

PH celebrates 125th Independence Day

MANILA, (PIA) – The Philippines on Monday, June 12, celebrated its 125th Independence Day, marking the occasion with a series of events and activities, including parades, job fairs, photo and video contests, and cultural performances.

In the capital city of Manila, the main Independence Day celebration took place at the Rizal Park. The event featured a civic-military parade dubbed, "Parada ng Kalayaan," as well as a cultural presentations by locals. The highlight of the celebration was the simultaneous raising of the Philippine flag across the country, the singing of the national anthem, and wreath-laying ceremonies led by President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.

In a speech delivered at the Quirino Grandstand, President



President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. leads the 125th anniversary of Philippine Independence and Nationhood with the theme, "Kalayaan, Kinabukasan, Kasaysayan," today at the Quirino Grandstand, Rizal Park in Manila. (Presidential Communications Office photos)



Marcos made a commitment that the Philippines would never submit to external forces again, emphasizing the importance of drawing confidence from the nation's history.

"The heroes of our liberation will be proud now that we have thrown off the ominous yolk of domination, never again to be subservient to any external force that directs or determines our destiny," he said.

Additionally, the chief executive emphasized the endeavors of the nation's forebears in safeguarding the

freedom of the country. According to Marcos, these historical efforts serve as a source of direction and assurance for Filipinos, empowering them to progress together as a unified force.

"With new oppressors and challenges, our people remained defiant — affirming that it is in our core to defend what is ours. And with all that, this occasion symbolizes and entails, we understand better now that liberty will not flourish on its own; freedom will not materialize unless it is declared boldly, believed sincerely, and

demonstrated passionately."

He then made a promise that under his administration, Filipinos would be guided towards a state of "true freedom" in a responsible manner, as he called on all Filipinos to be a united nation.

"Take to heart the immeasurable courage and loss that came out of our heroes," he said.

"For this, I challenge each of us: On the 125th year since the declaration of our freedom, let us assert our liberty day by day," he added.

President Marcos is joined by Manila City Mayor Maria Sheilah

"Honey" Lacuna and other high-ranking national and local government officials. In her message, Mayor Lacuna said that a nation's history is significant for the future of the country. Likewise, National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) Chair Emmanuel Calairo also paid tribute to all those who sacrificed their lives so that we can enjoy our liberties.

Postmaster General Luis D. Carlos, for his part, presented the commemorative Stamp Frame to Marcos containing the 125th Philippine Independence Day

Stamp. The stamp features two important moments in our history: The Sewing of the Philippine Flag by Marcela and Lorenza Agoncillo, and Delfina Herbosa Natividad in Hong Kong, and when Aguinaldo proclaimed Philippine Independence with the very same flag proudly raised at the Aguinaldo residence (now Emilio Aguinaldo Shrine) during the Declaration of Philippine Independence in Kawit, Cavite, on June 12, 1898.

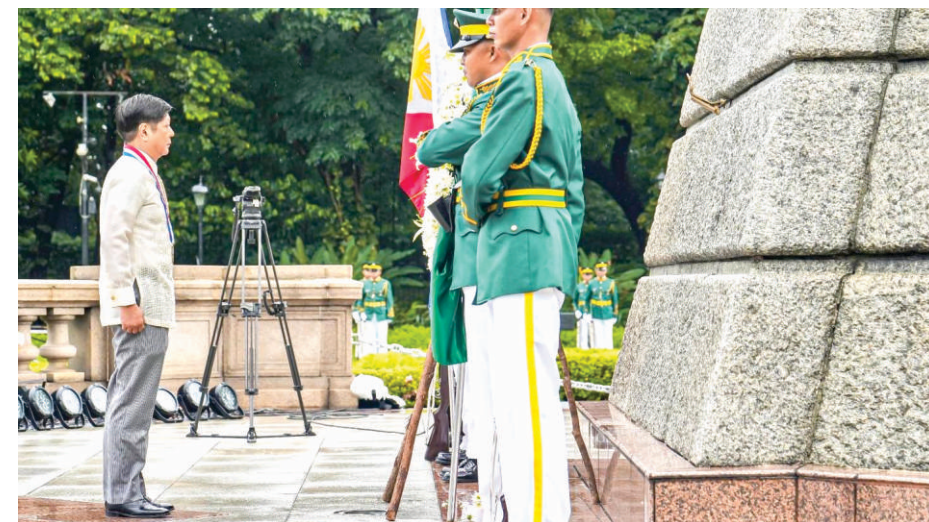
The official logo for the 125th Anniversary of Philippine Independence and

Nationhood also appears on the official first day cover.

Meanwhile, other major cities, government agencies and historic sites across Metro Manila also held their own respective Independence Day rites.

In Caloocan City, the main event was led by Caloocan City Mayor Dale Gonzalo "Along" Malapitan and House Speaker Ferdinand Martin Romualdez in ceremonies held at the Andres Bonifacio Monument and National Shrine in EDSA.

In his speech, Speaker Romualdez



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Metro Manila, Luzon hit by a magnitude 6.3 quake

MANILA, (PIA) – A magnitude 6.3 earthquake hit Metro Manila and many areas in Luzon, Thursday morning.

According to the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs) of the Department of Science and Technology, the earthquake occurred at 10:19 am with its epicenter in the southwest of Calatagan, Batangas and with a depth of 119 km.

Intensity IV was felt

in Manila, Mandaluyong, Quezon City, Valenzuela; Malolos, Bulacan; Batangas City, Ibaan, Lemery, Nasugbu, and Talisay, Batangas; Dasmariñas, Tagaytay City, Cavite; and Tanay, Rizal.

Intensity III in Pateros, Las Piñas, Makati City, Marikina City, Parañaque City, Pasig City; Obando, Bulacan; Laurel, Batangas; Bacoor City, and Imus City, Cavite; San Pablo City and San Pedro City Laguna; and

San Mateo, Rizal.

Intensity II in Caloocan City, San Juan City, Muntinlupa City; San Fernando City, La Union; Alaminos City and Bolinao, Pangasinan; Santa Maria, Bulacan; and Bamban, Tarlac. Intensity I in San Jose Del Monte City, Bulacan.

Phivolcs, also warned to expect aftershocks and infrastructure damages caused by the earthquake. **(PIA-NCR)**



Imus Pride Month 2023: a celebration of pride, freedom, diversity

IMUS CITY (PIA) — Hundreds of Imuseños and residents from neighboring communities marked Pride Month with a day-long festivities on Saturday, June 17.

Carrying the theme "Embracing Differences,

Celebrating Diversity," the celebration highlighted the contribution and efforts of the LGBTQIA+ groups in eradicating physical, mental, and emotional dilemmas of queer people, especially the younger

generation. Organized by the City of Imus Youth Affairs Office, the event was one of the grandest pride celebrations in the province with activities commencing with the Pride Parade, Pride Fair, Pride Convo, and SOGIE

(Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression) night that featured great performances from talented members of the LGBTQIA+ Community.

In support of the celebration, the City Health Office

conducted free HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) screening that aimed to promote HIV awareness among the people, educate and protect them, and help decrease the number of HIV cases in the city.

Miss Trans Global 2020, Miss Mela Habijan joined the parade to bring inspiration to all members of the LGBTQIA+ community.

She spoke on how people can tolerate and embrace differences, and celebrate individuality, and encouraged them to support the passing of the SOGIE Bill that would benefit

every Filipino.

Comedy, dance, and band performances were showcased during the Sogie Night and saw local drag queens performed spectacular numbers.

In line with its goal to be an LGBTQIA+ friendly city, the City of Imus and other stakeholders are committed to implementing programs, projects, and activities to promote gender development and safe spaces for all where their identities are celebrated, their stories are respected and their rights are recognized. **(RBF, PIACAVITE)**



EDITORIAL

PHA sets conference on Filipino people's struggles for nationhood

When the Philippine Historical Association (PHA) conducted its 2023 Annual Conference at the historic Metropolitan Theater in Manila on Aug. 31-Sept. 2, I have an ardent wish that the delegates will exert their best efforts to settle and put to rest the decades-old debates over certain aspects of the Filipinos' campaign for independence from Spanish occupation in the 1890s.

This early, I am certain that numerous books would be written later about the various topics and subjects that would be discussed thoroughly during the three-day conference. And hopefully, such books would put an end to the controversies over the 1896-1898 Revolution that "need to be restudied, to be reinterpreted, or even resolved."

According to its website, the PHA was founded on Sept. 18, 1955 by a group of prominent historians, among them, Teodoro Agoncillo, Encarnacion Alzona, Celedonio Ancheta, Gabriel Fabella, Esteban de Ocampo, Nicolas Zafra, and Gregorio Zaide. Their aim was to establish a scholarly association of historians devoted to the propagation of historical knowledge and studies, principally pertaining to the Philippines.

Dr. Ma. Luisa T. Camagay, present PHA president, said the theme of the forthcoming conference is "SANGKAPILIPINUHAN: Retrospections on Independence and Nationhood." She added that this year's theme is in solidarity with the 125th anniversary of Philippine Independence and Nationhood on June 12.

"As the country commemorates its 125th anniversary of independence and nationhood, it is important to reflect on the historical and continuing struggles that have defined its journey towards self-determination and progress. This event also provides an opportunity for reflection on the country's past and present conditions," Camagay said.

The PHA itself, in its call for submission of discussion papers for the conference, said: "The Philippines, moving forward into the 21st century, continues to be plagued by unresolved controversies, contradictory directions, and

contentious perspectives on Philippine nationhood."

There are indeed a number of controversial aspects in the Philippine history that need to be corrected or rectified. These include where and when the outbreak of the 1896 Revolution against Spain actually happened.

In the book "The Cry of Balintawak: A Contrived Controversy" written by Dr. Soledad Borromeo-Buehler and published by the Ateneo De Manila University Press in 1998, there were several places listed as the sites of Katipunnan meetings and armed engagements from Aug. 21-27, 1896. Among these places were Kangkong, Pasong Tamo, Pugad Lawin, Balara, Balintawak, Banlat, Bahay Toro and Caloocan.

The book author, Buehler, is a professional historian and granddaughter of Gen. Guillermo Masangkay, one of the closest comrades of Gat Andres Bonifacio in the Kataas-taasang, Kagalang-galang na Katipunan ng mga Anak ng Bayan (KKK). She had studied the so-called Masangkay papers thoroughly and became the basis of her book.

Incidentally, almost all of the places mentioned in her book as sites of the important meetings or early armed engagements of the Katipuneros were part of the former town of Novaliches. It must be pointed out that Quezon City was not yet in existence at that time, being founded only in October 1939 by then Philippine Commonwealth President Manuel L. Quezon.

In his book titled "Bones of Contention" published in 2014 by Anvil Publishing Inc., noted historian-professor and former National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP)

Chairman Ambeth R. Ocampo also cited some controversial episodes of the 1896 Revolution involving Balintawak and Pugad Lawin, among several other places.

For one thing, Ocampo noted the conflicting dates and places where Bonifacio and the other Katipuneros tore their "cedula" or residence certificate.

"Officially, and since 1962, it has been celebrated on August 23, 1896 in Pugad Lawin. Traditionally, before 1962, it was commemorated on August 26, 1896 in Balintawak. On this matter, tradition dies hard," he said.

Meanwhile, as I was writing the concluding paragraphs of this column, I came across the latest column of veteran journalist Yen Makabenta under the title "Observer" and subtitled "It makes sense to revert the republic's name to Filipinas" (from the present Philippines) in the June 8, 2023 issue of the Manila Times.

Here's the first paragraph of Makabenta's column:

"Nobody screamed 'historical revisionism' back in the 1960s when President Diosdado Macapagal by proclamation on May 12, 1962, and the Congress by legislation on August 4, 1964, made the bold decision to move the annual commemoration of Philippine Independence Day from July 4 to June 12 in recognition of the transcendental importance of the establishment of the Philippine Republic by the revolutionary government under Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo in Kawit, Cavite on June 12, 1898." (By Severino C. Samonte)



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TNT retires Harvey Carey's jersey



MANILA - TNT announced on Thursday that Harvey Carey's No. 4 jersey will be formally retired as the team pays tribute to one of its loyal players.

Carey never left nor even was traded from the Tropang Giga after he was selected fourth overall in the 2003 PBA Draft.

While TNT's other

first-round pick that year, Jimmy Alapag, ended up with a more stellar career, Carey was also instrumental in the team's first seven title runs with his hard-nosed defense and hustle.

Carey called it a career after the 2020 bubble season when the Tropang Giga made the finals but lost to Barangay Ginebra.

He finished with averages of 6.4 points, 6.1 rebounds, 1.0 assists, 0.3 steals, and 0.3 blocks a game in 728 appearances with the Blue and Gold.

Carey's jersey will be formally retired on Wednesday night next week when TNT battles Meralco in a PBA on Tour game at the Ynares Sports Arena in Pasig. (PNA)

11 Filipinos to compete in Japan for Asia Triathlon U23

MANILA - The Triathlon Association of the Philippines (TRAP) will send 11 athletes to Japan for the 2023 Asia Triathlon U23 and Junior Championships that will be held in Gamagori on June 22 to 26.

The event distance in the U23/Junior (Sprint) will be 750m (swim), 20km (bike), and 5km (run) while in the U23/Junior Mixed Relay (Super Sprint), it will be 280m (swim), 7.2km (bike), and 2km (run).

Cebu City's Andrew Kim Remolino and Faith Raven Alcosaba, Iñaki Emil Lorbes, Juan Francisco Baniqued, and Joshua Alexander Ramos will

compete in the U-23 division while Erika Nicole Burgos, Gene Heart Quiambao, Kira Ellis, Lady Samantha Jhunace Corpuz, Dayshaun Karl Ramos, and Matthew Justine Hermosa, who is also from Cebu, are entered in the Junior division.

The athletes will be accompanied by coaches Ani de Leon Brown, Louann Ramos, and Cebuano Roland Remolino, as well as TRAP secretary general Ramon Marchan, when they leave on June 21.

"We are sending our next-generation triathletes to the Asian Championships, as part of our long-term program to maximize exposure in world-class competitions and high-

performance training camps for our high-potential triathletes. Their performances in these events will likewise be a basis for selection to the Asian Games in Hangzhou (China) in September plus the results of the recent SEA (Southeast) Games in Cambodia," TRAP president Tom Carrasco said in an interview on Saturday.

Burgos, Lorbes, Ellis, and Hermosa won the mixed team gold medal in the aquathlon while Remolino finished third behind teammate, Fil-Spanish Fernando Casares, and Indonesian Rashif Yaqin in triathlon during the SEA Games. (PNA)



JAPAN-BOUND. Triathletes Iñaki Emil Lorbes (left) and Andrew Kim Remolino compete in Subic, Zambales in this photo taken two years ago. They will join the Asia Triathlon U-23 and Junior Championships to be held in Gamagori City, Japan on June 22-26, 2023. (Contributed photo)

Gymnast Yulo leads PSA's top monthly achievers



TOP ACHIEVER. Two-time world champion Carlos Yulo shows his winning form to win the parallel bars gold medal in the 32nd Southeast Asian Games in Phnom Penh, Cambodia on May 9, 2023. The Philippine Sportswriters Association (PSA) on Thursday (June 22) announced its top achievers for May led by Yulo. (Contributed photo)

MANILA - The Philippine Sportswriters Association (PSA) on Thursday announced its top achievers for the month of May led by world champion gymnast Carlos Edriel Yulo.

Yulo delivered two gold and two silver medals for the gymnastics team, which also won two bronze medals, in the 32nd Southeast Asian Games held from May 5 to 17 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

The Philippine contingent won 58 golds, 85 silvers and 117 bronzes to surpass its 52-70-105 haul in Vietnam last year, but remained fifth overall.

The other medalists were from arnis (6-2-4), taekwondo (6-1-8), athletics (4-10-8), wrestling (4-7-5), boxing (4-5-1), and obstacle course race (4-2-0).

Pole vaulter EJ Obiena, currently world No. 3, won his third consecutive SEAG gold medal with a new Games mark of 5.65 meters.

Mark Julius Rodelas (25.092 seconds) and Precious Cabuya (32.732 seconds) set World Obstacle

and Guinness World Records, while the men's team of Jose Mari de Castro Jr, Mervin Guarte, Elias Tabac and Aghie Radem (24.479) and women's team of Milky Mae Tejares, Marites Nocyo, Sandi Menchi Abayan and Mecca Cortizano (33.733) also established world records.

In weightlifting, Elreen Ando registered 98kgs (snatch), 118kgs (clean and jerk) and 216 kgs (total) to claim the gold medal in the women's 59kg category. Vanessa Sarno, on the other hand, won her second SEAG gold medal in the 71kg category with a total lift of 225 kgs, highlighted with a record snatch of 105 kgs.

In swimming, Xiandi Chua won the women's 200m backstroke gold medal in a record 2:13.20 while Teia Salvino set a new Philippine record of 1:01.64 on her way to winning the 100m backstroke event.

Gilas Pilipinas re-claimed the men's basketball title after posting an 80-69 win against host Cambodia in the final. (PNA)

Cavite holds Provincial Migrant's Day Celebration



In recognition of the significant contributions and the many sacrifices of Caviteño migrant workers as they strive to provide for their families, the Office of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer and the Cavite Overseas Filipino Welfare Council spearheaded the Provincial Migrant's Day Celebration at the Provincial Gymnasium in Trece Martires City on June 17, 2023.

Ms. Felipa Servañez, head of OPSWDO, welcomed the migrants and loved ones in the program and shared a profound reflection on the social impacts of migration

vis-à-vis the economic gains. Ms. Beverly Alvaran and Ms. Marife Bautista, who both represented Board Member Romel Enriquez, also extended their support.

During the program, Ms. Riza Ramirez-Flores, Direct Service Manager of Blas F. Ople Policy Center and Training Institute, introduced their organization and vision for Overseas Filipino Workers and their families. She, then, discussed the legal processes in applying for overseas work, and shared situations and actions to avoid falling victim of scam recruitment and trafficking. She also presented the

assistance they offer to returning or repatriated Overseas Filipinos who experienced challenges abroad.

Meanwhile, Ms. Kathleen Margaret Espinol, shared her success story as an OFW-turned-entrepreneur during the pandemic, giving hope and inspiration to others to strive harder for their goals and aim for the brighter side of life.

In conclusion, Ms. Precyl T. Ramos, Social Welfare Officer IV, emphasized the importance of having a focal person in each community in the province, to look into the issues and concerns of migrants and seek for apt solution.

Participants were treated with pampering services from TESDA while products and other services were offered in various booths of PGC offices, national agencies and non-government organizations. Raffle of prizes and jamming session from Best of Seven Band also added to the excitement and entertainment of the attendees.

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the said event feasible:

1. Ai-She Fashion from Liliw, Laguna
2. Berches Barong Avenue from Lumban, Laguna
3. Designers Circle Philippines - Laguna Elite Group
4. E. A. Casedo Embroidery from Lumban, Laguna
6. Fashionable from Lumban, Laguna
7. Isola Handicrafts from Los Baños, Laguna
8. Rolyolikha At Iba Pa Handicrafts from Pila, Laguna. (DTI-Laguna)



Extending healthcare services for PDLs. In a commendable effort to extend quality healthcare services to marginalized sectors, the Provincial Government of Cavite in partnership with the Prison Ministry of Diocese of Imus and New Humanity Volunteers, organized a medical mission on June 16, 2023 at BJMP, Tagaytay City, serving around 200 persons deprived of liberty (PDLs). The noble initiative aimed to ensure that even those behind bars have access to the much-needed healthcare services.

PDLs were given the opportunity to discuss their health concerns with the attending medical professionals, who diligently assessed their conditions and provided appropriate treatments and medications. Additionally, a pharmacy was set up on-site, ensuring that essential medications were readily available.

The event was met with overwhelming gratitude from the PDLs and BJMP officials, who expressed their appreciation for the government's concern to their welfare. They shared their hopes of improved health and a brighter future for PDLs. --- OPIO

Walang naitalang malubhang pinsala matapos ang magnitudo 6.3 na lindol sa Calatagan

BATANGAS CITY (PIA) — Walang naiulat na malubhang pinsala o mga naapektuhang residente sa bayan ng Calatagan kung saan naitala ang sentro ng magnitudo 6.3 na lindol na yumanig nitong Huwebes ng umaga, Hunyo 15, ayon kay Mayor Peter Oliver Palacio.

Sinabi ni Palacio na agad silang nagsagawa ng damage assessment upang matiyak na rin ang kaligtasan ng mga residente dahil na rin sa inaasahan pang mga kasunod na pagyanig. Kaugnay nito ay sinuspinde ang klase ngayong hapon sa Calatagan at iba't ibang bahagi ng Calabarzon upang matiyak ang kaligtasan ng mga mag-aaral sa paaralan.

Kabilang sa mga nagdeklara ng suspensiyon ng klase ang lalawigan ng Laguna, Bacoor City, at Naic, Cavite sa lahat ng antas ng mga pampubliko at pribadong paaralan.

Sa pagpupulong ng Calabarzon Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (RDRRMC), sinabi ni Erlinton Olavere ng Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs) na marami pang aftershocks ang inasahan sa loob ng tatlong araw hanggang isang linggo. Tiniyak naman ni Olavere na walang banta ng tsunami sa bansa.

Sa ngayon, patuloy ang Calabarzon RDRRMC at Calatagan Municipal DRRM Office sa pagsusuri sa pinsala na dinulot ng magnitudo 6.3 sa Calatagan, Batangas.

Ayon sa Department of Social Welfare and Development IV-A, may 1,500 food packs ang naka-preposition para sa bayan ng Calatagan at agad na maipapadala



DTI-Laguna Participates in the Celebration of Philippine Independence Day and Showcase a Laguna Fashion Exhibit

Victoria, Laguna — The Department of Trade and Industry – Laguna Provincial Office (DTI-Laguna) joined the nation in celebrating Philippine Independence Day at Venice Grand Canal Mall in Taguig City.

DTI-Laguna, Provincial Government of Laguna and Megaworld Lifestyle Malls proudly presented the grand opening of "Tara Pasyal Na: Threads of Tradition - Laguna Fashion Exhibit" at the Ponte de Amore, Venice Grand Canal Mall, McKinley Hills, Taguig City, Metro Manila, on June 12, 2023.

This is the second leg of the above mall tourism campaign initiated by Megaworld Lifestyle Malls in partnership with the Department of Tourism. Present in the ribbon cutting ceremony were the Local Economic Development and Investment Promotion Office Designate in Laguna, Ms. Fatima Eleonor Villaseñor; Officer-in-Charge of DTI-Laguna, Mr.

Christian Ted Tungohan; and the Mall Head of Venice Grand Canal, Mr. Walter Lee. The rich heritage and craftsmanship of Laguna's fashion industry was highlighted in this fashion exhibit as the collaboration showcased the vibrant and diverse threads that

make up Laguna's cultural tapestry. A display of traditional and contemporary garments, accessories, and handicrafts that beautifully blend history and innovation captivated walk-in clients as they immerse themselves in the different set-ups of

mannequin displays and special setting. This extraordinary fashion exhibit not only pays homage to our country's independence but also serves as a platform to support and promote local artisans and designers. Their extraordinary talent and their dedication to

preserving our rich cultural heritage has been witnessed and shared through this event. The fashion exhibit run until June 14, 2023.

DTI-Laguna would like to thank the following designers and exhibitors, who made

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urged citizens to reflect on the lessons of the past and persist in their fight for liberation from poverty, hunger, and the pursuit of a brighter future.

"Sa araw na ito, napapanahon na sariwain ang mga aral na ibinigay ni Gat Andres at lahat ng bayaning nagbuwis ng buhay sa altar ng kalayaan. Panahon ito para balikan din natin ang kasaysayan tungo sa kalayaan at matuto sa mga aral ng nakaraan. Hindi natin mailalagay ang daan tungo sa magandang kinabukasan kung hindi pag-aaralan ang landas na tinahak ng mga naunang henerasyon. Utang natin sa kanilang kalayaang tinatamasa natin

ngayon. Bilang pagkilala sa kanilang ambag sa bayan, napapanahon na tanungin ang ating mga sarili kung may puwang pa ba ang kabayanihan sa henerasyon natin ngayon," Romualdez said.

"Kailangan bang humawak ng armas para maging bayani? Kailangan bang mamatay para sa bayan para matawag lamang na bayani? Kailangan pa bang makipaglaban kung ganap na ang kalayaan? Sa ganang akin, hindi pa tapos ang laban ni Gat Andres at iba pa nating bayani. Walang ganap na kalayaan kung hindi naghihirap pa rin sa lupang tinubuan. Ang laban para sa kalayaan ay hindi lamang himagsikan laban sa mga mananakop. Laban

din ito para wakasan ang kagutuman. Laban para maranasan ang ginhawa sa buhay. Laban para matiyak ang magandang kinabukasan. Sa araw na ito, gisingin natin ang kabayanihan sa bawat isa sa atin. Maging bayani para iangat ang buhay ng pamilya. Kumilos para maging bahagi ng solusyon sa mga problema ng bayan. Maging bayani para sa bansa at para sa kapwa," he added.

Mayor Malapitan, for his part, also called on all "Batang Kankaloo" and the public to continue the fight for independence from different social issues the country is facing, including poverty.

"Dahil tulad nila Gat Andres Bonifacio, Doktor Jose Rizal,



President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr. receives the 125th Philippine Independence Day commemorative stamps from the Philippine Postal Corporation Postmaster General Luis D. Carlos. (Photo courtesy of the Office of the President Facebook page)



Gabriela Silang at marami pang bayani, ang bawat isa sa atin ay maaaring maging instrumento ng pagbabago at sa samang pagsisikap,

tiwala ako na maaabot natin ang pangarap para sa ating lipunan at sa ating bansa," Malapitan said.

"Noong ipinaglaban ng ating mga sinaunang bayani ang kalayaan ng ating bansa, tiyak ko na ang nasa isip nila ay ang kinabukasan ng bawat Pilipino at ng susunod na henerasyon. Dahil sa kanilang pakikipaglaban at sakripisyo, ginugunita natin ang pagiging isang malayang bansa ng Republika ng Pilipinas," the mayor added.

"Nais kong himukin ang bawat Pilipino na ituloy natin ang ipinaglaban ng ating mga bayani, ituloy natin ang laban para sa ating mga karapatan, ang laban kontra kahirapan at iba pang suliranin ng lipunan upang sa mga

darating na panahon ay patuloy na matatamasa ng ating mga anak at ng susunod na henerasyon ang kalayaan na mayroon tayo ngayon," he further said.

Also present during the event were Caloocan City First District Representative Oscar "Oca" Malapitan, Third District Representative Dean Asistio, Vice-Mayor Karina Teh, city officials, business clubs and humanitarian groups such as the Philippine Chamber of Commerce, Caloocan City Filipino-Chinese Chamber of Commerce Inc., Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines, and Knights of Columbus. All parties conducted wreath laying at the historic monument.



PHLPost presents Independence Day stamps to PBBM

PASIG CITY, (PIA) – The Philippine Postal Corporation (PHLPost) presented on Monday (June 12) the Independence Day commemorative stamps to President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr.

Postmaster General Luis D. Carlos presented to the President the commemorative Stamp Frame during Independence Day program at the Quirino Grandstand, Rizal Park in Manila.

"As we commemorate the sacrifices and triumphs of our forebears, in the face of adversity, our people at PHLPost will rise from the ashes and become resilient and strong," Carlos said.

The historic Manila Central Post Office Building was recently destroyed by fire, leaving its documents and equipment burned to the ground.

"We are saddened by this unfortunate incident, but we are lucky



The Independence Day commemorative stamps and first day cover (below). (Photos courtesy of PHLPost)

to have salvaged some important stamps. We are now in the process of retrieving valuable and historic items placed in our stamp vault which were left unharmed during the fire," Carlos added.

According to PHLPost, the 125th Philippine Independence Day Stamps feature two important moments in our history: The Sewing of the Philippine Flag by

Marcela and Lorenza Agoncillo, and Delfina Herbosa Natividad in Hong Kong, and when Aguinaldo proclaimed Philippine Independence with the very same flag proudly raised at the Aguinaldo residence (now Emilio Aguinaldo Shrine) during the Declaration of Philippine Independence in Kawit, Cavite, on June 12, 1898.

The official logo for

the 125th Anniversary of Philippine Independence and Nationhood appears on the official first-day cover.

Starting June 13, 2023, PHLPost will start selling the stamps to the public at SM Manila Postal Counter in support of the commemoration of the 125th Anniversary of Philippine Independence and Nationhood.

PHLPost has been at the forefront of protecting, preserving,

and conserving history and culture by issuing postage stamps that have been widely recognized here and abroad. The beauty, uniqueness, and special significance of commemorative stamps, continue to be a source of fascination and of great value to collectors.

The postal office has printed 40,000 copies sold at P16 each of the two different

designs of the stamps. PHLPost in-house graphic artist Israel Viyo layout the historic stamps.

Stamps and official first-day covers are also available at the 4th Floor of SM City Manila Postal Counter located at Conception Street Corner San Marcelino or visit <https://www.facebook.com/PilipinasPhilately/> for updates. (PHLPost/PIA-NCR)

A day of career opportunities and breakthroughs for Caviteño job seekers

Cavite Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager and Sangguniang Kabataan Provincial Federation, joined forces with Amadeo LGU through its Municipal Public Employment Service Office in organizing the Mega Job Fair Caravan at the town's covered court on June 16, 2023, providing career opportunities to Caviteño jobseekers.

Provincial SK Federation President Tom Carlo M. Ardemer imparted that over the past two years, many individuals lost their jobs and new graduates were seeking career opportunities during the pandemic. With the support of Governor Jonvic Remulla and Vice Governor Athena Bryana Tolentino, they planned the Mega Job Fair Caravan to give chance to those in need across the province. He then urged everyone to seize the opportunities for they seldom come right at their midst.

Engr. Redel John B. Dionisio, Municipal Mayor, expressed his appreciation to the organizers of the activity for exerting time and effort in providing hope to his constituents, particularly the youth in Amadeo. He, then, shared that the number of underprivileged is decreasing in their municipality.

With thirty-one (31) participating companies, the caravan served as a step forward for jobseekers to build up networks with various companies and employers. Moreover, the success of the Mega Job Fair Caravan plays a key role in supporting economic growth of the province.

