

Barangays and schools benefit from PDIC's equipment donations



The Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation (PDIC) donated a total of 103 pieces of office and IT equipment such as used desktop computers, computer tables, filing cabinets, drawers, bookshelves, sofas, and office desks to various barangays and schools. The PDIC officially turned over the donations in a hybrid ceremony on 18 May 2022 led by Cyrus T. Galang, Vice President of Administrative Services Group; Renar M. Gonzales, Department Manager of Technical Support Department; and Analinda C. Lao, Department Manager of Procurement and Property Department; internal auditor Mae B. Bucago; and COA Auditor Ariel Austine R. Yanuario, Jr.

Recipients consisted of representatives from Barangays Poblacion 2 and Buñao in Dumaguete City, Barangay Niog III in Bacoor Cavite, Buenavista National High School, CAA Elementary School, Fernando Ma. Guerrero Elementary School, Las Piñas National Senior High School Manuyo Uno Campus, Marinduque National High School, Niog Elementary School, Rivera Village Elementary School, San Antonio High School Parañaque, and Tibag High School in Tarlac City.

The donations can go a long way in helping the students and employees of the recipient units to maximize their learning and provide their constituents with optimally efficient service, respectively. (PDIC)

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SM City Rosario showcases Comida Caviteño and photo exhibit



The City of Cavite celebrates its Cavite Day at SM City Rosario, showcasing the city's sumptuous delicacies and rich culture through a food exhibit called Comida (chabacano term means food) Caviteño and a photo exhibit.

The exhibit opening was graced by the presence of the local government of Cavite City headed by Honorable Mayor Denver Chua with Vice Mayor Raleigh Rusit, Board Member of Cavite 1st District Davey Chua, City Administrator Bam Urubio and Team Councilors.

SM City Rosario's Assistant Mall Manager Ryan James Palma was also present to welcome the guests.

The Cavite City day food and photo exhibit is from September 3 until September 9 at the event center of SM City Rosario.

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MPT SOUTH, DOT CALABARZON, AND DILG IVA LAUNCH BIYAHENG SOUTH EXPERIENTIAL TOUR FOR NATIONAL TOURISM MONTH

Metro Pacific Tollways South (MPT South), in partnership with the Department of Tourism CALABARZON (DOT Calabarzon) and the Department of the Interior and Local Government Region 4-A (DILG IV-A), joins the celebration of the National Tourism Month this September 2022 thru "Biyaheng South" Experiential Tour.

Co-presented by Millennial Resorts Corporation and with sponsors GAC Motor Philippines and The Adventure, MPT South brought its 'Ka-Biyaheros' that comprised of online content creators (Explore With Chelo PH, Hungry Byaheros, LakwatseroCaviteño, All About Cavite, The Hungry Traveler PH, GO Cavite, GO Tagaytay, GO Batangas, and GO Philippines) and lifestyle media partners (TripZilla and Lifestyle Inquirer) for a two-day ultimate road trip experience headed towards the different tourist destinations in the progressive provinces of South, easily accessible via the Cavite-Laguna Expressway (CALAX) toll road network.

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Taking the trip to the next level, the Ka-Biyaheros squad was boarded with the world-class and luxurious vehicles of GAC Motor Philippines ranging from SUVs and vans. It drove through the operational segments of CALAX heading towards Biyaheng South's itinerary in Cavite and Batangas.

Cavite is home not only to historical sites but also to art galleries, museums, and even zoos. Biyaheng South took the team on a cultural trip and visited a secret garden place, Cordillera-inspired "Living Museum" in Silang, Cavite called Shambala Silang. The enchanting place let the Ka-Biyaheros experience nature, local traffic control room.

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DA palalakasin ang industriya ng mais sa CALABARZON



LUCENA CITY, Quezon- Inihayag ni Department of Agriculture- OIC Regional Technical Director for Research and Regulations Fidel Libao sa idinao sa "DA CALABARZON- Kapihan" sa tanggapan ng Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) noong Agosto 30 na isa sa mga prayoridad o programang ipinatutupad nila ngayon ang pagpapalakas ng industriya ng mais sa rehiyon.

Ayon kay Libao, malaki ang pagkakataon ng mga magsasaka ng mais na umunlad sa kanilang sakahan kung sila ay magpapatala sa Registry System for Basic Sectors in Agriculture (RSBSA).

"Maraming pagsasanay, programa, diskwento sa gasolina at iba't-ibang agricultural inputs ang maaaring matanggap ng magsasaka kung siya ay magpapatala sa RSBSA," sabi pa ni Libao.

Samantala, sinabi rin ni RTD Libao na may mga bayan sa lalawigan ng Quezon na malakas ang ang produksiyon ng mais at nais niyang maitala sa RSBSA ang mga magsasaka dito.

"Ang iba pong mga magsasaka na makatanggap ng mga benepisyo mula sa kawagaran ng pagsasaka ay kailangang makipag-ugnayan sa

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2022 is a banner year of economic recovery, with the Philippines managing to sustain positive growth amid increasing commodity prices.

In his first State of the Nation Address, President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. announced that no more lockdowns will be implemented -- a policy hailed by the majority of the population especially the business community.

Manila-based international lender Asian Development Bank (ADB) is expecting the Philippine economy to grow by 6.5 percent this year, a revision from its earlier projection of 6.0 percent.

Moreover, ADB projects that the government's continued vaccination efforts will heavily support recovery, especially since a huge percentage of those inoculated constitute the Philippine workforce.

There is also an evident uptick on the Philippine stock market as a testament to the PH's economic recovery. From falling to as low as 4,000 level since the global pandemic emerged, the benchmark Philippine Stock Exchange index (PSEI) -- the main index tracking the performance of the top 30 companies on the stock market -- managed to gain ground this year to hit the 7,000 level.

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Marcos administration to ensure economic recovery

The country remains challenged by global macroeconomic factors such as weaker peso and increasing global crude oil prices caused by the ongoing tensions between Ukraine and Russia, but with the government's efforts to temper inflation, the movement of goods and commodities in the Philippines remained mildly affected.

In July this year, headline inflation rate rose to 6.4 percent, a much slower growth as compared with the United Kingdom, which was at 10.1 percent -- its highest level in 40 years -- as well as the Netherlands and Spain, countries with inflation rate growing to a 38-year high of 10.3 percent.

Within the region, the Philippines' inflation rate remained behind Singapore and Thailand which were at 7.0 and 7.6 percent, respectively, and were at a 14-year high.

Mid last month, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) took sensible action to temper further inflation, having raised rates by 50 basis points (bps), and by 75 bps last July.

Transition to digital economy

The country has seen evident growth of e-commerce and the digital economy during the pandemic, as Filipinos turn to a safer and more convenient methods of purchasing goods, it was imperative for businesses to integrate digitalization in their operations.

Forecasts show that this expansion is set to continue. Data from Insider Intelligence released last June 2022 showed that the Philippines' sales growth from e-commerce increased by 25.9 percent, next to Indonesia with 34 percent, and Singapore being the highest at 36 percent.

Report from an international think tank Mordor

Intelligence shows that this industry is expected to grow 11.4 percent between now until 2027 and has high potential for expansion driven by Filipino consumers now adapting to a more digital way of life.

The report further states that many industries can take advantage of the development of the Philippine e-commerce, including telco (data boom), logistics and warehousing (supply chain), and social media.

This in turn will undoubtedly become an economic multiplier, as it enables improved market access and expansion. The Marcos administration recognizes this and has issued a marching order to the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT): "We need to digitalize the Philippines."

The DICT already has concrete plans in place to address this, including working with legislators to introduce amendments that will free up and make bureaucracy more conducive to technology-enabled governance and to a technology-enabled economy.

DICT is also set to push for the National Broadband Plan (NBP) to provide the government with its own "digital backbone" not only to improve its service but security as well.

Supported by private sector efforts aimed at fostering an environment for innovations, and a workforce of the future that is also technologically enabled, a digital Philippines is definitely achievable - a must for steady economic progress in the years to come.



National Simultaneous Bamboo and Tree Planting idinaos sa Quezon



DOLORES, Quezon-Pinangunahan ni Department of Interior and Local Government (DILD)- Quezon Provincial Director Darrell I. Dizon ang "National Simultaneous Bamboo and Tree Planting" noong Setyembre 13 sa barangay Sta. Lucia sa bayang ito.

Ang pagdalo ng pangulo sa aktibidad ay kasabay sa pagdiriwang ng kanyang ika-65 taong kaarawan.

Ang aktibidad na dinaluhan ng mahigit 100 kawani mula sa iba't-ibang tanggapan ng nasyonal at lokal na pamahalaan ay bahagi rin ng "National Greening Program" ng pamahalaan na isa sa pinakamalaking reforestation program ng bansa.

Layunin ng aktibidad na maiparating sa mga tao

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kaniyang barangay captain na nakakasakop gayundin sa municipal agriculture office upang matulungan silang makapagpatala sa R S B S A a t makapatanggap ng mga benipisyo," ayon pa kay Libao.

Ayon naman sa tala ng DA-4A, may 17,000 corn farmers mula sa lalawigan ng Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal at Quezon ang naitala na nila sa RBSA registered corn farmers. Samantala, kabilang sa priority projects ng DA-

ang kalahalagahan ng pangangalaga ng kalikasan. Ang simultaneous bamboo ang tree planting ay idinaos din sa Trece Martirez City sa Cavite; Barangay Taytay, Majayjay, Laguna; Kinalagagan, Mataas na Kahoy sa Batangas gayundin sa Old Sanitary Landfill sa Barangay Pintong Bukawe sa San Mateo Rizal kung saan ang pagtatanim ng mga kawayan at mga punongkahoy ay pinangunahan ni Pangulong Ferdinand Marcos, Jr.

Sa kanyang mensahe sa tree planting sa Rizal, pinasalamatan at pinuri naman ni Pangulo ang

tanggapan ng DILG, DENR at maging ang mga lokal na pamahalaan sa pagsasagawa ng "simultaneous bamboo and tree planting upang higit na mapangalagaan ang kalikasan.

CALABARZON sa pagpapalakas ng industriya ng mais ay ang pamimigay ng mga kagamitan g pansakhang gayundin ang pagsasagawa ng mga pagsasanay o "training for corn and cassava production", "clustering and post harvest production" at pagtatayo ng "model farms for corn and cassava".

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art, and authentic Filipino cuisine altogether. The squad also looked into the major attractions of Yoki's Farm in Mendez, Cavite, a ten hectares farm, zoo, and a museum rolled into one, wherein they had a chance to be young again by interacting up-close with a variety of species from farm to exotic animals.

After exploring various art galleries and museums, Biyaheng South brings the trip to its 'exciting part'. Less than two hours ride from Cavite, the Ka-Biyaheros squad headed to Calatagan, Batangas- famous for scenic seaside tourist spots and idyllic beaches. The squad witnessed the beautiful golden sunset, overlooking the sea at Cape Santiago Lighthouse, which stands atop a cliff by the shore of Calatagan and is one of the oldest lighthouses in the country that is still operational.

Just a few kilometers away, the whole team had an overnight stay in Crusoe Cabins at Calatagan South Beach (CaSoBe) by Millennial Resorts which allowed them to relax, refresh, and rejuvenate after a long day trip.

Ang best of all, these tourism destinations and attractions can be accessed quickly and conveniently from Metro Manila through land travel via the Cavite-Laguna Expressway (CALAX), which is the most ideal way to travel south. It is with the hope that the partnership forged between DOT IV - A and MPT South will promote a dynamic tourism service and enhance our economy through inclusive and sustainable development of tourism with the Biyaheng South Program," said Regional Director Marites Castro, Department of Tourism Calabarzon.

"We wanted to

programs like Biyaheng South Experiential tour, Millennial Resorts and MPT South is helping the tourism industry recover from the challenges of the times," asserted Patrick C. Gregorio, Landco senior consultant for Hospitality and Tourism.

MPT South's "Biyaheng South" is an award-winning tourism program of the toll road company that has been active on social channels like Facebook and TikTok for promoting its toll road network Manila-Cavite Expressway (CAVITEX and CAVITEX C5 LINK) and Cavite-Laguna Expressway (CALAX) as a gateway towards the sensational sites and attractions in South. With over 20,000 combined followers for both digital platforms, Biyaheng South was able to generate more than 1 million views on TikTok and gain a lifetime reach of 430,000 on Facebook, increasing vehicle traffic count along its expressways and helping boost the economic growth of the provinces hampered by the pandemic.

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