National Dairy Authority, Bureau of Animal Industry, Department of Agriculture-High Value Crops Development, Philippine Center for Post-Harvest Development and Mechanization, Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation, Department of Trade

and Industry, Department of Public Works and Highways, Commission on Higher Education, Technical Education and Skills Authority, Cooperative

Development Authority, Department of Science and Technology, Development Bank of the Philippines, Lank Bank of the Philippines, The Philippine Health

Insurance Corporation, and Philippine Coconut Authority as the lead implementor.

Mayor Rafael A. Tanjuatco of Tanay, Rizal welcomed everyone while Province of Rizal Governor Nina Ricci A. Ynares rendered words of wisdom, encouragement, and inspiration for the

coconut farmers being the beneficiaries of the program. The program was also highlighted by the different roles and programs each implementor will be during the implementation of the CFIDP. Queries and concerns by the farmers were also addressed during the program.



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CVHRDC Identifies Priority Goals in the Health Sector for 2023

Cauayan City, Isabela - The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Region 02 through Cagayan Valley Health and Development Consortium (CVHRDC) and Philippine Council Health Research and Development Consortium (PCHRDC) conducted a two-day Operation Planning Workshop on February 1-2, 2023.

The operational planning was conducted for the committee to have an in-depth understanding and key direction of CVHRDC's operation in 2023. This was also established in response to persistent clamors of people of region 02 to localize solutions to health problems, through Research and Development (R&D).

DOST Region 02 Regional Director Dr. Virginia G. Bilgera, welcomed the participants and encouraged them to learn more about ways in which they collaborate, innovate, serve and understand the problem of the health sector.

"Let us redefine our approach and start recalibrating our priority

goals to ensure that everyone everywhere is able to enjoy the highest attainable standard of health," she highlighted.

"Think further, the opportunities are already in our table to bring high quality and specialized care to everyone," she added

Meanwhile, the participants presented their operational plans on its second day which

comprises various committees such as the Governing Board, Capacity Building Committee, Research Ethics Committee, Research Management Committee, Research Utilization Committee and Structure Organization Monitoring and Evaluation Committee.

The said workshop was attended by

CVHRDC officials headed by Executive Director Julius T. Capili which he presented the Accomplishment Report for the year 2022 followed by the Monitoring and Evaluation reported by the Regional Program Officer of DOST-PCHRDC-Institution Development Division, among others. (Dave Masirag)

DTI Rizal through Negosyo Center Taytay conducts "Starting your own Business cum DTI Programs and Assistance" Seminar

The Department of Trade and Industry, Negosyo Center Taytay conducts consultation/seminar regarding business and how to start a business last January 26, 2023 from 9am to 12pm.

The said activity was organized and requested by Mr. Bryan Carlo Teodosio and Ms. Rosita Santos of Multiversity, a non-government organization that works directly with urban and rural communities in selected areas in Metro Manila that had been advocating for basic social services, disaster risk reduction and management and other advocacies towards community development.



Type of participants were groups engaged in business particularly on garments manufacturing to single proprietors, while others are still not registered business and

still starting. Total number of participants is thirty (30).

The speaker is Negosyo Center Taytay Business Counselor Mr. Raymond S. Melendres. He discussed the

importance of knowing your business inside and out, the raw material suppliers and buyers. It was also explained that proper identification of production cost is very

important in coming up with a mark-up price, and that unwanted production expenses should be eliminated to increase income. Steps in registering a business were also

discussed, as well as the Barangay Micro Business Enterprise (BMBE) registration and its benefits. Lastly, others DTI assistance and programs were also briefly tackled.

MMDA set to open a center for disaster preparedness training

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QUEZON CITY, (PIA)

-- The Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) is set to open a center for disaster preparedness training that will provide instruction to help emergency and calamity responders prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters.

The training center aims to improve and institutionalize disaster response measures in the metropolis and to provide a safe, conducive, and controlled learning environment to capacitate individuals and stakeholders on emergency response and public safety that outlines the effective management of emergency situations and all matters related that may occur in the face of a crisis.

In a news release, MMDA Acting Chairman Atty. Don Artes, the MMDA Disaster Preparedness Training Center was conceptualized after the agency saw the gaps in the capacity-building and training of rescuers after an earthquake hit

Abra province in October last year, where rescuers had to come from different areas.

"The agency saw the need to build a center that will focus on disaster response to empower rescuers and provide those affected by disasters with immediate assistance," Artes said.

It is also a preparatory measure to avoid estimated casualties in the event that a 7.2-magnitude quake hits Metro Manila, according to the 2004 Metro Manila Earthquake Impact Reduction Study (MMEIRS) conducted by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

In the study, the estimated impact of the quake, which is called "The Big One," may reach at least 35,000 people dead, 120,000 injured, and an economic loss reaching 2.5 trillion pesos.

The center, with a lot area of more than one hectare, will be furnished with the necessary facilities, and tools to provide



participants with an experiential learning opportunity. It will be built on a vacant property of the MMDA at the Carmona Sanitary Landfill in Cavite City.

The Disaster Preparedness Training Center will feature four training facilities: Rappelling tower, Confined Space Structure, Wrecked Building with Structure

Rubble Pile, and Pancake Collapsed Structure which will provide training on real-life rescue scenarios.

The rappelling tower is designed to provide trainees with the skills required for safe, effective, and reliable methods of rescuing trapped and injured persons from elevated structures or areas of difficult access; confined space structures to provide individuals with collapsed structure rescue tasks with the knowledge and skills necessary to search for, stabilize, and extricate victims trapped in structures using the safest and most appropriate procedures; wrecked buildings with structured rubble piles to provide training that involves the location, extrication, and initial medical stabilization of victims trapped or

missing; and pancake collapsed structures to provide a training ground for building appears to have fallen in a "pancake collapse" scenario wherein a building's lower floors or foundation triggers the top floors to collapse vertically in the floors below.

The Center, expected to open before the end of the year, will initially cater to 17 Metro Manila Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Offices (MDRRMOs), and will soon accommodate other government agencies, barangay auxiliaries, fire volunteer groups in the Metropolis, and rescuers from other provinces. A medical clearance is required for an interested rescuer before he/she can participate to ensure that he or she is physically fit to undergo

the training.

"We will provide them with two-week trainor's training using our existing equipment, such as life locators and vibrascopes, among others, so we can produce more rescuers that can extend immediate disaster response assistance to nearby areas should an earthquake occur," Artes said.

The agency will also procure additional modern rescue equipment and preposition those to four quadrants in Metro Manila, as stated in the Oplan Metro Yakal Plus, or the Metro Manila Earthquake Contingency Plan.

The MMDA sent its contingent that formed part of the Philippine rescue team to earthquake-stricken Turkey last week. (mmda/pia-ncr)

