

DOST-TAPI Partners with NEXPH to Boost Innovations in Clean Energy

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Inventors, startups, and businesses in the energy sector can now avail of opportunities to scale up their innovations, thanks to the new partnership between the Technology Application and Promotion Institute (TAPI) of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and New Energy Nexus Philippines (NEXPH).

government services that can nurture homegrown technologies for addressing challenges in energy security and climate resilience.

"By combining our strengths and resources, NEXPH and DOST-TAPI can provide complementary support to startups and create a more robust ecosystem for innovation and



NEXPH is one of the co-organizers of DOST-TAPI's 2023 INVENTouringWriteshop in the National Capital Region



DOST-TAPI Director Atty. Marion Ivy Decena and NEXPH Program Manager Ralph Eborra exchange tokens of partnership at the PosiblesaSciNing gala and art/photo exhibitions.

New Energy Nexus is an international organization that supports diverse solutions in clean, efficient, and accessible energy. In the Philippines, NEXPH is rolling out its comprehensive and locally tailored programs in capacity building, mentoring, and networking for energy innovators and entrepreneurs.

With its partnership with DOST-TAPI, NEXPH hopes to tap into opportunities for collaboration and

growth in the clean energy and climate sector," said Ralph Eborra, NEXPH Program Manager for startup development.

Access to Funding and Expertise

Under the partnership, DOST-TAPI can introduce NEXPH-supported startups to government funding for their innovations. These include various grants and financial programs that support invention development and technology commercialization.

DOST-TAPI also

offers NEXPH clients its wealth of technical expertise and resources, particularly in intellectual property protection.

"Through the partnership with DOST-TAPI, NEXPH can provide startups with access to much-needed financial and technical support, which can help accelerate their development and increase their chances of success," Eborra explained.

He added, "DOST-TAPI's extensive network can also help

expand our reach and provide startups with access to new markets, customers, and partners, which can be critical for their growth."

In 2022, approved proposals from NEXPH clients for DOST-TAPI support include VORTEX or Versatile and Offshore Recyclable Turbine for Energy by Jose Luis Villalon; SaltPanel device for wave and salinity power generation by Patrick Roland De Guzman; and development of a three-phase to single back-to-back voltage source

power converter prototype for squirrel cage induction machine drive and grid integration by Leo Marcelo Villalba.

"We hope for a surge in applications from NEXPH across all of TAPI's grant programs," Eborra said. "We also hope to generate more interest among inventors to pursue clean energy and climate ideas and innovations, which can contribute to a more sustainable future."

Collaboration and Complementation

NEXPH encourages more startups and partners to take advantage of DOST-TAPI's offerings and contribute to a "whole-of-society approach" in addressing energy and climate challenges.

"We need increased collaboration from the government, private sector, non-profit organizations like NEXPH, and innovators and inventors," Eborra explained. "Working together can create a more sustainable future for our country and the

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The NEXPH team hopes to explore opportunities for collaboration and government services through its partnership with DOST-TAPI. Photo courtesy of Mr. Ralph Eborra

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Hope Project to help Bacooreño kids reach their dreams

BACOR CITY, Cavite (PIA) — More than 93,000 learners from 43 public schools here are expected to benefit from the Hope Project 2023 initiated by the city government in partnership with the Hope in Me Club and the Bacoor Federated Parents-Teachers Association.

The project, which encourages stakeholders' participation, aims to help and support students by providing them with school supplies, food, clothes, medicines, and scholarship grants.

Bacoor City Mayor Strike Revilla recently launched the Hope Project 2023, together with Hope in Me Club founder Dr. Ma. Christina Ignacio-Alberto.

Revilla thanked the Hope in Me Club for partnering with the city government for the Hope Project 2023. He also appealed to the parents to be proactive in securing the future of their children.

"Kapag kabataan ang pinag-uusapan isa ito sa very sensitive para sa akin... Noon nangangarap tayo, nangangarap maabot ang isang bahay, posisyon, o isang professional, but still sa nakikita natin sa ating panahon ngayon, nagbago na ang pag-ikot ng mundo. Malaki na ang naambag ng kabataan ngayon," the city chief said.

During the event, Mayor Strike also swore

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New dredging equipment to improve desilting of dams in Bacoor City



BACOR CITY, Cavite (PIA)

— The National Irrigation Administration recently turned over dredging equipment to the City Government of Bacoor to help boost the dredging and desilting operations in Molino Dam and other existing dams in Cavite province

City Mayor Strike Revilla, together with Senator Mark Villar and National Irrigation Administration (NIA) Regional Manager Wilson Lopez led the turn-over ceremony for one unit of long-reach excavator with one unit of pontoon equipment.

Villar highlighted the significance of the equipment in facilitating year-round dredging and desilting operations for the Bacoor-Las Piñas river clean-up

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EDITORIAL

How Caloocan's Bagong Silang became biggest barangay in PH

Fifty-two years ago, or in 1971, the administration of then president Ferdinand E. Marcos Sr. created Barrio Bagong Silang from the former Tala Estate in Novaliches, North Caloocan City, bordering with San Jose del Monte, Marilao and Meycauayan, Bulacan, and Montalban, now Rodriguez town in Rizal.

The vast Tala Estate was one of the original four estates or haciendas that composed the former town of Novaliches when it was created in 1855, first as a part of Bulacan (1855-1858), then of the province of Manila (1858-1901) and then of Rizal (1901-1903).

Like any other barrio in Novaliches in the 1950s-1970s, Bagong Silang was sparsely populated. It had very few houses made of nipa and bamboo materials, with the surroundings abounding with tall cogon and talahib (large weeds), grasses, fruit trees, banana, vegetable plants, and other forest growths.

Bagong Silang became a regular barangay after the issuance by Marcos of Presidential Decree No. 557 on Sept. 21, 1974, which amended the Revised Barrio Charter and replaced the name "barrio" with "barangay."

Today, Bagong Silang is considered the biggest in the country in terms of population of over 245,000 and a land area of 574 hectares, according to the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA).

While the barangay is actually under the administrative jurisdiction and supervision of the city of Caloocan, Bagong Silang belongs to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Novaliches (RCDN) as decreed in 2002 by the Vatican through then Pope and now Saint John Paul II.

Taking cognizance of the rapid increase in the population of the barangay, former Caloocan City Mayor and now Rep. Oscar Malapitan of the city's first district filed House Bill No. 5819 in Congress seeking to divide Bagong Silang into six barangays.

Malapitan said the proposed law has passed final approval in the House of Representatives and has been transmitted to the Senate, where the Committee on Local Government chaired by Senator J.V. Ejercito has approved and submitted it for plenary

deliberations and corresponding approval.

By the way, very little is known of the fact that sometime in the early part of the 1970s, then-First Lady Imelda R. Marcos proposed to the erstwhile National Housing Corp. (NHC) the full-scale development of a big portion of the Tala Estate into a plantation of various tree species suitable for conversion into logs.

Under the proposal, the timber to be derived from the plantation would be used by the NHC, which was established in Tala by the national government in 1968 to manufacture housing components needed for the construction of low-cost housing for homeless Filipino families in Metro Manila and other developing regions of the country.

The proposed tree plantation, however, did not prosper beyond the preparation of seedlings to be planted because of a number of intervening events that haunted the second Marcos administration.

The NHC was already producing various housing components like posts, doors, windows, roofing, and flooring materials, etc., when the so-called "First Quarter Storm" of January 1970 broke out.

It was soon followed by numerous rallies and demonstrations, sometimes turning into violence, carried out by militant groups seeking to destabilize and overthrow the government.

Such destabilizing incidents did not stop even after Marcos declared martial law in the entire country in September 1972, saying it was "a final recourse to combat two principal sources of dangers to society and the government - a rebellion mounted by a strange conspiracy of leftist and rightist radicals, and a secessionist movement

supported by foreign parties."

The destabilizing events continued to haunt the government, particularly after the assassination of former opposition Senator Benigno S. Aquino Jr. at the Manila International Airport upon his return from a three-year self-exile in the United States on Aug. 21, 1983.

With the seemingly unending disturbing events, Marcos was forced to call for a snap presidential and vice presidential elections on Feb. 7, 1986.

The polls proved to be very problematic, ending with both the administration and opposition candidates claiming victories during the vote canvassing.

The escalation of violence caused by such an impasse eventually forced the Marcos family to leave Malacañang after the so-called four-day People Power Revolt that ended on Feb. 25, 1986.

This in turn catapulted the widow of the slain former senator, Mrs. Corazon C. Aquino, to the presidency until June 30, 1992.

During the Cory administration, Barangay Bagong Silang was used by the National Housing Authority (NHA) as a relocation site for numerous informal settlers from Intramuros and other areas in Metro Manila, including those along Commonwealth Avenue in Quezon City.

So that was how Bagong Silang became the largest barangay in terms of population and land area in Metro Manila and the entire country instead of being a tree plantation or logging concession area. **(By Severino C. Samonte)**

Denver Nuggets reach NBA Finals for first time



MANILA – The Denver Nuggets sealed its place in the NBA Finals after sweeping the Los Angeles Lakers in the Western Conference Finals through a 113-111 Game 4 win on Tuesday (Philippine Time) at the Crypto.com Arena in Los Angeles.

Nikola Jokic scored the winning basket with 51.2 seconds left as LeBron James misfired in the end and the Nuggets put an end to the Lakers' inspiring playoff run.

Jokic drove past the Lakers double team and swished in the go-ahead

layout to put the Nuggets ahead.

James had two attempts to force overtime, but he totally misfired a tough jumper before shot clock expired and had his last gasp layup blocked by Aaron Gordon as time ran out on the Lakers.

Jokic finished with 30 points, 14 rebounds, 13 assists, three blocks and one steal for the Nuggets, who will be entering the championship round for the first time in their franchise history.

Jamal Murray added 25 points, three

rebounds, five assists, two steals and one block, while Gordon chipped in 22 points, six rebounds, five assists and two blocks.

James finished with 40 points, 10 rebounds, nine assists and two steals, while Anthony Davis added 21 points, 14 rebounds, one assist, three blocks and one steal for the Lakers, whose Cinderella run where they went all the way to the conference finals despite being the seventh seed and even needing to go through the play-in tournament came to an end. **(PNA)**

Top seed pair reaches Metro Manila Open q'finals

MANILA – Top seed pair Shaira Hope Rivera and Alyssa Mae Bornia rallied past Nichole Dela Rita and Princess Debbie Gom-os, 5-7, 6-1, 10-7, to reach the women's doubles quarterfinal of the 2023 Metro Manila Open by Philippine Columbian Association (PCA) tennis tournament at the PCA shell courts in Paco, Manila on Tuesday.

Rivera and Bornia, the reigning PCA Open doubles champions, will next meet qualifiers Joshea Malazarte and Rochelle Velez, who scored a 6-7, 6-3, 10-5 victory over Althea Faye Ong and Melanie Dizon.

The pair of qualifiers Elizabeth Abarquez and Rovie Baulente

advanced after ousting second seeds Kaye Anne and Mica Ella Eman, 7-5, 6-3.

Abarquez and Baulente will be up against Dana Mariella Abad and Steffie Marithe Aludo, who defeated Clarice Patrimonio and Alexie Santos, 6-3, 7-5.

National player Kim Iglupas and partner Roxanne Resma also made it to the next round after eliminating fourth seeds Mile Vitaliano and Patricia Lim, 6-1, 6-0.

Iglupas and Resma will face Alexa Joy Milliam and Jessel Ante, who prevailed over Maria Divinagracia and Joanna Tan, 6-1, 3-6, 10-2.

Meanwhile, third

seed pair Marian Capadocia and US-based Makeilah Nepomuceno downed Czarina Mae Arevalo and Bambi Zoleta, 6-1, 6-0, to arrange a quarterfinal showdown with Angeline Alcalá and Tenniele Madis, who prevailed over France Idjao and Anika Diwa, 7-5, 1-6, 10-4.

The tournament offers PHP300,000 to the men's singles champion and PHP150,000 to the women's singles champion. Cash prizes at stake in the doubles competition are PHP80,000 in the men's division and PHP50,000 in the women's and mixed divisions, respectively. **(PNA)**



TOP PAIR. National player Shaira Hope Rivera returns a forehand as Alyssa Mae Bornia looks on during their doubles match in the 2023 Metro Manila Open by Philippine Columbian Association (PCA) tennis tournament at the PCA shell courts in Paco, Manila on Tuesday (May 23, 2023). Rivera and Bornia beat Nichole Dela Rita and Princess Debbie Gom-os, 5-7, 6-1, 10-7, to reach the quarterfinal round. (PNA photo by Yancy Lim)

Meralco wins in Luigi Trillo's debut, Phoenix rallies to stun SMB

MANILA – Meralco won in Luigi Trillo's first game as its official head coach with a 97-89 win against NorthPort in their PBA on Tour game on Wednesday night at the Ynares Sports Arena in Pasig.

The Bolts stormed back in the fourth quarter, dropping 33 points on the Batang Pier after they began the second half with a huge third quarter that actually put them ahead.

Allein Maliksi led Meralco with 21 points, four rebounds, three assists, and two steals, while Bong Quinto added 14 points, six rebounds, and four assists.

Cliff Hodge and Anjo Caram each chipped in 11 markers with Hodge also grabbing 10 rebounds for his double-double.

Jeff Chan had 20 points and two assists, while JM Calma added 15 points, 11 rebounds, one assist, and one block for NorthPort.

In his reunion game with former Letran coach Bonnie Tan, Fran Yu had a quiet five points and one rebound



off the bench. In the second game, Phoenix regained its dominant form just in time as they withstood San Miguel's late challenge with a 106-101 win.

The Fuel Masters failed to sustain a hot start as the Beermen recovered after conceding 37 first-quarter points and even held a 101-98 lead with 2:20 left in the fourth.

However, a split from Chris Lalata sparked Phoenix's game-deciding 8-0 run as Tyler Tio converted the go-ahead three with 47 seconds left and Raul Soyud hit a crucial layup 21 seconds later.

To put some more icing on the cake, Daniel Atienza, a recruit for the preseason, made two more free throws for the final tally.

Simon Camacho led the Fuel Masters' balanced attack that

saw eight players scoring in double-figures with 15 points, eight rebounds, and one block off the bench.

Tio added 14 points, five rebounds, three assists, and one steal, RR Garcia and Larry Muyang each chipped in 11 markers with Muyang also grabbing 12 rebounds, and Soyud, Sean Manganti, and Kurt Lojera each put up 10 points with Soyud adding 10 boards for his own double-double.

Terrence Romeo erupted for 27 points with five rebounds, and seven assists in his first full game in almost two years to lead SMB.

Robbie Herndon added 21 points, 11 rebounds, two assists, and two steals, while Jericho Cruz and Rodney Brondial each contributed 12 markers with Brondial also grabbing 10 caroms. **(PNA)**

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Farmers, MSMEs in Batangas City trained on food safety



Farmers and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in Batangas City were trained on food safety in a training on current Good Manufacturing Practices conducted by the Department of Science and Technology (DOST)-Batangas in partnership with the Office of Batangas City Agriculture held at the Office of the City Veterinary and Agricultural Services Compound, Bolbok, Batangas City, May 23.

Participating farmers and MSMEs are assisted by the City Agriculture Office and are currently producing crops and processed goods derived from crops. Hence, to ensure their compliance with food safety requirements, DOST-Batangas provided them with training.



The training was divided into basic food hygiene (BFH) and food safety hazards (FSH). The discussion on BFH covered topics on sanitary permits, health certificates, quality and protection of food, primary production, establishment (design of facilities and equipment), training and competence, establishment maintenance, cleaning and disinfection, pest control, personal hygiene, control of the operation, product information and consumer awareness, and the special provisions of P.D. 856.



The categories of food hazards (physical, biological, and chemical), their implications for food processing, and the control mechanisms for food safety risks were covered under FSH. Diagnostic tests and activities were also carried out to evaluate the participants' acquired knowledge.

Mr. John Maico M. Hernandez, a DOST-CALABARZON Food Safety Team member, was the resource speaker during the training. The DOST Unified Food Safety Training Modules were the reference materials used during the training.

DTI Laguna Gathers 230 Bagwis Awardees in Laguna thru the DTI Bagwis Summit

Santa Cruz, Laguna — The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Laguna Provincial Office, in partnership with the Provincial Government of Laguna, organized a "DTI Bagwis Summit" at the Cultural Center, Provincial Capitol Compound, Santa Cruz, Laguna, on May 17, 2023. There were around 250 participants (mostly Bagwis Awardees) present in the said gathering.

This summit was graced by Laguna Provincial Administrator Atty. Dulce H. Rebanal who gave a welcome remarks, DTI Regional Operations Group Undersecretary Blesila A. Lantayona and DTI Region 4A OIC Regional Director Marissa C. Argente who both delivered their respective inspirational messages, and DTI Laguna OIC Provincial Director Christian Ted O. Tungohan who ended the program with his closing remarks.

This summit served as a venue and opportunity for the DTI Laguna and the Provincial Government of Laguna to perform the following:

1. Launch the Online Reporting System for the DTI Bagwis Awardees (this system will make it easier for the DTI Laguna and the Bagwis Awardees to have the monthly reports, specifically on the Consumer Welfare Desks);



2. Award the DTI Bagwis Seals of Excellence to the qualified establishments;

3. Provide a Seminar on Empowering Customer Relations to become drivers of Best Customer Experience; and

4. Provide an update regarding the said program.

The DTI Bagwis is one of the programs of the Department of Trade and Industry, which aims to promote consumer protection. It recognizes business establishments for their excellence in upholding the rights and welfare of consumers and practicing responsible business. The seals of excellence being given to the qualified establishments serve as guide to consumers in availing safe, quality and reasonably priced products and services to

get the best value for their money.

Laguna has the most number of Bagwis Awardees in the Region 4A comprising 41% or 230 out of 566 seals. Likewise, DTI 4A has received an award for having the most number of DTI Gold Bagwis Seals of Excellence for three (3) consecutive years, where the province of Laguna contributed the most number of Gold seals in the region.

DTI will continue to advocate the programs with regard to customer service excellence like this DTI Bagwis Program to benefit more the consumers. Furthermore, we look forward to more Bagwis Awardees in the province of Laguna and in the Philippines as a whole to be able to provide better consumer protection (DTI-Laguna).



PIA, DENR sign agreement to push environmental awareness in Calabarzon

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) — The Department of Environment and Natural Resources

(DENR) has partnered with the Philippine Information Agency (PIA) in promoting environmental

awareness in the Calabarzon (Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal and Quezon) region using the PIA's digital and traditional media platforms.

Regional Executive Director Nilo Tamoria of the DENR and PIA

disinformation.

One of the goals of the partnership is to inspire change in the everyday behavior of the public and to inspire more advocacies in environmental protection, Tamoria added.

PIA's contribution in advancing environmental programs and campaigns in the region using traditional and new media platforms.

"We offer these platforms for the DENR to realize its mandate.

Center Manager Christopher Hedreya and DENR's Assistant Regional Director for Technical Services Jose Elmer C. Bascos.

Key topics for discussion in PIA programs include the National Greening

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and control.

"Nagbunga po yung pag lobby natin para magkaroon tayo ng pondo para makabili ng ganitong equipment na malaki ang maitutulong sa paglilinis ng ating ilog at ng Molino Dam. Matagal na po itong advocacy ng aming pamilya na pangalagaan ang ating mga ilog, kalikasan, at agrikultura kaya naman masaya kami na naisakatuparan ang proyekto na ito," Senator Villar stated.

Citing the importance of dredging operations, NIA Regional Manager Lopez said the new equipment will help address the problems with siltation and improve flood control in the city due to an increase in the dam's water storage capacity.

"The successful acquisition and delivery of this cutting-edge

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in 43 PTA Officers who pledged to give their dedication and support to every program and project that will positively impact education.

Aside from partners from different industries, the event was also attended by City Councilors and unit heads who pledged their support to the project.

The HOPE Project is a collaboration between the Bacoor LGU, Office of Congresswoman Lani Mercado-Revilla, Hope in Me Club, and the Federated Parent-Teachers Association. **(Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite with reports from Bacoor City Information Office)**



Calabarzon Director Ma. Cristina Arzadon signed an agreement to promote the various environmental initiatives and directives of the department through the agency's online platforms and radio programs in Laguna, Batangas, and Quezon.

Tamoria recognized the reach of PIA Calabarzon's platforms in disseminating timely and relevant information through its radio and social media platforms and in countering

"Ang effectiveness po ng ating partnership ay hindi makukuha kung ilang press release, photo release, ilang radio programs ang ating magagawa. Kundi yung ilang tao na nagkaroon ng pagbabago ng gawi ng buhay sa pang-araw araw dahil lang sa naintindihan nila ang adbokasiya sa pangalagaan, pamamahala, at pagprotekta sa ating kapaligiran," he said.

In her message, Arzadon thanked the DENR for recognizing

Being the government's chief communications arm, our mandate is to help create an enlightened citizenry empowered to make informed decisions," she said.

Arzadon hopes that through this partnership, the DENR will be able to realize its goal of helping communities conserve, manage, and utilize the country's natural resources.

The agreement was signed on Monday, May 22 with Laguna Provincial Information

Program, marine wildlife conservation, reforestation projects, and effects of climate change.

Tamoria recognized the possible hurdles to an effective information drive such as the retention capacity of the public to long-form contents, filled with scientific terminologies.

"Dahilan sa dami ng impormasyon, ang retention capacity ng tao ay napaka-iksi. Pero dahil science ang ipapaliwanag mo, kailangan mo ng mas mahabang puwang. Yun



DENR IV-A Regional Executive Director Nilo Tamoria (center left) is hopeful that the partnership of PIA IV-A and DENR IV-A would bear more collaboration among government agencies to attain a common goal. (STT/PIA-4A)

Benguet hosts 2nd leg of Pilipinas Art Camp 2023



LA TRINIDAD, Benguet (PIA) -- A showcase of Beguet culture kicked off the second leg of the 1st Pilipinas Art Camp at the Benguet Provincial Capitol on May 17.

Traditional rituals were performed by elders followed by the performance of Benguet dances such as the "tayao" and the "bendiyan" by the Chumno Cultural Group at the capitol grounds.

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po ang hamon at ang pasasalamat namin sa PIA."

He added: "Ang hamon din sa DENR ay kung paano ang teknikal at scientific na terminologies at mga pag-aaral ay mailagay sa isang layperson's language at maka-adapt dun sa bagong pamamaraan at teknolohiya."

Tamoria is hopeful that the partnership would bear more collaboration among government agencies to attain a common goal.

"Let this partnership be an effective tool in raising awareness and competencies of the residents of CALABARZON in our environmental protection, conservation, and management," Tamoria said. **(CH/PIA-Laguna)**

The provincial government of Benguet led by Governor Melchor Diclas with Board Member Juan Nazarro Jr. welcomed the hundreds of guests and participants from all over the country and its partner local government unit, Cavite province headed by Board Member Irene Bencito.

Pioneered by the Pugad ni Art Studio, Inc. based in Benguet headed by Art Lozano and the Alitaptap Artist Community from Cavite headed by Henry Bokeng Ancanan, with a collective support from the respective local government units of Benguet and Cavite, the Pilipinas Art Camp gathered hundreds of artists, creative enthusiasts, cultural workers, students and other stakeholders into a boot camp where they were immersed with the local culture and practices as well as to engage them into creative and intellectual discussions that would further flourish the creative industry at a holistic approach.

The Pilipinas Art Camp with the theme "Building a Better Nation with a Soul Through Creativity" is in celebration of the Philippine Heritage Month 2023 this May. Its first leg was done in Cavite.

Diclas commended the organizers of the Pilipinas Art Camp which he said is a significant event in the promotion of the artistry and the rich cultural heritage of the province of Benguet and sharing it with the



participants from the different parts of the country and their partner province of Cavite.

"Bukod pa sa pagpopromote o pagpipreserba ng ating kultura, mahalaga din ang papel ng mga gawaing pang-sining sa pagpapalawak ng ating cultural network. Dito natututo ang



ating mga kabataan sa kulturang meron ang ibang tao. Nagiging tulay din ito sa pagkakaroon natin ng respeto sa cultural diversity na meron tayo. At marami pang iba gaya ng pagpapalakas ng turismo at pag-akit

ng mga bisita, gayun din ang pag-generate ng employment. Sa mga ganitong aktibidad rin natin binibigyan ang ating mga kabataan ng oportunidad upang palakasin at paunlarin ang kanilang creativity, innovation, maging ang kanilang critical thinking skills," Diclas said.

In her message, Bencito expressed gratitude to the

leaders of Benguet headed by Diclas and the different government agencies for the support they have poured in the conduct of the 1st Pilipinas Art Camp. She commended the Alitaptap Artists Community and the Pugad ni Art Studio for pioneering the event which gathered artists from Cavite and Benguet and others from all over the country to showcase the rich arts and culture of both provinces.

"It is an honor for me to be here to represent the province of Cavite, kasama po ang mga artists bilang pagpapatunay sa pagsuporta namin sa



adbokasiya ng kultura at sining. Sa mga darating na panahon mas higit at nakikita kong titibay pa ang pagtutulak natin sa kultura at sining. Marami po kaming matutunan sa inyo sa Benguet, at ang Cavite marami din pong maishahare sa inyo," Bencito said.

Also present during the launching

ceremony are personnel from the national line agencies, the academe, the private organizations, and personalities involved in culture and arts.

Among them are Philippine Information Agency -CAR Regional Director Helen Tibaldo, Department of Trade and Industry-CAR Assistant Regional Director and Benguet Provincial Director Atty. Samuel Gallardo and Dept. of Tourism-CAR Regional Director Jovi G a n o n g a n represented by Bayani Malicdem who delivered messages of support to the art camp and the promotion of art

and culture. Instead of the traditional ribbon cutting ceremony, the event officially opened with the "Sabayang Pahid/ Likha" or the painting of canvass by the officials, artists and participants led by the community dance in front of the capitol.

The event also **See page 5**



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showcased a three-day trade fair at the capitol lobby featuring different local products from the different Micro, small and medium enterprises in Benguet and the Cordillera region.

Other activities held at the capitol grounds and other venues in Benguet and Baguio City include Traditional Tattoo Exhibition, Creative Talks / Workshops, Cultural Performance and Rituals, a Creative Crawl, lectures, concerts, gallery exhibits and demonstrations, and others. **(JDP/RMC-PIA-CAR)**

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planet."

DOST-TAPI continues to actively seek institutional partners, particularly technology-based organizations, private companies, incubators, and startups, whose mission and vision aligns with the agency's mandate to promote an innovation system that fosters development and adoption of local inventions and innovations.

"As the country's premier institute for homegrown ingenuity and innovations, DOST-TAPI opens its doors to interested partners for complementation of our programs and achievement of our common goals," said TAPI Director Atty. Marion Ivy Decena.

She added, "Our portfolio of programs and services are designed to harness the strengths and opportunities offered by different sectors and agencies to address the gaps in the invention-to-commercialization pathway."

Are you an inventor, entrepreneur, startup, or a technology-based organization? DOST-TAPI can help you access funding and technical expertise to help you meet your goals!

Connect with DOST-TAPI today at tapi.dost.gov.ph or send us a message at Facebook: www.facebook.com/DOST.TAPI



Medical Mission in San Agustin I, City of Dasmariñas

Brgy. San Agustin I, Dasmariñas City witnessed a successful medical mission on May 19, 2023, as the team from the Office of the Provincial Governor and the dedicated Kagawads of the barangay joined forces to provide essential healthcare services. The event catered to a total of 283 children and adult patients who received free medical consultations and medications.

The medical mission not only provided much-needed medical attention but also served as a platform for fostering a sense of community and promoting health awareness. The collaboration between the team from the provincial governor's office and the barangay officials showcased the power of unity and cooperation in achieving common goal. --- **PICAD**



Job Caravan in SM Dasmariñas. Hundreds of job seekers from the City of Dasmariñas and nearby cities and municipalities gathered in the mega job fair caravan dubbed as "Trabaho sa Kabataang Kabitenyo" at the SM City Dasmariñas Event Center on May 19, 2023. The job fair was organized by the Sangguniang Kabataan Provincial Federation in partnership with the Office of the Provincial Governor-Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager (OPG-OPPESM), City Public Employment Service Office and various companies and organizations, with the aim of providing employment opportunities to Caviteños.

The job fair caravan was participated by more than sixty (60) companies and industries. The event started early in the morning and continued throughout the day, with job seekers taking advantage of the employment opportunities.

The caravan also included NBI and PhilHealth processing, which are important pre-requisites for securing employment.

In attendance during the event were SKPF President Tom Carlo M. Ardemer, OPG-OPPESM head Ms. Rizalie P. Enero, City of Dasmariñas local officials headed by Vice Mayor Rex Mangubat and some Sangguniang Panlungsod members who also expressed their utmost gratitude to the organizers for the services provided to Caviteño job seekers. --- **PICAD**