



PH rep for US dance competition wins in Vigan Binatbatan Fest ahead of int'l stint



VIGAN CITY, Ilocos Sur (PIA) – Ahead of representing the Philippines in the Body Rock Resurrection Dance Competition in San Diego, California on June, the Chikletz Family dance crew triumphed in the Vigan Binatbatan Hip Hop Dance Festival.

The team from Silang Cavite participated in the seventh year of the city's dance competition at the Plaza Burgos on Saturday night, April 29. Competing with thirteen other crews, the Chikletz Family composed of 16- to 24-year-old talents who performed to the tune of the classic, Footloose took home the first prize of P50,000 including the trophy and certificate.

Their coach, Francis Harry B. Gonzales said, "We are so grateful to experience this in Vigan City, and we are very delighted to come here." "Most especially, we are so happy because we won. We hope to come back next year to defend our title as the champion," he added.

Meanwhile, Hype Impact Family from Olongapo, Zamboanga won P40,000 as the second placer and

Electro Groovers from Quezon City received P30,000 for placing third.

The youngest member of the latter, 12-year-old Ariel Engada shared his joy winning in the Binatbatan Dance competition.

"Sobrang saya po kasi pinaghandaan po namin ito, nag-practice po kami mula kaninang madaling araw. Ginagawa lang po talaga namin is mag-focus kada training po and dasal lang po," Engada said.

Moreover, this city's Sangguniang Panlungsod Member, Lawyer Glendale Benzons said, "This



festival is called festival of the arts, that is why we wanted to incorporate all mediums. So this time we gave importance to this dance festival's seventh year, I believe

this was stopped for the previous years so acknowledge the fact that this is another medium of art so we wanted to give the dancers an opportunity and an avenue to

showcase their craft."

Additionally, the fourth placer in the said competition, Fuego Eterno from Marikina City won P20,000, whereas the Certified Urban Snap from Santo

Tomas, Pampanga was awarded P10,000 for being the fifth placer.

All competitors received P5,000 as consolation prize. (JCR/MJTAB/ATV, PIA Ilocos Sur)

RDC, partners stage grand Innovation Day Expo in NorthMin

In celebration of the National Innovation Day on April 21 as mandated by the Philippine Innovation Act and the vibrant innovation ecosystem of Northern Mindanao led the Regional Development Council (RDC) in region 10 and partners to stage a three-day exposition of innovation impact, interactive experience and investment opportunities activities in April 20-22, 2023 at

SM Uptown, Cagayan de Oro City

The three-day event was made possible through the leadership of the lead convenor, the National Economic Development Authority. The co-convenors are the Regional Research, Development and Innovation Committee through the Department of Science and Technology; Regional Inclusive Innovation Centers (RIICs) through

Department of Trade and Industry, and the Cagayan de Oro Chamber of Commerce as lead program coordinator.

Several partner government agencies have also contributed resource speakers, technologies, and innovation. Among these agencies are the Department of Information Communication and Technology (DICT),

Department of Agriculture, PHILHEALTH, Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines, Philippine Information Agency, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority, and more. Partner state universities and colleges, various consortia, innovation hubs, LGUs, and the SM CDO uptown are also active partners of this event.

As one of the leading catalysts for innovation in the Philippines, DOST showcased its program, projects, and technologies for MSMEs, people's organizations, students, and industry-partners anchored in the theme, "Strengthening the Innovation Ecosystem in Region X."

Among the highlights of the agency is the showcasing of

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Cavite Pharmacists on HIV, SOGIESC and PrEP Orientation

To educate and raise awareness about HIV prevention and promote sexual and gender diversity, the Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC), through the Provincial Health Office (PHO), in partnership with the Philippine Society of Hospital Pharmacists - Cavite Chapter (PSHP), carried out an Orientation on HIV 101, SOGIESC and PrEP at Cavite Collaboration Center for Public Health, Trece Martires City on April 26, 2023.

The program started with the acknowledgment of participants by Ms. Raquel R. Burgos, RPh, MBA, PSHP Chapter President.

Likewise, Dr. Nonie John Dalisay, head of Cavite PHO, welcomed the attendees and assured them that the PHO in general is very supportive in any activities related to health and quality services.

Ms. Haydelisa Maderazo, Registered Nurse and Provincial HIV Program Coordinator, gave a lecture on HIV disease - its myths, symptoms, transmission, and treatment. She also discussed the impact of the disease on individuals and society, encouraging people to get tested and enumerating the facilities and hubs that offer free HIV screening and testing in Cavite province.

In the second part of the orientation, Mr.

Symson G. Maquera, Area Regional Coordinator of DOH Region IV - A (CaLaBaRZon), tackled the topic Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, Expression, and Sex Characteristics. Mr. Maquera engaged the participants by asking what they thought when they heard the words lesbian, gay, and transgender. As he walked around the venue, gathering feedback from participants, he was pleased to see how people had already built positive, safe and inclusive spaces for the LGBTQ+ community.

Following the SOGIESC topic, Mr. Maquera also delivered a presentation on the role of Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) in HIV prevention. He shared the proper use, dosage, benefits, and effectiveness of PrEP for safer intercourse and practices.

The talks of the resource speakers give hope in removing stigmatization and promoting positive attitudes toward sexual and gender differences, as well as, people living with HIV.

Various exhibitors were also present in the activity, including



Medhart Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Delex Pharma International Inc., Dynasty

Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Medhaus Pharma Inc., Sannovex Pharmaceuticals, Natrapharm,

ERS Enterprise, Bbraun, BVS Bioscience Phils, Ins. and Mega Soft Hygienic Products, Inc.

Leadership Training for TMCC student-leaders

The Provincial Youth and Sports Development Office headed by Mr. Rode Vincent Bae, collaborated with Trece Martires City College (TMCC) - College Governance Student Government (COG-SG) in spearheading the leadership training for

student-leaders at the Provincial Gymnasium, Trece Martires City on April 25, 2023. The event aims to equip the attendees with necessary knowledge and skills to be successful and effective leaders.

Ms. Clariez A. Mendoza, COG-SG

President, commenced the program by recognizing the participants of the event. She, then, remarked that the training would significantly help enhance the students' leadership abilities and empower them, as they are the future leaders of

their community. Hence, she stated, "It is crucial to learn how to live with purpose, vision, and passion."

Subsequently, Mr. Paul John C. Madrigal, COG-SG Adviser, Dr. Arnulfo F. Perez, TMCC VP for Administration, Dr. Roman M. Salazar, VP for Academic Affairs, gave motivational messages that emphasized the importance of student-leaders and youths in community development.

Additionally, they stressed the significance of discipline to become good leader and how being a good follower is the pre-requisite of being good at leading others.

Ms. Alvin S. Mojica, Provincial Administrator for Community Affairs, conveyed that the

provincial government will always support all the programs and activities, especially those related to the youth.

Afterwards, Dr. Alex B. Brillante, Jr., Professor Emeritus of UP National College of Public Administration and Governance, presented a lecture on Future Thinkers as Policy Makers, mentioning about changing the mindset towards the vision.

On a similar note, Mr. Amerson R. Aguineldo, Region IV-A Area Officer of the National Youth Commission, presented the Importance of Youth Involvement in Community Development, based on R.A 8044 or the Youth in Nation-Building Act.

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PBBM: MDT, CLIMATE CHANGE, TREATY DEALS REVIEW AMONG AGENDA OF US TRIP

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. on Monday said his government will seek a review and assessment of the treaty agreements signed between the Philippines and its long-time ally, the United States, as well as enhance partnerships on climate change mitigation and adaptation.

"Well, siyempre liliwanagin natin ulit ang talagang mga treaty agreement sa gitna ng Pilipinas at saka ng Amerika at titingnan natin kung dahil nga maraming pagbabago ay 'yung climate change ay naging malaking bagay at magpapatulong tayo na para ano bang mga puwedeng gawin, ano bang mga strategy na puwedeng gawin," said the President in an interview with broadcaster and former Social Welfare Secretary Erwin Tulfo on Monday.

The chief executive said Manila and Washington officials will discuss commitments to the Mutual Defense Treaty (MDT), a 70-year-old accord between the two allies.

"We have to evolve it. It has to evolve dahil nag-e-evolve din, kailangan ina-adjust adjust din natin 'yan

dahil mayroon din talagang evolution, nagbabago rin sa sitwasyon na hinaharap natin dito sa South China Sea, sa gitna ng mga pangyayari, sa Taiwan, sa North Korea, lahat itong mga ano, na medyo umiinit ang sitwasyon dito sa atin," said the President.

The Philippines earlier named Naval Base Camilo Osias in Santa Ana, Cagayan; Lal-lo Airport in Lal-lo, Cagayan; Camp Melchor Dela Cruz in Gamu, Isabela; and Balabac Island in Palawan as additional EDCA locations.

The proposal to add additional EDCA locations was announced by the Philippines and US defense departments last February.

In terms of climate change initiatives, the chief executive said he will be meeting with top US officials to discuss "green bonds," which are financial instruments linked to climate change solutions and are specific projects to help reduce carbon emissions.

"Mayroon silang binibigay na tinatawag na green bond. Ibig

sabihin, magbibigay sila ng pondo para tulungan tayo para ayusin. Halimbawa 'yung mga no build zone na ilipat dadalin sa --- ilalayo sa dagat

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DOST Technology Hub, an online portal/website that serves as a catalog of scientific and technological innovations and services. More than a thousand DOST technologies are now readily accessible to everyone. This includes processes on adoption, transfer, and commercialization.

In a recorded message, Sec Renato U. Solidum Jr congratulates the organizers for the conduct of the event. He encouraged stakeholders to sustain efforts to strengthen the innovation ecosystem in Northern Mindanao.

"The innovation ecosystem in Northern Mindanao is vibrant, that is why we have prepared three days of activities centered in the three thematic areas that we think are very important to move the innovation ecosystem forward: Innovation Impact, Interactive Experience, and Investment Opportunities," said DOST-X Officer-in-Charge, Engr. Romela N. Ratilla during the opening ceremony.

The DOST

exhibition is inspired by the event's three thematic areas: For innovation impact, DOST has highlighted various programs and projects that support and boost the innovation initiatives in the region. For interactive experience, the Regional Standards and Testing Laboratories have prepared interactive games for science enthusiasts. For investment opportunities, technical staff are ready to assist walk-in clients on their inquiries and provide them tech-based games with exciting prizes.

Also the crowd magnet is the Planetarium setup in partnership with the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration, Mindanao Division led by Mr. Anthony Joseph R. Lucero. Parents brought their kids to experience the Planetarium and then proceeded to view the exhibits and listened to innovation talks.

Innovation talks included technology pitching, accomplishments from innovation centers,

sa climate change na may value 'yung gubat. Basta't may gubat ka, may value 'yun, puwede mong lagyan ng dollar value 'yun. At 'yun ang puwede mong gamitin, puwede mong gamitin na pag-invest para doon nga sa mga pondo na binibigay. So malaking malaking bagay 'yun," added the President. **PND**

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technology business incubators, success stories from MSMEs innovation fund grants from DICT, investment opportunities from Pilipinas Shell Foundation, Crowd Funding and parametric insurance as response to disaster risk and climate change from CLIMBs Insurance. The national innovation day is aimed to promote public awareness and national support for innovation and highlight milestones of government and private sector initiatives. All current innovation-related events are encouraged to be conducted in the month of April for the said celebration. During the opening ceremonies RD Mylah Faye Aurora B. Cariño of NEDA presented the Regional Innovation Agenda of Region 10. This is the guiding framework, strategies and goals of the innovation players collectively. **AMBIT** or Amihanang Mindanao Breakthrough Innovations and Technologies Awards proposal was bared by DOST-10. **AMBIT**

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DTI-Rizal Empowers Businesses and Consumers with Successful Sales Promotion Webinar

Antipolo City, Rizal -

The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Rizal held a successful webinar on Sales Promotion on April 17, 2023, via Zoom App. The event was organized by DTI-Rizal Provincial Office. The webinar aimed to provide information on the legal aspects of sales promotions, educate businesses on the best practices in implementing promotional activities, and equip consumers with knowledge of their rights and responsibilities in availing of promotional deals.

The host for the webinar was Negosyo Center Business

Counselor Daryl Andres. The speaker for the webinar was DTI-Rizal OIC Consumer Protection Division Chief Concepcion Ramos, who shared valuable insights on the topic and provided examples of successful sales promotion campaigns.

DTI-Rizal OIC Provincial Director Cleotilde Marco-Duran delivered the opening remarks and emphasized the importance of responsible and ethical business practices in conducting sales promotions.

The webinar was

well-attended by participants, including salon and barbershop owners, potential MSMEs, and consumers. The event provided a platform for interactive learning and insightful discussions on sales promotion.

DTI-Rizal remains committed to promoting fair business practices and protecting the rights of consumers. The department will continue to conduct webinars and other initiatives to support the growth and development of businesses in the province.



Volunteers ng Bayani Challenge, nagbigay ng tulong sa Mercedes, Cam Norte

sa naturang gawain. Ang mga volunteers ay mula sa Gawad Kalinga (GK) ng Sto. Domingo, Albay; Tanay, Rizal; Cavite, Sorsogon, Nueva Ecija, Quezon City, nakiisa rin ang mga volunteer ng bansang France at mga grupo ng kasundaluhan mula sa Bravo Co. 91-B ng Philippine Army (PA).

Katuwang rin ang mga Barangay Volunteers na

pinangunahan ng mga opisyal ng barangay, mga magulang at mga kabataan ng naturang bayan. Ayon kay Mayor Alex Pajarillo, isa rin ang bayan ng Mercedes sa naging volunteer sa Sto. Domingo, Albay kung saan nagpadala ng mga volunteers sa Gawad Kalinga (GK) na tumulong sa paglilinis, pagpipintura at ibang pang mga aktibidad sa naturang lalawigan.

Ayon sa alkalde, ito ang naging dahilan rin upang ang Mercedes ang napili na pagdausan ng Bayani Challenge Activity.

Sa pamamagitan ng ganitong gawain ay muling binubuhay ang mga tradisyon noong unang panahon gaya ng "Bayanihan" na kilala rin sa ibang bansa dahil ipinapaalala nito ang mga kaugalian ng mga Pilipino. **(PIA5/Camarines Norte)**

DAET, Camarines Norte, (PIA) – Limang araw na nanatili sa 12 barangay ng bayan ng Mercedes ang mga Volunteers ng Bayani Challenge simula Mayo 5 hanggang Mayo 9, Martes.

Ilan sa mga serbisyong inihatid nila ang pagpipinta ng Day Care Center at landscaping para sa palaruan ng mga bata ganundin ang programang Paraisong Pambata.

Nakataggap din ang 100 mga bata ng hot meals mula sa Mercedes Central Kitchen kung saan ang pagkaing

inihanda ay nakadiseno sa nutrisyong kailangan nila. Sa kasiyahan ng mga bata, nagkaroon ng parlor games upang higit pang mapalawak ang kanilang sosyalidad at pakikihalubilo sa kapwa tao.

Nagsagawa ng paglilinis sa mga puno ng Bakawan at mga katubigan sa isinagawang Mangrove Clean-up Drive at paglilinis sa mga kanal na daluyan ng tubig sa kanilang barangay.

Tinungo ng mga volunteers ang isla ng Barangay Caringo

upang isagawa ang Community Food Farm o pag cultivate ng lupang pagtataniman, pagpipintura ng gusali at ilang mga bangka.

Nagkaroon din ng clean-up drive at hygiene kit distribution ganundin ang Paraisong Pambata Program, story telling at mga palaro sa mga bata.

Samantala, makatatanggap naman ng P10,000 na halaga ng proyekto mula sa Gawad Kalinga (GK) ang Barangay San Roque at Caringo dahil sa pagkakaroon ng pinakamaraming volunteers na nakilahok



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