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Successful Launch of MedCare Mega Health Center and Birthday Medical Mission

The Medical Mission and soft opening of the MedCare Mega Health Center in Brgy. 28, Sta. Cruz, Cavite City, held on September 12, 2024, was a resounding success. The event, which coincided with Mayor Denver Chua's birthday, was made even more meaningful as it delivered essential healthcare services to the community.

The MedCare Mega Health Center was established to provide free medical services to the residents of Cavite. For its launch, the local government of Cavite City led by Mayor Denver Chua collaborated with the provincial government to bring healthcare closer to home. Medical practitioners of the provincial government and healthcare workers from Cavite City played a crucial role in serving 430 patients through a range of services including free medical consultations, prescribed medicines, multivitamins, X-rays, and ECGs.

The event was also supported by Senator Ramon Bong Revilla, Jr., 1st District Representative Jolo Revilla, and the entire Team Unlad Cavite City. (F. Tamio)



TAPAT SA BAYAN. TAPAT SA USAPAN. JOB FAIR

DOST trains 14 Jasaan milk producers on food safety and good manufacturing practices

In its mission to enhance its production standards, the United Livestock Raisers Cooperative (ULIRCO) underwent training on Food Safety and Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) from the Department of Science and Technology—10 (DOST 10).



Mr. Michael Vincent V. Marte, DOST Misamis Oriental's Food Technologist, discusses Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) with the training attendees.

ULIRCO is a National Dairy Authority-supported group that produces pasteurized milk under the brand name "Fresh Moo" in Jasaan, Misamis Oriental.

Fourteen staff and on-the-job trainees attended the training from DOST 10 on September 10, 2024. **► DOST TRAINS • 4**

PAPI marks Golden (50th) Anniversary

The Publishers Association of the Philippines, Inc. (PAPI) marks and celebrates its milestone Golden (50th) Anniversary on September 20, 2024 with a commemorative program at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC).

Founded in 1974, following the declaration of Martial Law on September 21, 1972 which saw the closure of all private media outfits in the Philippines, except Bulletin Today and the provincial newspaper Island Observer in Oriental Mindoro, publishers met in Manila to find ways to address the problem and present their plight to the Martial Law authorities.

The media leaders, led by Bulletin Today publisher, Gen. Hans M. Menzi, then an aide of President Ferdinand Marcos, Sr. shortly organized PAPI as a non-



PRESIDENT BONGBONG MARCOS

stock and non-profit corporation. Its incorporators were Raul L. Locsin (Business Juan A. Perez (Philippine Daily Express), Kerima P. Tuvera (Evening Post) and Rosario B. Olivarez (Journal Group of Companies). PAPI's first set of corporate officers were **► PAPI MARKS • 4**

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MOST-BARMM Benchmarks DRRM Technologies in CALABARZON

In an effort to strengthen regional disaster preparedness, the Ministry of Science and Technology of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (MOST-BARMM) engaged in a two-day benchmarking activity on Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) technologies and practices, hosted by DOST CALABARZON and Batangas State University on recently.

The first day of the benchmarking activity commenced at Batangas State University's Command Action Center. Led by Mr. Ibrahim S. Panalangin, the MOST-BARMM delegation was introduced to DRRM technologies, including the WISER GUIDE, Digital Twin, and the innovative SIGAW (Solar-Powered Isotropic Generator of Acoustics Wave) system. Engr. Albertson D. Amante, Vice President for Research, Development, and Extension Services, along with other university officials, showcased the ACTION Center's best practices and ongoing projects.

The BARMM team expressed particular interest in the SIGAW technology and the Master in Disaster Risk Management curriculum, viewing them as potential assets for enhancing information dissemination and decision-making capabilities in their region. Discussions also explored the possibility of MOST-BARMM adopting the SIGAW technology.

On the second day, following their visit to Batangas State University, the delegation proceeded

to the DOST CALABARZON Regional Office. There, Ms. Jenny Ann Lawas, DRRM Unit Head, introduced various projects including Infrastructure Audit, USHER, SIGAW, Met Buoy, PEIMNet, eSENTRY, UPEDS, and CHERM. Ms. Lawas emphasized the importance of this benchmarking activity. She also mentioned that this can reduce the impact of natural disasters on communities.

"By sharing and comparing our DRRM technologies and experiences, both regions can identify best practices and innovative solutions that can be implemented in their specific AORs. This, in turn, can significantly reduce the impact of natural disasters on communities, help identify effective and efficient mitigation technologies, and save lives and resources," Ms. Lawas said.

Ms. Emelita P. Bagsit DOST-CALABARZON Regional Director also led an in-depth presentation on these technologies, sharing insights on their regional applications.

A key highlight of the visit was the demonstration of the Local



Government Unit Information Dissemination System (LGUIDS), developed by the MIS team under Ms. Bianca R. Pantoja. This system, a spin-off of Project HaNDA, sparked discussions about

its potential deployment in BARMM and the requirements for successful adoption.

The benchmarking activity concluded with a tour of the MIS Server Room, providing the

delegation with insights into the technical infrastructure supporting the region's DRRM initiatives.

This collaborative effort has opened up possibilities for joint projects and

knowledge sharing between MOST-BARMM and CALABARZON, furthering their shared goal of enhancing disaster preparedness and building regional resilience. (By Harley G. Margallo)

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Flexible implementation of MATATAG curriculum OK'd

Department of Education (DepEd) Secretary Sonny Angara has approved the flexible implementation of the MATATAG curriculum for Grades 3 to 10.

This came after concerns on the adequacy of staffing and available facilities were raised in some schools.

"To address challenges faced by teachers and schools in managing resources, the Department of Education (DepEd) has introduced flexible guidelines for the implementation of the MATATAG Curriculum," the DepEd said in a statement.

Under DepEd Order (DO) No. 12, series of 2024 signed by Angara on Sept. 18, schools are allowed to adopt schedules appropriate for their "needs and capacities including typology or the type and size of schools, curriculum, and availability of teachers and classrooms," using three

options for instructional schedules.

Option A, under previous DO No. 10, which grants all learning areas 45 minutes each day for five days and homeroom guidance for one 45 minutes a week, is still retained.

Moreover, schools may also choose the new Option B or the uniform time allotments of 50, 55, or 60 minutes per learning area.

Under this option, English, Mathematics, Science, and Good Manners and Right Conduct (GMRC) or Values Education, must be taught five times a week; four times per week for Edukasyong Pantahanan at Pangkabuhayan (EPP) or Technology and Livelihood Education (TLE), Music, Arts, Physical Education

and Health (MAPEH), Araling Panlipunan (AP), and Filipino; and Homeroom Guidance Program once a week.

Schools that will adopt Option B may start their revised class programs in the second quarter of the school year.

If these setups are still inapplicable, schools may resort to Option C, or a proposal of other combinations with at least five hours and 30 minutes of daily learning contact time.

"The time allotment for English, Mathematics, Science, and GMRC or Values Education shall not be less than 225 minutes per week.

Moreover, the time allotment for EPP or TLE, MAPEH, AP, and Filipino shall not be less than 200 minutes per week, and the



MATATAG CURRICULUM. Education Secretary Sonny Angara attends the budget hearing at the Senate in Pasay City on Tuesday (Sept. 10, 2024). The Department of Education (DepEd) on Thursday (Sept. 19) said Angara has approved the flexible implementation of the MATATAG curriculum for Grades 3 to 10. (PNA photo by Avito Dalan)

time allotment for the Homeroom Guidance Program shall not be less than 45 minutes per week," the DepEd said. The proposed combinations, however, are still subject to the approval of the school's division superintendent or authorized representative. (PNA)

From Marikina to Ilocos Norte's first leather success with DOST 1

IN the culturally vibrant province of Ilocos Norte, a remarkable story of entrepreneurial achievement has emerged.



Niña Leather PH, founded by Niña Angelica C. Matias, stands as the first leather production firm in the province, a pioneering venture in an area previously unexplored for leather craftsmanship.

Nina's journey began in Marikina, a city renowned for its high-quality leather goods. Working as a corporate employee, she frequently bought Marikina's leather products as "pasalubong" for her loved ones in Ilocos Norte. This deep appreciation for Marikina's craftsmanship inspired her to bring the tradition to her hometown.

In 2016, Niña took a leap of faith and founded Niña Leather PH in her garage. She devoted herself to mastering every aspect of leatherworking, from cutting and stamping to sewing. Despite initial skepticism about whether she could market Marikina-

inspired leather goods in Ilocos Norte, her perseverance paid off. The business thrived, leading to an increased demand that necessitated hiring additional staff and expanding production capabilities.

However, the COVID-19 pandemic posed severe challenges, as the non-essential goods sector suffered a decline. In response, Niña adapted by producing "inabel" masks in collaboration with local weavers, supporting her staff and community during a difficult time.

As the pandemic waned and demand for her products surged again, Niña Leather PH faced a critical need for expanded production capacity.

This was when the Department of Science and Technology Region 1 (DOST-1) came to their aid. Recommended by Sir Lawrence from T-Shirt

Factory, a DOST SETUP beneficiary, Niña Leather PH was introduced to DOST 1-PSTO Ilocos Norte, under the guidance of Provincial Director Benjamin S. Mercado.

The DOST's Small Enterprise Technology Upgrading Program (SETUP) provided vital support through assessments, energy audits, and personnel training. The assistance included acquiring two heads of fully computerized embroidery machines and a UV printer, which significantly boosted production efficiency, product quality, and operational capabilities.

The impact of DOST 1's support was transformative. Niña Leather PH achieved a 22 percent increase in production, a 6 percent boost in productivity, and a 22 percent rise in sales. Their client base



Engr. Benjamin S. Mercado
Provincial Director
PSTO - Ilocos Norte



expanded by 13 percent, reaching not only within the province but also nationally and internationally. The firm also contributed to the

local community by hiring single parents and elderly individuals and creating valuable employment opportunities.

Niña has said she is

grateful to DOST 1 for their crucial role in the firm's growth and encouraged other entrepreneurs to leverage the opportunities provided by DOST.



Doris Yin

WHY SHOULD PIONEERS SUPPORT PI NETWORK CORE TEAM'S MISSION AND VISION?

Today, I want to discuss how we can change our destiny. In our Pi community, I see many pioneers who are in poverty and forced to sell their Pi due to financial hardship, such as medical bills. It's sad to hear such stories, and I hope you all can have a good life, pay for medical expenses, and help those in need.

However, have you ever thought about what happens after you sell all your Pi?

How will you survive and pay future medical bills? Poverty is often caused by a poverty mindset. The way we think about the world makes a big difference in our lives. If we are narrow-minded, we will remain in poverty and anxiety forever. But if we change our mindset, we can change our destiny and achieve the world. Money will come to us, good relationships will come to us, and we will always be safe with our family.

I realized that some of the pioneers had a negative attitude towards this project. They seem to just focus on completing KYC and selling the Pi or waiting for the OM to happen. Some even asked me to buy their Pi to show support for GCV. However, this mindset of poverty is unproductive and can cause anxiety and depression. We must realize that the goal of the Core Team is more than just OM. Cryptocurrencies are the next step in the evolution of money, and Pi is the first digital currency designed for everyday people, making it a major milestone in cryptocurrency adoption worldwide. The Core Team's mission is to create a cryptocurrency and smart contracts platform that is supported and secured by everyday people. Their vision is to build the world's most comprehensive peer-to-peer ecosystem and online experience, all powered by Pi, the world's most widely used cryptocurrency.

The message implies that for the Pi currency to be stable, it must be held by a

larger population. CT believes that Pi is for ordinary people and not just pioneers. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the pioneers to work together with CT to disseminate information and ensure that CT's mission and vision are achieved. Additionally, it is important to educate pioneers on how to respect the Pi and avoid using or selling it. If many pioneers use or sell their Pi at low prices, this will hinder the occurrence of OM. Therefore, it is important to support CT's mission and vision to ensure OM occurs.

It's worth noting that some pioneers may not sell or use their Pi, but others do. If you don't want others to follow in your footsteps, you need to do your part by enlightening your community or social media. We must work hard on community education and spread this information throughout the world to help other pioneers rise. Think of it this way: if your father was very rich, he wouldn't just give his wealth to you. You need to learn how to use it wisely. If you spend a million dollars on a car or \$10,000 on food, your father will not transfer his wealth to you. Instead of complaining that your father doesn't give you money, you should focus on improving yourself.

To summarize and answer some questions from the pioneers about why OM hasn't started yet:

1. Pioneer communities should focus on broad education regarding the white paper and its practices.
2. Short-term behavior such as low prices to use or sell a Pi are barriers to mass KYC, migration, and OM adoption.
3. The GCV community will not do things that only satisfy greedy individuals, but instead, we will wisely protect ourselves and use small things to increase the consensus of the community as a whole. That's why we won't buy the Pi at the GCV price. Our goal is the consensus of the entire community, not just one or two who benefit.
4. We will work hard on the consensus price of pioneers so that wholesalers can reduce risks and gain trust.

Giving is the greatest merit, good deed, and secret to making money. It's like farming; seeds must be planted before they can bear fruit.

PAPI marks... (FROM PAGE 1)

Menzi, president; Mariano B. Quimzon (Bulletin Today), secretary-treasurer; Sol L. Villa, overall coordinator; and Robert M. Mendoza, executive director. Included in its national board were included the association's regional chairmen from the country's 11 regions then: Oseo Hamada (Baguio Midland Courier), Region 1; Claudio Cortez (Cagayan Star), Region 2; Benigno Razon (Tarlac Star), Region 3; Mario S. Romero (The Island Observer), Region 4; Ramon Toleram (Naga Times), Region 5; Aurelio Servando, Jr. (Weekly Scope), Region 6; Zoilo Dejaresco, Jr. (Bohol Chronicle), Regions 7 & 8; Armando Lopez (Zamboanga Times), Region 9; Bienvenido Cruz (Mindanao Star), Region 10; and Gil Abarico (Mindanao Mail), Region 11.

PAPI is reputedly the largest media fraternity in the Philippines today. Its membership ranks include

about 400 community newspaper publishers in the regions and provinces, media executives, communicators and actively practicing journalists in print, broadcast and online media platforms, as well as campus journalists as associate members.

Incumbent PAPI president Nelson Santos said they have invited President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. to keynote their anniversary program, along with other key government and private sector leaders as special guests to their milestone event.

Santos said their program also includes a post dinner Fellowship Social cum Entertainment that will feature notable musical numbers and a KATHABI Fashion Show, in collaboration with the Department of Science and Technology- Philippine Textile Research Institute (DOST-PTRI) that will showcase Philippine fabrics developed from

native fibers.

The PAPI event has the sponsorship support of DOST-PTRI, DOST NCR, APCU, PCSO, BAUERTEK Farmaceutica I Technologies, FFCCCII, EPSI, Feliz Y Prosperidad Mining Corp. Our media partners the Manila Times, net 25 Radyo Agila and Pilipinas Ngayon DWIZ.

With Santos in PAPI's incumbent leadership, are Johnny P. Dayang, (who previously served as PAPI president for over 20 years) National Board Chairman Emeritus ; Rebecca M. Velasquez, executive vice president/ Board secretary; Alma O. Ochotorena, vice president for Luzon; Dr. Paulus L. Canete, vice president-Visayas; Angelina S. Lim, vice president-Mindanao; Leonida P. Cardona; treasurer; Francia A. Orlain, assistant treasurer; Jimmy C. Vistar and Eduardo L. Cardona, directors-Luzon; Edalyn B. Acta and Danilo N. Silvestre, directors-Visayas; and Anila B. Acosta and Elpedio B. Soriano, Jr., directors-Mindanao. END

DOST trains... (FROM PAGE 1)

ULIRCO, a recipient of DOST's Small Enterprise Technology Upgrading Program (SETUP), had previously benefited from milk processing equipment and laboratory analysis services provided through the program in 2022. The cooperative also received consultancy support through DOST's Manufacturing Productivity Extension Program (MPEX).

The cooperative is obtaining the FDA License to Operate (LTO) and Certificate of Product Registration (CPR). These certifications are crucial as they will enable ULIRCO to expand its product range and reach larger markets, including regional mall

outlets, thereby increasing its market share and revenue.

ULIRCO's chairman, Wilfredo Perez, expressed his profound gratitude to DOST for their unwavering technical support. He emphasized that the training was not just a refresher but a crucial step towards securing their FDA LTO, a prerequisite for market expansion. Perez also expressed ULIRCO's eagerness to participate in more DOST programs in the future, recognizing DOST's pivotal role in their journey.

The session was led by Joana S. Magto, Senior Science Research Specialist of DOST Misamis Oriental, who addressed

the importance of identifying and mitigating food safety hazards, particularly given the perishable nature of milk. Michael Vincent V. Marte, a Professional Food Technologist of DOST Misamis Oriental, followed the discussion on Good Manufacturing Practices, underscoring the role of GMP in ensuring food safety and quality.

With DOST's Consultancy and Training Services, industries and MSMEs, like ULIRCO, are assisted in improving their compliance with Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) requirements. **(Michael Vincent V. Marte/DOST Misamis Oriental)** **#RethinkingOurOpportunities** **#ScienceForThePeople** **#OneDOST4U**

RRDIC-X... (FROM PAGE 8)

progress. The Philippine Innovation Act recognizes innovation as "the creation, development, and commercialization of new or improved products, processes, or services that significantly benefit the economy and society." said Director Ratilla in her opening message.

Ms. Queritess Q. Queja, Executive Director of the Oro Chamber of Commerce, emphasized user-centric design (UCD) as a template for developing effective innovations. UCD means that designers set out to create a product that reflects the user's needs and preferences.

A winning proposal is an innovation that solves the market gaps. "We have to make sure that our innovations that we intend to propose should have a market.

It should be market-driven, meaning to say, that at the end of the day, someone is going to use the output of our proposal," said OIC Regional Director Ruel B. Paclipan.

Dr. Jinky B. Bornaes, the project leader of Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT) 's ILIGANICE, was invited as the guest trainer for the second day of the write

shop, emphasizing the technical writing guidelines for writing a proposal.

National Economic and Development Authority—10 Regional Director Mylah Faye Aurora B. Cariño emphasized the importance of the write-shop message in her closing message: "What we really wanted out of this training is that we would be able to come up with proposals that would drive regional development."

The DOST 10, DTI - 10, and NEDA - 10 co-organized the two-day workshop **(Joshua Robin/DOST 10)**. **#RethinkingOurOpportunities** **#ScienceForThePeople** **#OneDOST4U**

Youth Congress... (FROM PAGE 8)

The highlight of the event was the Awarding of the Best Performing PYAP in Cavite, recognizing outstanding youth organizations that have demonstrated exceptional performance in implementing programs in their respective areas.

This year's Outstanding PYAP - Municipal Level was awarded to the

Municipality of General Mariano Alvarez, while the City of General Trias was recognized as the Outstanding PYAP - City Level.

The event concluded with Closing Remarks by Ms. Ekeiko Paola Haidah Sadang, Promotive Division Head of OPSWDO, who praised the youth participants for their active

engagement and encouraged them to continue being catalysts for positive change within their communities.

The Youth Congress cum Awarding Ceremony is a testament to Cavite's commitment to nurturing future leaders by providing platforms for meaningful youth participation and recognizing exemplary youth initiatives in the province. **(A. Cabrera)**

LUMARI RERORTS



Ms. Lumari

Lumari, Executive Director of GCV Core, Calls on Pioneer Merchants Globally to Support Ecosystem and Embrace Partial Pi Payments

Manila, Philippines – September 19, 2024 As Global GCV Ambassador and Executive Director of the GCV Core, I, Lumari, am making a global call to all pioneer merchants to unite in supporting our ecosystem by embracing partial Pi payments. This is a defining moment for our community, and together, we can create a sustainable, innovative economy that benefits both merchants and consumers worldwide.

By accepting partial Pi payments alongside traditional currency, merchants not only expand their customer base but also play a vital role in growing the Pi economy. We are offering merchants a unique opportunity to thrive within a supportive ecosystem that promotes growth, collaboration, and innovation. Through the GCV movement, we have already seen the powerful impact of working

together. Now, I urge merchants globally to lead by example, becoming part of a groundbreaking system that values community, trust, and mutual success. Accepting Pi payments demonstrates a forward-thinking approach, ensuring your business is aligned with the future of digital commerce.

As the Executive Director of GCV Core, I am committed to providing merchants with the tools, support, needed. Together, we are building a strong, resilient ecosystem, and I invite every pioneer merchant to join us in this transformative journey.

Let us take this bold step forward as we strengthen our global economy, empower businesses, and pave the way for a future driven by Pi. This is our moment to lead, and I call on all merchants to rise to the challenge. Together, we will shape the future of commerce.

Join us in this movement as we work to build a truly collaborative, strong and thriving ecosystem. **(Lumari - Executive Director GCV Core)**

Building...

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helps build trust within the community and discourages participation in illegal trading activities.

- Current Implementation

Currently, Pi communities around the world are implementing various activities to develop the ecological merchant network. Some key approaches include:

1. Direct Merchant Outreach: GCV community leaders actively reach out to merchants, explaining the benefits of accepting Pi and how Pi can support their businesses. They organize meetings, workshops, and discussions with merchants to build relationships and encourage them to participate in the Pi ecosystem.

2. Acceptance and Use: In Doris Yin's Pioneer Handbook, she explains the theory behind the creation of GCV \$314,159 and why this specific value was chosen. When GCV \$314,159 was introduced to the global community in June 2022, it was initially

just a theory. However, it was later put into practice in the Chinese community, where it reached a barter amount of 100 million USD within one year. Subsequently, it was widely adopted in many other countries, resulting in over 1 million blockchain records. This transformed the theory into a reality, as it was widely accepted by the majority of countries' communities and continues to expand to more communities. The Core Team has confirmed that our community is on the correct track to OM after the massive creation of GCV-dominated data. Therefore, there is no need to debate whether GCV is real or fake—it is indeed a reality.

The essential difference between "price" and "value" lies in the fact that price can be fluctuated as per environment changing while value is fundamental and fixed. GCV \$314,159 for 1 Pi serves to satisfy a characteristic of currency value scale. Therefore, we

can say that the GCV of \$314,159 represents the value of 1 Pi. We typically use the term "price" when we use the value scale-currency to measure the price of a product. Please remember "price" is influenced by market supply and demand, causing it to fluctuate or differ. But the value scale won't change. It's like we fix one meter length not changing.

However, when discussing Pi as a currency, we use the term "value" instead of "price". Many pioneers use the term "price" to refer to the "value" of Pi due to the habit that traditional cryptocurrencies are viewed as investment instruments or commodities for sale. So they like to say Pi price. However, today we use GCV to refer to Pi as a currency, so we should use the term "value" as it represents the value scale to measure the price of other commodities.

3. Market and Supply Volume: Since Pi is intended to function as a payment method, it is considered a form of currency.

Therefore, we Pioneers base its value on the Pi Network's advanced Web3.0 public blockchain value and the values held by our community pioneers. As a currency, it is not a commodity or investment tool for sale, and its "value" is not determined by supply and demand. As mentioned earlier, we should use "value" instead of "price," and therefore market supply and demand should not be used to determine the value of Pi.

4. Building Educational and Support Systems for Merchants: Training programs on ecological merchants for Pi are being developed to help businesses understand how to use Pi, how to price products at GCV, and how to manage transactions. These training materials also emphasize the importance of maintaining and developing a sustainable ecosystem.

5. Recording Pi Transactions: Transactions using Pi between merchants and consumers are being recorded as evidence, helping to build trust and

confirm the GCV value for Pi. These records help prove that Pi is not just an idea but is being used in real life.

- What Pi Communities in Each Country Need to Do

Building an ecological merchant network for Pi is not just the responsibility of a small group but requires the active participation of Pi communities in each country. Therefore, Pi communities in each country need to:

1. Promote the GCV Movement: Community leaders in each country must actively approach and encourage local merchants to participate in the GCV movement, accepting Pi as a payment method.

2. Acceptance and Use: Community leaders need to help merchants understand the GCV model and use it in their transactions. With proven success in various countries, and as confirmed by the Pi Core Team, GCV is a reality that pioneers should fully embrace in their daily business operations.

3. Build a Strong Pi Community: Pi communities

in each country need to gather and organize Pi users, encouraging them to use Pi in real transactions while promoting Pi acceptance among businesses and stores.

- Conclusion

Building an ecological merchant network for Pi is an important task to ensure the success and sustainable development of the Pi Network. Creating a historical record of Pi transactions with the GCV of 314,159 USD will be the foundation for shaping Pi's value when OM officially begins. Pi communities in each country need to contribute to expanding the merchant network that accepts Pi, thereby spreading the value of Pi and promoting the development of the global ecosystem. Moreover, using the GCV strategy helps combat black market trading, ensures the stability of Pi's value, and protects the interests of Pioneers, creating a more robust and trustworthy ecosystem.

(Jojo - Asst. Executive Director GCV Core GCV Global Ambassador)

DSWD 4Ps beneficiaries urged to use grants for kids' education, health

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) on Wednesday urged the household-beneficiaries of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) to use the grants for intended purpose of supporting children's education and health.

"I hope sa ating 4Ps beneficiaries, take care of the grants. 'Yan ang lagi kong sinasabi, na gamitin sa tama dahil ito ay makatutulong para mas mapaganda pa ang buhay ninyo eventually kapag nakapag-aral na ang mga anak ninyo at kung sila ay malusog (I hope for our 4Ps beneficiaries, to take care of the grants. That's what I keep on saying, to use it [benefit] properly because eventually, it could help improve more your lives once your children are educated and healthy)," 4Ps National Program Manager Director

Gemma Gabuya said on Wednesday during the second episode of 4Ps Fastbreak livestreamed over the DSWD's Facebook page.

The 4Ps Fastbreak, the latest addition to the live-streamed programs of the DSWD's Strategic Communications (StratComm) Group, aims to beef up public knowledge and awareness about the agency's national poverty alleviation programs. It is hosted by Venus Balito of StratComm's Digital Media Service (DMS).

Gabuya said the 4Ps is providing conditional cash transfer to poor households

to improve their health, nutrition, and education.

"Para sa education---sa elementary students ay PHP300 per bata monthly for ten months; pag high school naman ay PHP500; at senior high school ay PHP700 (In terms of education—in elementary students, PHP300 monthly per child; in high school, PHP 500; and for senior high school is PHP700)," she said.

The 4Ps program also provides a monthly PHP600 rice subsidy and PHP750 health grants to each household beneficiary.

However, she emphasized that there is a maximum of three



monitored children per household that will be covered by the 4Ps program.

Each 4Ps household, Gabuya added, is also entitled to automatic coverage under the National Health Insurance Program or PhilHealth.

"They may also avail of the DSWD's Sustainable Livelihood Program (SLP) or other similar programs offered by other government agencies or accredited private institutions," she added.

The 4Ps is a national poverty reduction strategy

institutionalized under Republic Act No. 11310 or "An Act Institutionalizing Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps)," signed on April 17, 2019.

To date, the program has close to 4.4 million household-beneficiaries nationwide. **(PNA)**

1st Asian Mixed Martial Arts Manila Open set Oct. 14-16

The country's top fighters will see action in the first Asian Mixed Martial Arts (AMMA) Manila Open scheduled from October 14 to 16 at the grand ballroom of the Manila Marriot Hotel in Pasay City.

The tournament, hosted by Nasyonal Mixed Martial Arts Pederasyon ng Pilipinas (NMMAPP) and supported by 9 Dynasty, features 130 athletes from 16 countries competing in 11 categories: men's traditional 60kgs, 65kgs, 71kgs, 85kgs, 120kgs; women's 60kgs; modern men's 56kgs, 65kgs, 77kgs, 96kgs; and women's 54kgs.

"This is a good opportunity for all MMA fighters to show their fighting skills not only in some other fight promotions, but this is also a great avenue for them to fight for their flag and country in the Southeast Asian Games and Asian Games," Philippine Olympic Committee (POC) president and NMMAPP head Abraham "Bambol" Tolentino said during Wednesday's press conference.

"Our Filipino fighters are known for their fighting

skills and courage. I believe they will excel in this first Asian Open. But every country here in Asia is competitive and strong because all of them have a strong MMA background," he said.

Joining Tolentino in the event launch were NMMAPP secretary-general Alvin Aguilar, AMMA sports director Galastein Tan, AMMA Manila Open Organizing Committee chairperson Lock Wai Han, 9 Dynasty director Derris Wong, and Newport chief marketing officer David Jorden.

The gold medalist will get USD8,000 while the silver and bronze winners will receive USD4,000 and USD2,000, respectively.

Tolentino said the sport's grassroots program will be an integral part of the growth of the MMA fighters.

"MMA has always been popular but only recently we will enter at an

amateur level. That's why the foundation must be strong. This will be a huge event," he said.

Aguilar said 10 Filipinos will see action in the tournament.

"We are also in the process of our own arrangements for choosing our athletes. We have our trials to make sure we will field the best Filipino mixed martial artists for this tournament," said Aguilar, the country's founding father of Philippine MMA.

Aguilar thanked Tolentino and Han for their efforts to promote MMA in the country.

"It was a dream come true for me, and it was not possible without the help of Mr. Abraham Tolentino. This is an opportunity to bring honor to the country and bring medals for the country, that is our goal," the Wrestling Association of the Philippines president said. (PNA)



MIXED MARTIAL ARTS. Philippine Olympic Committee and Nasyonal Mixed Martial Arts Pederasyon ng Pilipinas president Abraham Tolentino (4th from left) announces the first-ever Asian Mixed Martial Arts Manila Open during a press conference at the Marriott Hotel in Pasay City on Wednesday (Sept. 18, 2024). The 11-divisio event will be held at the grand ballroom of the Manila Marriot Hotel from Oct. 14 to 16. (PNA photo by Jean Malanum)

Iloilo City grassroots sports program is 2024 Galing Pook finalist

ILOILO CITY – The city government here is open to the idea that its grassroots sports program, which is among the finalists of the 2024 Galing Pook Award, may be replicated by other local government units (LGUs).



GRASSROOTS SPORTS PROGRAM. The Iloilo City Sports Academy, which offers year-round free training for Ilonggos 5 to 17 years old in 20 sports disciplines, is among the finalists of the 2024 Galing Pook Awards. Mayor Jerry P. Treñas said Tuesday (Sept. 17, 2024) that the program is worthy of replication by other local government units. (Photo from Iloilo City Government Facebook)

The Iloilo City Sports Academy (ICSA) started in 2019, offering year-round free training for Ilonggos 5 to 17 years old in 20 sports disciplines.

It started with 160 athletes and currently has 3,344 enrollees with certified trainers and coaches tapped by the city government.

"I am very excited because this time, I will be going there myself and present this program, which can be done by other LGUs," Iloilo City Mayor Jerry P. Treñas said in a media

interview on Tuesday. "What is important with the program in Galing Pook is it can be replicated everywhere."

The program will be presented before panelists of the Galing Pook in Manila in October.

Galing Pook recognizes the best and most innovative local governance programs exemplifying citizens' participation and delivering positive results and impact.

If chosen, ICSA will be the fourth best practice award for the city from Galing Pook.

In 2012, Iloilo City got its first Galing Pook Award through the Dinagyang Festival, serving as a venue to promote good governance and human capital.

The second award was for the Iloilo Batiano River Development Project in 2018, coinciding with the 25th year of the Galing Pook Awards.

It bagged its third award in 2022 for the "I-BIKE" program that promotes the development of bicycle culture. (PNA)

fight another day," said Gonzales, also the National Chess Federation of the Philippines chief executive

officer Jayson Gonzales, who also serves as women's coach.

GM Eugene Torre

supervises the men's team while lawyer Ruel Canobas is head of delegation. (PNA)

PH loses to Armenia in Chess Olympiad

The Philippines bowed to former world champion Armenia, 2.5-1.5, in the sixth round of the 45th FIDE Chess Olympiad at the BOK Sports Hall in Budapest, Hungary on Monday night.



Shania Mae Mendoza (Contributed photo)

Grandmaster Julio Catalino Sadorra, a coach at the University of Texas in Dallas, prevailed over super GM Haik Martirosyan on board one.

Daniel Quizon, who earned a GM title last Saturday, fell to super GM Shant Sargsyan on board two.

International Master Paulo Bersamina settled for a draw with Gabriel Sargissian on board three, while IM John Paul Gomez succumbed to Robert Hovhannisyan on board four.

From No. 7, the Philippines dropped to

28th place in the standings with eight points.

India is on top with 12 points followed by Vietnam, China and Iran with 11 points, followed by Uzbekistan, France, Ukraine, Armenia, Hungary, England, Georgia, Serbia, Lithuania and the Netherlands with 10 points.

In the women's division, the Philippines downed Bolivia, 3-1, to take the No. 34 spot with eight points in the team standings.

Top board player Shania Mae Mendoza beat Daniela Cordero, GM Janelle Mae Frayna conquered Nataly Monroy on board two and

Jan Jodilyn Fronda defeated Gloria Luz Yepez Montenegro on board three, while Bernadette Galas lost to Jessica Molina on board four.

India beat Armenia (2.5-1.5) to keep the lead with 12 points followed by Georgia and Poland with 11 points.

Georgia prevailed over Mongolia, 2.5-1.5, while Poland defeated China, 2.5-1.5.

Meanwhile, the Philippines will next face Croatia in the men's division, and Argentina in the women's division.

"We recharge and we

RRDIC-X convenes for 3Q 2024 initiatives

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY – The Regional Research, Development, and Innovation – X (RRDIC – X), a special committee of the Regional Development Council – X (RDC – X) with fifty (52) members, recently conducted their 3rd Quarter Executive Committee Meeting on September 02, 2024, at N Hotel.



On Human Resource and Research, Development, and Innovation Management

RRDIC-X endorsed the bill to modernize the National Measurement Infrastructure System (NMIS) of the Philippines for legislative support in the 19th Congress and Philippine Senate. The bill aims to modernize and institutionalize our existing NMIS, delivering more accurate and precise calibration services in the country.

The committee also endorsed the 7th Regional Health Research Conference, which will be held on October 22-24, 2024, at Xavier University—Ateneo de Cagayan. The conference's objective is to provide an avenue for health researchers to discuss findings and encourage collaboration, networking, and open discussions on policy-making and practices in the health research sector.

On Entrepreneurship and Local Innovation Program Management Development

Mr. Christopher Lenorad T. Casinillo, Senior Trade Industry Development Specialist from the Department of Trade and

Industry—X (DTI—X), provided a directory of R&D products and mature technologies in Northern Mindanao ready for industry adoption. There are 110 locally developed technologies in the region, of which 53 are ready for adoption. These technologies came from researchers in state universities in Northern Mindanao, such as Bukidnon State University (BukSU), Central Mindanao University (CMU), Mindanao State University—Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT), and University of Science and Technology (USTP).

The committee also discussed the Philippine Creative Industries Development Act (PCIDA), or RA 11904. Ms. Jill E. Maestre, Senior Trade Industry Development Specialist of DTI—X, emphasized that the national government has already recognized the potential and opportunities of the Philippine creative industries through the strategies and priorities outlined in PCIDA.

On Resource Mobilization

RRDIC-X supported the OROBEST Expo 2024: OROBEST Goes Halal. In addition to promoting and

showcasing Halal products and providing a platform for partnerships and collaborations in the Halal Industry, the activity supports the Mindanao Halal Corridor's development of a comprehensive Halal value chain.

Dr. Franch Maverick A. Lorilla, Director of USTP's Innovation Centers, presented the conduct of the 2024 International Conference on Research Innovation and Investment (ICRII 2024), which the committee also decided to support. The conference will commence on September 16-17, 2024, at Limketkai Luxe Hotel, Cagayan de Oro City.

On Knowledge and Research, Development, and Innovation Infrastructure Management

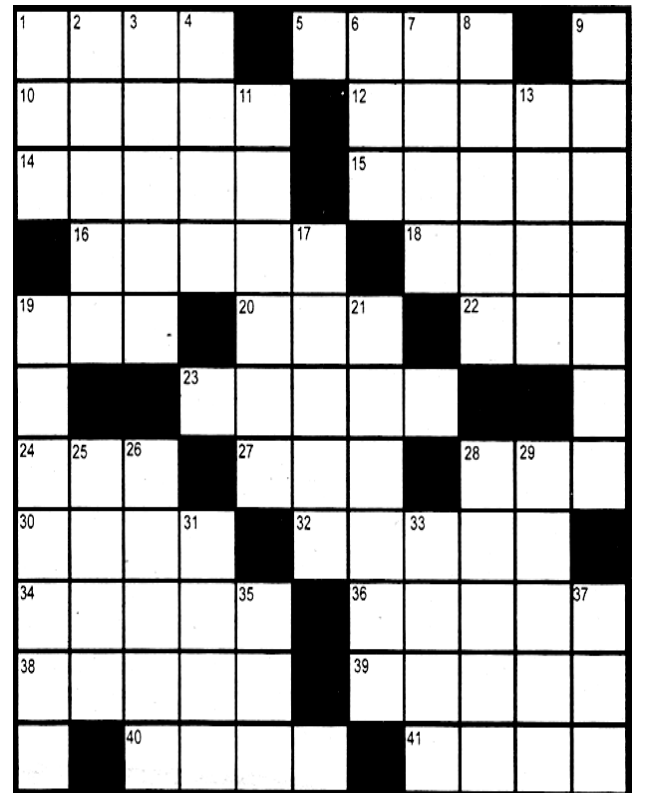
RRDIC – X also onboarded boarded the Cagayan de Oro Water District Interim General Manager, Mr. Fermin Villaroya Jarales, in the proposed research of Dr. Orlando F. Balderama, Vice President for Research and Development, Extension and Training of Isabela State University. The study aims to assess the impacts of climate change and

land use changes on water resources, agriculture, domestic, and industry using the Water Evaluation and Planning (WEAP) Model in the Cagayan de Oro River Basin.

"The COWD Team, headed by AGM Edna Najael of the Technical Services, will be joining us in making sure that the research conducted by the committee, especially those that concern the water district, will be supported, and we will seek from the research conducted what are the things that we can incorporate in our plan. That is our commitment," said IGM Jarales in response to Dr. Balderama's proposal.

The RRDIC—X, with its 51 members from the academe, government agencies, local government units, and industry sector, continuously ensures that research, innovations, and other S&T-based projects are responsive and aligned to the Philippine Development Plans, Regional Development Plans, and the National Innovation Agenda and Strategic Document (NIASD). **Joshua Robin/DOST 10) #PoitgSaInangQatnites #ScienceForThePeople #OneDOST4U**

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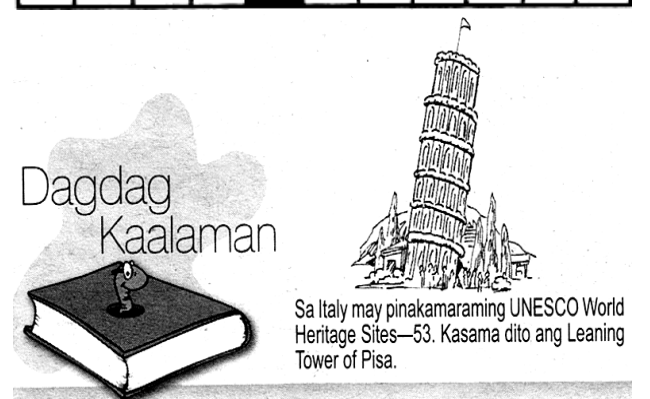
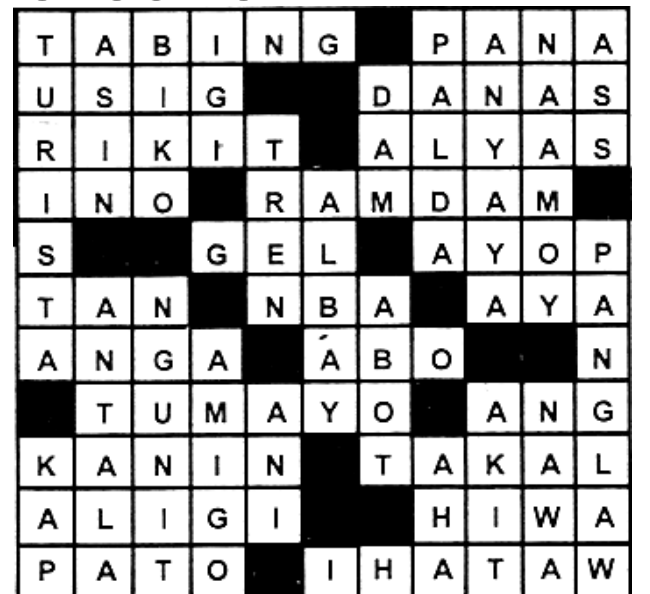
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SAGOT SA NAKARAAN



Youth Congress and Awarding of Best PYAP in Cavite Successfully Held

On September 17, 2024, the Provincial Government of Cavite, through the Office of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer (OPSWDO), successfully hosted the Youth Congress and Awarding Ceremony for the Best Pagasa Youth Association of the Philippines (PYAP) - Cavite at SM City Trece Martires. The event gathered 149 participants, including youth leaders, PYAP members, and focal persons from various cities and municipalities across the province, fostering collaboration and recognizing outstanding contributions.



The event commenced with an inspiring opening remarks delivered by Ms. Beverly Alvaran, representing Board Member Romel Enriquez, Chairperson of the SP Committee on Women, Family, Children, Elderly, and Social Services. Alvaran emphasized the importance of empowering the youth in addressing societal challenges and commended PYAP members for their continued dedication to youth development initiatives.

The congress also featured insightful discussions from two esteemed resource speakers: Ms. Ana Viela Amparo and Ms. Deniesie Jane Ligma from the Office of the Provincial Population Officer. They discussed crucial topics such as Teenage Pregnancy Situationer in CALABARZON, Teen Choice, and HIV/AIDS Awareness, providing the youth participants with valuable information and practical knowledge on navigating critical issues affecting today's young generation. ► **YOUTH CONGRESS • 4**

RRDIC-X upskills 72 proposal preparers to secure innovation fund

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—The Regional Research, Development, and Innovation Committee—X (RRDIC—X) organized a writeshop on September 03-04, 2024, at N Hotel, Cagayan De Oro City, to capacitate 72 proposal preparers in crafting effective proposals for innovation projects in Northern Mindanao.



The goal of the workshop is to increase the number of project proposals from Region 10 that will receive grants from the National Innovation Fund. The RRDIC-X invited seasoned innovators to train the 72 participants from the state universities and colleges, national government agencies, and local government units.

In the past, Northern Mindanao has only secured one innovation project every year. The funded projects include establishing the Farmers Information and Technology Services (FITS) Center Innovation Program in Camiguin in 2022 and the Fabrication Laboratory for Hull Research at the University of Science and Technology of Southern Philippines (USTP) in 2023.

Innovation is the cornerstone of ► **RRDIC-X • 4**

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Building an Ecological Merchant Network: The Role of GCV 314,159 USD and Strategies Against Black Market Trading of Pi

Pi Network is on a journey to develop into a global economic ecosystem based on blockchain technology. To realize this vision, building an ecological merchant network is a key factor. Ecological merchants for Pi not only help expand the network of Pi acceptance as a payment method but also promote Pi's real-world value in the economy. Importantly, we are now in the pre-Open Mainnet (OM) phase, a crucial time to build the historical data of Pi's value through real transactions. These transactions will play a crucial role in shaping Pi's price when OM officially begins.

- Why Do We Need to Build an Ecological Merchant Network?

1. **Creating Real Value for Pi:** Ecological merchants help convert Pi from a digital currency into a real-world exchange medium. As more businesses accept Pi, users can use Pi to purchase goods and services, thereby increasing liquidity and the real-world value of Pi.

2. **Promoting Widespread Adoption:** Building an ecological merchant network helps spread Pi's value to businesses and consumers, creating momentum for widespread acceptance. When more merchants and consumers use Pi, trust in the currency will increase.

3. **Contributing to the Development of the Pi Ecosystem:** Building a strong network of ecological merchants helps the Pi ecosystem grow sustainably. Merchants can sell goods and services and receive Pi in return, thus reinvesting in the Pi economy, creating a continuous economic cycle, and promoting community growth.

4. **Ensuring the Sustainability of GCV (Global Consensus Value):** The GCV (Global Consensus Value) of Pi is 314,159 USD for 1 Pi, agreed upon by the Pioneers. The role of GCV is crucial in maintaining Pi's value and stability. When merchants use Pi at the GCV, they not only protect the value of Pi but also help maintain the community's trust in the GCV movement. This is also the step to create a historical record of Pi's value, contributing to shaping Pi's price as we approach the official OM.

5. **Combating Black Market Activities:** The strategy of using the GCV of 314,159 USD helps counteract black market trading of Pi coins. By establishing a clear and stable price for Pi, this strategy reduces price volatility and prevents exploitation. It promotes legitimate transactions through official channels, protecting the value of Pi and ensuring the sustainability of the ecosystem. This approach ► **BUILDING • 5**

Cavite Career Caravan in Bailen

On September 16, 2024, the Cavite Career Caravan took place at Bailen Town Plaza, demonstrating a successful collaborative effort to support employment opportunities in the province. Led by the Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager (OPPESM) under Ms. Rizalie P. Enero, and in partnership with the Public Employment Service Office (PESO) of Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo (Bailen), the event showcased a range of career opportunities and social welfare programs.



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A total of 10 employers participated, offering a variety of job openings. The event drew 47 applicants, with 7 fortunate individuals hired on the spot. The presence of several national government agencies, such as the SSS, Pag-IBIG, PhilHealth, PSA, BIR, OWWA, DTI, and NBI, further enriched the experience, providing vital information and services on employment.

The success of the Career Caravan was largely attributed to the strong collaboration between companies and government agencies. The Provincial Government of Cavite expressed gratitude to all involved for their unwavering commitment to empowering job seekers and promoting economic growth in the province.