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## PGC 2025 Local Expenditure Program proposals approved at three-day hearing



The Provincial Government of Cavite through the Sangguniang Panlalawigan Committee on Finance, Budget, and Appropriations chaired by Board Member Aidel Paul Belamide, successfully conducted a three-day hearing on the proposed 2025 Local Expenditure Program on October 9, 10, and 14, 2024 at the New Government Center Hall in Trece Martires City.

Vice Governor Shernan Jaro presided over the hearing followed by the Majority Floor Leader, Board Member Maurito Sison, who delivered his opening remarks.

The first day of the hearing focused on social service offices. On the second day, the spotlight was on the economic sector departments, showcasing their plans for sustainable development and economic growth. The final day concluded with the

presentations from general public service offices, highlighting their initiatives to improve service delivery across the province. Each department outlined its January to September Accomplishments and presented their Plans and Programs for Calendar Year 2025. Governor Athena Bryana Tolentino joined the last day of hearing to show support towards the continued progress of the province.

Following a thorough review by the budget committee, all proposals were unanimously approved. This approval signals the province's commitment to effectively allocating resources for the coming year and ensuring the continued development of programs aimed at enhancing social services, fostering economic growth, and improving public services. (R. Tanael)

## CALABARZON embraces Innovations for Sustainable Future at DOST's RSTIW

The 2024 Regional Science and Technology Innovation Week (RSTIW) in CALABARZON, held from October 14-16, marked a significant leap in education with the launch of the 21st Century Learning Environment Model (CLEM) Classroom at Angelo L. Loyola Senior High School (ALLSHS) in Carmona, Cavite. This initiative, led by DOST CALABARZON in collaboration with local government units, aims to enhance learning through innovative technologies and teaching practices, equipping students with essential skills for a sustainable economy.



Principal Ms. Laarni Doliente described the CLEM Classroom as a transformative step toward preparing students for a green economy, emphasizing its focus on creativity and critical thinking. Mayor Hon. Dahlia A. Loyola echoed this sentiment, highlighting the initiative's relevance to modern educational demands and its potential as a model for other municipalities.

The CLEM Classroom aligns with Carmona's **CALABARZON • 3**

## Coop Month Opening Salvo

The STRIKE Gymnasium in the City of Bacoor was filled with the energy of cooperative members from across the province of Cavite, as they gathered for the much-anticipated Cooperative Month celebration opening salvo on October 11, 2024. Organized by the Office of the Provincial Cooperative Development Officer (OPCDO), the event brought together cooperatives from various cities and municipalities in the province to celebrate unity and collaboration.



Prominent local and national leaders graced the occasion, including Senator Francis Tolentino, Bacoor City Mayor Strike Revilla, Vice Mayor Rowena Mendiola Bautista, 7th District Board Member Francisco Gabriel "Abeng" Remulla, 2nd District Board Member Ram Revilla, and 2nd District Representative Lani Mercado-Revilla. Key figures in the cooperative movement also attended, notably Dr. Jose R. Domingo, Jr., Chairperson of the Cavite Provincial Cooperative Development Council (PCDC), Mr. Jose Arnel S. Castillo, Cooperative Development Specialist II, Cooperative Development Authority Region IV-A Director Salvador V. Valeroso, and, Mr. Rodrigo M. Camia, Chairman Emeritus, Cavite PCDC.

Mr. Alvin S. Mojica, head of the OPCDO, expressed his heartfelt gratitude for the unwavering support and active **COOP MONTH • 3**

# OPISYAL NA PAHAYAG NG PAMAHALAANG BAYAN NG KAWIT HINGGIL SA PAGPAPASARA SA PHILIPPINE OFFSHORE GAMING OPERATOR (POGO)

**Magandang Kawit! Tumatalima ang Pamahalaang Bayan ng Kawit sa Mandato ng pambansang pamahalaan sa pagpapasara ng mga Philippine Offshore Gaming Operator o POGO.**

Bagamat kaisa ng pambansang pamahalaan ang Pamahalaang Bayan ng Kawit, inaalala rin nito ang kapakanan ng mga manggagawang Kawiteño na nagtatrabaho sa POGO at direktang maapektuhan ng pagsasara nito.

Sa kabila nito, tulad ng nabanggit sa panayam, nagbigay-alam na ang

pamahalaang bayan sa POGO sa Kawit ng mga kinakailangan dokumento, at hakbang para sa kanilang pagsasara, alinsunod sa kautusan ng pambansang pamahalaan at mga ahensya nito.

Pinagtibay din ng Pamahalaang Bayan ng Kawit ang dedikasyon nito sa 'zero tolerance policy' pagdating sa lahat ng

krimen, pati na ang mga may kaugnayan sa POGO. Maigting na nakikipagtulungan ang pamahalaang bayan sa Philippine National Police at iba pang law enforcement agency upang masigurong ligtas ang ating Kawit at lahat ng mga naririto.

Walang kinikilingan ang Pamahalaang Bayan ng

Kawit pagdating sa paglaban sa krimen at pangangalaga sa kaayusan at kaligtasan ng munisipalidad.

Sa kasalukuyan, pinag-aaralan na ng pamahalaang bayan kung papaano ang pinakamabisang paraan upang matulungan ang mga Kawiteñong apektado sa pagsasara ng POGO. May POGO man o wala, tuloy-tuloy ang #RatedTripleA nating

pageserbisyo sa ating mga kababayan at paghahatid ng oportunidad sa trabaho at negosyo.

Nakikipag-ugnayan tayo sa ating mga private at public partners para sa mga posibleng job fair na pinangangasiwaan ng ating Public Employment Service Office. Bukod dito, tuloy-tuloy din ang ating mga livelihood training para sa mga #KumikitangKawiteño

bilang bahagi ng ating #KawitSupportsSmallBusiness program.

Sinisiguro namin sa inyo, sa ngalan ng #PusoAtMalasakitParaSaAtingKawit, habang aktibo tayong umaaksyon upang sumunod sa mandato ng pambansang pamahalaan ay tinitiyak din natin na mapangalagaan ang kapakanan ng mga Kawiteño.

Isang mapagpalang araw po sa lahat.

## 2024-October-RIZ-NCAnt-020

ANTIPOLO CITY, 16 October 2024 | Today marked the grand opening of an exciting trade fair organized by Samahan ng mga Rizalenyos sa sektor ng Agrikultura at Pagkain (SARAP) Inc. in partnership with the Department of Trade and Industry - Rizal (DTI-Rizal). The event, themed "Likhang Lokal-Tatak Rizal," aims to showcase and promote local products and businesses from the Rizal province.

The opening ceremony was graced by several distinguished guests. In attendance were Counselor Agnes Oldan and Board Member Randy Puno, along with former Counselor Paul Tapales. Representing DTI-Rizal were Ms. Sharon F. Dioco, Chief Trade and Industry Development Specialist (CTIDS), and Marlene De Luna, Senior Trade and Industry Development Specialist (STIDS), both from the Business

Development Division.

The trade fair serves as a platform for almost 40 local entrepreneurs and artisans to display their products, highlighting the rich cultural heritage and economic potential of Rizal province. Visitors can expect to find a wide array of locally-made goods, from traditional crafts to innovative products that represent the spirit of "Likhang Lokal, Tatak Rizal".

This collaborative effort



between SARAP and DTI-Rizal underscores the commitment of both organizations to support and promote local

businesses, fostering economic growth and sustainability in the region.

The trade fair is open to the public from October 16

to 25, 2024, at the Activity Area, Lower Ground Floor, North Wing of Robinsons Antipolo. Residents and visitors alike are

encouraged to attend and support local enterprises during this ten-day showcase of Rizal's finest products.

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Nakaraang Huwebes po ay sinuportahan natin ang DSWD sa pamamahagi ng social pension sa ating mga lolo at lola sa Kawit. Maagap po tayong nakipag-ugnayan sa sa DSWD, sa pamamagitan ng ating MSWD, upang maayos na maibigay sa mga senior citizen ng ating bayan. Muling paglilinaw lang po, hindi po munisipyo ang pumipili sa mga senior citizen na makatatanggap ng pension, ang DSWD po ang nangangasiwa dito. Kaya naman po sinisikap natin ang patuloy na pakikipag-ugnayan sa DSWD upang mas marami pang Kawiteño senior citizen ang makatatanggap ng pension. Kaya naman sa ating mga lolo at lola, lalo na sa mga bagong senior citizen, makipag-ugnayan po sa inyong barangay senior citizen association upang makapagparehistro na. #AlangAngeloAguinaldo #RatedTripleA #PusoAtMalasakitParaSaAtingKawit #MayorAguinaldo

Elevating...

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In her keynote address, Hon. Rosmari Carandang, Chancellor of the Philippine Judicial Academy, emphasized the need for innovative approaches to mediation and ADR to ensure justice systems remain accessible, efficient, and equitable. She highlighted key areas such as family mediation, cross-cultural justice, environmental disputes, and the integration of artificial intelligence, stressing the transformative power of mediation, which reflects humanity's collective desire for harmony in a world where conflicts are inevitable.

The two-day event featured eight sessions designed to promote dialogue and knowledge exchange on a wide range of topics related to mediation and ADR. These sessions included discussions on Family Mediation led by retired Philippine Chief Justice Teresita J. Leonardo-De Castro; Access to Justice and Dispute Resolution Across Cultures by Justice Pamidighantam Sri Narasimha of the Supreme Court of India; and The Use of Mediation in Managing Environmental Disputes presented by Atty. Brenda

Jay C. Angeles-Mendoza from the ADR Department of PHILJA. Additional sessions focused on Community Dispute Resolution in the Philippine Context with Atty. Irene D.T. Alogoc; Enhancing International Dispute Resolution Capabilities for the Complex Global Business Environment with Dr. Alfred Chan from the Hong Kong Mediation Centre; and a Survey of Online Dispute Resolution Platforms by Mr. Anil Xavier of the Indian Institute of Arbitration and Mediation. Discussions also addressed Artificial Intelligence as a Tool in Mediation by Mr. Daryl Chew; and Ethical Challenges in the Age of Digital Mediation presented by Mr. Chern Yang See of the Singapore International Mediation Institute.

Hon. Alfredo Caguiao, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the Philippines, also addressed the conference, underscoring mediation as an essential alternative to conventional court proceedings. "The foremost aspiration of mediation is to resolve disputes within the framework of the rule of law," Caguiao said,

emphasizing that with an increasingly interconnected world, cross-border conflicts have become common, necessitating collective and global efforts to resolve them.

The event welcomed First Lady Louise Araneta-Marcos as the guest of honor, underscoring the conference's significance in advancing the Philippine judiciary's goals of making justice more accessible through ADR mechanisms. Distinguished speakers participated in sessions designed to stimulate insights on enhancing ADR techniques and adapting to evolving regional and global challenges. This conference promotes cooperation among ADR professionals across Asia, strengthening the regional mediation landscape. Established to foster mediation application across the continent, the AMA has previously held conferences in Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong, China, and Indonesia. The 6th AMA Conference represents a critical step toward advancing mediation as a preferred method for resolving disputes, ensuring that justice remains accessible, particularly in a world where conflicts transcend borders. **(Nelson Santos)**



**EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF SPOUSES MARIO RILLO BILUGAN AND CRESENCIANA VILAFRANCA BILUGAN**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE PUBLIC THAT This Deed made and executed by and among: 1. **LERMA BILUGAN MENDOZA** married to **Crispin Morter Mendoza**; and 2. **ANDRES VILAFRANCA BILUGAN**, widower, both of legal ages, both Filipino citizens and both residents of Brgy. Urdaneta, Magallanes, Cavite, hereby declare that: **DECLARE AND MAKE MANIFEST: 1. THAT**, we are the only legitimate heirs being the children of the deceased, **SPOUSES MARIO RILLO BILUGAN** and **CRESENCIANA VILAFRANCA BILUGAN**, who died on November 17, 1985 at Magallanes, Cavite and died on November 11, 1988 at Magallanes, Cavite, respectively. 2. **THAT**, at the time of their death, the deceased, **SPOUSES MARIO RILLO BILUGAN** and **CRESENCIANA VILAFRANCA BILUGAN**, were residents of Magallanes, Cavite and died without any obligation to any person or persons and died without any will. 3. **THAT**, the deceased, **SPOUSES MARIO RILLO BILUGAN** and **CRESENCIANA VILAFRANCA BILUGAN**, left as their estate a parcel of land declared under Tax Declaration No. AA-12 0016 00394, with Lot No. 5280, located at Brgy. Urdaneta, Magallanes, Cavite, with an area of **Three Thousand Nine Hundred Nine Square Meters and Eighty One Decimeters (3,909.81) square meters, more or less** x x x x. 4. **THAT WE**, hereby divide and adjudicate as we have hereby divided and adjudicated among ourselves the above-described parcel of land including all our interests and participation, equally, Pursuant to Sec. 1 Rule 74 of the Revised Rules of Court. This has been the subject of **EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF SPOUSES MARIO RILLO BILUGAN AND CRESENCIANA VILAFRANCA BILUGAN** duly executed by the HEIRS on April 1, 2024 at Naic, Cavite before NOTARY PUBLIC **ATTY. JOSE A. MENDOZA** as per Doc. No. 354, Page No. 711, Book No. XXIII, Series of 2024.

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CALABARZON...

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ambition to become a smart city, a vision shared by DOST CALABARZON Regional Director Ms. Emelita Bagsit. She outlined the municipality's goal to evolve into Carmona International City through the Science for Smart Cities Program (SSCP), which encompasses governance, infrastructure, and education. DOST Undersecretary Ms. Mardon Sahagun added that CLEM will enhance student engagement and collaboration, preparing learners for smart city challenges. DOST Undersecretary Dr. Teodoro Gatchalian further noted that CLEM serves five key purposes: bridging technological gaps, developing 21st-century skills, promoting STEM education, enhancing teaching and learning, and improving student outcomes.

The opening program of RSTW was well-attended by local leaders and DOST executives, including DOST Secretary Renato U. Solidum Jr. In his address, Secretary Solidum underscored the importance of a sustainable and innovative future, grounded in DOST's four pillars: Human Well-Being, Sustainability, Wealth Creation, and Wealth Protection. He highlighted

the achievements of DOST-CALABARZON, reminding attendees that the mission of science and technology extends beyond immediate solutions to create lasting opportunities for future generations. In a message conveyed by DOST Undersecretary Gatchalian, Senator Alan Peter Cayetano, Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Science and Technology, affirmed that science and research empower communities to address critical issues, generate opportunities, and enhance the quality of life.

The day's program also featured the turnover of the Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) Plan and Smart City Roadmap, a significant step in realizing Carmona's smart city aspirations. Other notable milestones included the

handover of the DOSTruck to LGU-Magallanes, the recognition of VATUFA for securing FDA-LTO certification, and the signing of key MOAs for initiatives such as the Natural Textile Fiber Innovation Hub, Silkworm Project, and Textile Waste Upcycling Project with Taytay, Rizal. The inauguration of the Metals and Engineering Innovation Center further underscored DOST's commitment to fostering green and smart technologies that will benefit communities throughout the region.

In conclusion, the 2024 RSTIW in CALABARZON showcased DOST's unwavering dedication to innovation and sustainability, reinforcing collaborative efforts among local leaders and communities to build a brighter, more resilient future for all. **(Nelson Santos)**



Coop Month...

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participation of all the cooperative members. He emphasized the crucial role that cooperatives play in driving local economic development, empowering communities, and fostering inclusivity across Cavite.

Adding to the event's excitement is the Trade Fair and Exhibits showcasing a wide array of local products from various Cavite cooperatives. The exhibits are evidence of the entrepreneurial spirit of

Caviteños, offering everything from handmade crafts and local delicacies to agricultural products, emphasizing the economic potential and creativity of the province.

The program was a vibrant showcase of cooperative spirit, with performances from the "Coop Talent" segment, where members shared their musical skills, proving that cooperatives know more than just business but they also know how to entertain. The Cooperative

dancing competition added to the festivity, further displaying the diverse talents and unity of the cooperative community.

Capping off the event, a raffle was held, with participants excitedly awaiting their turn to win prizes, bringing a joyful close to the gathering.

The successful opening salvo marks the beginning of a series of activities designed to strengthen and expand the cooperative movement in Cavite, paving the way for greater collaboration and progress in the months ahead. **(R. Tanael)**

# PI NETWORK PIONEERS AND CORE TEAM RELATIONSHIP



Doris Yin

Today, I would like to address a mindset issue among pioneers.

- Pioneers and Core Team (CT) Relationship: We are partners who has different tasks and responsibilities, we are not superiors and subordinates relationship.

1. The CT will not dictate or guide what pioneers should do. Their responsibility is to handle the technical infrastructure and ensure the success of the Pi Network according to the vision and mission outlined in the white paper. They will not provide guidance on the value of Pi, but if the value of Pi jeopardizes the project, they will pause and delay the process. If the value of Pi aligns with the mission, they will

proceed. There is no need to seek approval from the CT regarding GCV because they must respect the collective efforts of the pioneers. We can now see that they are moving forward after we have generated almost 3 million GCV data. This indicates that GCV can meet the project's security and success requirements.

2. Our pioneers responsibilities are creating Pi value and developing and supporting ecosystem to expand Pi utility and usage. All pioneers should learn to be independent. I have observed that too many pioneers are not fulfilling their responsibilities and expect assistance from governments or banks or big companies. They depend on CT to do everything for them, including determining the value of Pi, which Dr. Nicolas has already said is the responsibility of pioneers.

- Unfortunately, many pioneers have been misled to expect the outside world to ensure the success of Pi without building it up themselves. They have been fed with so much false information and then complain that Pi Network has cheated them. CT has told us numerous times that successful outcomes require all pioneers to cooperate. Please do not misunderstand the meaning. Collaboration involves more than just completing your checklist. It also requires compliance with all Pi Network regulations

and policies, as well as active participation in all CT activities and programs. CT is now calling on us to join the business partner and influencer program. Please actively support this initiative.

- The good news is that we have successfully reached a GCV of \$314,159. When OM is achieved, there will not be a second Pi value. Some pioneers have doubted whether I have any contact with Dr. Nicolas or Dr. Fan. My answer is: NO.

\* I've heard that many pioneers believe Dr. Nicolas and Dr. Fan have a connection with me because they feel CT are following my footsteps. I'll tell you the truth: Heroes always have the same mindset. We can say that people with the same wisdom don't need to communicate because their spirits are on the same level. Both I and all our two founders are aligned with the white paper, which I deeply understand. Therefore, I always know what our goal is, as there is only one path to success. Whether it's me, Dr. Nicolas, or Dr. Fan, we only have one solution. They cannot create Pi value and guide the pioneers' community, but I can. Therefore, I understand them and guide the entire community toward the Pi Network goal together.

\* If pioneers can relinquish their selfish behavior, we can progress quickly and successfully toward OM. Additionally, all the KYC and migration issues will be resolved. If you listen to my advice from my articles, you won't violate the policy, and you will help develop our ecosystem, reducing the risk and expanding the usage of Pi. In this way, all barriers will be removed. I believe you should now understand why KYC, migration, and OM have been delayed for two years. Many pioneers only see their KYC and migration as being stuck, but they don't understand why. Today, I am telling you the reason again, and I urge you to take action to collaborate with CT to move forward. I have already posted how to help the process in my Pi Network articles.

Today, all 60 million pioneers share one body. If someone harms the project, it will impact all of us. Therefore, you should take responsibility for taking care of the community to ensure compliance. Only caring about your own KYC and migration is good, but it's not enough. If the project failure risk isn't reduced, it will affect the entire process. No matter how eager you are to pass KYC or migrate your Pi, or how many letters you write to the CT, it's still slow. We need to spread correct information everywhere to help more pioneers understand the value of their Pi. Choosing to procrastinate will only delay the time for you to realize your financial freedom.

## "Inside Out 2" comes to life at SM Supermalls

Fans of the beloved Disney and Pixar film "Inside Out 2" had the opportunity to create lasting memories with their favorite characters at SM Supermalls. Joy and Sadness, the iconic duo from the film's original five-personified emotions (the others being Anger, Fear, and Disgust), made special appearances at SM Seaside City Cebu on October 3, SM City North EDSA on October 5, and SM City Dasmarias on October 6.



Cebuanos attend the "Inside Out 2" activation at SM Seaside City Cebu.

Children and adults alike lined up for unforgettable photos with the lovable characters. The event was a heartwarming reminder of the power of emotions and the importance of finding balance in our lives.

"Inside Out 2," the 2024 sequel, is now available on Disney+ with a Filipino-dubbed version. Relive the magic of the film and discover the heartwarming story of 13-year-old Riley and her new emotions, such as Anxiety, Envy, Ennui (boredom), and Embarrassment.

Visit [www.smsupermalls.com](http://www.smsupermalls.com) and follow SM Supermalls on social media for updates.



Joy fills the air as families experience a meet-and-greet with "Inside Out 2" characters at SM Seaside City Cebu.



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# Massive Merchant Campaign to Ignite Sustainable Development in Regions 9 and 10

LUMARI RERORTS



Ms. Lumari

A revolutionary initiative is set to ignite a wave of empowerment for local merchants on October 20, 2024, in Regions 9 and 10. Under the visionary leadership of GCV's Ecological Development Ambassador, Engr. Anthony Nierra, this groundbreaking ecological merchant campaign aims to invigorate the region's merchants while boldly promoting GCV ecological development. This campaign not only seeks to strengthen local merchants but also to cultivate a sustainable future where our ecosystems thrive.

Joining Engr. Nierra in this endeavor are four dedicated GCV barangay ambassadors: Mr. Edilberto Celis, Pastor Arman Conde, Ms. Mirasol Flores, and Ms. Diesebel Monteron. Together, they are committed to making a lasting impact on local merchants and communities, fostering a thriving ecosystem that benefits everyone.

The campaign will kick off in Cotabato City and will span 18 key locations across Regions 9 and 10, focusing on engaging local merchants and raising awareness about the importance of sustainable practices in commerce. The planned itinerary includes:

1. Cotabato City
2. Landasan and Parang, BARMM
3. Lanao Del Sur
4. Pagadian City
5. Kumalarang, Zamboanga del Sur
6. Diplahan, Sibugay Province
7. Imelda, Sibugay Province

8. Ipil, Zamboanga Peninsula
9. Zamboanga City
10. Dipolog, Zamboanga del Norte
11. Dapitan, Zamboanga del Norte
12. Oroquieta City
13. Ozamis City
14. Tangub City
15. Iligan City
16. Cagayan de Oro City
17. Bukidnon Province
18. North Cotabato

After completing the tour, the team will return to Polomolok, allowing for flexibility in the schedule to accommodate local needs and merchant requests.

Our goal is to supercharge our mission of building a thriving, real ecosystem. We aim to onboard 5,000 merchants before the open mainnet. Every pioneer has a crucial role to play—if there are no merchants in your area yet, now is the time to act. Reach out to us, and we'll help you get started."

The success of both the Pi Network and the GCV community relies on a strong, united ecosystem. By collaborating with local merchants and emphasizing sustainable practices, this campaign not only seeks to strengthen the economy but also to ensure a future where everyone can thrive.

Merchants and Communities across all regions are encouraged to join the movement towards a sustainable ecosystem and be part of the positive change taking place. Together, we can build a future that benefits all, creating a thriving environment where local merchants and communities flourish.

For more information or to get involved, contact me on facebook or X fb: LuMariLadyBoss x: @lurima\_pi (**Lumari - Executive Director GCV Core, Head GCV Philippines**)

## Strengthening the GCV Merchant Ecosystem: A Foundation for Sustainable Growth

In the context of developing the Pi Network ecosystem, building and strengthening a robust merchant ecosystem is a key factor in ensuring the sustainability and success of the project. The article below outlines core strategies aimed at promoting the growth of merchants who accept GCV (Global Consensus Value), focusing on merchant support, supply chain development, recruitment, and trust-building. These elements not only help expand the Pi Network ecosystem but also ensure stability and continuous participation from the community in using Pi as a true currency.

Let's explore the specific methods and approaches to developing a strong merchant community, ensuring that Pi becomes an integral part of the global economy.

\*1. Exclusive Support for GCV Merchants

In the process of building and expanding the Pi ecosystem, merchants who accept GCV must be at the center. Encouraging the Pi community (Pioneers) to only purchase from these merchants not only provides motivation for businesses but also significantly contributes to strengthening the trust between consumers and merchants. This practical method ensures solid growth of the ecosystem while creating a positive feedback loop: merchants receive support, feel more confident, and continue expanding their acceptance of Pi. In turn, the Pi community gains more trust in the value of GCV.

\*2. Establishing Regional Supply Chains

To ensure the quality of goods and services provided, each region within the network needs to establish a reliable supply chain. Developing a good supply chain will guarantee that merchants not only have access to products that meet the needs of the community but can also tailor their offerings to the specific demands of the local area. This not only enhances the quality and value of goods in the Pi ecosystem but also differentiates it from traditional markets. A strong supply chain will ensure merchants have a competitive edge and expand the use of Pi in the real economy.

\*3. Proactive Merchant Recruitment

A simple yet effective strategy for reaching out to and recruiting merchants can yield significant results. A group of five people can approach 20 merchants each day, and with a 20% success rate based on the Pareto principle, this effort will attract 100

merchants daily. This method not only ensures steady growth but also fosters a network of quality merchants ready to accept Pi for their goods and services. As more merchants join the ecosystem, the community's trust in using Pi will be further solidified.

\*4. Building Trust Through Personal Relationships

Trust is a key factor in any ecosystem, and particularly so for Pi and GCV. Lumari emphasized that building personal relationships with merchants and the community is the most effective approach to solidifying this trust. Ongoing interactions between merchants and the community, along with educating them on the benefits of Pi, will gradually help merchants recognize the value of accepting Pi. When merchants see that they can transact using Pi and use it for practical needs, they will be more confident in joining the ecosystem, contributing to the growth of GCV.

\*5. Simplicity and Education as the Focus

The process of building the Pi ecosystem should not be overcomplicated with cumbersome structures. Instead, the focus should be on educating merchants and the community about the real value of Pi. Community events and live demonstrations of goods and services exchanges using Pi will visually demonstrate that Pi can truly function as a currency. The more people witness successful Pi transactions, the stronger their belief in Pi's future and the GCV ecosystem will become.

\*6. Strengthening the Ecosystem Through Community Cooperation

The ultimate goal of the GCV movement is the sustainable and robust growth of the merchant ecosystem. This can only be achieved when Pioneers and merchants work together and build in collaboration. Maintaining simple but effective strategies, focusing on education, recruitment, and developing relationships between all parties, will allow the Pi ecosystem to grow larger and more stable over time. Merchants participating in this ecosystem will not only receive support from the community but will also have the opportunity to expand their business and tap into the long-term benefits of accepting Pi in everyday transactions.

By implementing these strategies, the GCV movement will not only ensure the growth of the merchant ecosystem but also build a solid foundation for the long-term success and expansion of Pi coin within the global economy. (**JoJo - Asst. Executive Director GCV CT**)

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# Pinay teener hailed for putting PH back on world taekwondo podium

Two senators on Thursday commended 16-year-old Tachiana Keshia Mangin for ending the Philippines' 28-year wait for another gold medal in the World Taekwondo Junior Championships.

Senate President Pro Tempore Jinggoy Estrada and Senator Joel Villanueva filed Senate Resolutions Nos. 1210 and 1212, respectively, to commend Mangin's victory in the women's -48kg category in the 2024 World Taekwondo Championships in Chuncheon, South Korea on Oct. 5.

"She deserves commendation from the Senate for putting the country back on the taekwondo map and for exemplifying positive values of unwavering resilience and commitment to excellence at such a young age," Estrada said in SRN 1210.

"Mangin brought great pride and honor to the nation with her momentous victory. Her impressive accomplishment

embodies the immense potential of the new generation of Filipino athletes, and heralds the bright future for the Philippines," he added.

The Grade 12 senior high school student from the University of Santo Tomas (UST) prevailed against Judith Cordoba Heredia of Spain and Natkamon Wassna of Thailand to secure a spot in the quarterfinals, where she dominated against Habiba Wael Emerah of Egypt.

The Filipina jin entered the finals match after Lamprini Anna Asimaki of Greece withdrew from the semi-finals due to an injury.

Mangin secured the historic gold medal against crowd favorite, South Korea's Kim Hyang-Gi, after surviving four successive fights in one day.

The last podium finish for the Philippines was made by Alex Borromeo who won the championship title in Men's -47kg during the inaugural edition in 1996 in Barcelona, Spain.

Villanueva said Mangin is a rising star who can help popularize taekwondo and entice the youth to get into sports.

"Mangin's record-breaking performance at the World Taekwondo Junior Championships has brought great pride and honor to the whole UST community and the country," Villanueva state on his SRN 1212.

"Her victory serves as an inspiration and motivation to all Filipinos, especially the youth and aspiring athletes, and thus merits recognition from this august chamber," he added. (PNA)



COMMENDED. Filipina teener Tachiana Keshia Mangin shows the gold medal she won in victory in the women's -48kg category in the 2024 World Taekwondo Championships in Chuncheon, South Korea on Oct. 5, 2024. Senate President Pro Tempore Jinggoy Estrada and Senator Joel Villanueva on Thursday (Oct. 17) filed Senate Resolutions Nos. 1210 and 1212, respectively, to commend Mangin's historic victory. (Photo from Philippine Taekwondo Association Facebook page)

## PH's strong performance at Asian Kickboxing Championship lauded

Senate Majority Leader Francis Tolentino on Monday hailed the strong performance of the Philippines at the recently concluded Asian Kickboxing Championship held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.



Hergie Bacyadan (Photo courtesy of Samahang Kickboxing ng Pilipinas)

In a statement, Tolentino, the President of the Samahang Kickboxing ng Pilipinas (SKP), said the 16 medals won by the Filipino kickboxers in the regional competition "shows our athletes' skills, heart, and huge potential in the sport."

Jovan Medallo led the team by clinching two gold medals, while Hergie Bacyadan, Gina Araos, and Carlo Von Buminaang won one gold medal each.

Tolentino cited Bacyadan, who bagged

the gold in the women's 70-kilogram K1 division, for displaying her versatility by excelling in four different combat sports.

He said Bacyadan, who previously represented the country in boxing in the Paris Olympics, was also a former world champion in vovinam, and world silver medalist in wushu.

"Given sufficient training and support, Filipinos can be very competitive in combat sports, as Hergie

Bacyadan has continuously proven," he added.

Meanwhile, the country's silver medal was delivered by Honorio Banario, the former ONE Featherweight MMA World Champion who is making a comeback to active competition via kickboxing.

The Philippine team also clinched 10 bronze medals in the regional championships, a qualifying event for the 2025 World Games to be held in China. (PNA)

## D'Navigators survive Titans in Spikers Turf Invitational Conference

D'Navigators Iloilo kicked off its campaign in the Spikers' Turf Invitational Conference with a 21-25, 25-16, 25-17, 17-25, 15-6 victory over Chichi DHTSI Brotherhood at the Ynares Sports Arena in Pasig on Wednesday.



SPIKE. Kyle Angelo Villamor of D'Navigators Iloilo (No. 2) tries to score against Matthew Miguel of Chichi DHTSI Brotherhood (No. 3) in the opening game of the Spikers' Turf Invitational Conference at the Ynares Sports Arena in Pasig on Wednesday (Oct. 16, 2024). D'Navigators Iloilo won, 21-25, 25-16, 25-17, 17-25, 15-6. (PVL photo)

Outside hitter Kyle Angelo Villamor was the top scorer with 21 points on 18 attacks and three blocks.

"There's no such thing as a perfect game. You can't execute everything in a match exactly as you do in training. But with strong communication, we were able to adjust and get the win," Villamor commented in Filipino.

After dropping the first

set, the D'Navigators fought back to claim the next two sets before Chichi DHTSI Brotherhood rallied to win the fourth set.

In the deciding set, the Titans led 4-2 before Steven Sta. Maria scored three points in an 8-0 run to put the D'Navigators ahead at 10-4.

Villamor, Sta. Maria, Rash Nursiddik, and Jerome Lopez joined hands in a 4-1 rally to secure the match.

Jayvee Sumagaysay chipped in 13 points, while Madzlan Gampong and John Benedict San Andres added 12 points each. Nursiddik had 10 points, while Sta. Maria scored six points.

Chichi DHTSI Brotherhood was paced by Miguel with 17 points, followed by Jonathan Sorio and Christian Alicante, who both scored 13 points. (PNA)

# USAID and RRDIC-I Unite to Propel Innovative Progress in Ilocos Region

The Regional Research, Development, and Innovation Committee – I (RRDIC-I), a committee of the Regional Development Council (RDC), signed a strategic Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with RTI International, implementing the U.S.-Philippines Partnership for Skills, Innovation, and Lifelong Learning (UPSKILL) Program. The event, held at BakersPH in Laoag City, marks a significant step in advancing higher education and workforce development not only in the Ilocos Region but as part of a broader effort across the Philippines. With funding from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), UPSKILL collaborates with the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) to bridge the gap between technology innovation and commercialization, aligning these efforts with national development priorities.



Spearheaded by the Department of Science and Technology Region 1 (DOST-1), RRDIC-I is committed to ensuring that regional innovation projects contribute to socioeconomic growth, with the Ilocos Region positioned as a model for adopting new technologies.

USAID Philippines Deputy Mission Director Ms. Rebekah Eubanks noted that the MOU is a step in the right direction. "Regional development is key to making an impact because it brings solutions rapidly to the communities that need them. Combining national policy with hands-on work in the field ensures that innovation takes place

where it matters most." Eubanks reaffirmed the U.S. government's commitment to strengthening higher education in the Philippines.

Dr. Richard Abendan, Chief of Party for the UPSKILL Program, highlighted RRDIC-I's pivotal role in supporting micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) within Ilocos Norte as a template for national expansion. "The RRDIC, led by DOST-I, has already provided valuable support to MSMEs, like BakersPH, demonstrating the success of USAID's locally led development model," Abendan said. He emphasized that the

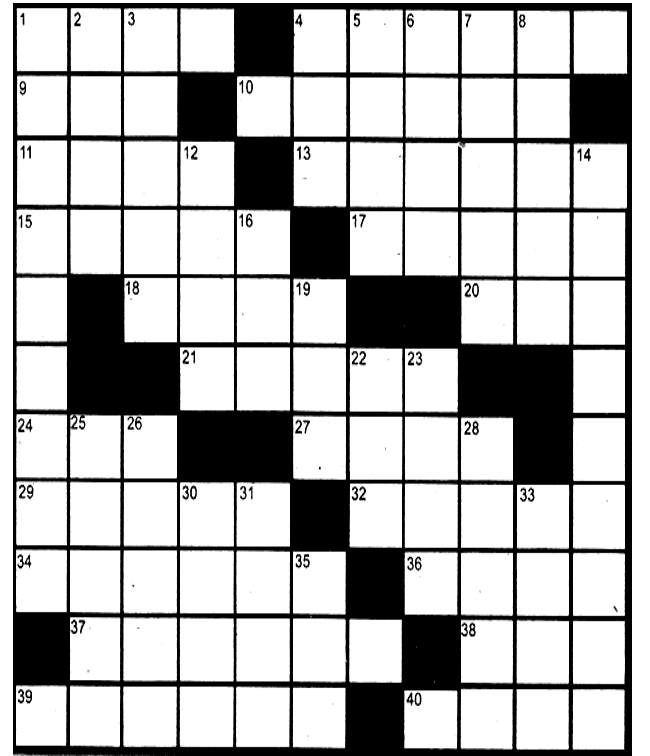
partnership would unlock further collaboration between government agencies and higher education institutions (HEIs), to develop research productivity and skilled graduates for economic development.

Dr. Teresita Tabao, Regional Director of DOST-I and Chairperson of RRDIC-I, expressed gratitude and described the event as: "H-E-L-P—a help coming from a big brother." Tabao also called for future initiatives to focus on cultivating skills while supporting the welfare of workers for inclusive and sustainable progress.

The MOU signing between RRDIC-I and the UPSKILL Program

represents a critical milestone not only for the Ilocos Region but for the Philippines as a whole. This partnership among local governments, academic institutions, and the USAID strengthens a sustainable framework for innovation and workforce development that can be scaled nationwide. With a commitment to fostering talent, supporting businesses, and advancing research initiatives that benefit communities directly, the collaboration serves as a model for how local and international efforts can work together to drive inclusive growth and nationwide progress. *(Christian Dominic I. Casimiro)*

## PALAI SIPAN



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### DepEd chief... (FROM PAGE 8)

welfare, and efforts for the timely procurement and construction of textbooks and classrooms.

"Our teachers need policies that give them more – more time to teach, more resources for their lessons, more salary in their bank accounts,"

Angara said.

He likewise lauded the private sector, which he called their "accountability partners," for partnering with the DepEd in learning management systems, sports programs, and infrastructure and resource financing, among

others.

"In a cycle of leadership changes, they help ensure that programs continue. Time and time again, you have believed that DepEd is not one giant island," he said.

Among these partners that recently secured agreements with the DepEd are Khan Academy, Frontlearners,

iamtheCODE, Jollibee, Rebisco, Milo, the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, and the United Nations Children Fund.

The education chief, however, called for more support to push for digitalization and to make programs more accessible to learners in remote areas. *(PNA)*

### i-ACT4SmartCity... (FROM PAGE 8)

Another key focus is promoting research for innovation, with an emphasis on transforming academic research into viable entrepreneurial ventures.

The congress highlights three core themes: fostering Industry-Academe Connect to strengthen ties between educational institutions and businesses; supporting the

development of an innovative and startup-driven ecosystem in the Cagayan Valley Region; and turning insights into impact by transforming research into real-world applications that have the potential to transform industries and communities.

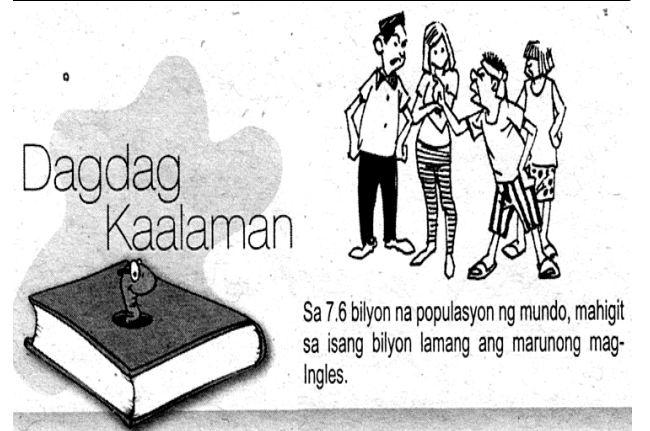
Dr. Virginia G. Bilgera, Regional Director of DOST R02 and one of the

preliminary speakers at the event, delivered a message of support and inspiration to the attendees.

"Let us be inspired to break down silos, share knowledge, and leverage our collective expertise. The challenges ahead may be daunting, but together, we can innovate and implement solutions that truly enhance the quality of life in our cities. Let us commit to fostering an environment of

collaboration, creativity, and action," Dr. Bilgera as she emphasized the importance of collaboration beyond technology.

The i-ACT4SmartCity 2024 Congress is a vital step forward for the Cagayan Valley Region as it aims to create a thriving ecosystem where innovation, research, and entrepreneurship work hand in hand to build a smarter, more sustainable future for all.



# Elevating Mediation and ADR Standards at the 6th AMA Conference



The 6th Asian Mediation Association (AMA) Conference, hosted by the Supreme Court of the Philippines in support from the Office of the Court Administrator and the Philippine Judicial Academy, took place from October 15-16, 2024, at the Grand Hyatt Manila in Taguig City. Themed "Harmony and Strategic Innovations in Mediation and ADR," the conference aims to bring together local and international experts, ADR practitioners, academics, and advocates from across Asia and beyond to explore the future of mediation and its role in promoting peace and justice. ► **ELAVATING • 3**

## DepEd chief highlights securing basics, partnerships in 1st 100 days

Education Secretary Sonny Angara on Wednesday reported securing the "basics" alongside gaining more partnerships for the Department of Education (DepEd) during his first 100 days in office.

In a speech at the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines meeting, he said the directives of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. remain clear as they try to address the challenges in the "massive" education system.

"That is why in our first 100 days, we went long on our early bets. We made the curriculum more flexible to maximize the learning time of students. We created a PISA (Program for International Student Assessment) Task Force to prepare our students for the upcoming international assessment," he said.

"We're assessing our reading interventions and Senior High School



**ADDRESSING EDUCATION CHALLENGES.** Education Secretary Sonny Angara cites the government's renewed focus on improving the basic education sector, during the meeting of the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines at the Dusit Thani Hotel in Makati on Wednesday (Oct. 16, 2024). Angara also lauded the private sector for partnering with the Department of Education to address challenges in the education system. (Photo courtesy of DepEd PH)

curriculum. The renewed focus on learners' functional literacy and numeracy, improved initiatives to ensure the teachers' work." He also cited the

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## i-ACT4SmartCity 2024 Kicks Off in Cauayan City: Driving Innovation and Building Smart Communities

The much-anticipated Industry Academe Congress on Technologies for Smart City (i-ACT4SmartCity) 2024 officially opened yesterday at the Isabela Convention Center (ICON) in Cauayan City. The event brought together key leaders from the academe, industry, and government sectors across the Cagayan Valley Region, united by a common goal: to accelerate the development and integration of Smart City technologies. This collaborative effort seeks to pave the way for more sustainable, resilient, and innovative urban communities, with Cauayan City at the forefront of this transformative vision.



i-ACT4SmartCity is a key platform for driving the region's innovation agenda, aimed at fostering stronger industry-academe connections, addressing skill gaps, and nurturing entrepreneurial mindsets. Attendees will have the opportunity to discuss how academic research can be transformed into impactful innovations and successful entrepreneurial ventures.

The objectives of the i-ACT4SmartCity Congress center on building strong industry connections by encouraging partnerships between the academic community and industry players while also identifying and addressing skill gaps to bridge the divide between workforce competencies and industry needs. Additionally, the congress aims to develop entrepreneurial skill sets by equipping individuals with the mindset and tools necessary to thrive in an evolving market. ► **I-ACT4SMARTCITY • 7**

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