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TESDA and OPPESM partners IN capacitating CTECs and recognized Community-Based Training



The Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) in Partnership with the Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager (OPPESM) successfully conducted the Capability Building Program for Community Training and Employment Coordinators (CTEC) and Recognized Community-Based Training on September 30, 2024, at 9:00 AM. The event brought together 46 participants, including community trainers and key stakeholders, to enhance their skills and competencies in delivering TESDA programs at the grassroots level.

The program commenced with an opening message from Dir. Rosalinda B. Talavera, followed by an insightful overview of TESDA's initiatives in barangays presented by Mr. Herminigildo T. Acapuyan. Attendees were recognized for their contributions with certificates awarded by Ms. Rowena D. Nomio, highlighting the importance of community-based training.

The event featured a comprehensive session led by Ms. Lorena P. Lim, focusing on best practices and effective training methodologies.

Ms. Rizalie Pinpin-Enero, Provincial Public Employment Service Manager, concluded the **TESDA • 3**

DOST 2 pushes green tech in Cagayan Valley



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On September 23, 2024, around 50 members of the Gender Focal Point System – Technical Working Group (GFPS-TWG) and focal persons from the Provincial Government of Cavite gathered at the Cavite Social Development Center in Trece Martires City for a day of training on Gender and Development (GAD) Planning and Budgeting. The initiative, organized by the Office of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer (OPSWDO), aimed to strengthen the participants' understanding of GAD planning, budgeting, and fund utilization.

The event kicked off with opening remarks from Ms. Ekeiko Paola Haidah Sadang, Promotive Division Head of the OPSWDO, who emphasized the importance of building the capacities of GFPS-TWG members to ensure effective gender mainstreaming and promote gender responsive governance in the province.

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Paglulunsad ng 'Aklat ng Bayan': Pagpupugay ng KWF sa mga Lokal na Manunulat at Editor

Ginanap ang paglulunsad ng "Aklat ng Bayan" ng Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino (KWF) sa Gusaling Watson, 1610 Kalye Jose P. Laurel, San Miguel, Lungsod ng Maynila. Ang okasyong ito ay tumatampok sa mga aklat at likha ng iba't ibang lokal na alagad ng sining sa larangan ng panitikan.



Sinimulan ni Atty. Marites A. Barrios-Taran, Direktor Heneral ng KWF, ang paglulunsad ng Aklat ng Bayan. Ibinahagi niya

ang mahalagang layunin ng pagdiriwang na ito— ang pagbibigay-halaga sa mga akda ng mga lokal na manunulat at editor.

Ayon kay Barrios-Taran, ang kaganapang ito ay pagkakataon upang marinig ang mga pananaw **PAGLULUNSA** • 3



Sa ating nagdaang pagseserbisyo, tunay nating naging lakas ang Lakas-CMD sa paghahatid ng #PusoAtMalasakitParaSaAtingKawit! Kaya naman sa pagharap natin sa bagong yugto ng ating paglilingkod, nakakatuwang patuloy ang suporta nila sa ating layunin na tanging #RatedTripleA na serbisyo ang maibigay sa ating mga kababayan. Maraming salamat para sa inyong tiwala at suporta, Lakas-CMD President at House Speaker Martin Romualdez, Provincial Chairman Cong. Lani M. Revilla, ang ating 1st District Representative Cong. Jolo Revilla, sa mommy nating lahat, Mommy A, Mommy Armie Aguinaldo, sa buong Team Puso at Malasakit, at higit sa lahat, sa ating mga kababayang nagtiwala, naniwala, at hanggang ngayon ay kasama natin sa pagbibigay ng #PusoAtMalasakitParaSaAtingKawit. Lagi't-lagi, Kawiteño ang sentro ng ating #AlagangAngeloAguinaldo at #AksyongAngeloAguinaldo. Samahan n'yo kami sa susunod na hakbang natin sa patuloy na pagseserbisyo sa ating Magandang Kawit! #MayorAguinaldo

DTI-Laguna Extends Information Drive on BIR Compliance Essentials with Consumer Education

Calauan, Laguna — The Department of Trade and Industry – Laguna Provincial Office (DTI-Laguna), through Negosyo Center Calauan, in collaboration with the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) and with the support of the Local Government Unit of Calauan, conducted a seminar titled “BIR Compliance Essentials: Responsible Tax Practices with Consumer Education” at the Conference Hall, Barangay Kanluran, Calauan, Laguna, recently.



In today's evolving tax landscape, it is vital for both businesses and consumers to remain informed about compliance requirements. This seminar became a venue to provide a comprehensive understanding of BIR

regulations while promoting responsible tax practices and highlighting the importance of consumer education in driving business success. Mr. Lawrence Anthony Anenias, Revenue Officer III, welcomed the participants and

introduced the expert speakers for the session. Mr. Arnold Perez and Mr. Dannison Paul Eseo, both Revenue Officers II, presented the Ease of Paying Taxes Act which is a key initiative designed to simplify the tax payment process for individuals and



businesses. This legislation focuses on reducing administrative burdens, promoting timely payments, and enhancing overall compliance. Additionally, Ms. Alma Arenal, Negosyo Center Business Counsellor assigned in the City Government of Calamba, addressed the rights and responsibilities of

consumers, emphasizing the role of informed consumers in a healthy economy. This seminar not only aids businesses in understanding their tax obligations but also empowers consumers with the knowledge necessary to navigate the complexities of tax compliance. Moreover, the

seminar served as a platform for fostering collaboration between the government and the community, ensuring that both businesses and consumers can thrive in a compliant and responsible economic environment. For more inquiries, kindly contact DTI-Laguna at r04a.laguna@dti.gov.ph (DMPiamonte, DTI-Laguna).

Successful culmination of the Provincial Tourism Month Celebration

Capping this year's successful Provincial Tourism Month celebration, the Office of the Provincial Tourism Officer recognized the hard work and effort of tourism stakeholders at the 2024 Cavite Tourism Excellence Awards held at Hotel Casiana, Tagaytay City on September 27, 2024.

Mr. Clive Aranha, General Manager of Hotel Casiana, gladly acknowledged the presence of attendees, hoping that they had a pleasant stay at the hotel.

Department of Tourism IV-A Regional Director Marites Castro graced the event and was happy to witness the passion, dedication, and collaborative spirit of tourism stakeholders that greatly contributed to the successful bounce of the industry. In addition, RD Castro stressed the value of tourism sector for the preservation and promotion of cultural heritage and added, “the future



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of the industry will require adaptable, innovative, and forward thinking”. She concluded her speech by proudly stating, “Love Cavite, Love CALABARZON, Love the Philippines.”

As the event recognized the excellent hard work and invaluable contribution of the stakeholders, Ms. Pearl, Escala Hotel Tagaytay representative, delivered her acceptance speech, keynoting their strong commitment to provide quality service

delivery for the satisfaction and memorable experience of tourists.

Ms. Elinia Imelda Rozelle Sangalang, Provincial Tourism Officer, congratulated the awardees, stating that their achievements were the fruition of their collaborative efforts. She then lauded the work done by DOT IV-A, as the region became one of the top tourist destinations in the Philippines. Furthermore, out of 82 provinces, Cavite ranked 8th in the most

visited destinations in the entire country. As Cavite tourism significantly improves every year, she encouraged everyone to continue supporting the sector, to remain competitive and at par with other tourist destinations. “Together, we can achieve greater success and become the preferred and top destination in the Philippines”, she remarked.

The Las Cuerdas Caviteños Rondalla, from

Cavite City, added joy to the event as they serenade guests with their cultural performance.

The Cavite Tourist Excellence Awards 2024 is part of the province's celebration of Tourism Month, showcasing not just the diverse gems, treasures and heritages of Cavite, but also the passion of the partner agencies and tourism stakeholders that make the province shine brightly on the map of the Philippines. (J. Reyes)

Mindanao...

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M a b b o r a n g underscored the importance of technological innovations in preparing communities for these risks, which are

aligned with the administration's support for the Handa Pilipinas initiative.

Assistant secretary Bernardo Rafaelito

Alejandro IV, who is the Deputy Administrator for Administration and Education of the Office of Civil Defense (OCD), said the DOST and the OCD are focused on reducing disaster risks and implementing effective



Cavite...

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An inspirational message was delivered by Ms. Beverly Alvaran, representing Board Member Romel Enriquez, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan Chairperson on the Committee on Social Services, Family, Women, Children, and Elderly. She conveyed BM Enriquez's appreciation for the invaluable contributions of senior citizens to society and encouraged them to remain engaged and empowered in their communities.

discussion equipped the elderly with essential knowledge on how to protect their consumer rights and make informed decisions.

A highlight of the program was a presentation by Chaplain Norminda Forteza of the Service Development Australian Filipino Community Services, who tackled the topic of Healthy Brain, Healthy Life. She discussed practical ways to prevent dementia by adopting healthy living habits, such as regular physical activity and a balanced diet, as part of maintaining mental wellness.

In his closing message, Mr. Ciriaco S. Angeles, President of the Regional/Provincial Federation of Senior Citizens, expressed gratitude to the provincial government and

encouraged his fellow seniors to stay active and well-informed in their golden years.

Following the program, various booths offering essential services for senior citizens were made available. TESDA offered free manicure and haircut services, while PhilHealth assisted in updating and registration for the E-Konsulta Program. The Office of the Provincial Governor (OPG) also provided free vitamins and medicines to seniors, with prescriptions duly signed by their attending physicians, ensuring they received proper healthcare support.

The event was one of many initiatives of the Provincial Government of Cavite, under the leadership of Governor Jonvic Remulla, aimed at promoting the welfare of senior citizens through meaningful activities and access to essential services. **(A. Cabrera)**

measures. He also stressed the necessity of inter-agency collaboration to enhance disaster preparedness in the region.

In his keynote address, DOST Secretary Dr. Renato U. Solidum Jr. focused on the importance of anticipating and preparing for natural hazards, pointing out that disaster prevention is a shared responsibility, and through proper planning and mitigation strategies, communities can be protected from hazards.

Solidum said a proactive approach to disaster mitigation is the foundation of the Handa Pilipinas program, which aims to empower communities to save lives and livelihoods.

A key moment during the event was the signing

of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the DOST and the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation, and Unity (OPAPRU), a partnership that is designed to provide science and technology interventions to empower former combatants and their families in the six recognized MILF camps in Mindanao.

The MOA seeks to address the need for sustainable livelihood and community development in the Mindanao areas.

Secretary Carlito G. Galvez Jr., Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation, and Unity, highlighted the transformative potential of technology in peacebuilding efforts, noting how it can foster

dialogue, create economic opportunities, and promote healing and trust within communities.

The event brought together distinguished leaders and stakeholders from various sectors, marking a significant step towards creating collaborative solutions for disaster resilience.

The Handa Pilipinas Mindanao leg showcased cutting-edge DRRM technologies ready for adoption by local leaders, aimed at enhancing safety measures in Mindanao's most vulnerable areas.

The initiative is part of a broader national goal to achieve a resilient Philippines, where communities are equipped to mitigate and adapt to the risks posed by natural and climate-related disasters. **(Nelson Santos)**

Paglulunsad...

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at karanasan ng mga awtor at editor tungkol sa pag-iimbak ng karunungan sa iba't ibang disiplina gamit ang Filipino bilang wika ng pagsulat at pananaliksik. Hinikayat din niya ang lahat na magpatuloy sa pagpapayaman ng kamalayan ng mga Pilipinong mambabasa.

Binigyang-diin ni Casanova ang kahalagahan ng pangangalap ng karunungan bayan, at mga akdang sining at pang-kultura upang mag-ambag sa preserbasyon ng kulturang Pilipino. Pinaabot din niya ang kanyang hangarin para sa kabataan na ipagmalaki ang mayamang kultura, wika, at panitikan ng lahing Pilipino.

Book Signing ng mga Awtor at Editor

Kabilang sa okasyon ang book signing ng mga bagong aklat ng mga iginagalang na manunulat at editor. Tampok dito ang:

- Ang Berdugo at mga Piling Kwento, isinalin ni Aileen V. Sicat, awtor, Honoré de Balzac,
- Maka-Pilipinong Pananaw: Mga Lapit sa Pagtuturo ng Panitikan, ni Ginoong Alvin B. Yapan
- Kalipunan ng mga Akdang Dulang Mindanawon, likha nina Ginoong Arthur P. Casanova, PhD, Felimon B.

Blanco, Rene V. Carbayas, Angelito G. Flores, Arnel M. Mordoquio, Sunnie C. Noel, at Pepito P. Sumayan, editor: Arthur P. Casanova

Kasama rin sa mga inilunsad na aklat ang:

- Bokabularyong Traylingguwal: English-Hiligaynon-Filipino, leksikograpo, Agnes Dimzon at editor, Alain Dimzon
- Tandang Bato: Ang mga Manunulat sa Aking Panahon, ni Efren R. Abueg
- Pagdiriwang sa Haraya: Ang Panulaan at mga Aklat ng Impormasyon para sa mga Bata, ni Eugene Y. Evasco
- Mga Meditasyon hinggil sa Unang Pilosopiya, ni René Descartes, isinalin ni Emmanuel C. de Leon
- Margosatubig, ni Ramon L. Muzones, isinalin ni Agnes Dimzon

Ang paglulunsad ng mga publikasyon ay ipinapaabot ng KWF bilang paraan ng pagtatanghal ng kakayahan ng wikang Filipino sa malikhain at intelektuwal na gawain. **(Mark John R. Arrojado, MCP)**

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and milestones, underscoring the region's unwavering commitment to innovation and community empowerment."

DOST Undersecretary for Regional Operations, Engr. Sancho Maborang, in his inspirational message, underscored how "sustainable development has shifted from being an idealistic choice to an absolute necessity."

He stressed that "the choices we make today will not only impact our quality of life but also determine the well-being of future generations."

In his keynote address, DOST Secretary Renato

Solidum Jr. said that the "celebration is not merely about recognizing past achievements, it is about shaping the future – one that demands urgent action and a collective commitment to building a green economy that benefits both people and the planet."

As part of the program, awards were given to Small Enterprise Technology Upgrading Program (SETUP) graduate projects, and the Best SETUP Adopters.

The DOST also recognized new Community Empowerment through Science and Technology (CEST)

projects and honored the Best CEST Community.

Adding more excitement to the program, the KathABI Fashion Show was organized in partnership with the DOST Philippine Textile Research Institute (PTRI), which featured a stunning collection of garments and accessories crafted from locally sourced, sustainable textiles, highlighting the ingenuity of Filipino designers.

The fashion show was a celebration of culture, sustainability, and innovation, aligning with DOST's vision of promoting circular economy principles and supporting local artisans and communities. **(DOST V11)**

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Atty. Melissa Mae C. Marero, DILG GAD Focal Person, served as the resource speaker, delivering a comprehensive review of the parameters for the GAD Plan Budget and Accomplishment Report. Her presentation focused on key elements necessary for effective GAD planning and budgeting, emphasizing the importance of aligning

programs with gender equality objectives.

The orientation also featured an open forum, where participants had the chance to ask questions and share insights on challenges and best practices related to GAD fund utilization.

The interactive session encouraged knowledge sharing and peer learning, fostering a deeper understanding of how to

apply GAD principles in their respective organizations.

This training forms part of Cavite's ongoing commitment to promoting gender equality and inclusivity in governance. By equipping GFPS-TWG members with the necessary tools and knowledge, the province aims to ensure that GAD funds are efficiently used to address gender-related issues and foster a more inclusive society. **(A. Cabrera)**

Tesda...

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program with closing remarks, emphasizing the commitment to empowering local communities through

education and skills development.

TESDA and Cavite OPPEM are grateful for the enthusiastic

participation and looks forward to implementing the insights gained from this successful event to further enhance community-based training initiatives. **(H. Villa)**

WHY CORE TEAM DON'T ANNOUNCE THE REASON WHY SOMETIMES THEY STOPPED MIGRATION OF PI?



Doris Yin

Today, I shared my response with a pioneer in the International Pioneers Telegram Group. I mentioned that CT sometimes opens migration and then stops it for many days, only to open it again for a few days and then stop it once more. This is because there are too many black market transactions after many pioneers receive their Pi. CT doesn't allow fast migration every day because of the prevalence of black market activities and numerous low-price barter exchanges. The pioneer's question was why CT didn't announce that they stop migration due to excessive black market transactions. He also

asked why CT doesn't punish those who violate the policy but punishes other pioneers who are doing well, preventing them from migrating their Pi. This made him think that CT is being unfair. He believes that CT should punish all the pioneers who violate the policy and allow all other pioneers to continue with their migration fast.

My answer is as follows for pioneers as a reference because I believe many of you probably have the same question. Please pay attention the following opinion is from my analysis. I don't represent CT.

I have explained in my articles why CT cannot and should not announce or disclose their migration plan, including when they plan to stop migration. They also cannot indicate that the reason for stopping migration is because of the high risk from blockchain. This information is part of their internal strategy and should not be made public due to confidentiality. However, they have informed us through the Tentative KYC and migration agreement that any behavior putting the network at risk will be monitored and will impact the overall progress. WE must understand the big amount transaction on blockchain some are from black market but some are low price barter which CT cannot punish.

The orange Tentative KYC notice is in place due to policy violations, including selling accounts and wallets. It is clearly stated that this will impact the network's security. The addition of live checks is to identify those who bought the wallet after someone sold it after passing KYC.

Secondly, have you read the migration agreement? I have posted it several times. All pioneers must sign the agreement, committing not to sell Pi for fiat during the enclosed mainnet. If a large amount of migrated Pi was sold, will it affect the security of the Pi Network? If yes, this is the reason why they open and observe for some days and then open and observe some more.

The Core Team (CT) does not have personal information about individual pioneers. They cannot recognize who has high risk to violate the policy. They can only monitor pioneers' activities through the blockchain. Transactions that indicate a high risk of failure include not only those related to the black market but also low-value bartering. For example, someone in South Korea bartered 4000 Pi for a second-hand motorcycle, and in Taiwan, a breakfast costs 17 Pi. Instances like these raise red flags for the CT and may lead them to delay the migration process.

Since all pioneers are part of one collective, the actions of any individual affect the entire community. It's important to understand and communicate this information to ensure that all pioneers follow Pi Network policies. This is why GCV warriors work tirelessly every day. If everyone acts in their own interest, it ultimately leads to failure for the entire community, including the individual.

The reason why the CT may not publicly announce the reasons for migrating or stopping at times is because they believe it's as clear as $1+1=2$. They expect pioneers to understand without needing further explanation, as they have declared many

times that they need to protect the network security.

In order to further illustrate this concept, let's consider a scenario where a wealthy father has 10 children, some of whom are spendthrifts. Will the father continue to give money to those children? Similarly, if the father has 60 million children, it's impossible for him to personally identify who will be the spendthrifts. He can only assess their behavior through their spending habits. If the children demonstrate responsible spending, the father will continue to support them. So, you must understand that when facing a 60 million population, it's impossible to recognize who will be responsible and who will be spendthrifts. Therefore when they lose confidence, they will make the process slow.

If the CT could control everything without pioneer collaboration, there would be no need to wait for three years for the Mainnet (OM). The fact that they are still waiting indicates that they rely on pioneer collaboration. Thanks to the hard work of GCV Ambassadors, the CT now shows more confidence and hopes to launch the Mainnet by the year's end, but they still require pioneer collaboration.

Please remember the following text:

If CT allows all pioneers to pass KYC and migrate right now or at the end of December without pioneer collaboration, what is the result? The result is Pi Network failure. After the Mainnet, most pioneers will sell Pi on the exchange market. Even before the Mainnet, they may violate the agreement to sell and buy. Some pioneers believe that if CT punishes them, other pioneers will stop. However, the reality is different. Even if CT confiscates 10 million Pi, the future migrated wallets are still actively involved in selling and buying. CT doesn't want to depend on punishment to resolve the problem because it will affect the project if millions of wallets are lost. This will result in Pi Network failing. So I always said punishment cannot completely resolve the problem. Education can totally resolve the problem. Therefore, I suggest punishment along with education. Therefore you can see CT using punishing but still wait. Did you see CT extension KYC for 2 months. Same is here. They try to use wait to let more pioneers get well education not to sell Pi or buy Pi after they get Pi migration. Meanwhile, they still keep tracking and punish those who violated the policy.

If you have the kind of thought to depend on punishing pioneers, it's because you never studied or read the white paper. Pi Network wants a dispersion of Pi, so they need a larger user base. You don't understand what Pi is! Your thought is that Pi is just another cryptocurrency. You thought after CT's Mainnet, you will have a lot of Pi to sell and get some money. But this is not what Pi Network wants. They want Pi to become a real currency to resolve financial crises or more.

Why did I say if pioneers don't improve their consensus, the Pi Network will fail? It's because after the Mainnet, many pioneers will need cash, and they will sell their Pi on the exchange market. Do you understand? We educate pioneers to support the ecosystem and respect GCV so that they won't sell Pi and have the ecosystem to use Pi. If millions of pioneers sell, it will cause the Pi price to dramatically drop, which will harm the ecosystem that needs a stable price.

Why doesn't CT punish these black market pioneers? How do you know they didn't? They confiscated 10 million Pi already in June. They won't publish who they confiscated from because if they do, all the black markets will know how to evade being caught. Understand?

The white paper very clearly states that all the processes will be based on the parameters, which include but are not limited to blockchain records, to protect the network security and Pi's success.

Also, the blockchain record shows hundreds and thousands of Pi in one transaction, not only from the black market but also from low barter transactions. CT has been required not to guide or indicate the Pi price. If they said this is because the Pi price is too low, they stop migration, the Pi Network will be closed by US regulations institution.

You have your brain, and you should have the ability to study and learn the reasons. Just because so many pioneers, same as you, never study, it delayed all the process to OM.

Calendar of Activities

Pre-RSTIW Activities

- SEPT 23-25** Hack4AProgress: Regional Hackathon (SM Y Viento, Calamba, Laguna)
- SEPT 26** RoboClash: Robotics Tournament Elimination Round (SM San Pablo)
- SEPT 28** KaySipAg: Science and Math Quiz Bee via Zoom
- OCT 3-4** Animating and Pixel-Perfect Potentials: Animation Forum and Job Fair Exhibit (Robinson Place Antipeda)
- OCT 7** Inauguration of Metals and Engineering Innovation Center (MEIC) (Batangas State University)
- OCT 10** Experience Being inLab (invite Only) (DOST IV-A Regional Office)

RSTIW Proper

- OCT 14 Day 1: RSTIW**
 - AM: Onsite Launching of the 21st CLEM Opening Ceremonies, Launching of the Exhibits, Press Conference
 - PM: S&T Project Visits, AGHAMazing: Science Essay Writing Competition (CVSU-Carmona), RoboClash: Robotics Tournament Final Round, Fellowship Night (ft. DOST PTR's Fashion Show)
- OCT 15 Day 2: RSTIW**
 - AM: Sustainable AI Innovation Towards Green Economy
 - PM: Smart and Sustainable Communities Conference (SSCC)
- OCT 16 Day 3: RSTIW**
 - AM: KaySipAg: Science and Math Quiz Bee Final Round
 - PM: Awarding and Closing Ceremonies

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Philippine Pi GCV Community Builds a Thriving Ecosystem with Registered Merchants Committed to Real Growth

LUMARI RERORTS



Ms. Lumari

Manila, Philippines — In a remarkable show of resilience and innovation, the Philippine Pi Network GCV community has emerged as a leading example of building a thriving ecosystem, even in enclosed mainnet. With the unwavering support of merchants across the country, the GCV campaign in the Philippines is advancing, demonstrating a commitment to real growth and the establishment of a sustainable, real-world digital economy.

The community boasts a growing list of registered businesses and service providers that accept Pi as a form of payment. These merchants are driving the vision of Pi forward, proving that even in an enclosed mainnet, the Pi ecosystem can prosper and offer tangible value to both consumers and business owners alike.

Leading by Example: The Role of Philippine Merchants? The Pinetwork GCV community is setting a strong precedent with a diverse array of merchants officially

registered as business partners. These merchants have integrated Pi into their payment options, supporting the Pi Network's global mission to create real-world utility and use cases for Pi. Among the merchants committed to partnering with Pi are:

- * Rachman Coffee
- * Sante Barley Franchisee (Pasig, NCR)
- * PCFix Computer Repair Services (Polomolok, South Cotabato)
- * Dssrt Ave
- * Ifern Da Best (NCR Manila)
- * Sunday Tribune News Publishing (Cavite)
- * Rose Nail Haven (Cavite)
- * Marivic Sari-Sari Store (Cavite)
- * 3J Variety Store (Cavite)
- * Inday Sari-Sari Store (Cavite)
- * Gladys Shoppe (Cavite)
- * Blinds and Curtains Shop (Cavite)
- * Jenny's Store (Muntinlupa, NCR)
- * Mommy Nhess Store (Cavite)
- * Mikitzen/Mi Food Package (Region 12)
- * Angel's Car Rental (Davao)
- * Yzabelle Flower Shop (Region 12)
- * Tambilawan Fastfood and Bakeshop (Region 12)
- * Esperanza's Delicacies (Cainta, NCR)
- * M \$ M RTW (NCR Tondo)
- * SixtySeventh Travel (Caloocan, NCR)
- * MFI Store (NCR Las Pinas)
- * Betty Coquia (Quezon City, NCR)
- * Joseph Travel/Delivery Services (Batangas)
- * Homemade Pagkain (Cavite)
- * Luto ni Nanay (Cavite)
- * Mela's Store
- * Rommel Teñoso Gen. Merchandise (Quezon Province)
- * Ruben M. Apacible (Quezon Province)

- * BBQ Cravings (Bulacan)
- * Jaz Jewelry (NCR Alabang)
- * Nhelleyony Barber Salon and Spa (Bulacan)
- * KaRepaip MOTO (Appliances Repair - Quezon Province)
- * Princess G Sweet Craft (Cake & Pastries - Batangas)
- * Kelly's Smoked and Dried Fish (Alabang, NCR)
- * Cecils Tailoring Shop (Echague, Isabela - Region 1)
- * Live Good Organic Food Supplement (Cavite)
- * MagSepnad - V Health & Wellness (Cavite)
- * Onad Onac Fashion Jewerlies (Cavite)
- * All Dance (Cavite)
- * Leandro Vegetable Store (Pasig, NCR)
- * Lioness Store (Cavite)
- * Empower Consumerism (Zambales)
- * Organic Soap & Amazing Barley (NCR Manila)

These businesses, among others, are embracing Pi payments, demonstrating that digital currency can be integrated into everyday life. From cafes and restaurants to travel services and retail stores, merchants are transforming the potential of Pi into a reality by offering their goods and services in exchange for Pi payments.

A Clear Focus: Building a Real Ecosystem? As the Pi Network prepares for its Open Network launch, the focus is clear: building a real and sustainable ecosystem. The Philippine community has wholeheartedly embraced this vision, not only promoting Pi usage but also showcasing its real utility in everyday commerce. This movement aligns with Pi's broader global mission — to bring cryptocurrency into the hands of millions of users and to make it a valuable tool for commerce and exchange.

Why Merchants are Partnering with Pi? Merchants that choose to partner with Pi are not just early adopters of digital currency; they are aligning themselves with a revolutionary ecosystem that promises global reach and utility. With over 60 million engaged users and more than 14 million KYC-verified individuals, Pi offers a vast customer base ready to transact using Pi.

Key Benefits of Partnering with Pi:

- * Widespread Reach: Access to Pi Network's engaged and growing community, with millions of verified users.
- * KYC Verified Users: Merchants interact with identity-verified users, ensuring compliant and trusted transactions.
- * Early Access: Joining Pi before the Open Network launch positions merchants for success in Pi's future growth.
- * Seamless Integration: Pi's ecosystem is built for easy integration, offering industry-standard APIs for smooth business operations.

Join the Pi Movement: Building Together for Tomorrow? The opportunity for merchants to join this growing movement is now. By partnering with Pi, businesses can access a vibrant community, embrace innovation, and be at the forefront of shaping the future of digital commerce.

For merchants interested in partnering with Pi, now is the perfect time to register and be part of the global Pi Network movement, building a future where cryptocurrency and real-world utility seamlessly merge.

The Pi Network demonstrates that the future of decentralized finance and commerce is here, with the Philippines leading the way in showcasing the potential of Pi as a legitimate and thriving ecosystem. The commitment of merchants to support the GCV campaign further solidifies Pi's vision for real growth and long-term sustainability. **(Lumari - Executive Director GCV Core Head GCV Philippines)**

Business...

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2. The Importance of Open Mainnet - Pi Network's Open Mainnet is not only a historical event but also a revolution in the cryptocurrency world. It enables millions of KYC-verified users to participate and trade within a growing web3 ecosystem. Businesses partnering with Pi Network will gain access to a vast, active, and dynamic community spread across more than 155 countries and regions worldwide.

3. A Diverse and Promising Ecosystem - Pi Network currently has over 14 million KYC-verified accounts, ensuring transparency and trust in transactions. Partnering before the Open Mainnet will allow businesses to maximize the benefits, with early access to Pi's potential market. Companies can also seamlessly integrate with Pi Network through

industry-standard APIs, making it easy to connect and develop their applications and services.

4. Opportunities for Businesses - Pi Network has grown significantly, with over 70 applications already using Pi for payments and transactions. Pi's ecosystem continues to expand and is ready to welcome new partners. Businesses can take advantage of this to grow and build their market on a global digital platform. With a strong KYC system, partners can easily connect with millions of verified users.

5. Early Participation for Strategic Advantage - Businesses that join Pi Network early, before the Open Mainnet, will have a significant edge in accessing and growing within the cryptocurrency ecosystem. Early integration not only offers

the chance to acquire Pi in its early stages but also helps companies establish a solid position in the digital market.

6. A Digital Future - With Pi Network's support, businesses will have the opportunity to access global markets and grow in the age of digital technology and the digital economy. Collaborating with Pi Network will open up numerous opportunities, not only for business but also for applying advanced technologies like blockchain and web3.

Pi Network is truly a revolution in the cryptocurrency space. Businesses that want to stay ahead of the trend and thrive in the digital age cannot miss the opportunity to partner with Pi Network before the launch of the Open Mainnet. This is a historic moment that no one wants to miss! **(Jojo - Asst Executive Director GCV CT Global GCV Ambassador)**

DOST...

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The association is composed of farmers who are beneficiaries of the Department of Agriculture's Special Area for Agricultural Development (DA-SAAD) Program, which aims to alleviate poverty in the marginalized sectors of agriculture and fishery.

The DA-SAAD Program introduced the association to DOST-X to elevate its production of bottled chili garlic, soon-to-be-available dried chillis, and virgin coconut oil.

This activity aligns with DOST's strategy to provide STI-driven support services for the production and manufacturing sectors, which will help them in value-adding activities of their agricultural goods.

In her remarks, Ms. Carion M. Mapandi, the Association President, underscored the relevance of food safety to her members and how it can add value to their livelihood and be applied in their daily

lives.

Ms. Gerrylou Sweet Pia and Ms. Melody Anne Donio were the activity trainers. Trainers taught farmers to identify and mitigate food hazards that could compromise the quality of their bottled chili garlic products and future products.

The training attendees were taught techniques for improving their product labels and production layouts, making their products more appealing to the public, and complying with regulatory requirements.

DOST-X extended its assistance through consultation on developing the association's plant layout design to improve its production process, leading to increased output and higher-quality products.

With the new insights gained from the training, the Small Banisilan Farmers Association is optimistic about improving the quality

and safety of their products, which could open new opportunities for growth and market expansion.

DA-SAAD Focal Person, Mr. Ashary Sanguilingan, stated, "Small Banisilan Farmers Association is grateful for the collaborative effort we extended to them. The Food Safety Training by the DOST is a stepping stone for the association to establish a community-based enterprise. I hope all SAAD Phase 2 supported associations in Lanao del Norte can benefit from this training."

This activity addresses the target of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 2.3, which aims to double the agricultural productivity and incomes of small-scale food producers, in particular women, indigenous peoples, family farmers, and others, for value addition and non-farm employment by 2030. **(MAHDonio, PSTO-LDN, DOST 10) #RaisingLivesSpringOpportunities #ScienceForThePeople #OneDOST4U**

PH bowlers to join AMBA-Claudius Peters Open Championships

All is set for the staging of the inaugural Alabang Muntinlupa Bowlers Association (AMBA) - Claudius Peters Open Championships scheduled to be held at the Paeng's Freedom Bowl inside Robinson's Imus in Cavite on Oct. 12-20.

A total of 260 players, including members of the national team, will see action in the tournament featuring Open Masters, Associate, Men's Senior, Ladies, Youth (Under 22), and Rising Stars divisions.

The Open Masters champion will get PHP70,000, while the winners in the Associate and Men's Seniors divisions will receive PHP50,000 each.

Champions in the Ladies, Youth, and Rising Stars division will take home PHP30,000 each.

The first player to score a perfect game will win a roundtrip ticket to Hong Kong.

"Bowlers all over the Philippines are joining, so this tournament is also an opportunity for us to discover potential talents," AMBA president Red Collantes said during the Tabloids Organization in Philippine Sports, Inc. (TOPS) "Usapang Sports" at the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) Conference Room inside the Rizal Memorial Sports Complex in Manila on Thursday.

The tournament was supposed to be held at the Festival Mall in Alabang but the venue is not yet available.

Collantes said PSC Commissioner Olivia "Bong" Coo is the guest

speaker during the opening ceremony.

Coo, a four-time world champion and World Bowling Hall of Fame member, will also be honored for her achievements, along with other national bowlers.

Joining Collantes in the weekly session were national team member Lara Posadas-Wong and tournament director Jomin Wong.

"We want to build a program for kids as young as five years old," said Posadas-Wong, who recently bagged the silver medal in the singles event at the 27th Asian Bowling Championships in Thailand. (PNA)



BOWLING TILT. Alabang Muntinlupa Bowling Association (AMBA) president Red Collantes, bowler Lara Posadas-Wong and tournament director Jomin Wong (from left) during the Tabloids Organization in Philippine Sports, Inc. (TOPS) "Usapang Sports" forum at the Rizal Memorial Sports Complex in Manila on Thursday (Oct. 3, 2024). The trio discussed the staging of the inaugural Alabang Muntinlupa Bowlers Association (AMBA) - Claudius Peters Open Championships scheduled at the Paeng's Freedom Bowl inside Robinson's Imus in Cavite on Oct. 12-20. (PNA photo by Jean Malanum)

PH wins mixed doubles gold medal at World Pickleball Championship

Lucena City pride Bien Zoleta continues to bring honor to the country, this time in pickleball, a sport where players use light paddles and low-bouncing plastic balls on a smaller court.



CHAMPIONS. Filipinos Bien Zoleta (left) and Johner Ombrezo on the podium after winning the gold medal in the mixed doubles 35+ Open category at the World Pickleball Championship (WPC) Series in Bali, Indonesia last Sunday (September 29, 2024). They beat Thailand's Piyapon Srirapan and Tarie Caouette, 21-18, in the final. (Contributed photo)

Zoleta teamed up with Johner Ombrezo to capture the gold medal in the mixed doubles 35+ Open category at the World Pickleball Championship (WPC) Series in Bali, Indonesia last Sunday.

They beat Thailand's Piyapon Srirapan and Tarie Caouette, 21-18, in the final.

The Filipino pair defeated Australians Ty Yurrealde and Sarah Burr, 15-13, in the quarterfinals and conquered Indonesians Novi Emiliabir and Gusti Hariwibawa, 15-2, in the Final Four.

Like Zoleta, the 36-year-old Ombrezo from Tukuran, Zamboanga Del Sur is a seasoned tennis player. He won the singles gold medal at the 2006 Palarong Pambansa in Naga Camarines Sur.

"I'm very happy to have

finally made it to the podium," said Zoleta in an online interview on Monday.

"It felt so good that I achieved my goal to win a medal again in a world-level competition and see our flag on the world stage, especially in pickleball which is still growing in the Philippines," added Zoleta, a member of the soft tennis national team which competed at the World Soft Tennis Championship in Anseong, South Korea three weeks ago.

The Filipinos know the tough challenge ahead of them in the prestigious WPC Series which has attracted 552 athletes from 28 countries.

"We did not expect to win because there are many pro players in our category and we are the first in the Philippine delegation to win the

gold," said Zoleta, whose younger sister Bambi also plays pickleball.

Since the Philippines has no national pickleball team yet, Zoleta's trip to Bali was made possible with the help of her family and generous supporters.

"I am so thankful to my family, my club Team Zoleta for preparing me for this tournament, the Lucena City Pickleball Club, sponsors and brand collabs Lunar Pickleball, Meralco, K-Swiss Philippines and Bravado Sports Apparel, and of course, to my coaches for supporting my participation here," said Zoleta, who debuted at the Asia Pickleball Open in Phuket, Thailand last February and bagged the women's doubles bronze medal with American Yanhua Hawkins. (PNA)

Samar boatmen dominate Dinagat's 1st Nat'l Invitational Boat Racing

BUTUAN CITY – Racers from Borongan, Samar, claimed victory in the 1st National Invitational Boat Racing held in the Dinagat Islands, which concluded Sunday.



WINNERS. Team KFJ from Borongan, Samar, dominates the 1st National Invitational Boat Racing: The Battle of the Brands, held Sept. 28-29 in the Dinagat Islands. The race is part of the province's 18th founding anniversary celebration, which will culminate on Oct. 2. (Photo courtesy of the Governor's Office, Dinagat Islands)

The race, held from Sept. 28 to 29 and titled "The Battle of the Brands," was one of the main events leading up to the Bugkosan Festival, set for Oct. 2.

"The Battle of the Brands holds deep cultural significance for the people of Dinagat as we celebrate this year's Bugkosan Festival," Dinagat Governor Nilo Demerey Jr. said in a statement on Monday.

Bugkosan, which means "to bind together," marks the 18th anniversary of Dinagat's founding as a

province.

Pocholo Gaed of Team KFJ from Borongan, using a KTEC 20-horsepower engine, took first place and was awarded the championship prize of PHP300,000.

Team Doremon from Panabo City, Davao del Norte, finished as first runner-up, receiving PHP200,000, while Team Ellemar from Santa Maria, Davao Occidental, claimed second runner-up and won PHP100,000.

Team Sports Pacific from Maasim, Sarangani, secured third place with a prize of PHP50,000.

Fifteen teams from across the country competed in the boat race, which boosted tourist arrivals on the island as part of the festivities.

On Oct. 2, Dinagat's founding day, the Bugkosan Festival will feature several events, including the Stationary Dance Competition, where five groups from different towns will showcase their talents. Governor Demerey is also set to deliver his State of the Province Address on Oct. 1. (PNA)

DOST 1 Builds Stronger Communities with CEST Program

In celebration of the 35th National Statistics Month, the Department of Science and Technology Region 1 (DOST 1) featured its Community Empowerment through Science & Technology (CEST) Program on Tekno Presyensa: Syensya ken Teknolohiya para kadagiti Umili, in partnership with DZAG Radyo Pilipinas Agoo on October 3, 2024. The episode highlighted the critical role of science and technology in improving livelihoods and building resilient communities across the Philippines, with Mr. Decth 1180 P. Libunao, Assistant Regional Director for Field Operations and CEST Project Leader, as the resource person.

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The CEST Program, a key initiative under the Philippine government's poverty alleviation efforts, aims to create progressive, gender-responsive, and empowered communities. Through science and technology interventions, CEST helps improve the quality of life for marginalized sectors, including geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas (GIDA), coastal and Indigenous Peoples (IP) communities, women's groups, and urban poor sectors.

As of 2024, DOST 1 has engaged 27 continuing communities and six (6)

new ones under the CEST program, benefiting 1,335 beneficiaries with over 1,152 science and technology interventions, which span key areas such as livelihood enhancement, health and nutrition improvement, human resource development, environmental protection, and disaster risk reduction and management (DRRM). One of the significant impacts of the CEST program is in livelihood development, where communities have enhanced their local products using available resources and technology. The program ensures

gender inclusivity by providing livelihood projects that empower women, promoting equality in economic opportunities. Mr. Libunao also discussed how CEST evaluates community progress using indicators such as income growth, employment rates, and microenterprise success. The program also checks improvements in health and nutrition, while fostering interest in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) among children, guiding them toward scholarships and educational

opportunities. Looking forward, DOST 1 envisions the establishment of Municipal and City Science & Technology Innovation Councils to embed science, technology, and innovation in local governance. These councils aim to sustain the benefits of CEST interventions, ensuring long-term community progress.

By showcasing the CEST program, DOST 1 highlights how science and technology can be powerful tools for inclusive growth, aiming for a more resilient and progressive Philippines. **(Christian Dominic I. Casimiro)**

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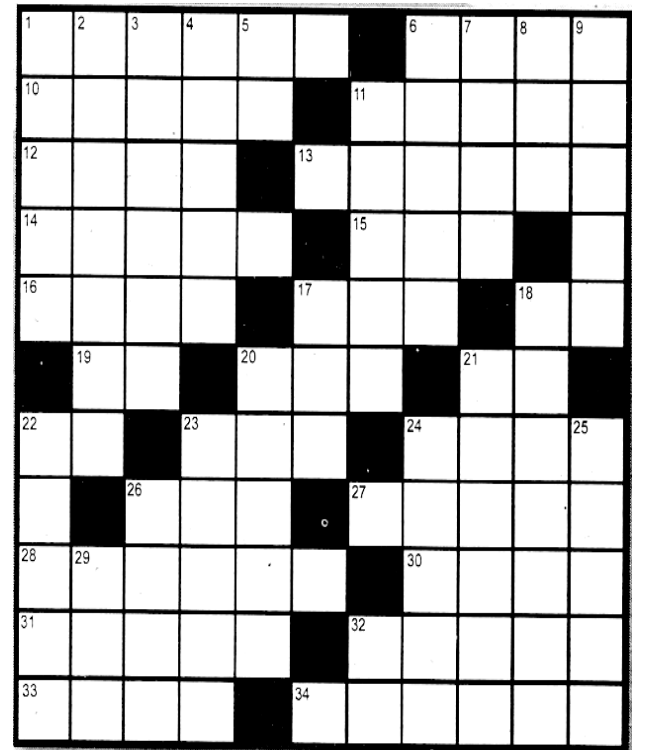
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Cavite Provincial Elderly Week Celebration 2024: Advocating Elderlies' Rights and Responsibilities

The Provincial Government of Cavite, through the Office of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer (OPSWDO), successfully hosted the Provincial Elderly Week Celebration on October 1, 2024 at SM City-Trece Martires. With the theme "Elderlies' Rights and Responsibilities," the event brought together 250 participants from various sectors, including presidents and members of the Federation of Senior Citizens, heads and members of the Office of the Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA), as well as representatives from the municipal and city social welfare offices, Federation of Military Retirees and Veterans Association of Cavite, and members of the Provincial Council on the Elderly.



Ms. Ekeiko Paola Haidah P. Sadang, Head of the Promotive Services Division of OPSWDO, warmly acknowledged the participants, emphasizing the provincial government's commitment to the well-being of senior citizens. ► **CAVITE • 3**

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Mindanao gears up for disaster challenges with DOST's 'Handa Pilipinas'

THE Department of Science and Technology (DOST), through its office in Region XII, has launched the Mindanao leg of its "Handa Pilipinas" initiative at the KCC Convention Center in General Santos City.



The event, with the theme "Enhancing Mindanao's Resilience through Science, Technology, and Innovation," seeks to bolster the region's disaster preparedness through advanced science and technology interventions.

Engr. Sancho A. Maborang, DOST Undersecretary for Regional Operations, highlighted Mindanao's vulnerability to volcanic hazards and flash floods, noting that the region is home to at least 25 active and inactive volcanoes. ► **MINDANAO • 3**

2024 SOCCSKSARGEN Regional Science and Technology Week now open

THE Department of Science and Technology Region 12 (DOST XII) officially kicked off the 2024 Regional Science and Technology Week (RSTW) at the Veranza Activity Center in General Santos City last October 2.



With the theme, "Siyensya, Teknolohiya, at Inobasyon: Kabalik at Matatag, Maginhawa, Panatag na Kinabukasan - Providing Solutions and Opening Opportunities in the Green Economy," the three-day celebration features exhibits, technology demonstrations, and forums that focus on eco-friendly solutions in energy, agriculture, manufacturing, and other key industries.

The event also brings together innovators, researchers, entrepreneurs, and government leaders to collaborate and explore pathways toward a more resilient and sustainable future.

In his opening message, DOST XII Regional Director Engr. Sammy P. Malawan said that "this year's RSTW will feature a diverse range of activities" ► **2024 • 3**

Business Cooperation for the Historic Moment of Open Mainnet 2024 with Pi Network

Pi Network is approaching a historic milestone with the launch of its Open Mainnet in 2024. This presents a fantastic opportunity for businesses, startups, and individuals to join the global digital economy. The Open Mainnet event not only marks a significant moment for Pi Network but also offers immense potential for business partners worldwide.

1. Win-Win Cooperation: Mutual Success for Both Sides - Pi Network is calling for cooperation with businesses and startups, aiming to build a robust digital economic ecosystem. This cooperation follows the "Win-Win" principle – both sides benefit, not only by developing Pi but also by helping business partners expand their market and influence globally to millions of users. ► **BUSINESS • 5**

DOST capacitates 39 DA-SAAD farmers with food safety, good manufacturing practices

TANGCAL, LANA DEL NORTE—To provide modern technical guidance and assist farmers in value-adding production, the Department of Science and Technology—X (DOST—X) trained the Small Banisilon Farmers Association in food safety and good manufacturing practices.



On September 26, 2024, trainers capacitated thirty-nine individuals who attended the training at the Barangay Small Banisilon Gymnasium in Tangal, Lanao del Norte. ► **DOST • 5**



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