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Kabahaging BUHAY: Kabitenyo Bayanihan, Handog Gintong Buhay

The Office of the Provincial Health Officer organized the Post World Organ Donation Day event, themed "Kabahaging BUHAY: Kabitenyo Bayanihan, Handog Gintong Buhay." on October 16, 2024 at the Cavite Collaboration Center for Public Health, organized by the Office of the Provincial Health Officer. The event was a beacon of hope and generosity as it raised awareness about the Department of Health's organ donation program to inspire more people to become life-saving donors.

Key stakeholders and Barangay Health Workers (BHWs) in the province participated in meaningful discussions about organ donation.

Ms. Evangeline Caidoy, Health Education Promotion Officer II from DOH's Center for Health Development CaLaBaRZon, took center stage with her enlightening talk on "Kidney Transplant Myths and Reality", wherein she addressed common misconceptions about organ donation, helping the audience better understand the medical, social, and ethical dimensions of kidney transplants. Ms. Caidoy also took the opportunity to announce the upcoming Organ Donation Symposium of DOH CaLaBaRZon on October 29, 2024, which will provide attendees the chance to engage directly with professionals, ask questions, and deepen their understanding of organ donation.

The event also featured testimonials from both sides of the organ donation journey. Ms. Rosita D. Ramos, an organ donor, shared her **KABAHAGING • 3**



POST WORLD ORGAN DONATION DAY
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PCC greenlights airport joint venture of Cavite province, SPIA consortium

The Philippine Competition Commission (PCC) cleared the joint venture of the Cavite provincial government and the Sangley Point International Airport (SPIA) consortium for the development of the new airport in Cavite.

PCC GREENLIGHTS • 3



The Philippine Competition Commission said the joint venture will 'unlikely result in a substantial lessening, restriction, or prevention of competition in the relevant market'

TUPAD program in the Municipality of Ternate

The Department of Labor and Employment in coordination with the Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager successfully conducted the Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Disadvantage/Displaced Workers payout for the 1,000 qualified beneficiaries in the municipality of Ternate who have completed the required work under the program.



The beneficiaries received wages amounting to Php 5,200.00 for the work they have rendered in sustaining the cleanliness and beauty of the surroundings. Mayor Lamberto Bambao genuinely welcomed **TUPAD PROGRAM • 3**



Patuloy ang progreso ng CCLink construction sa bahagi nito sa ating Kawit! Maigting tayong nakikipag-ugnayan sa DPWH, at Cavitex para sa kalagayan ng construction sa Zeus Intersection. Sa ngayon ay muli po naming hinihingi ang inyong pang-unawa sa pagbigat ng trapiko sa lugar at kalapit nitong kalsada. Kapag natapos ang proyektong ito ay bukod aa mas mabilis nating mararating ang ating destinasyon, mas magiging maalwan din ang ating biyaha! **#AksyongAngeloAguinaldo #AlagangAngeloAguinaldo #RatedTripleA #MayorAguinaldo**

ARAL program implementation likely in early 2025 - House leader

The Academic Recovery and Accessible Learning (ARAL) program, a newly enacted law targeting learning gaps, is projected to be implemented early next year, the chair of the House Committee on Basic Education and Culture said on Monday.

In a Bagong Pilipinas Ngayon interview over People's Television, Pasig City Lone District Rep. Roman Romulo said the Department of Education (DepEd) needs time to prepare, especially in providing early interventions to address students' struggles.

"Realistically, this will probably take the Department of Education, siguro (probably) early next year," Romulo said.

Romulo said the ARAL program aims to ensure students are "grade-level ready" through free tutoring and mentorship.

The program will focus on improving students' competencies in essential learning areas, including reading and mathematics for Grades 1 to 10, and science for Grades 3 to 10, in order to attain competencies set by the DepEd.

"Iyong academic calendar, doon pa lang makikita na po ang ating mga guro base sa mga exam, sa mga test na binibigay nila kung mayroon mga estudyante na medyo nahihirapan (During the academic calendar, teachers can assess through exams or tests if there are students who are struggling)," Romulo said.

Romulo said.

"Mag-a-assign ng tutor, parang mentor, iyong ating paaralan para siguraduhin na agad-agad makahabol po iyong estudyante na struggling in certain competency (The schools will assign a tutor or a mentor to ensure that the student struggling in a certain competency can catch up immediately)," he added.

Learners' options are face-to-face tutorials, online tutorials or blended learning, depending on their needs and circumstances.

The initiative eliminates the need to wait for summer camps or private tutors, integrating tutoring services within public schools, according to Romulo.

He emphasized the urgency of the program following the country's poor results in international and national assessments, citing the results in 2018 and 2022 that showed significant learning challenges.

Romulo said DepEd must form a tutor pool, including current teachers, para-teachers (education graduates yet to pass the licensure exam) and pre-service teachers.

Volunteers will receive

additional compensation under the new law, he noted.

DepEd will monitor students' progress through periodic assessments to measure the program's effectiveness.

He stressed that careful preparation is essential to avoid discouraging students, parents and teachers.

"May birth pains talaga ang kahit na anong education reform (There will always be birth pains with any education reform)," Romulo said.

"Kung hindi nila pinaghahandaan nang mabuti ay sayang, 'di ba sayang iyong programa. And kung may disappointment iyan, kahit gaano kaganda iyong intention, kahit gaano kaganda iyong batas ay mawawalan ng gana rin po iyong ating mga teachers, iyong ating

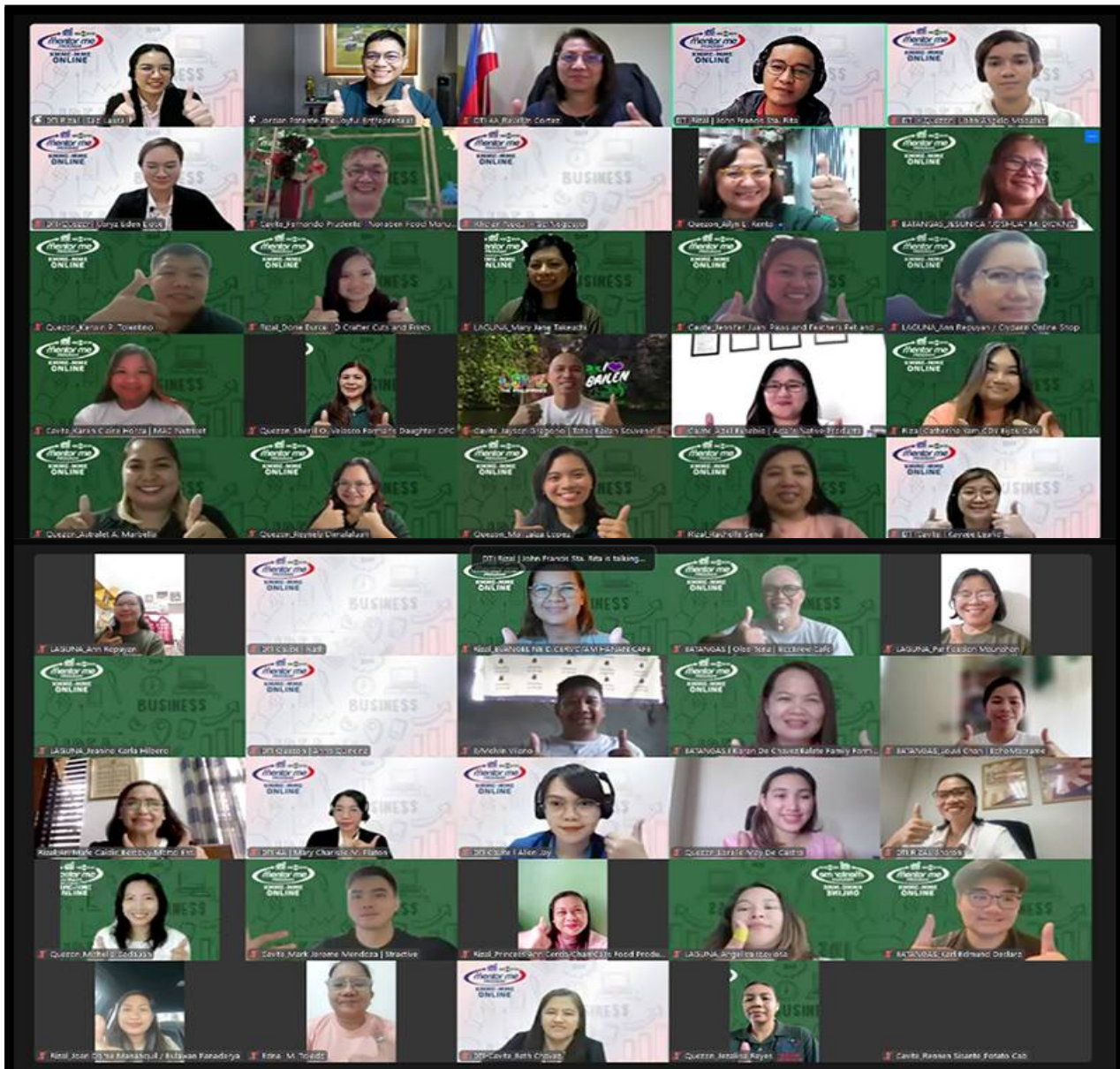


ARAL LAW. House Committee on Basic Education and Culture and Pasig City Lone District Rep. Roman Romulo discusses the newly enacted Academic Recovery and Accessible Learning law in a Bagong Pilipinas Ngayon interview over People's Television on Monday (Oct. 21, 2024). Romulo said the ARAL program is projected to be implemented early next year as the Department of Education needs time to prepare, especially in providing early interventions during the school year to address students' struggles. (Screengrab)

learners at mga magulang (If they don't prepare well, it will be a waste of a program, right? and if there is disappointment,

no matter how good the intention or the law is, our teachers, our learners, and the parents will lose their enthusiasm)." (PNA)

there is disappointment,



50 CALABARZON mentees graduated from the 2024 KAPATID Mentor ME-Money and Market Encounter (KMME-MME) Online Multi-Sectoral Batch Two on October 15, 2024 via Zoom through the Department of Trade and Industry Region 4-A, in partnership with the Philippine Center for Entrepreneurship (PCE)-Go Negosyo. The KMME-MME Online is designed to integrate the Money Market Encounter (MME) into the regular KMME Program. This aims to provide a platform for existing and aspiring micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) to learn and be inspired by the entrepreneurial journey of mentors online, adapt their business strategies in responding to the challenges of the new normal business environment, be the channel for capacity building on an online platform using the KMME modules and canned lectures via webinar, and provide an avenue for business mentorship of the waitlisted MSMEs across the regions and enhance their resiliency through a crisis. This is the fourth year of the KMME-MME Online in the CALABARZON Region. Last June 11, 2024, the Multi-Sectoral Batch One produced 48 graduates-mentees. Overall, there are 898 graduates from 2016-2024.

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Kabahaging... (FROM PAGE 1)

inspiring story. In contrast, Mr. Andrew Louie Cabrera, RN, an organ recipient, spoke about his life-changing experience and the second chance he received thanks to a generous donor. Their

personal stories served as a powerful reminder of the life-altering impact of organ donation.

Through the initiative, OPHO continues to emphasize the importance of organ donation,

fostering a community that values selflessness and the power of giving the ultimate gift—life.

As Caviteños come together in bayanihan, they stand united in promoting health, hope, and the golden opportunity of organ donation. (R. Tanael)



Tupad program... (FROM PAGE 1)

everyone, imparting the significance of the program in providing temporary employment opportunities to their constituents, especially those in the marginalized area.

"Nagpapasalamat po

kami nang todo sa lahat po ng tumutulong sa amin", he said.

Along with Mayor Bambao were 8th District Board Member Reyniel Ambion, Ternate Sangguniang Bayan members, and OPPESM

Head, Ms. Rizalie Pinpin-Enero.

TUPAD program provides short-term employment to displaced workers, underemployed, or unemployed individuals to ease their financial constraints due to natural calamities, economic crisis, or other similar causes. (J. Reyes)



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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Yume... (FROM PAGE 8)

It's a place where families can build lasting memories, surrounded by a community that offers safety, comfort and the promise of a brighter future."

In Yume, residents can enjoy various amenities without compromising the beauty of the development's natural surroundings.

Residents can invite guests over to relax amid the natural landscapes and admire the Japanese architecture — crafted by architect and interior designer Ed Calma in collaboration with Japanese design firm UDS — at the Clubhouse.

They can also create memorable celebrations and events at Yume's function room, or spend tranquil personal time at Wellness Spa.

Its outdoor amenities bring equally valuable experiences. Basketball fans no need to go further as Yume has its own Multipurpose Court. Residents can take a splash in the swimming pool to cool themselves on a hot, summer day.

Yume also provides a play area and children's pool for little ones through its Kid Central, making Yume a family-friendly residence. Not only that; Yume also encourages an active lifestyle with its accessible jogging path that goes through a Japanese-inspired garden.

Yume's Pocket Parks deliver a different kind of recreation for its residents. Whether they want to take their pets outside for a brisk walk, have an outdoor workout or simply sit within nature quietly, the Pocket Parks are perfect outdoor destinations. Every corner of Yume promises a tranquil ambiance that will bring relaxation and joy to its residents.

Going in and out of the city is convenient due to Yume's accessibility. Located within Federal Land's signature township, Riverpark, residents can easily reach Metro Manila through major infrastructures such as the Manila-Cavite Expressway, Cavite-Laguna Expressway and Muntinlupa-Cavite Expressway.

For those who work in the central business districts (CBDs), Makati, Bonifacio Global City and Ortigas are at least a 35-minute drive through the future CALAX interchange. Plans of establishing a CBD in Riverpark are also underway—which may give residents more job opportunities without having to travel all the way to Metro Manila.

Yume believes in both functionality and aesthetics with its smart approach to utilities. Its power lines are installed below the ground, giving residents a view of nature

without the obstruction of tangled cables.

One could wonder why FNG chose Cavite for this project. FNG believes that Cavite—known for its scenic places, historical connection, quality local products and outstanding residential projects—has a lot of economic potential. Its proximity to Metro Manila also makes it an attractive residential choice for families, who are seeking urban opportunities while living in rural landscapes.

"General Trias is witnessing an incredible transformation with remarkable infrastructure and developments continuously on the rise. At FNG, we see this as the perfect opportunity to introduce our products—and, by extension, our clients—into a market that is primed for extraordinary growth," Mirasol said.

What makes Yume the perfect residence for families is its accessibility to Metro Manila while providing the semblance of nature and tranquility of a province. It is an all-around development, catering to families' needs and wants through its spacious amenities and premium features. Overall, Yume creates a community where anyone can be free and happy, with the choices that are available at their fingertips. It is an investment toward a healthy, peaceful and happy life.

DOST Region 02... (FROM PAGE 8)

With the recent installation of 13 additional kiosks, DOST Region 02 now has a total of 96 deployed across the region

this year. As the program expands, it is expected to play important role in advancing educational

outcomes and promoting widespread digital literacy. By enhancing digital access, DOST Region 02 is cultivating a culture of responsible learning among both educators and students.

PCC greenlights... (FROM PAGE 1)

On Monday, October 21, the PCC said the public-private partnership (PPP) to be implemented between the Cavite LGU and the consortium created by Luis Virata's Cavite Holdings and the Yuchengco-led House of Investments will "unlikely result in a substantial lessening, restriction, or prevention of competition in the revelant market."

While House of Investments owns a majority stake in construction firm EEI Corporation, the competition watchdog said EEI's market power is not enough to block other companies from getting customers.

"The Commission found

that competition between construction companies was robust due to the presence of numerous qualified contractors in the construction services market," the PCC said in its October 21 statement, pointing out "strong competitors" such as Megawide Construction Corporation and Makati Development Corporation.

"Should the parties themselves decide to limit competition, consumers will still have the ability to explore other options in the market due to the numerous available choices," it added.

The watchdog also said having South Korean firm Samsung C&T Corporation on board as

the project's main contractor ensures fair competition. Samsung C&T's former projects include the Burj Khalifa in Dubai, the Petronas Towers in Malaysia, and the extension of Changi Airport.

Meanwhile, all the other companies in the SPIA do not have overlapping businesses.

The PCC's approval comes two years after the Cavite provincial government awarded the \$11-billion airport project — which is expected to decongest the Ninoy Aquino International Airport — to the SPIA Development Consortium. The entities involved in the project will develop, own, operate, manage, and maintain the SPIA in Cavite. (Rappler.com)



Doris Yin

CALL ON ALL GCV COMMUNITY UNITED AND SETUP 12/12/2024 AS OM GOAL

Now it's midnight, but I still want to write a short but important topic because time is of the essence.

Many pioneers lack the ability to learn on their own. Even after multiple attempts to explain, they still don't understand. Today, as requested by some pioneers, I will keep it short and provide a logical explanation.

- OM time is in pioneers hand not CT 's hand.

The responsibility of maintaining a safe environment lies in the hands of the pioneers, not the CT. Only when the network safe, CT can make the progress faster. Pioneers create risk when they violate the policy. Therefore, if pioneers want to achieve OM by the end of this year, they need to read the white page or the Pioneers Handbook (consisting of my 55 articles) and actively participate in the GCV ecosystem to ensure safe data and more business partners.

- I urge all GCV Ambassadors to fully commit to making the year-end OM a success by working hard. We need to set a deadline for ourselves, and I propose 12/12/2024 as the OM goal date. This date is not set by the CT, as OM can only happen when pioneers are ready, ensuring their peace of mind. We, the Global GCV CT, will work hard on education and building the ecosystem to alleviate CT's worries and concerns, allowing them to see improved blockchain records and increased Pi usage.

- Timing is crucial. We, the Global GCV CT, will seize the right timing and take action.

When we take action, CT will follow suit. I have received numerous reports that many pioneers have recently passed KYC and completed migration. I believe that the progress made in the 10/13 China Ecological Conference and other significant GCV developments have satisfied CT.

- Sun Tzu, the famous ancient Chinese general and strategist clearly pointed out in the Art of War: "Speed is the essence of war. Waiting and delaying will make the army lazy."

This means that in war, the army that moves quickly can gain the upper hand, while the army that moves slowly may fall into a passive position. Here in Pi Network is the same. The delay will face more uncertainty and risk.

- Sun Tzu's Art of War emphasizes the importance of timing. In war, timing is crucial to victory. Speed is not only about speed, but also about taking action at the right time. Sun Tzu once said, "Thus, those who are good at war seek it from the situation, not from the people, so they can choose people and take advantage of the situation." This means that generals who are good at commanding wars will choose the right time to take action according to the needs of the situation, rather than relying on the ability of the soldiers. Only by making prompt decisions can we seize the favorable opportunity and win the war.

- Here in Pi Network, we should not rely on CT or pioneers. We, as GCV Ambassadors, who have woken up, should take action right now.

We only have 50 days left until 12/12/2024. If we make significant progress during this critical month, CT will have enough time to complete the migration of all 10 million users. When we make the network safe, the speed will increase. As more businesses join and create a lot of GCV data, there will be less pressure from the exchange market after OM.

* Ms. Lumari is calling on all GCV countries communities to connect with more businesses. Each country should set a goal of 1000 new businesses in 50 days. This way, we can have 100,000 businesses supporting Pi GCV by the deadline. We should also implement the Pioneers Handbook study to address the issues related to the black market. The data will give CT confidence.

I hope all pioneers can understand this logic, put aside any doubts, and work hard. **(Doris Yin Oct. 24th,2024)**

MPT South, nakiisa sa LMRC Plant for Life sa Ipo Watershed

Ang Metro Pacific Tollways South (MPT South), isa sa subsidiaryo ng Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC), ay nakiisa sa Plant for Life: Tree Planting Activity ng Maynilad Water Services Inc., kasama ang Bantay Gubat of Ipo Watershed, kamakailan.

Ang layunin ng Plant for Life ay makatulong sa reforestation ng Ipo Watershed sa Bulacan, isang watershed na may malaking papel sa supply ng tubig sa Metro Manila at ibang parte ng Cavite.

Ang MPT South, kasama ang mga volunteers at empleyado ng Light Rail Manila Corporation (LRMC), ay nakapagtanim ng 800 native tree seedlings sa nasabing lugar.

Ito ay parte ng 2024 environmental target ng Maynilad na makapagtanim ng 220,000 na puno sa 600 na ektarya ng lupa.

Ika ni Arlette V. Capistrano, Vice President ng Communication and Stakeholder Management ng MPT South, "It is an honor to help Mother Nature thrive alongside our kapatids of LMRC.

Together, we can do more in protecting our environment and strengthening the consciousness of our teams that's what we do is for the good of our future generation."

Ang pagiging bahagi ng MPT South sa Plant for Life Tree Planting Activity ay bahagi ng dedikasyon ng kompanya na maprotektahan ang kalikasan.

Sa pamamagitan ng mga ganitong kaganapan, nilalayan din ng kompanya na makaudyok pa ng mas maraming tao na makisama sa kanilang misyon na protektahan at pangalagaan ang kalikasan.

Ang MPT South ay isa sa mga subsidiaryo ng Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC), ang infrastructure arm ng Metro Pacific Investment Corporation (MPIC).



Maliban sa mga toll road networks ng CALAX at CAVITEX, ang MPTC's

domestic portfolio ay kinabibilangan ng North Luzon Expressway

(NLEX), NLEX Connector Road, Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway (SCTEX), at

ng Cebu-Cordova Link Expressway (CCLEX) sa Cebu.

Global GCV Committee Unveils Strategic Action Program Ahead of Open Mainnet Day

LUMARI REPORTS



Ms. Lumari

October 23, 2024 – The Global GCV Committee has announced an ambitious action program aimed at accelerating the expansion of GCV (Global Consensus Value) and contributing to the growth of the Pi ecosystem. The program, which will run from October 23 to December 12, 2024 (Open Mainnet Day - OM), outlines a detailed roadmap for achieving the committee's goals.

Strengthening Education and Raising Awareness

From October 24 to November 15, 2024, the committee will focus on enhancing education and awareness about GCV. Key activities include:

- Distribution of the Pioneers Handbook: Ensuring that all GCV ambassadors and community members are well-informed about the goals and benefits of GCV.

- Regional Conferences: These conferences will discuss GCV strategies, application methods, and share success stories from various countries.

- Video Campaign: A series of short educational videos on GCV will be created and translated into multiple languages to reach a global audience.

Training and Developing GCV Ambassadors

Between November 15 and November 30, 2024, the focus will shift to developing and training GCV Ambassadors. The committee plans to:

- Conduct Online Training: This will equip GCV leadership candidates in each region with the necessary skills, with each country aiming to recruit at least three new ambassadors.

- Promote Regional Networking: Encouraging connections among ambassadors in neighboring countries to foster collaboration and knowledge sharing.

Building the Pi Merchant Ecosystem

From November 1 to December 10, 2024, efforts will center on expanding the GCV ecosystem by involving merchants:

- Support for GCV Ambassadors: Ambassadors will be provided with materials to

guide merchants in accepting Pi as partial GCV payment.

- Online Seminars: These will focus on Pi payment implementation strategies and merchant engagement.

Preparation for Open Mainnet Day (OM)

In the final days before OM, from December 10 to December 12, 2024, the program will help the Pi community transition smoothly into the Open Mainnet:

- Guidance for Merchants and Members: Detailed instructions will be provided for transitioning to the OM payment system using GCV.

- OM Celebration Event: A global online celebration will be held, where ambassadors, merchants, and community members will share their success stories and pledge their continued support for GCV.

Key Goals

The action program seeks to achieve three main goals:

1. Recruit 1,000 GCV Ambassadors: By building on current momentum, this goal aims to strengthen the GCV leadership across all regions.

2. Establish 1,000 Merchants in the GCV Ecosystem: The goal is to create a thriving network of merchants who adopt GCV pricing before the OM launch.

3. Complete Education Campaign: Raising awareness and educating the global Pi community about GCV through workshops, videos, and materials.

Organizational Structure and Supervision

Weekly meetings of the Global GCV Committee will ensure that the action program stays on track. Regular progress reports will be submitted to Ms. Doris Yin, ensuring consistency and effectiveness throughout the initiative.

Feasibility and Urgency

The GCV movement has made significant strides in multiple countries, supported by a strong network of ambassadors and community leaders. As OM approaches, this program will ensure that GCV plays a central role in stabilizing Pi's value post-launch, solidifying the Pi ecosystem's foundation for future growth.

With strong community engagement and a clear path forward, the Global GCV Committee is confident in achieving these goals by OM Day, marking a pivotal moment in the growth of both GCV and Pi. **(Lumari - Executive Director, GCV Core Team (GCV CT) Committee Chair, GCV Core Team (GCV CT))**

Strategic Partnerships Open Doors for Pi Network Before the Highly Anticipated Mainnet Launch, Alongside Global Consensus Value (GCV)

Hello everyone! I hope you have a day full of energy and positivity. Pi Network is opening doors for strategic partnerships ahead of the highly anticipated Mainnet launch. As Pi Network prepares for this launch event, the project creates a unique opportunity for cryptocurrency services and businesses to collaborate with its ever-growing ecosystem, boasting over 60 million pioneers actively engaged worldwide.

Supporting GCV in Strategic Partnerships? Global Consensus Value (GCV) acts as a bridge between Pi Network and strategic partners, helping to create a clear and consistent value for Pi as it moves towards global commercialization. The acceptance and adherence to GCV by strategic partners is not only a support for Pi's development but also a solid step to protect the value of this digital asset in the face of global economic fluctuations.

Why is GCV important? GCV helps establish a clear value for Pi, reducing unnecessary price volatility and providing a benchmark for transactions. When businesses use GCV, they can more easily predict and manage their digital assets without worrying about large price swings that could impact their payment or investment capabilities. With GCV set at 1 Pi = 314,159 USD during the trading of services and goods, strategic partners can be assured that the value of Pi will be sustained and continue to thrive within the global trade ecosystem.

Benefits of Supporting GCV for Partners

- * Building Trust: When strategic partners decide to support and accept GCV, they not only build trust with the large community of Pi Network users but also with other partners. An ecosystem with stable value always attracts long-term investors and users.

- * Risk Mitigation: Supporting GCV also helps partners mitigate risks as Pi enters the Mainnet market. By maintaining GCV value in transactions, businesses can avoid uncontrolled price fluctuations, which is crucial for any organization seeking stability and sustainable growth.

- * Building a Sustainable Future: GCV facilitates Pi's transformation into a sustainable asset in the cryptocurrency world. Maintaining the value of 1 Pi = 314,159 USD is not just a number but a commitment from the global community to protect the real value of Pi. When businesses actively engage in the ecosystem with GCV, they help create a stable and transparent financial foundation, promoting long-term growth for both Pi Network and partnering businesses.

GCV – The Driving Force Behind Strategic Partnerships? Pi Network is not just an ordinary cryptocurrency network; it is an ecosystem in which GCV plays a pivotal role in development. When partners choose to use Pi at the GCV price, they not only secure immediate benefits but also contribute to building a decentralized financial future. Transactions utilizing Pi at GCV will set a precedent for other partners to see the benefits of adopting Pi's high value, thereby creating a wave of strategic partnerships spreading across the globe.

Businesses that accept GCV in transactions with Pi will not only gain access to a vast pool of potential users but also establish themselves as pioneering partners supporting a new economic value for the future. As GCV is utilized and implemented by businesses in practice, Pi will not only be a cryptocurrency but also become a reliable and powerful medium of exchange. **(JOJO - Asst Executive Director GCV Core Team, Asst Chair GCV Core Team)**

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Spin Doctors triumph over Griffins in Spikers Turf volleyball

Savouge Aesthetics defeated Volleyball Never Stops (VNS), 25-16, 25-23, 25-16, to gain a share of the early lead in the Spikers' Turf Invitational Conference at Santa Rosa Sports Complex in Laguna on Tuesday.

Jhun Lorenz Señoron and Norwel Sanama scored nine points each as the Spin Doctors secured their second win after a narrow five-set victory over the Martelli Meats.

DN Steel-Far Eastern University also has two wins over Chichi DHTSI and D'Navigators Iloilo.

"I always tell my team that let's do it one step at a time. So whoever we will face, let's just do our best. So that's all I told them. Let's not think about that ranking," Savouge coach Sydney Calderon

said after the one hour and 23-minute match.

Giles Jeffer Torres chipped in eight points, including two blocks, while Louis Gaspar Gamban had seven attacks.

Vince Imperial made 12 excellent sets and Rikko Marmeto had 13 excellent receptions.

"We worked hard for our win today, it was a team effort because everyone was moving. You saw that we entered all the players," said Calderon.

Roderick Medino led

VNS with 11 points on eight attacks, two blocks and an ace.

Charles Jordan Segui and Christian Olaes contributed seven points each.

The Spin Doctors will try to extend their winning run to three against the Cignal HD Spikers on Friday at 6 p.m. at Ynares Sports Arena in Pasig City.

The Griffins, sporting a 1-2 record, will face the DN Steel-FEU Ultras on Nov. 3 at 4 p.m. at PhilSports Arena, also in Pasig. (PNA)



COMMENDED. Filipina teen 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)

Melencio leads multiple winners in 'Go Full Speedo' Swim 2

Ricielle Maleeka Melencio captured two more gold medals to earn the Most Outstanding Swimmer (MOS) award in the girls' 19-and-over category of the Go Full Speedo Swim Series 2 Championships at Teofilo Yldefonso swimming pool inside the Rizal Memorial Sports Complex in Manila on Sunday.



OUTSTANDING. Ricielle Maleeka Melencio competes in the 1500-meter freestyle event of the Go Full Speedo Swim Series 2 Championships at Teofilo Yldefonso swimming pool inside the Rizal Memorial Sports Complex in Manila on Sunday (Oct. 20, 2024). She won with a time of 19:18.62. (Contributed photo)

Melencio, a first-year Management Information Systems student of Ateneo de Manila University, ruled the 200-meter backstroke (2:35.62) and the 1500m freestyle (19:18.62) to make it five gold medals overall.

On Saturday, she won the 50m butterfly (31.58), 200m freestyle (2:19.26) and 400m freestyle (4:55.28) events.

"Although my times here were slower than my personal best times, I'm still thankful and happy for winning in my events," the 19-year-old Melencio said.

Her best times are 31.17 (50m butterfly),

2:30.85 (200m backstroke), 2:15.03 (200m freestyle), 4:46.95 (400m freestyle) and 19:08.10 (1500m freestyle).

"As an athlete, what's important is to challenge yourself and give your best effort." Melencio, who bagged two golds, a silver and two bronzes in Series 1 last month, added.

Southeast Asia age-group campaigners Aishel Evangelista, Nicola Queen Diamante, Sophie Rose Garra and Makoto Nakamura also received MOS awards.

Evangelista, who won six gold medals in Series 1, dominated the 200m

backstroke, 100m breaststroke, 200m freestyle, and placed second in the 100m backstroke in the boys' 14 years category.

Ninth-grader Diamante triumphed in the girls' 14 years' 100m and 200m backstroke, and 50m butterfly events.

Garra topped the 200m and 400m freestyle, 100m and 200m backstroke, and 100m breaststroke events in the girls' 12 years category; while Nakamura secured the gold medals in the girls' 11 years division's 100m breaststroke, 200m freestyle and 400m freestyle events. (PNA)

Palawan to host Dragon Boat World Championships

More than 1,500 paddlers from 26 countries will see action in the 2024 International Canoe Federation (ICF) Dragon Boat World Championships in the City of Puerto Princesa, Palawan on Oct. 28 to Nov. 4.

It will be the first time a Southeast Asian country is hosting the world event that also serves a qualifying to the World Games to be held in Chengdu, China next year, Philippine Canoe Kayak Dragonboat Federation (PCKDF) president Len Escollante said.

Powerhouse countries from Europe, such as the Czech Republic, Hungary, Ukraine and Russia are joining.

In Asia, China will participate, too, along with India, which will have 150 athletes, and Thailand and Iran, which will send 80 each.

The Philippines will be represented by 200 athletes who have been in Puerto Princesa since Sept. 26 following the juniors' training in Davao and the seniors in Tanay, Rizal.

"The paddlers alone, we expect over 1,500. Then we have other delegates. They are all excited to come here because they know that aside from the competition, there will be other things to do in Puerto Princesa and Palawan," Escollante said during the Philippine Sports Writers Association (PSA) Forum at Rizal Memorial Sports Complex in Manila on Tuesday. "This will also be good for our tourism."



DRAGONBOAT CHAMPIONSHIP. Philippine Canoe Kayak Dragonboat Federation president Len Escollante talks about the 2024 International Canoe Federation Dragon Boat World Championships during the Philippine Sportswriters Association Forum at Rizal Memorial Sports Complex in Manila on Tuesday (Oct. 22, 2024). The competition will be held in the City of Puerto Princesa, Palawan on Oct. 31 to Nov. 4. (PNA photo by Jean Malanum)

A total of 54 gold medals are at stake in the 200m, 500m and 2,000m races.

The Open national team division offers 18 gold medals, like the Masters 40-plus.

Nine golds each will be awarded in the 50-plus and juniors for boys and girls.

Escollante, a former paddler and volleyball player, also thanked Puerto Princesa Mayor Lucilo Bayron and the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) for their all-out support.

"We're strong here (tournament) because our paddlers are young and at

their peak," Escollante said during the weekly session presented by PSC, San Miguel Corporation and Philippine Olympic Committee.

In the 2018 edition, the Philippines bagged five golds, two silvers and one bronze in Atlanta, Georgia.

The 2024 ICF Dragon Boat World Championships will be the biggest in terms of participating countries.

In 2018, there were 18 while the 2022 edition hosted by the Czech Republic had 16. (PNA)

CALAX kinilala sa mga programa sa turismo at Kalikasan sa South Luzon

Ang Cavite-Laguna Expressway (CALAX), isang concession toll road na pinamamahalaan ng Metro Pacific Tollways South, ay tumanggap ng dalawang prestihiyosong parangal kamakailan—ang Cavite Tourism Excellence Award mula sa Pamahalaang Panlalawigan ng Cavite at ang Green Award mula sa Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Sta. Rosa—bilang pagkilala sa mahalagang kontribusyon ng CALAX sa sektor ng turismo at pangangalaga sa kalikasan sa Timog Luzon.

Ang Cavite Tourism Excellence Award ay iginagawad bilang pagkilala sa mga organisasyon na sumusuporta sa industriya ng turismo sa lalawigan ng Cavite. Pinarangalan ang CALAX ng isang plake ng pagkilala bilang pangmatagalang katuwang sa pagsusulong ng turismo sa rehiyon. Bahagi ito ng kanilang adbokasiya sa turismo sa ilalim ng programang Biyaheng South, na naglunsad kamakailan ng Cavite Tourism Passport, isang malikhaing inisyatiba na hinihikayat ang mga biyahero na tuklasin ang iba't ibang destinasyong panturismo sa rehiyon. Sa pamamagitan ng booklet na katulad ng isang pasaporte, maaaring mangolekta ng 'stamp' ang mga kalahok mula sa mga partner na tourist spots at establisyemento habang naglalakbay sa Cavite. Ang tagumpay ng proyektong ito ay tumutulog sa paglago ng ekonomiya ng rehiyon, at nagpapalakas sa mga natatagong yaman at pamanang kultural ng lalawigan.

Bukod dito, pinarangalan din ang CALAX bilang Sustainable

Development Partner sa Green Awards ng Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Sta. Rosa, kung saan kinikilala ang mga organisasyon at indibidwal na may makabuluhang ambag sa pangangalaga ng kalikasan. Ang dedikasyon ng CALAX sa kalikasan ay makikita mismo sa kanilang expressway, na kilala bilang isang "green expressway" dahil sa paggamit ng renewable energy at disenyo na isinama sa kalikasan. Ito ay patunay ng kanilang pagsusumikap na bawasan ang carbon footprint habang pinapaganda ang karanasan sa pagmamaneho ng mga motorista. Ang award na ito ay kinikilala rin ang aktibong partisipasyon ng CALAX sa mga proyektong pangkalikasan tulad ng Linis Barangay campaign, mga aktibidad ng pagtatanim ng puno, at pakikilahok sa taunang International Coastal Cleanup.

"It is an honor to be recognized for our contributions to both tourism and environmental sustainability in South



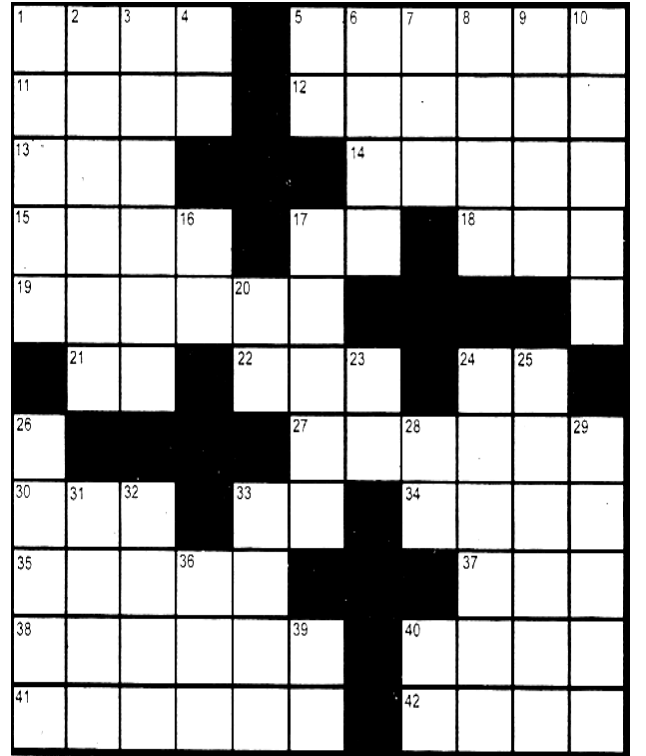
Luzon. We recognize that our responsibility extends beyond mobility—it's about creating a gateway to new opportunities and a better future for the communities we serve ani ni Arlette V. Capistrano, Vice President for Communication and Stakeholder Management ng MPT South.

Ang mga parangal na ito ay nagpapatibay sa dedikasyon ng CALAX sa pagsusulong ng sustainability at pagsuporta sa turismo para sa pag-unlad ng rehiyon. Pinatutunayan nito ang kanilang layunin

na bumuo ng isang mas sustainable at konektadong hinaharap para sa Timog Luzon.

About CALAX: Ang CALAX ay isa sa mga concession toll road ng Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC). Bukod dito, kabilang rin sa domestic portfolio ng MPTC ang Manila-Cavite Expressway (CAVITEX), North Luzon Expressway (NLEX), NLEX Connector Road, Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway (SCTEX), at Cebu-Cordova Link Expressway (CCLEX) sa Cebu.

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PhilHealth...

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from presbyopia or difficulty seeing near based on IPAO's estimates.

"Several Filipinos visit their eye care professionals only when vision loss

begins to manifest or when it's too late for any intervention," he said.

"PhilHealth's expanded program to cover preventive optometric

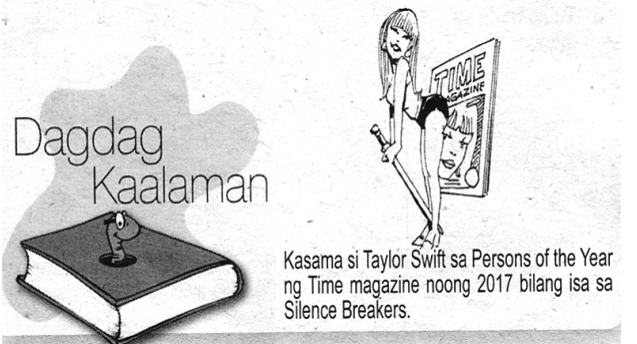
services and prescription eyeglasses comes very timely as it will benefit millions of Filipinos."

To ensure that PhilHealth's coverage for preventive eye care and optometric services is on track, Ho said that all

members of the technical working group are committed to helping the DOH and the PhilHealth on the creation and implementation of the free prescription eyeglasses and optometric services guidelines. (PNA)



Welcome sa Kawit at maraming salamat sa pagbisita, PCO Warlie Corpuz ng Philippine Coast Guard! Nagpalitan tayo ng pagpapahayag ng suporta sa ating mga programa lalo na ngayong rainy season kung kailan banta ang mabigat na pag-ulan at matinding pagbabaha. Muli, maraming salamat sa PCG sa pakikiisa sa ating mga programa lalo na sa disaster response at preparedness. Makakaasa rin kayo sa suporta namin sa mga inisyatibo ng inyong ahensya! #AksyongAngeloAguinaldo #RatedTripleA #PusoAtMalasakitParaSaAtingKawit



Kasama si Taylor Swift sa Persons of the Year ng Time magazine noong 2017 bilang isa sa Silence Breakers.

DOST Region 02 Expands STARBOOKS Access in Sto. Tomas, Isabela

The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Region 02 continues to expand its STARBOOKS program in the region, as a two-day installation and orientation event took place from October 17-18, 2024 at Sto. Tomas Technological International School in Sto. Tomas, Isabela.



STARBOOKS, short for Science and Technology Academic and Research-Based Openly Operated Kiosk Station, is an innovative digital library offering students and teachers access to a vast collection of educational resources, including e-books, videos, and interactive modules.

Mr. Carl Reyes, the regional focal person for STARBOOKS, successfully installed 13 kiosks across three schools namely Santo Tomas National High School, Lanna National High School, and Santo Tomas Technological International School.

During the closing program, Mr. Reyes presented a detailed overview of STARBOOKS, highlighting its features and providing a step-by-step



guide on how to access and navigate the kiosk. He also emphasized the importance of monitoring, managing customer profiles, and generating monthly transmittal files to track engagement.

Furthermore, Assistant regional director for

Technical Operations discussed plans to encourage schools to actively use the kiosk, which she described as a "digital library in a box." Notably, the materials for the K-12 curriculum are already integrated into these kiosks.

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PhiHealth eyeglasses package finalized by end of November

The Integrated Philippine Association of Optometrists (IPAO) and the Philippine Health Insurance Corp. (PhilHealth) are working to finalize coverage guidelines for optometric services and prescription eyeglasses by the end of November this year.

This, after House Resolution No. 1623 urged PhilHealth to include optometric services worth PHP4,000 in its benefit packages, emphasizing the importance of eye care in Filipinos' lives.

"HR No. 1623 paved the way and advocated for Filipinos' right to comprehensive optometric services and free prescription eyeglasses to improve productivity and reduce the financial burden of the Filipinos," IPAO chairman Charlie Ho said in a news release Monday.

The International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness Vision Atlas and the Lancet Global Health Commission on Global Eye Health report stated



HEALTH CARAVAN. Sixty-year-old Felix Silverio, a resident of Barangay Ubbog in Salcedo, Ilocos Sur avails of free medical screening and a new pair of eyeglasses during the DOH health caravan for indigenous peoples (IPs) at the Salcedo covered court on Sept. 28, 2023. He is among the more than 1,500 residents who registered for the whole-day caravan for IPs. (Photo courtesy of PIA Ilocos Sur)

that 90 percent of vision loss can be prevented or treated if detected early.

The Philippine Eye Research Institute also reported that 16 percent of high school students have

an error of refraction, 90 percent of which have myopia or near-sightedness.

Ho said about 28 million Filipinos suffer ► **PHILHEALTH • 7**

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Yume at Riverpark: A promising residence within the province of Cavite

SITTING on the cusp of Cavite is a new premier property that offers a vibrant and peaceful community, accessibility to transport and an opportunity to experience the urban lifestyle amid the southern province. This is Yume at Riverpark.



An artist's perspective rendering of Yume's swimming pool, encouraging relaxation among its residents on a hot and humid day. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Yume, which means "dream and "vision" in Japanese, blends modern design with traditional Japanese sensibilities. As its name suggests, Yume aims to create a community that can inspire its residents to envision and dream of a fulfilling life.

This 18-hectare horizontal development is a first for Federal Land NRE Global Inc. or FNG.

FNG is a joint venture between Federal Land Inc. (FLI) and Nomura Real Estate Development Co. Ltd. (NRE). FLI has over 50 years of experience, serving communities by building office buildings, residential condominiums, retail and commercial centers, masterplanned communities and mixed-use townships.

NRE boasts over 65 years of experience, creating office spaces, corporate real estate developments, retail centers and logistic hubs. Together, they will bring Yume to life. With FNG, Yume incorporates Filipino and Japanese elements in architecture, blending the ingenuity and adaptability of Filipino craftsmanship with the functionalism and minimalism of Japanese design.

During Yume's groundbreaking ceremony, FNG President Thomas Mirasol said: "We stand on the threshold of an exciting new chapter. The groundbreaking of Yume at Riverpark marks both the beginning of its land development and the realization of our shared vision. Yume at Riverpark is a residential project that embodies the essence of what we all seek in a home. ► **YUME • 3**



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