

# SC, inilatag 5-taon plano sa mas mahusay na pagkamit ng hustisya

MAS maayos at mabilis at parehas at walang kinikilingang paghatol at lantad sa publikong paggawad ng hustisya.

Ang mga ito ang nilalaman ng inilabas na 4-taong plano ng Supreme Court (SC) sa layuning makapagawad ng napapanahon, matapat at bukas sa madlang paghatol at pagkakaloob ng katarungan.

Ang plano na pinamagatang "Strategic Plan for Judicial Innovations (SPJI) 2022-2027 ay naglalayong lutasin ang matagal nang problema sa hudikatura sa poamamagitan ng mga bagong gawain sa mas mabuting serbisyo na magbubunga sa mas malawak na pagkakamit ng hustisya sa lahat.

Lulutasin sa SPJI ang mga problema tulad ng mataagal na pagkabimbim sa mga kaso, nagtambak na dinaaksiyonang mga kaso, at kakulangan sa iba-ibang pangangailangan.

Nagdudulot ang mga ito, ayon Korte Suprema ang dahilan ng mabagal na sistema at gawain sa mga hukuman,

Ayon sa SPJI,

problema rin ang malaking kakulangan ng nakatatag na hukuman, mga gabay at tuntuning sa pamamaraan na nagpapahintulot sa mahabang proseso sa pagdinig sa mga kaso, mabagal na galaw at pagtupad, kapabayaang o kaya ay kapos-sa-kakayahan ng mga kawani ng hukuman.

Tinukoy rin ang malaking perwisyonang idinulot ng pandemyang Covid-19 na nagbunga ng mabagal, pagkabimbim at pagkatambak ng mga dinaaksiyonang kaso sa mga hukuman.

Binanggit din ng SPJI ang pakiramdam ng publiko na may nagaganap na korapsiyon sa mga hukuman, at ito ay tutukang maresolba ng Kataas-taasang Hukuman.

Mga hakbang na ipatutupad ng SC, ayon sa SPJI:

1. Napanahon at parehas na pagkakaloob ng malaya at maayos na pagpapasiya at pagtiyak na magandang na makapagdudulog ng reklamo at pagkakamit ng hustisya sa tamang pagkakataon.

2. Bukas sa publiko

at mapagkakatiwalaang hustisya na makapagpapabalik ng paghanga at poagtiwala ng taumbayan.

3. Pantay at mabilis na serbisyo sa lahat ng lumalapat at humingi ng serbisyo mula sa mga hukuman.

4. Upang makamit ang episyenteng pamamahala, aangkop at gagamitin ang mga bagong kaalaman sa digital na teknolohiya

Here are some things to know about the SC's five-year plan.

Upang matamo ang maayos, parehas at malayang paggawad ng hustisya, magsasagawa ang SC ng mga bagong sistema at pagkilos, ayon at aangkop sa pangangailangan ng panahon.

Lilikhain, ayon sa SPJI, ang Supreme Court Management Committee and a Planning Development Office.

Ito ang titingin, magrebyu at gagalaw upang matiyak ang maayos na pagkilos at paggalaw, proseso at pamamahala sa mga hukuman sa bansa.

Aaksiyon din ng SC

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ang mga problema, pangangailangan at kabutihan ng mga manggagawa ng hukuman -- mula sa mga mahistrado, mga huwes at mga opisyal at tauhan ng mga korte sa bansa.

Magpapatupad ang SC ng socialized health insurance system para sa lahat ng opisyal, mga kawani ng hukuman; pagtatayo ng Mental Health Unit, taunang pisikal at mental na paggamot nang libre, at ang pagpapalakas ng mga pasilidad para sa pangangalaga ng mga sanggol at bata sa mga hukuman.

Pagpapalakas sa patuloy na pag-aaral ng mga hukum, pagtuturo at pagpapatupad ng angkop na disiplina sa mga opisyal at tauhan ng mga korte at iba pang programa upang mapabuti ang bar exams at responsibilidad at pananagutan ng mga abogado.

Sa paggamit ng makabagong digital technology, inaasahang mapabibilis ang paghahatid ng mga tagubilin, plano, memorandum at iba pang gawain sa lahat ng korte sa buong bansa.

Pagpapalakas sa Judicial Integrity Board at ang pagsasaayos ng Judiciary Marshals Office.

Plano ring gamitin ng SC ang artificial intelligence (AI) para sa malawang na pasasaliksik ukol sa batas at pagpapalawak ng e-library at ng pagpapalakas ng AI-enabled technology.

Inuupisahan na ring itayo ang "eCourt System Version 2.0." na gagamitin para sa mabilis na transakyon sa mga hukuman tulad ng pagrerekord ng mga kaso, bayarin, rapol at mga kalendaryo sa mga pagdinig at gawain sa mga hukuman.

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Bukod sa iba pang bagong sistema sa repormasyon sa mga korte, lilikha rin ang SC ng mga proyektong tutulong sa madlangbayan upang madaling makakuha ng mga impormasyon may kinalaman sa hustisya at reporma sa mga korte.

Magpapatupad din ang SC, ayon sa SPJI ng tulong legal, data base para sa libreng pag-aaral sa ipinatututpad na Enhanced Justice on Wheels program.

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Plano ring rebyuhin ang bumubuo ng komite ng Shari'ah at suriin ang sistema ng Shari'ah justice, at dagdag dito, palalaksin ang legal Shari'ah legal education system.

## Science secretary leads the Philippines at the 12th Informal ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Science, Technology, and Innovation (IAMMSTI-12)

Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Secretary Renato U. Solidum Jr. leads the Philippines at the 12th Informal ASEAN

Ministerial Meeting on Science, Technology and Innovation (IAMMSTI-12), held on 22 June 2023.

The Philippines

expressed support for the development of an ASEAN strategy for carbon neutrality, shared best practices to drive sustainable growth, and

expressed commitment to foster closer collaboration amongst the ASEAN Member States. Secretary Solidum encouraged both nature-based and market-based solutions to reduce carbon emissions through carbon pricing instruments.

In April 2021, then President Rodrigo Roa Duterte approved the country's first Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC), which sets a 75-percent greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction and avoidance by 2030, as part of the Philippines' commitment to the Paris Agreement on Climate Change.

According to the 7th ASEAN Energy Outlook (AEO), ASEAN achieved an energy intensity reduction of 23.8% amidst the pandemic in 2020. Continuing the progress with national targets, though, does not result in achieving the regional target of 32% by 2025. The AEO recommends efforts to include adopting stringent energy efficiency measures, increased electrification, and renewable energy resource optimization.

At this regional gathering of ASEAN STI Ministers, the importance of applied research in translating scientific knowledge into

practical solutions that cater to the needs of ASEAN was underscored as a vital component to drive socioeconomic development and innovation.

The IAMMSTI-12 coincided with the launching of the "Digital Future: Advancing Technology & Innovation," a highly-anticipated event organized by the Digital Future Conference and Exhibition in conjunction with Brunei Mid-Year Conference and Exhibition (MYCE) 2023. Digital Future is a showcase of the latest trends, innovations, and breakthroughs in various aspects of technology.



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## NHCP to unveil "Kawit" historical marker

**KAWIT, Cavite (PIA)** – The National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) together with the Kawit local government will unveil on Friday, June 23, a historical marker at the Dambanang Emilio Aguinaldo in commemoration of the Philippine Revolutionary Government's 125th anniversary.

NHCP Chairman Emmanuel Franco Calairo will lead the unveiling of the "Kawit" historical marker, in a ceremony to be held at 6:00 p.m. Executive Secretary Lucas P. Bersamin is expected to grace the event and deliver a keynote speech as the guest of honor and speaker.

NHCP said it will also host a ceremonial toast to honor the founding of the revolutionary government and recognize the following government agencies:

- Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA),
- Department of Finance (DOF),
- Department of Justice (DOJ),
- Department of Agriculture (DA),
- Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH),
- Department of Education (DepEd),
- Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE),
- Department of National Defense (DND),
- Department of Health (DOH),
- Department of Trade and Industry (DTI),
- Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG),
- Department of Transportation (DOTR),
- Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT),
- Department of Budget and Management (DBM)

Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP)

The NHCP is the national government agency mandated to promote Philippine history through its museums, research, and publications, and to preserve historical heritage through conservation and the marking of historic sites and structures. (PIA-Cavite/NHCP)

## DTI Cavite officially launches e-SIGAW website to further strengthen information sharing and awareness

To further strengthen information sharing and awareness, the Department of Trade and Industry – Cavite officially launched its breakthrough project, the e-Share Information, Gain Awareness (e-SIGAW) website, on June 23, 2023 via Zoom to 140 participants.

"Today, we realize another milestone through the e-SIGAW website. We now have finally and formally launched it—finally because after four years of developing and implementing the project and formally because we previously held a soft launching

last February 9, 2023," said DTI 4-A OIC-Assistant Regional Director Revelyn A. Cortez in her welcome message.

Cortez also highlighted the goal of DTI Cavite to extensively and efficiently promote DTI programs and services to the public. She expressed her gratitude to their partners and the De La Salle University-Dasmariñas in this breakthrough project.

Through the funding of the DTI-Bureau of Small and Medium Enterprise Development (BSMED) in 2021, e-SIGAW serves as a platform for

DTI Cavite to empower the micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and consumers by sharing timely and relevant information for the development of

businesses and protection of consumers. In 2022, the DTI Cavite was tasked a more extensive implementation of the e-SIGAW project with a focus on website

development to provide organized and retrievable information for its clients.

"It gives me great joy to address this dynamic gathering

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today as we embark on an exciting journey into the realm of digital technology. This is truly a very remarkable initiative to bring our services to our countrymen, at the fingertips of our tech-savvy clients. Now, gone are the days of long lines, wait times, and tedious paper works, and through e-Sigaw website, we are ready to revolutionize the way we connect, engage, and empower our valued clients," said DTI-BSMED OIC-Director Emma C. Asusano.

Called the e-SIGAW Website, the project is an internet site that features the following services and contents: e-ANGAT MSMEs, an online mentoring facility to provide MSMEs easy access to local mentors, private organizations, and government agencies for their business development and information needs; e-BIDA ang LOKAL, a business-to-business commerce site to promote the products of Cavite MSMEs, particularly those that have undergone product development through the One Town, One Product (OTOP) Next Generation Program; e-KONEK NEGOSYO, a directory of Cavite MSMEs,

particularly beneficiaries of the Shared Service Facilities (SSF) Program, Kapatid Mentor Me (KMME) Program, and OTOP NextGen Program; e-TRAIN to LEARN, a calendar of activities and training to be conducted by DTI Cavite and access to e-learning materials; and e-CONSUMER CORNER, an information hub that features the programs and services offered by the DTI Cavite Consumer Protection Division, which include the BagwisProgram, Consumer Advocacy, accreditation and issuance of business licenses, permits, registration, and authorities, and monitoring and enforcement of Fair Trade Laws. Moreover, the e-CONSUMER CORNER serves as a gateway in airing consumer complaints and posting latest information about consumerism such as updated DTI Department Administrative Orders/guidelines, Suggested Retail Prices, etc.

"I am very pleased to witness and be part of the launching of another breakthrough goal via e-SIGAW, and I am committing my full support to DTI Cavite for this project that is

expected to level up their services to all the Cavitenos. Hopefully, this will be replicated soon in the entire CALABARZON," said DTI Regional Operations Group Undersecretary Blesila A. Lantayona.

Lantayona hopes that this initiative will inspire other DTI offices nationwide to adopt the project in their respective regions and provinces. As DTI continues to scale up its digitalization efforts at the Head Office, Lantayona emphasized that the Regional Operations Group will ensure that the frontline

offices in the regions and provinces are also into it to guarantee efficient delivery of services to both the MSMEs and the consumer sector.

"The e-Sigaw is truly a useful and informative website that is available to the public all day, all night, every day. This impressive portal that is worth broadcasting and boasting serves as a guide in doing business in Cavite as clients can immerse themselves and inquire about the many business opportunities in the province. This is also an

invitation to do business as this will help in gaining strong partnership from businessmen not just in Cavite but hopefully nationwide as well," said DTI-Knowledge Management and Information Services OIC-Director Alfonso M. Valenzuela.

Furthermore, Cavite Provincial Administrator for Community Affairs Alvin S. Mojica guaranteed their continuous and full support to the projects and programs of the DTI for the welfare of the Cavitenos.

"The shift to the 'new normal' increases the number of online users, including MSMEs and consumers. E-sigaw is our testament to our commitment to improve government service by streamlining and digitalizing processes and services in the DTI. Rest assured that we will not stop in providing our clients better programs and services like s-SIGAW," said DTI 4-A OIC-Regional Director Marissa C. Argente.

The public can access the e-sigaw website through this link: [esigaw.dti.gov.ph](http://esigaw.dti.gov.ph)

## PIMENTEL LAUDS PAPI, CITES NEW LAW FOR PUBLISHING AND PRINT MEDIA

SENATE Minority Leader, Aquilino "Koko" Pimentel III lauded the achievements of the Publishers Association of the Philippines, Inc. (PAPI) and cited a recently-passed law which recognizes 'publishing and printing media' as one of the domains in the Creative Industries Development Act.

The senator was one of the special guests at PAPI's 2023 Midyear Executive Session held at the Makati Sports Club on June 24. The occasion coincided with the association chairman emeritus, Johnny Dayang's birthday.

"Freedom of the press is a fundamental right here in our beloved country. We can never allow for print to be dead," the senator told PAPI members headed by its national president, Nelson Santos.

The Senate recently passed the Creative Industries Development Act which Pimentel himself, authored and championed in the upper House of Congress. "Under this law, RA No. 11904, we are recognizing nine creative domains and it may interest you to know that the 'publishing and printed



media domain' is a recognized creative domain. Newspaper articles are journalistic literature," the senator said.

Further, Pimentel cited Section 4 of the 1987 Constitution that says "No law shall be passed abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or of the right of the people peaceably to assemble and petition the government for redress of grievances."

He recalled the late Fr. Joaquin G. Bernas, a Jesuit priest, lawyer, college professor and writer who was Dean Emeritus of the Ateneo de Manila Law School, was a member of the 1986 Constitutional Commission which drafted the 1987 Philippine Constitution, amended a section that

says "The right of the people to enjoy freedom of speech and press and to peaceably assemble and petition the government for redress of grievances shall not be abridged."

Pimentel explained that Fr. Bernas pointed out, that by specifying 'people,' it would limit the scope of the protection to natural persons, thus leaving corporate entities, like publishing companies, unprotected.

"I will help you and do whatever I can to contribute to the protection and promotion of the newspaper publishing industry and to news reporting as a whole," Pimentel said.

"As the minority leader in the Senate, I am the designated 'critic' of the majority in the Senate. I need you, for me to be able to

perform, competently and credibly, this constitutional duty as Senate Minority Leader," the senator told the publishers, editors, and reporters of national, regional, and provincial newspapers, present at the occasion.

Other event guests among others, were Judge Judge Flordeliz Cabanal Fargas of RTC Trece, In the same occasion, Dayang also launched his book while PAPI members from 1970-1980, Outstanding Court Sheriff 2023 Ms. Joanna Avigail Timkang and former president and House deputy speaker, Gloria Macapagal Arroyo were honored.

Santos thanked all those who attended the momentous event. (Nelson Santos)

# A day of free medical care for the Gentriseños

The Provincial Government of Cavite, in coordination with former City Councilor Walter Martinez, brought hope and relief to the residents of Barangay San Francisco, City of General Trias through the medical mission program conducted on June 22, 2023.

Medical staff from the Office of the Provincial Health Officer worked hand in hand with General Trias City Health Office team in rendering free consultations, check-ups, and other basic medical services to a total of 326 locals who sought assistance for their health concerns.

On the other hand, the Office of the Provincial Governor-Extension provided free medicines and vitamin supplements, ensuring

access of those in need without financial burden. Mosquito-repellent lotion was also distributed as part of the

fight against dengue and other mosquito-borne diseases. Antigen swab testing was performed

to those individuals who presented symptoms, making sure of everyone's safety in the venue proper.

With the unwavering support of Sangguniang Kabataan, local officials and volunteers, the medical mission was concluded successfully, extending a much-needed medical care to the Gentriseños. -- OPIO



## PGC extends health services to the locals of General Trias



The provincial government of Cavite's health services benefitted the locals of General Trias City, in another round of medical and dental mission held at Javalera Elementary School covered court on June 21, 2023, serving a total of two hundred fifty patients.

The office of the Provincial Governor-extension led by Ms. Charlene Ann P. Samala, arranged the mission, in partnership with the Provincial Health Office and Rural Health Unit of the city.

The medical team from General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital, rendered free medical consultation, while the General Trias City RHU dental team, provided dental check-ups and tooth extractions. A total of 213 residents received medical consultations and 37 availed dental treatments.

Despite the intense heat, the mission was a tremendous success, through the combined efforts of 6th District Board Member Kerby Salazar, City Councilor Kyle Salazar, Derrin Javier Pascua, and the dedicated barangay officials, Barangay Health Workers and volunteers. They expressed their great appreciation to the provincial government for providing essential services to their community.--- OPIO

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