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Youth Summit against drug use launched in Cavite

IMUS CITY, Cavite (PIA) – The Cavite Police Provincial Office spearheaded a youth summit recently in an effort to empower youth as partners in the government's continued

fight against illegal drugs.

According to Cavite PPO Director P/Col. Christopher F. Olazo, the summit supports the BIDA or the Buhay Ingatan, Droga'y Ayawan

anti-illegal drug advocacy program of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and the KASIMBAYANAN (Kapulisan, Simbahan at Pamayanan) program of

Philippine National Police Chief Rodolfo Alinzunurin.

Olazo said the summit hopes to mobilize, equip and empower the youth sector in the province to

be strong partners for the anti-illegal drugs campaign and community mobilization program of the government.

It also targets to raise awareness about

the dangers of illegal drugs and substance use and promote a drug-free lifestyle.

DILG Undersecretary for Barangay Affairs Felicito A. Valmocina graced the event as the guest of honor and speaker.

During the program, CALABARZON Battle Against Drugs (BAD) Regional Director Rev. Ephraim T. Segovia also gave a lecture on the background and objective of BAD while resource speakers from the Hands Off Our Children Movement Advocacy shared their insights and real-life experiences on drug abuse.

The Cavite PPO expressed hopes that the event will serve as an activator for more initiatives that promote healthy and responsible living among the youth in the province. **(Ruel B. Francisco, PIA Cavite)**

CAVITEX C5 Link Segment 2 construction set with new contractor deal

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite (PIA) – The Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC) through its subsidiary, Cavitex Infrastructure Corporation (CIC), signed a contract with a new contractor, the China Road and Bridge Corporation (CRBC) to lead the Phase 2 construction works at the CAVITEX C5 Link Segment 2.

The signing ceremony between the two conglomerates with

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EDITORIAL

Future-proofing through digitalization, technology advancements

Companies around the globe are noticeably banking on technological advancements to grow their businesses and maintain the efficiency and relevance of their products, services and systems.

In the Philippines, the MVP Group has been espousing the adoption of technological developments to make lives better for its customers and the public it serves.

In his recent interview with Context PH, MVP Group Chairman Manuel V. Pangilinan or MVP underscored the plans and programs aimed at improving the delivery of services across various companies and units.

According to him, growing the Philippines' largest telecommunications and digital services provider PLDT is hinged on a two-pronged approach. One is to continuously develop the core business which is to provide fixed-line and wireless telco services.

"We have to focus on that because that's really where the future values would be -- solutions and applications for both individuals and companies," MVP was quoted as saying in his interview, adding that he is encouraging PLDT to take a piece of equity in trailblazing technologies the MPIC group is setting up.

On the power sector meanwhile, MVP

earnestly talked about the technology that is garnering much attention today -- the adoption of nuclear. Its arrival in the country is imminent, that much he believes, but it will still take several years for the country to fully be able to utilize the technology for distribution scale.

Meralco, group's power subsidiary and the country's biggest electric distribution utility, has included sourcing from nuclear technology as part of its long-term plans under the sustainability agenda "Powering the Good Life".

In order to lay the groundwork for this, MVP harped on the importance of human capital, "Are we preparing ourselves for that day? Do we have enough nuclear people -- nuclear scientists, nuclear engineers, such as we can operate a plant properly once built. We should prepare for that day by sponsoring scholarships for nuclear engineers so we have adequate staff," he said.

MVP also put emphasis on capability-building from the government side, particularly on regulatory, to be able to understand the risks associated with nuclear plants. "Otherwise, it will be like the blind leading the blind, so we got to prepare for that day," he said.

He has high hopes that positive developments will come into fruition, especially since the current administration, under President Bongbong Marcos is seriously pushing for nuclear as the power technology of the future.

In fact, even beyond power issues, MVP said he

is "pleasantly surprised" at the governance style of President BBM. He expounded, saying, "The president is very engaging. He has a quick grasp of the issues, intellectually curious, he asks relevant questions. Very basic to him is he really means to do something good for his people and I think he's very serious about it."

For the business community, this is a good start, as President BBM is also perceived as receptive to the private sector's help in terms of projects and initiatives that will fuel economic growth, consequently improving Filipinos' lives.

Reflective of the telco and power businesses' drive towards innovation, businesses within the MVP Group follow suit. The group has expressed support to the GoDigital agenda of the government's Private Sector Advisory Council through digitalization of its companies' operations. Maynilad launched its Customer Care QR code as a convenient means for its customers to initiate contactless transactions.

All these initiatives and programs point to how MVP is a man ahead of the times -- his growth mindset cascading from the boardroom to the thousands of employees who man the MVP group's critical businesses, so that consumers, the public, and most especially the country, will ultimately benefit from a vision of a better Philippines. (By Joe Zaldarriaga)

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CIC represented by its President and General Manager, Mr. Raul L. Ignacio, and CRBC Philippine branch General Manager Mr. Ren Xiaopeng signaled the commencement of the construction works.

According to CIC President and GM Raul L. Ignacio, the CAVITEX C5 Link is a vital segment of the Manila-Cavite Toll Expressway Project (MCTEP), with 3.8-kilometer (Segment 3A1 and 3A2) segment open to the motoring public that serves more than 16,000 vehicles daily.

"Still, we have a long way to go. This is something we cannot do alone, hence our search for a contractor that would be up for the task-delivering world-class quality infrastructure for our motorists within our timeline. We are glad that our new partner China Road and Bridge Corporation (CRBC) took on the challenge," Ignacio said.

CRBC is a pioneer in the international engineering contracting market in China and has been in

the Philippines for nearly 30 years. The company focuses on global civil engineering and construction projects such as roads, bridges, ports, tunnels, railways, municipal works, dredging, and airports. The Central Luzon Link Expressway (CLLEX) Phase 1 Package 2, the Estrella-Pantaleon, and Binondo-Intramuros Bridge are among them.

CIC and CRBC target to start phase 2 of the construction for the CAVITEX C5 Link Segment 2 this first quarter of 2023, and sees opening it to the public before the year ends.

CAVITEX C5 Link Segment 2 is a 1.9-kilometer, 2x3 lane expressway that will connect CAVITEX R-1 (Coastal Rd.) from Paranaque Toll Plaza to Sucat thru R-1 Interchange. It is expected to reduce travel time to Sucat Road from CAVITEX R-1 and vice versa by 10 minutes. **(Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite with reports from MPTC)**



Cavite enthusiastically joins in the 2023 Women's Month Celebration

In recognizing the contribution of brave and empowered women across the province, the Cavite Gender and Development Focal Point System, together with the Provincial Social Welfare and

Development Office, spearheaded the 2023 Women's Month Celebration that took place on March 29, 2023, at the Provincial Gymnasium, Trece Martires City.

The event was graced by Hon. Athena Bryana Tolentino, Cavite Vice Governor, Hon. Romel Enriquez, 1st District Board Member and Committee Chairperson on Social Services, Family, Women, Children and Elderly, and Provincial Administrator for Community Affairs Mr. Alvin Mojica, with Provincial Board Secretary Ms. Michelle Alcid, PSWDO head Ms. Felipa Servañez, HRMO head Ms. Maria Fe Satsatin, PHDMO head Ms. Karen Tupas, and Provincial Information Officer Ms. Denesse Cajulis.

In his opening speech, PA Mojica imparted that the provincial government of Cavite is a gender sensitive workplace and the administration will continue in organizing programs

and activities for women empowerment.

As part of the celebration, Vice Governor Tolentino, presented the Provincial Gender and Development (GAD) Code to enlighten everyone of its provision, while BM Enriquez gave updates on the other declarations and celebrations. He, then, emphasized the involvement, engagement, and empowerment of women in society.

Among the services and activities that took place during the provincial WMC were eye and general check-up, breast examination, health risk assessment and nutrition counselling, family planning services, HIV counseling and testing, first dose of HPV vaccination, and Oral prophylaxis. Booths of various offices and sponsor brands were also featured including Sister's Napkin Product, Human Nature, Adventist Community

Service, PCLEDO, PICTO & LINKod Kabitenyo, PTCAO, OPA, PLO, TESDA, PNP-Cavite, and POPCOM.

For the successful conclusion of the event, Ms. Servañez expressed her heartfelt gratitude to everyone who partook in making the celebration possible. "Tunay pong di matatawaran ang papel ng ating mga kababaihan sa lipunan. Kaya salamat po inyong angking katapangan, pagpupunyagi sa sakripisyo para sa aming lahat.," she stated.

With impactful programs like this, women from all walks of life will be inspired to continue their pursuit of excellence and become agents of change. The launching of the new WMC theme, "We for gender equality and inclusive society", marked a juncture in advocating gender equality and women empowerment, creating a harmonious connection and working for a more equitable society.

#NWMC2023
#WecanbeEquALL

WOMEN'S Mini Trade Fair 2023

in Celebration of 2023 National Women's Month

**22 - 23 6am
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Trade and Industry Parking Lot
along Jupiter St., Makati City





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CAVITEX, C5 LINK, and CALAX naghahanda para sa pagtaas ng dami ng trapiko sa long weekend

Nakahanda na ang Metro Pacific Tollways South (MPT South), isang subsidiary ng Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC), ang toll road development arm ng Metro Pacific Investments Corporation (MPIC), sa 'exodus' ng mga motorist sa darating na five-day long weekend holiday mula Abril 6 hanggang Abril 10, 2023.

Inaasahan ng toll road operator ang mahigit 10% hanggang 15% na pagtaas sa bilang ng mga sasakyang dadaan sa mga high-speed road networks nito, mula sa karaniwang 160,000 daily travelers sa Manila-Cavite Expressway (CAVITEX), 16,000 sa CAVITEX C5 Link, at 34,000 sa Cavite-Laguna Expressway (CALAX), sa kasagsagan ng long weekend.

Para makatulong sa pagpapaghinawa sa biyahe ng mga motorista, inilagay ng MPT South ang operasyon nito sa 'high alert' status at muli nitong bubuhayin ang "Safe Trip Mo, Sagot Ko (SMSK)" Motorist Assistance Program mula 6AM ng Abril 5 hanggang 6AM ng Abril 11, 2023 sa mga expressway. Dadagdagan nito ang on-ground personnel gaya ng traffic marshall, toll assists, standby emergency medical services, at incident response teams na tutugon sa mga nangangailangang motorista.

Sa ilalim ng programa, libre ang towing services para sa CLASS 1 vehicles patungo sa pinakamalapit na exit sa nabanggit na petsa. Katuwang ng MPT South ang joint venture partner na Philippine Reclamation Authority, sa pamamagitan ng operator nito na PEA Tollway Corporation (PEATC), sa



pagpapatakbo ng SMSK program sa CAVITEX.

Bukas rin 24/7 ang mga tanggapan ng toll road company para umalalay sa mga motorist sa mga sumusunod: 24/7 Customer Service Centers, 24/7 Customer Care Hotline 1-35000, at mga 24/7 social channels (Facebook: fb.com/caviteexpressway, fb.com/OfficialCALAX, at Twitter accounts: twitter.com/caviteXpressway, twitter.com/OfficialCALAX).

"We always encourage our motorists to avail of the free Easytrip RFID and ensure sufficient load balance in their Easytrip RFID for smoother travel. This makes toll transaction quicker, more efficient, helping reduce traffic congestion especially now that we are almost at the pre-pandemic

level and more cars are seen traversing the roads," ani Mr. Raul L. Ignacio, President and General Manager ng MPT South.

"Easytrip RFIDs can now be used on all toll roads in Luzon," paalala ni Ignacio. Kailangan lamang i-enroll ng mga Easytrip RFID users sa Auto sweep ang kanilang account para magamit ito sa mga non-MPTC toll roads."

Ang mga Easytrip services sa Customer Service Centers ng CAVITEX C5 Link at CALAX ay mananatiling bukas sa holiday sa regular nitong schedule (Reloading-24/7, Installation at Autosweep Enrollment-5AM hanggang 10PM), habang 24/7 naman sa CAVITEX Customer Service Centers -Manila at Cavite bound (maliban sa Biyernes Santo na hanggang

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12AM lamang). Para sa listahan ng mga Easytrip stations at schedule nito, maaaring bumisita sa www.easytrip.ph/subscription sa official Facebook account ng Easytrip (fb.com/easytripPH).

Maaari ring mag reload at mag check ng balanse ang mga motorist sa papamagitan ng online app na MPT Drive Hub na magagamit sa mga IOS at Android devices. Makikita rin dito ang mga passages sa toll plaza, listahan ng toll fee, at kondisyon ng trapiko sa mga MPTC expressways.

Bukod dito, hinikayat

din ng MPT South ang mga 'ka-biyahero' na sulitin ang long weekend at mag magtungo sa mga magagandang destinasyon sa South na mabilis na mararating gamit ang mga toll road ng MPT South. Para sa mga nagnanais na makapunta sa iba't ibang exciting adventures at pasyalan sa mga probinsya ng Cavite at Laguna, ang social channel ng 'Biyaheng South' Facebook (@biyahengsouth), at Instagram (@biyahengsouthph) ay makatutulong sa pagbibigay ng rekomendasyon. Maaaring bisitahin ng

mga ka-biyahero ang garden capital ng Silang, ang historical sites sa Kawit at Imus, ang Amadeo nakilalabilang coffee capital, at iba pa.

Ang MPTC ay ang pinakamalaking toll road developer at operator sa bansa. Bukod sa CALAX at CAVITEX road networks, kabilang sa portfolio nito ang concession para sa North Luzon Expressway (NLEX), ang NLEX Connector Road, ang Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway (SCTEX), at ang Cebu-Cordova Link Expressway (CCLEX) sa Cebu.

DTI joins National Women's Month celebration through a mini trade fair

QUEZON CITY, (PIA) – The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Bureau of Domestic Trade Promotion (BDTP) and the Resource Generation and Management Service, in cooperation with the Regional Operations Group, will mount the Women's Mini Trade Fair on March 22 to 23 from 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the DTI Head Office, Trade and Industry

Parking Lot along Jupiter St., Makati City.

The mini-trade fair will feature 20 women-led enterprises and their rich selection of food and non-food products from Nueva Vizcaya, Bataan, Laguna, Cavite, Rizal and the NCR.

The exhibitors include Alion Kapit-Bisig Sea-K Association Inc., Amanda's Marine Products, Bataan Mango Growers

Agriculture Cooperative, Beakris House of Goodies, Gloria's Delicacies, Magpoc's Araro Cookies, Ruthy's Food Products, Terio's Food Products, Blue Macay Food Manufacturing Corporation, Sol's Italian Food, Switsis Food Products, Marc Daniel's Food Products, Sanja's Delicacies, Yzhny Enterprise, Four H Handicrafts, Tess Enterprise, Luckygemsbiz General

Merchandise, Diana Stalder by Dermaline, JMU Belt Collection, and RLM7 Enterprise.

Shoppers, resellers, and distributors from Metro Manila and nearby provinces will relish buying directly from the suppliers of processed meat and seafood products, native delicacies, fresh mangoes, vegetables, healthy beverages, personal care and wellness products, fashion accessories,

handicrafts, gifts, and souvenir items.

The National Women's Month celebration will continue with a DTI Bagsakan Sa Intramuros to be held on March 25 through April 2 at Fort Santiago in time with the grand launch of the Go Lokal! Store x Manila Canvas at the country's historic walled city of Intramuros, Asia's Leading Tourist Attraction for 2022. (dti/pia-ncr)