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Provincial Government of Cavite and PGCEA Sign Collective Negotiation Agreement

In a significant step towards strengthening labor relations and enhancing the welfare of its employees, the Provincial Government of Cavite, led by Governor Jonvic Remulla, signed a Collective Negotiation Agreement (CNA) with the Provincial Government of Cavite Employees Association (PGCEA) on August 29, 2024, at the Office of the Provincial Governor.

The signing ceremony was attended by key representatives from both the provincial government and PGCEA, headed by its President Michelle S. Osorio, together with the other officers, and Mr. Renato A. Abutan, who showed strong support for the landmark agreement.

The CNA is a product of mutual understanding and collaboration between the Provincial Government of Cavite and PGCEA. It outlines key provisions on employee benefits, rights, and responsibilities, aiming to create a more conducive work environment for all employees of the provincial government.

Ms. Osorio highlighted the significance of the agreement as a representation of the collective efforts to achieve a fair and just workplace for all employees. She expressed gratitude to Governor Remulla and the entire provincial government for recognizing the importance of the CNA and for the continuous support to the employees' association. **► PROVINCIAL • 4**



Bill seeking to regularize barangay officials filed in Senate

Senator Loren Legarda is pushing for the passage of a measure seeking to regularize barangay officials as government employees with fixed salaries and comprehensive benefits.



Senator Loren Legarda (Photo courtesy of Senate PRIB)

Legarda said Senate Bill No. 2786 or the Regularization of Barangay Officials Act, which she filed last Aug. 14, aims to enhance the stability and effectiveness of barangay governance.

"We want our barangay officials to receive the same full benefits that other government workers enjoy, giving them the peace of mind they deserve—especially after serving their communities," Legarda said in a news release on Tuesday.

Under the proposed measure, the barangay chairperson, sangguniang barangay members, sangguniang kabataan (SK) chairperson, barangay secretary, and barangay treasurer shall be considered as regular government employees.

As such, they will be entitled to fixed salaries, allowances, Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), PhilHealth and Pag-IBIG coverage, as well as other fringe benefits a regular government employee may be entitled under Civil Service rules and regulations. **► BILL SEEKING • 4**

SENATORS DISCUSS LEGALIZATION OF MEDICAL CANNABIS

Lawmakers scrutinized the legalization of medical cannabis in the Philippines during its second reading at the Philippine Senate. Senate Bill 2573 sponsored by Sen. Robinhood Padilla and co-sponsored by Sen. Ronald "Bato" Dela Rosa proposes to legalize the use of cannabis for certain medical conditions.



This includes epilepsy, Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, anxiety, depression and even cancer pain. The House of Representatives recently passed House Bill 10439 on its third and final reading. This proposes the establishment of the Medical Cannabis Office under the Department of Health. **► SENATORS • 4**

DepEd warns public vs. fake P8K, P5K cash aid for students

The Department of Education (DepEd) warned the public on Tuesday against fake cash aid for students circulating online.

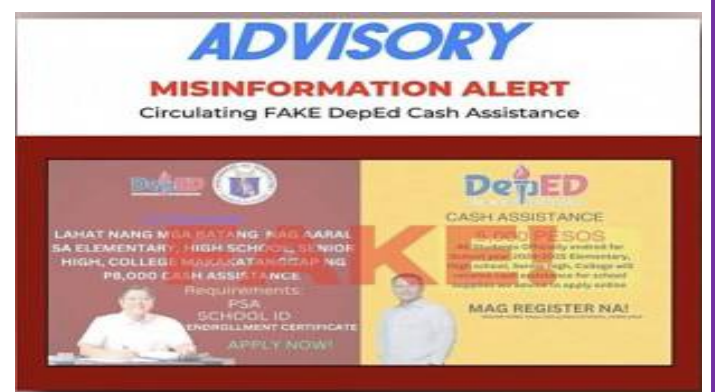
The fake announcements promise to provide elementary to college students with cash assistance of PHP5,000 and PHP8,000 in exchange for their personal information.

The DepEd also previously intercepted similar fake assistance offers.

"The Department of Education warns the public about the FAKE DepEd cash assistance circulating online. DepEd reminds everyone to stay vigilant against misinformation," the advisory read.

Among the documents required to qualify for the bogus aid are Philippine Statistics Authority-issued birth certificates, school identification, enrollment certificates, and the need to register

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FAKE CASH AID. The Department of Education warns in an advisory on Tuesday (Sept. 3, 2024) against fake cash assistance for elementary to college students circulating online. The bogus announcements promise students with PHP8,000 and PHP5,000 cash assistance in exchange for their personal information. (Photo courtesy of Department of Education)

DTI-Laguna Assists Luisiana MSMEs Thru Sari-Sari Store Advancement Program

The Laguna Provincial Office of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) through Negosyo Center Luisiana, in partnership with the Local Government Unit of Luisiana, conducted a blended learning activity featuring the third module of the Tindahan Mo, e-Level Up Mo! A DTI Sari-Sari Store Advancement Program entitled "e-Level Up ang Puhunan", on August 28, 2024. The activities onsite were held at the 3rd Floor Luisiana Municipal Hall, Luisiana, Laguna, which was participated by Luisiana micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs).

The blended learning activity shared a video presentation which provided a comprehensive overview of the Sari-Sari Store Program. It was followed by the introduction of program moderators, Mr. Isis Valencia and Ms. Danica Caynap, and delivery of opening remarks by Assistant Secretary Grace Baluyan of the DTI Regional Operations Group. She expressed her gratitude to regional and provincial directors as well as business counselors, event partners and the participating sari-sari store owners. She highlighted that this program involves upskilling MSMEs with digitalization and sustainable practices.

Ms. Florice Mae Tan, Head of Retail Ecosystems and Channels of Uno Digital Bank, started the discussion with a brief information on different sources of income, proper budgeting and inflation and how these affect the financial management of

an individual. Then, she presented how mobile wallet and digital payments work as well as how Uno Digital Bank help MSMEs. She further elaborated how MSMEs can open a savings account and apply for the offered loan programs to support and expand their businesses.

It was followed by Mr. Gian Besa, Gcash Head of Distributive Trade, who discussed the Gcash Pera Outlet that can help sari-sari store owners and retailers to earn additional income by providing online digital payment and cash-in and cash-out transaction services. Moreover, Ms. Racquel Holazo, Business Development Head of Gcash FUSE Lending, shared Gcash FUSE features as well as the GLoan for Business which can be availed by verified users and registered business establishments.

The fourth resource speaker, Mr. Jose Milo Abelo, Training Lead of



Smart, shared about Smart Ka-Partner App which provides easier and more convenient loading business to micro-retailers and gives business opportunities to earn more.

In addition, Mr. Joms Ramirez II, Regional Business Head of Maya, presented Maya for

Business, an all-in one dashboard for hassle-free payment online and in-store transactions.

The last part of the program was presented by Mr. Wally Don Calderon, Head of Innovation and Advocacy Group of Small Business Corporation (SB Corp). He shared various loan

programs of SB Corp and how MSMEs can apply and get approved through its website by uploading necessary documents and attachments for the validation process.

All the speakers presented their lecture thru the video while the MSMEs listened and participated actively

onsite. This has been a meaningful learning session wherein attendees acquired essential information on various online application features for additional income and loan programs for business expansion and growth opportunities (RMGCeria, DTI-Laguna).

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Legarda: Internet connectivity necessary for holistic nat'l growth

Senator Loren Legarda on Wednesday emphasized the importance of investing in the development of data transmission services to narrow the digital divide in the country and push for holistic national growth.

"At present, connectivity is no longer a luxury but a necessity," Legarda said in a news release as she urged for the passage of Senate Bill No. (SBN) 2699, or the proposed Konektadong Pinoy Act.

"It is our goal to also democratize the digital marketplace by eliminating regulatory barriers and promoting a technology-neutral policy framework to create a fair and open environment for all service providers," she added.

SBN 2699 seeks to provide accessible internet connections and democratize the digital marketplace.

It also seeks to foster fair competition and

remove barriers to entry in the data transmission sector.

Once passed into law, the measure is expected to make internet more affordable and increase access to high-quality internet services for all Filipinos.

"It is imperative that we prioritize digital inclusivity at this present time, acknowledging the importance of innovations in national development," Legarda said.

Legarda was the principal author of Republic Act No. 10844, which established the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), and



has consistently pushed for initiatives to enhance the country's ICT infrastructure and services. (PNA)

Calling All Foodies: SM Supermalls celebrates the best of the regions this September

Discover the food lover's ultimate destination at SM Supermalls, where a showcase of the best regional cuisine awaits!



This September, SM Supermalls transforms into a vibrant food haven with a series of exciting events designed to bring the finest regional flavors to you. From irresistible dining deals to festive decorations and lively entertainment, the SM malls are set to provide exceptional food and fun.

Experience EATS & TREATS, where SM Foodcourt and mall tenants unveil exclusive dining deals and promotions that highlight the best regional flavors. Whether you're craving local specialties or trending international dishes, enjoy a range of discounts and special offers both in-store and

online, making every meal a celebration. Step into the FOODIE BESTIVAL VILLAGE, an enchanting transformation of SM malls into a festive, gram-worthy wonderland. Adorned with colorful benderitas, twinkling lights, and dazzling lanterns, this vibrant setting invites you to hang



with your besties in a truly festive atmosphere. Indulge in the FAVOREATS FOOD MARKET, where a curated selection of the best regional and homegrown dishes await. This features authentic and trending cuisines from SM tenants and local MSMEs, offering a diverse array of flavors that showcase the rich culinary heritage of various regions. Enhance your dining experience with BEATS & BITES, a specially curated

playlist that complements the festive food exploration at the SM malls. Enjoy a dynamic mix of tunes that elevate the vibrant atmosphere, making every visit an enjoyable sensory experience. For an extra dose of excitement, select SM malls will also feature BESTIVAL CHEF, highlighting the region's finest homegrown specialty dishes prepared by mall tenant chefs to showcase this unique culinary experience.

Additionally, don't miss BIG BITES, where oversized foodie displays create perfect photo opportunities, adding a fun and memorable twist to your visit. Spend a month of fun at SM Supermalls, and celebrate the best of regional flavors from September 1 to 30, 2024! Are the cravings coming in? For more information and to stay updated, visit www.smsupermalls.com or follow SM Supermalls on Facebook.



DMW-Calabarzon issues OFW certificates within time frame in 2023

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna – The Department of Migrant Workers (DMW)-Calabarzon said Tuesday it processed 15,923 Balik-Manggagawa Overseas Employment Certificates (BM-OEC) within the designated time frame in 2023.

It also issued 5,341 BM-OECs within the process cycle time during the first semester of 2024. During the Kapihan sa Bagong Pilipinas forum at Hotel Marciano here, DMW - Calabarzon Officer-in-Charge Karen Quilao highlighted the significance of the BM-OEC, being the exit clearance for overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) who are returning or vacationing abroad. Quilao explained that when applicants have all required documents ready, including a valid visa and a verified

employment contract, the BM-OEC is typically issued within the same day. "The BM-OEC is designed to provide protection for OFWs, ensuring they are properly documented and informed before leaving the Philippines," Quilao stated. She cautioned OFWs against using fraudulent documents, which could lead to complications at Philippine immigration checkpoints. It is crucial for workers to only deal with authorized entities to ensure a smooth departure process, she added.

Quilao also reported that in 2023, there were 286,687 land-based workers and 113,231 sea-based workers deployed for international jobs. For the first quarter of 2024, the numbers were 72,230 land-based and 23,606 sea-based workers. "From pre-employment to their return and re-integration, DMW is committed to supporting our OFWs," Quilao said. "We also work diligently to protect them from scammers, illegal recruiters, and traffickers." (PNA)



OFW ALLY. Karen Quilao, Office-in-Charge of the Department of Migrant Workers-Calabarzon, presents the agency's achievements at the Kapihan sa Bagong Pilipinas forum at Hotel Marciano in Calamba City, Laguna on Tuesday (Sept. 3, 2024). She said the agency processed 15,923 Balik-Manggagawa Overseas Employment Certificates in 2023. (PNA photo by Zen Trinidad)



Doris Yin

CAN I BARTER CARS AND HOUSE WITH PI DURING ENCLOSED MAINNET?

I have received a lot of questions from global pioneers about whether they can go to China or other countries to barter valuable products. So, today, I would like to analyze this situation.

* During the enclosed mainnet, both merchants and pioneers cannot exchange Pi to FIAT. This means that big commodities merchants (including but not limited to cars, houses, condos, etc.)

cannot sell their collected Pi to get FIAT to restock during enclosed mainnet. However, merchants must pay for materials, labor costs, and significant amounts of rent, etc in FIAT.

* Bartering big commodities during enclosed mainnet is possible, but it's not something that most merchants can afford. While there have been some cases where this has happened, it's not something that can be widely expected.

* Since these products are all pioneers' dreams, and many of them may want to buy multiple cars, houses, and condos, it may cause merchants to go bankrupt if there is no control or limit. Even if the merchants are wealthy and want to provide significant commodities, they still cannot afford max. 100-1000 pioneers to buy these products. Then, how about the majority of pioneers? They still cannot get these significant commodities using Pi as payment.

* Merchants who use a fixed price of \$1, \$10 or \$100 for each Pi instead of the current GCV of \$314,159 may still face cash flow issues despite collecting a large amount of Pi. This could lead to bankruptcy and potentially cause problems for the industry in their country, creating opportunities for malicious speculation. Ultimately, this could negatively impact the local economy and make it challenging to establish a unified price.

* To achieve our long-term goal of uniting the price of Pi to a safe level, we need to ensure the safety, financial stability, and sustainability of medium and big commodity merchants in our community. Therefore, I recommend that merchants to be careful when barter these big commodities or you can wait pioneers establish a united price.

* As for medium-value products, I suggest accepting partial payment in FIAT currency and partial payment in Pi cryptocurrency. It is a good option to pay the cost of the products with FIAT currency and the profit with Pi payment. However, before taking any action, please check your country's local laws to ensure that accepting partial FIAT currency payment is allowed.

* This will encourage more merchants to join our ecosystem and accept Pi payment, which is crucial for the success of our mission. It's important to note that our goal is not just about providing individuals with houses or cars, as most pioneers cannot get them. Our goal is to enable all pioneers to afford big commodities.

* When the price of GCV reaches \$314,159 and stabilizes, only then can the OM condition be met. This will expedite the KYC and migration processes, allowing OM

to launch successfully shortly.

Once OM is launched, pioneers can enjoy more enormous commodities such as cars, houses, and condos. However, the uncertainty of chaotic prices is a barrier for big companies to join in. Low consensus prices of Pi discourage outside companies from investing in Pi Network long term unless they plan to hoard Pi.

* If companies are genuinely interested in investing in Pi Network, they must recognize the value of Pi. This recognition will lead them to accept Pi as a payment option. Companies will not want to hold an unstable and low-priced currency. Only those with a short-sighted business want a low price for hoarding purpose. Serious businesses want to invest in a long term successful project which can only be created by our community.

* Some pioneers have been asking about cross-border bartering. During the enclosed mainnet phase, high-value product merchants may not be able to afford it since they even cannot supply locally. And there is no need to engage in cross-border bartering for small items because of the high shipping costs. I encourage pioneers and merchants to focus on local bartering.

* Our goal in the enclosed mainnet is to create GCV data, not to profit by ourselves. We focus on a united price so that OM can happen sooner and when OM happens, you can buy anything either with Pi or with FIAT because you can exchange Pi to FIAT if needed.

- Some pioneers may not have a background in business or economics and might believe that merchants can accept 100% Pi payments without any limits, but this is not true. All businesses must pay for materials, labor, rent, and other expenses in fiat during the mainnet. When they receive Pi payments, they still don't have any FIAT currency to cover these costs.

- It's unfortunate to hear that some merchants are seeking a lower price of Pi in bartering to collect more Pi and sell it in the black market for FIAT to restock. This is not a sustainable or ethical way to conduct business and can ultimately harm the Pi ecosystem. It's important for us to unite and establish a fair price based on the GCV to push OM soon to resolve merchants' cash flow problems. It's crucial for merchants to understand that their behavior may have delayed OM, and that working together towards a common goal is the best way to ensure the success of Pi.

- I want to address the misconception many pioneers have that using a lower value for one Pi, such as \$1 instead of \$314,159 can prevent cash flow problems. This is totally wrong! As a lack of cash flow is not a matter of the price of Pi but a matter OM not happen. And OM need united safe price. Therefore we should unite to GCV ASAP to resolve all merchants cash flow issues.

- Pi is NOT a traditional cryptocurrency. The white paper explains that Pi is intended to be a currency, unlike traditional cryptocurrencies that are simply investment assets. Pi will serve a different purpose.

- It's important to note that you don't need to invest in a currency. Currency is meant to be circulated, not speculated. This is why the Pi price must be high enough to resist speculation when it reaches the OM stage. Also, it should not increase too much every year, otherwise, people might hoard it instead of using it, which would prevent it from circulating.

Senators... (FROM PAGE 1)

Representatives from DDB, PDEA, DOST and DA will constitute the MCO. Both Senate and House Bills prohibit the recreational use of cannabis.

A prescription issued by a cannabis-trained and certified medical practitioner is necessary. Medical cannabis will only be allowed in pharmaceutical forms such as capsule, oil, and suppositories.

The use of plants and parts such as buds or flowers will still be considered illegal and subject to penalties under RA 9165 or Dangerous Drugs Act.

Through the technical expertise of Bauertek Pharmaceutical Technologies, the Philippines can manufacture medical cannabis.

The Philippines recently won the Grand Prize in the

International Invention and Innovation Summit held in Krakow, Poland in May of this year. Twenty countries participated in 20 categories.

Philippine-made medical cannabis CANCUR won the Gold Medal in Pharmaceutical Category and the Grand Prize for the entire competition.

The Department of Science and Technology and even President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr. recognized this global achievement of the Philippines.

DepEd warns... (FROM PAGE 1)

via a clickable link claiming to direct to an online registration form.

The fraudulent posts illegally used the DepEd logo and pictures of

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. and DepEd Secretary Sonny Angara.

The DepEd urged the public to rely only on DepEd's official website

and social media platforms on Facebook, X, and Instagram.

Other misleading and suspicious information may be directly reported to DepEd via email at depedactioncenter@deped.gov.ph. (PNA)

Bill Seeking... (FROM PAGE 1)

If passed into law, the barangay chairperson's salary will be equivalent to a city/municipal councilor; sangguniang barangay members will receive 80 percent of the

chairperson's salary; while the SK chairperson, barangay secretary, and treasurer will receive 75 percent.

"The most basic unit of local government must be

incentivized for their efforts for their public service, as they usually are the most tangible persons of the State many residents see," Legarda said.

"Their dedication to public service deserves fair and regular compensation." (PNA)

Provincial... (FROM PAGE 1)

The signing of the CNA is expected to bring about positive changes for the employees of the Provincial Government of Cavite, as it sets a

precedent for future negotiations and collaborations aimed at improving labor relations and employee welfare.

With the agreement in place, the Provincial Government of Cavite and PGCEA look forward to a strengthened partnership built on trust, respect, and shared goals for the benefit of the Caviteño public. (A. Cabrera)

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Ms. Lumari

Global GCV Core Team Advances Pi Network Goals with Unity and Dedication

September 4, 2024 - In an inspiring message to Pi Network pioneers worldwide, Ms. Doris Yin, Founder of the Global GCV Movement, has highlighted the significant progress made by the Global GCV Core Team (CT) and the Pi Network CT toward achieving the Pi Network's OM setup goals by the end of this year. With just four months remaining, Ms. Doris emphasized the critical importance of fostering unity and professionalism across the global GCV community to realize these ambitious objectives.

Ms. Doris underscored the need to establish a comprehensive GCV education and ecosystem development system at the local community level. This initiative aims to cultivate new GCV Ambassadors who will be instrumental in promoting the GCV movement globally. She encouraged the management team to volunteer in training, promoting, and educating the next generation of GCV Ambassadors.

Clarifying the role of a GCV Ambassador, Ms. Doris explained that it is not merely a title but a responsibility to contribute to the GCV ecosystem's growth. Ambassadors should have a strong foundation in GCV theory and actively participate in ecosystem development, particularly by engaging as merchants. She emphasized that being an Ambassador requires dedication to the Global GCV Movement rather than seeking personal recognition or advancement.

In her message, Ms. Doris also extended her heartfelt gratitude to the entire Global GCV community and the Global GCV Core Team for their unwavering dedication. To provide greater insight into the team, she introduced a video featuring herself and the esteemed members of the Global GCV Core Team, along with their respective management roles. The video is accompanied by the song "GCV Legacy," produced by Global GCV Ambassadors Jojo and Lumari. The song, which has been adjusted to a more relaxed and happier tone, reflects the values of unity, love, compassion, wisdom, tolerance, determination, perseverance, courage, relaxation, and the enjoyment of life—values that embody the spirit of the GCV movement.

Ms. Doris also acknowledged the contributions of Mr. Bao, the founder of the GCV \$314,159 initiative, which began in February 2022 within the Chinese community. She recognized his role in laying the foundation for this initiative, which has been supported by over 30,000 pioneers.

To further familiarize the global community with the key figures driving the Global GCV Movement, Ms. Doris provided a brief introduction to the members of the Global

- GCV Core Team:
1. Ms. Doris Yin: Founder of the Global GCV Movement, Canada/China
 2. Ms. Lumari: Head of Philippine GCV Ambassador & Executive Director in GCV CT, Philippines
 3. M. Rad: Vice Executive Director in GCV CT, Iran/UAE
 4. Jason Wong: Education Director in GCV CT, Malaysia
 5. David Gibson: Head of USA GCV Ambassador & Vice Education Director in GCV CT, USA
 6. Hossam El-Din Shaaban: Publicity Director in GCV CT, Egypt
 7. Cherif Abiola Iyanda: Head of Ivory Coast GCV Ambassador & Vice Publicity Director in GCV CT, Ivory Coast
 8. Nonny Padja: Head of Indonesia GCV Ambassador & Training Director in GCV CT, Indonesia
 9. Mr. Irfan: Vice Training Director in GCV CT, Indonesia
 10. Yohanes Helebak: Head of Administrators of International GCV Groups in GCV CT, Indonesia
 11. Jojo: Head of Vietnam GCV Ambassador & Assistant of Executive Director in GCV CT, Vietnam
 12. Daniel Chen: International Trade Ecological Development Director in GCV CT, China
 13. Olivier NDATIMANA: Head of Africa GCV Ambassador & International Trade Ecological Development Vice Director in GCV CT, Rwanda
 14. Mayass Ali: Head of Arab GCV Ambassador, Yemen
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 16. Liang Shi: Head of China GCV Ambassador, China
 17. YunDai Yanfang: Education Director in China GCV Core Team, China
 18. Marcel Dango: Head of West Africa GCV Ambassador, Burkina Faso
 19. Patrick Chao: Head of Malaysia GCV Ambassador, Malaysia
 20. Ado Bajida Abdouramane*: Head of Niger GCV Ambassador, Niger
 21. Kiavash Kamranian: Head of Iran GCV Ambassador, Iran
 22. Manabu Sasaki: Head of Japan GCV Ambassador, Japan

Ms. Doris encouraged all regional and national GCV communities to establish their own Core Teams to better serve their communities, emphasizing the importance of collaboration and mutual support as they work towards achieving the Pi Network's goals by the end of this year.

As the Global GCV Movement continues to gain momentum, the dedicated efforts of the Global GCV Core Team serve as a shining example of the unity, professionalism, and commitment that will drive the Pi Network toward a successful future.

DOST-NCR...

(FROM PAGE 8)

Ipinahayag din ni DOST Secretary Solidum na ang kultura ng paghahabi ay kailangang ipamana sa mga susunod na henerasyon, dahil ito ay isang pagpapahayag ng likas na pagkamalikhain ng mga Pilipino. Aniya, ang paghahabi ay sumasalamin sa sustenableng paggamit ng ating likas na yaman, kumakatawan sa makulay

na bahagi ng kulturang Pilipino, at simbolo ng pagsasama ng tradisyon at inobasyon.

Isa sa mga pangunahing kaganapan ay ang paglagda ng kasunduan sa pagitan ng DOST-NCR at PSE upang pagtibayin ang kooperasyon sa pagpapatupad ng mga makabuluhang proyekto at inisyatiba para sa edukasyong sustenable,

pagsasagawa ng mga pag-aaral tungkol sa sustenabilidad, at pagbibigay ng tamang kakayahan sa mga stakeholder upang matamo ng Pilipinas ang mga Sustainable Development Goals.

Bukod dito, lumagda rin ang DOST at DOT sa isang kasunduan para sa TourLISTA Application, isang proyekto na pinangungunahan ng DOST-MIMAROPA. Layunin ng aplikasyon na



ito na mapadali ang pag-uulat at pagsusuri ng mga datos na may kinalaman sa turismo, na magsisilbing gabay para sa pamahalaan sa pagbuo ng mga prayoridad, plano, at proyekto sa sektor ng turismo. Ang inisyatibang ito ay bahagi ng Smart and Sustainable Cities and

Communities Program na naglalayong magbigay ng smart solutions para sa mga lungsod at komunidad. Pormal ding ibinigay ng DOST-XI sa DOT ang mga Halal Modules sa seremonya.

Kasama rin sa programa ang awarding ceremony para sa mga nanalo sa

"Sining Siyensya" contest na nilahukan ng mga Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs) sa pakikipagtulungan ng Bureau of Jail Management and Penology-NCR. Nagtapos ang mga kaganapan sa pamamagitan ng "Ang Pamanang Habí" fashion show.



Primary...

(FROM PAGE 8)

Kabilang ang lalawigan ng Quezon sa apat na sandbox sites na kinabibilangan din ng Bataan, South Cotabato, at Baguio City.

Sa pamamagitan ng PhilHealth Konsulta Sandbox mapag-iisa ang sistema ng serbisyong medikal ng mga pasilidad na kabilang sa network upang mas maging madali at maayos na maibigay sa mga miyembro ang sapat at dekalidad na serbisyong pangkalusugan.

Sa pangunguna ng PhilHealth, tinalakay sa nasabing pagpupulong ang mga prayoridad na tungkulin ng mga kasapi ng nasabing Steering Committee kabilang ang pagsiguro na mabigyan ng kaukulang First Patient

Encounter (FPE) at konsultasyon ang mga miyembro na nakatala sa mga pasilidad na kabilang sa network.

Bahagi rin ng programa ang seremonyal na pagbibigay ng 2nd tranche frontload capitation sa Lalawigan ng Quezon, kung saan mahigit 100 milyong pisong (Php 100,882,161.10) Capitation Fund ang naibigay ng PRO IV-A sa pangunguna ni ARVP Edwin M. Oriña, MD para sa Provincial Government na tinanggap ni Governor Angelina "Doktora Helen" Tan.

Ayon kay Gov. Tan, ang naturang capitation ay "Para sa patuloy na pagbibigay ng libreng serbisyong pangkalusugan

sa ating lalawigan."

Ang PCPN ay grupo ng mga Konsulta Package Provider (KPP) na itinatag para:

- Mapataas ang registration rate ng mga miyembro sa PhilHealth Konsulta.
- Mas mapabuti ang paghahatid ng primary care benefits sa mga Filipino.
- At magkaroon ng referral system papunta sa ibang health facility (tulad ng laboratory), espesyalista, ospital kung kailangang ma-confine ng pasyente.

Ang matagumpay na implementasyon ng PCPN sa naunang apat na sites ay maaaring sundan pa sa ibang lugar para sa mas maayos na paghahatid ng PhilHealth Konsulta sa buong bansa. (S. Carpio)

Para tanker Gawilan 3rd in heats, enters finals in Paris

PARIS – Veteran para swimmer Ernie Gawilan led from start to finish in topping the second heat in a time of five minutes and .13 seconds to easily sail through the finals of the men's 400-meter freestyle S7 event of the 17th Paralympic Games swimming meet at the La Defense Arena here Monday.

As Tropical Storm Enteng lashed through Luzon, Gawilan stormed through the heat to finish third overall among the eight qualifiers behind American topnotcher Austin Evan (4:56.48), who came from behind to relegate Neutral Paralympic Athlete Alekseei Ganiuk to runner-up honors (4:56.68) in heat 1.

"Hindi ko po binuhos lahat, mga 90 percent lang para maganda yung makuha ng magandang lane sa finals (I didn't give everything, only about 90 percent so that I could get good lane in the finals)," Gawilan said in making his second straight finals in the event at 5:30 p.m. (11:30 p.m. in Manila) where he finished sixth in the Tokyo edition in 2021.

"Mas kundisyon po ako ngayon, Kailangan

maghanda mamaya sa finals (I am in good condition now. I need to prepare for the finals later)," added the 33-year-old Davao City native, who has a personal best of 4:54.24 in the event when he made his Paralympic Games debut in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in 2016.

Born with underdeveloped extremities, sporting one normal arm and having no legs, Gawilan could not help but notice the difference between himself and his opponents in a third straight stint in the sportsfest supported by the Philippine Sports Commission.

"Parang ako lang yung may kapansanan (I look like I am the only one who have disability)," quipped the athlete with a smile at the post-swimming

interview before heading to the locker room.

His performance was a great comeback after bowing out early in the men's 200-meter individual medley SM7 event over the weekend.

Gawilan was the fastest from the get-go, completing the first 50 meters in 35.47 seconds, slowed down slightly at the halfway point, before gaining his second wind to finish strongly and way ahead of the pack.

He said, the fact that he won the heat and qualified third to the finals was fine but acknowledged "the others were also pacing themselves kaya hindi dapat maging overconfident. Bahala na po at ibubuhos ko na lang lahat talaga mamaya (so I should not be overconfident. I will give all my best later)."



Veteran para swimmer Ernie Gawilan (File photo)

NCAA Season 100 unfolds September 7

San Beda University opens its men's basketball title defense against host Lyceum of the Philippines University to kick off the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Season 100 at Mall of Asia Arena in Pasay City on Saturday.



NCAA 100. School officials, coaches and players who attended the National Collegiate Athletic Association Season 100 press conference at Mall of Asia Arena Coral Way lobby in Pasay City on Tuesday (Sept. 3, 2024). The league will kick off on Sept. 7 at the same arena. (PNA photo by Jean Malanum)

The Red Lions, owners of 23 championships, face the Pirates at 2:30 p.m., while the Mapua Cardinals will meet the College of Saint Benilde (CSB) Blazers at 5 p.m.

A grand opening ceremony will usher in the historic season carrying the theme, "Siglo Uno: Inspiring Legacies" at 12 noon.

"Ten decades have passed and the NCAA continues to grow and flourish, remaining strong and resilient," Lyceum president Roberto Laurel, the NCAA Season 100 Policy Board president, said during the press conference at MOA Coral Way lobby on Tuesday. "The country's first athletic collegiate league has already produced many icons

and legends who exemplify the league's 100 years of excellence in sports."

Laurel said the centennial season will recognize everyone who was part of the NCAA journey, "from those who have inspired legacies in the past decades to those who continue to strive for sportsmanship today and tomorrow. Expect this season to be the most exciting yet."

NCAA management committee (mancom) chair Hercules Callanta, also from Lyceum, underscored the importance of the members' support to the league.

"We are thrilled to showcase to everyone what is in store for them in this historic centennial year of the NCAA," Callanta said.

"It is also important for

schools to support the NCAA, as the league promotes the development and nurturing of character and lifelong skills that can be used by the youth even when they have become professionals."

The members of the mancom are Peter Cayco (Arellano University), Fr. Victor Calvo (Letran), Manuel Raymund Castellano (CSB), Dr. Lorenzo Lorenzo (Emilio Aguinaldo College), Efren Supan (Jose Rizal University), Melchor Divina (Mapua), Atty. Jonas Cabochan (San Beda), Fr. Virgilio Paredes Jr. (San Sebastian College-Recoletos) and Francisco Gusi (University of Perpetual Help). (PNA)

POC rewards Olympics medalists with houses, lots

The Philippine Olympic Committee (POC) gifted Paris Olympics double gold medalist gymnast Carlos Yulo and bronze medalist boxers Nesthy Petecio and Aira Villegas houses and lots in Tagaytay City, Cavite.



OLYMPIC MEDALISTS. The Philippine Olympic Committee gives houses and lots to the medalists at the 2024 Paris Olympics. From left are bronze medalist boxer Nesthy Petecio, double-gold medalist gymnast Carlos Yulo, POC president Abraham "Bambol" Tolentino, and bronze medalist boxer Aira Villegas. (Contributed photo)

"It's now a tradition, first Hidilyn Diaz [Naranjo] deserved all the best for giving the country its first Olympic gold medal and now, it's the turn of Caloy [Yulo], Nesthy and Aira to be feted with the same reward for their historic efforts," POC president Abraham "Bambol" Tolentino said Tuesday.

POC secretary general Wharton Chan said Yulo's two two-story houses with gazebos would sit on a 500-square meter lot estimated at around PHP15 million.

Petecio and Villegas's house, on the other hand,

will rise on separate 200-square meter lots and just like Yulo's, will be furnished with basic amenities.

It will be Petecio's second home in Tagaytay City after the first one she received for her silver from Tokyo 2020. She is neighbor to fellow silver medalist Carlos Paalam and bronze medalist Eumir Felix Marcial in the Olympic Village compound.

"All the rewards and bonuses that go our medalists' way are well-deserved. It's not easy to medal in the Olympics, it takes years, it takes focus,

discipline and determination," Tolentino said.

"These athletes invested their lives into the sports they love and now, they're reaping the fruits of their sacrifices," he said.

Tolentino did not reveal the locations of the homes but would be turning over the keys to the medalist Olympians in a ceremony fit for champions.

"The POC doesn't think twice about these rewards, an Olympic medal, regardless of color, is the most precious medal in sports," he said. (PNA)

Grand celebrations await this Grannies Day with SM Supermalls

Grannies can definitely still party, and SM Supermalls is making sure Grannies Day is something you and your beloved grandparents will enjoy. Bring your Lolos and Lolas, Inays and Itays, Mamas and Papas to celebrate Grannies Day with SM!



From September 1 to 8, 2024, SM Supermalls around the country will be hosting a variety of fun activities and events for our dear grandparents, and their apos, too!

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Do you have a groovy Grannie that loves to sing and dance to classic hits? They'll surely have a blast at SM's GROOVY

GRANNIES event! Dancing Grannies can showcase their best moves at the G! GRANNY! ballroom and disco weekend, while Grannies who can belt and croon will enjoy singing to their favorite songs with GRANNY'S VIBE. Bonus points because apo can duet with them too!

Make Grannies Day a family affair—the bigger the family, the bigger your chance of winning GRANNY'S APO! Grannies who show up with the most grandchildren can win as much as P20,000 SM shopping money, perfect for the Grannies who show

their love by giving gifts to their precious grandkids.

Walk, walk, fashion, Grannie! Celebrate your most stylish Grannies by twinning with them! Show off GRANNY TWINNING OOTDs with their grandchildren during Grannies Day weekend for a chance to win special prizes and be featured across SM Supermalls' platforms. Don't forget to take a GRANNY SNAPSHOT at the dedicated photo booth!

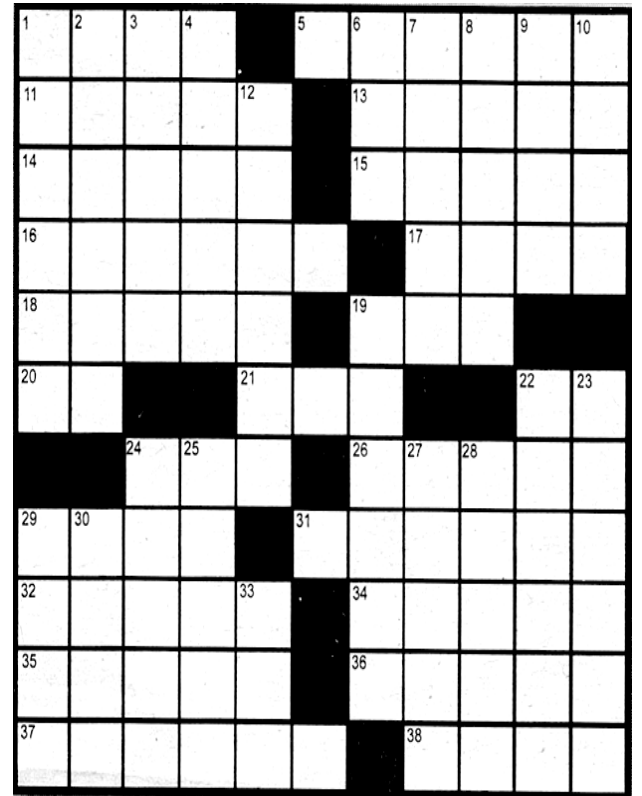
And of course, we can't forget to thank God for the gift of our grandparents! A special GRAND

THANKSGIVING Mass will be held for Grannies as they celebrate Grannies Day at their nearest SM mall.

Finally, make your Grannies Day experience at SM last forever by posting photos, videos and more on your social media accounts and use the hashtag #HappyGranniesDayAtSM!

Celebrate our Grannies and make each moment with them count at SM Supermalls! For more information and to stay updated, visit www.smsupermalls.com or follow SM Supermalls on Facebook.

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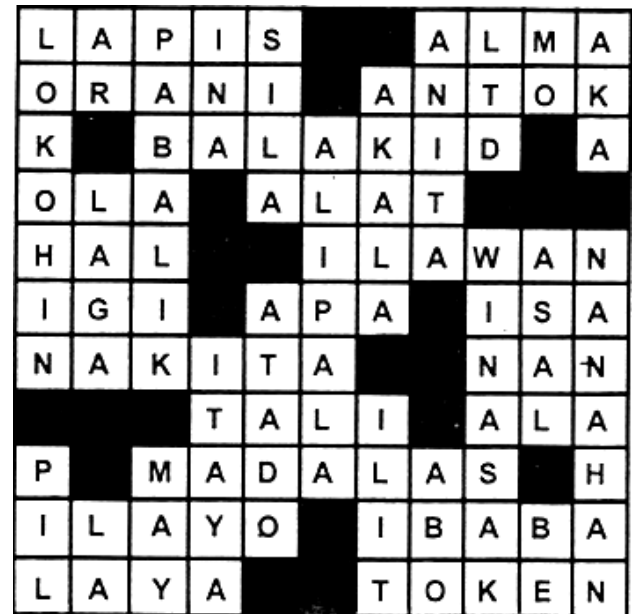
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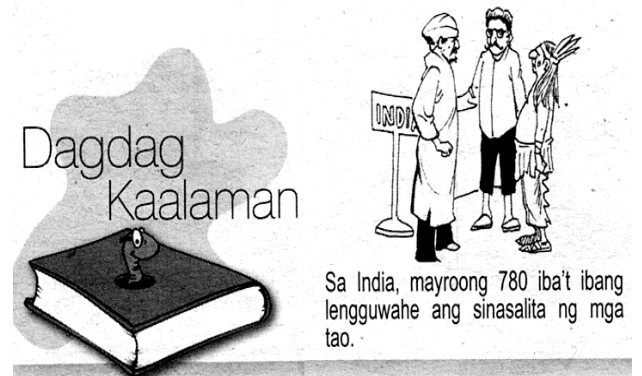
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DOST-NCR Pinagsama ang Inobasyon at Tradisyon sa Pamana Agham

Pormal nang binuksan ng Department of Science and Technology - National Capital Region (DOST-NCR), sa pangunguna ni DOST Secretary Renato U. Solidum Jr., ang "Pamana Agham: Siyensya sa Bawat Habi at Hibla" noong ika-28 ng Agosto 2024, sa Casa Manila, Intramuros, Maynila. Ang nasabing okasyon ay isinagawa sa pakikipagtulungan ng Department of Tourism (DOT) sa pangunguna ni Secretary Christina Garcia Frasco, DOST-Philippine Textile Research Institute (DOST-PTRI), Intramuros Administration, at Partnerships for Sustainability Education (PSE). Matagumpay na inilunsad sa kaganapang ito ang iba't ibang proyekto at pakikipag-ugnayan na naglalayong isulong ang sustenableng pag-unlad at turismo.



Binigyang-diin ni DOST Undersecretary for Regional Operations, Engr. Sancho A. Maborrang, ang kahalagahan ng pagpapayaman sa kulturang Pilipino sa pamamagitan ng tradisyonal na paghahabi. Kanyang idiniin na ang pagsasama ng agham, teknolohiya, at inobasyon ay hindi nagbabawas sa halaga ng mga tradisyong ito, bagkus ay lalo pa nitong pinapabuti ang kanilang kabuluhan para sa kasalukuyang henerasyon, at tinitiyak na ang mga katutubong sining na ito ay patuloy na mamamayagpag at magiging makabuluhan sa modernong panahon. **► DOST-NCR • 5**

MG Motor Philippines launches new branch in Kawit, Cavite

It's always great news when you get more car-buying options right in your neighborhood, right? Well, Cavite residents, you're in luck! MG Motor Philippines has added a new dealership to its network in Kawit, Cavite. The new facility, done in collaboration with 1Dynamix Automotive, Inc., features up to five cars in its spacious showroom, equipped with three specialized work bays and a 22kw AC charging station for better customer service.



Located at Centennial Road, Barangay Batong Dalig, the new MG Kawit dealership makes it easier for residents in Cavite and neighboring areas to access MG's range of vehicles.

Felix Jiang, President of MG Motor Philippines, mentioned the dealership's role in bringing the MG experience to more Filipinos. He expressed optimism about fulfilling the needs of the expanding customer base in the region. **(Shaynah Miranda)**

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Primary Care Provider Network (PCPN) Steering Committee Meeting, Isinagawa sa Quezon

Matagumpay na naisagawa ang pagpupulong ng mga miyembro ng Primary Care Provider Network (PCPN) Steering Committee na ginanap sa Quezon Provincial Capitol sa Lungsod ng Lucena.



Ang nasabing pagpupulong ay pinangunahan ng PhilHealth Regional Office IV-A (PRO IV-A) sa pamumuno ni Acting Regional Vice President (ARVP) Edwin M. Oriña, MD na dinaluhan ng mga opisyal ng PhilHealth, Developmental Partners mula USAID at mga miyembro ng Steering Committee. **► PRIMARY • 5**

Another round of successful medical and dental mission in the City of General Trias

The Provincial Government of Cavite's (PGC) medical mission team in collaboration with the Philippine Dental Association Inc. - Cavite Chapter successfully conducted a medical and dental mission on August 28, 2024 in Brgy. Buenavista III, City of General Trias.



A total of 431 residents availed health consultations including eye checkup, dental check-up and tooth extraction. PGC's medical mission team then distributed free prescribed medicine and vitamins to the beneficiaries.

Sixth District Board Member Kerby Salazar and Brgy. Captain Eleazar G. Deliva were present to show support and appreciation of the program. The medical and dental mission is part of PGC's ongoing efforts to improve healthcare access by providing free healthcare services in the province. **(Ria M. Tanael)**



Maulan man ay mainit nating tinanggap ang serbisyo ng tanggapan ni Gov. Jonvic Remulla para sa mga barangay tanod ng ating Kawit! Maraming salamat po, Gov. Jonvic, para sa pagbibigay ng karagdagang kagamitan sa ating mga tanod na magagamit nila sa pagganap sa kanilang mga tungkulin. Maraming salamat din sa ating mga barangay tanod na nangangalaga sa kaayusan at kapayapaan sa ating mga barangay. Sinisiguro namin sa inyo na mas pagtitibayin pa natin ang pagtutulongan ng pamahalaang probinsya at ng bayan para sa seguridad ng ating Kawit! **#AksyongAngeloAguinaldo #RatedTripleA #PusoAtMalasakitParaSaAtingKawit**