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# **Cavite Province Named "Most Business-**Friendly LGU" at the 50th Philippine Business-Friendly Conference and Expo

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, Education Health Promotion Officer II from DOH's Center for Health Development CaLaBarZon, took center stage with her enlightening talk on CAVITE • 3

### COURTESY CALL OF VICE PRESIDENT SARA DUTERTE AND MONGOLIAN DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER H.E. SAINBUYAN AMARSAIKHAN

Vice President Sara Duterte welcomed Mongolian Deputy Prime Minister H.E. Sainbuyan Amarsaikhan at the Office of the Vice President, Mandaluyong City.



This visit coincides with the arrival of the Deputy Prime Minister in the Philippines to participate in the 2024 Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction. COURTESY CALL • 3

# DepEd, Canva PH sign pact for interactive learning

The Department of Education (DepEd) has partnered with Canva Philippines for free access and training for public school teachers nationwide that will aid them with tools to provide a more interactive learning experience for students.

DepEd Secretary Sonny Angara formálized the partnership for Canva for Education on Wednesday in a signing ceremony in Pasig City, attended by Australian Ambassador to the Philippines Hae Kyong Yu PSM, Canva Philippines Country Lead Yani Hornilla-Donato, and Canva Philippines Marketing and Content & Discovery Lead Maisie Littaua.

The initiative aims to provides equip teachers with userfriendly tools that promote creativity and collaboration in the classroom and integrate digital design

into Philippine education. "The President himself said in his SONA that classrooms should be incubators of creativity and innovation. With this partnership, we're building those incubators, one design at a time," Angara said.

students, allowing them

to create visually engaging materials. Teachers can access thousands of templates, interactive presentation

comprehensive suite of

digital tools and

resources that may be accessed for free by K-

12 educators and

tools, and other resources designed to support effective teaching and learning. DEPED•3



INTERACTIVE LEARNING. The Department of Education (DepEd) on Wednesday (Oct. 30, 2024) signs a partnership with Canva Philippines for free access and training for public school teachers nationwide. The initiative aims to equip teachers with user-friendly tools that promote creativity and collaboration in the classroom and integrate digital design into Philippine education. (Photo courtesy of DepEd)

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## NEWS

## Governor Tolentino visits STS Kristine victims in Gentri



On October 25, 2024, Governor Athena Bryana D. Tolentino visited Barangays Tejero and Bacao in Gen. Trias City to personally extend support to families impacted by severe tropical storm Kristine.

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6th District Board Members

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shelters. The governor, along with local officials led by Gen. Trias City Mayor Luis Jonjon Ferrer, Vice Mayor

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Salazar, facilitated the distribution of emergency food packs and essential supplies to affected residents in evacuation centers and temporary

Governor Tolentino spent time with families to assess their current situation and address their most urgent needs. She assured the residents of provincial the government's commitment to their safety and well-being.

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Cavite provincial government facilitated the last leg of distribution of the financial assistance to oil spill-affected fisher folk and families in the municipality of Rosario in the program held at SM City Rosario on October 26, 2024. Vice Mayor Bamm Gonzales welcomed the team from the PGC and the other officials to their municipality on behalf of Mayor Voltaire Ricafrente. She expressed her appreciation for the support provided to their constituents who were affected by the oil spill. Board Members Romel Enriquez and Ram Revilla graced the event and reiterated their commitment to the welfare of the people especially from the first district. BM Revilla also extended the gratitude to President Bongbong Marcos for the assistance being distributed to the beneficiaries. He remarked that it exemplifies the unity of the national and local government to respond to the needs of the people in times of crisis. (E. Reyes)

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### Cavite...

"Kidney Transplant Myths and Reality", wherein she common addressed 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

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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 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)



### Courtesy Call...

This also coincides with the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between the Philippines and Mongolia, a milestone that highlights the long-standing friendship and bilateral

DOST NCR...

#### (FROM PAGE 1) cooperation of the two countries.

In their meeting, they discussed disaster risk reduction and identifying the threats posed by climate change and natural disasters that

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Dr. Renato U. Solidum Jr., Secretary of the Department of Science and Technology, delivered the keynote, reflecting on Typhoon Kristine's recent impact and advocating for a redefined resilience through S&T. Dr. Solidum highlighted the role of local government units (LGUs) in adopting technology to enhance sustainable practices and green development. "Development is a continued series of

structural transformations," he noted, adding that RSTW's focus on green technologies is a call to action to incorporate these advancements into enterprises, communities,

and homes. The event also featured several notable activities, including the signing of memoranda of understanding (MOUs) between DOST NCR and partners such as PIA-NCR, TESDA-RTC NCR, and The

could affect the Philippines and Mongolia.

They stressed the critical role of preparedness and collaboration in responding to significant threats to the security and well-being of the two countries. (OVP FB Page)

Filipinos Word, aimed at fostering STI-driven partnerships. The ceremonial launch of DOST NCR's STI Plan for Quezon City further underscored the collaborative efforts toward sustainable urban transformation.

With interactive exhibits, forums, and contests, this year's RSTW invites participants and stakeholders to experience the potential of science and technology in creating a green, resilient, and inclusive future for the metropolis. (Nelson S.

#### MPTC...

To ensure smooth travel experience of motorists emergency and medical incident response teams will be deployed strategically within the expressways. MPTC will also offer free towing service for Class 1 vehicles up to the nearest exit from 6 AM of October 31 to 6 AM of November 4.

Roadworks and lane closures in MPTC expressways will be suspended from October 30 to November 4 except for emergency safety repairs. Plan trip ahead, travel

#### on non-peak hours if possible

Motorists are encouraged to plan their trips and may use the MPT DriveHub app which provides traffic updates. toll fee calculator, reloading facility for RFID accounts, and emergency roadside assistance.

Since high traffic volume is anticipated in its major expressways like NLÉX, the public is advised of heavy northbound traffic on October 31 from 6 AM to 10 PM and November 1 from 5 AM to 2 PM. For Manila-bound travelers, expect high traffic volume on November 2, 3 PM to 10 PM, and November 3, 2 PM to November 4, 8 AM.

As part of the MVP Group's commitment to further provide comfort to motorists during the busy Undas period, Maynilad will provide bottles of drinking water to be distributed to travelers at the SMSK motorist camps, ensuring they stay hydrated throughout their

Philippines' first fully

## DepEd...

Yu meanwhile commended Angara's quick action in formalizing the collaboration which she called a milestone in Philippine-Australian relations.

The ambassador also noted that Canva's founder, Melanie Perkins,

## DOF respects... \_(FROM PAGE 8)

including unpaid allowances for health workers during the pandemic, this year's Salary Standardization VI for government employees, the updated Armed Forces of the Philippines modernization program, Philippine the Multisectoral Nutrition integrated health and wellness mega app — will set up booths in rest and refuel areas along the expressways, offering health consultations to motorists in need of medical advice or assistance during their travel.

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Smart will also provide free internet access and charging stations in selected areas for motorists to stav connected and keep their devices powered up while on the road.

Be expressway-ready In addition to being physically and mentally prepared, ensuring your vehicle is in good condition, and observing road safety practices — a working RFID sticker will make your journey smoother.

With the busy holiday season ahead, MPTC encourages the motoring public to have their old RFID stickers replaced at the nearest Easytrip station or Customer Service Centers to avoid inconvenience while on the road.

"We encourage motorists to be expressway-ready by ensuring that they have sufficient load in their RFID accounts for a hassle-free journey. Let's drive responsibly so we can all arrive at our destinations safely, and spend more time with our loved ones," said MPTC President and CEO Rogelio L. Singson.

For regular updates and road safety tips, check out MPTC expressways' official Facebook accounts @NLEXexpressways, @OfficialCALAX, and @CCLEXexpressway; along with its 24/7 hotline

#### (FROM PAGE 1) has Filipino roots, making

the partnership even more meaningful.

The Canva for Classroom initiative is set to launch in November and aims to bring interactive and creative learning tools to classrooms nationwide.

Project, the Philippine

Rural Development

Project, the Mindanao

Inclusive Agriculture

Development Project.

and several major

infrastructure initiatives

under the Build Better

Solicitor General (OSG)

said the government will

The Office of the

More program.

To access Canva for Education for free, teachers and staff can log in at www.canva.com using their DepEd email address. Information about the initiative may be accessed through the dedicated DepEd Resource Hub in Canva at http:// canvaph.com/depedresourcehub. (PNA)

comply with the TRO.

'It appears that the TRO is limited to PhilHealth funds only. We will respect the TRO," Solicitor General Menardo Guevarra told reporters.

He said the OSG is preparing to defend the government's position during the scheduled oral arguments on the case on Jan. 14. (with a report from Benjamin Pulta/ PNA)

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Doris Yin

can sometimes be beyond repair. Inner peace is a valuable state that embodies the tranquility and calmness of

Dear Global Pioneers, Today, I want

to share the importance of finding

inner peace. Recently, I've noticed a growing level of stress and anxiety

in many people, which often affects our relationships with family, friends,

and colleagues. These emotions

create obstacles in our lives, leading

us to spend time and energy trying to repair the damage caused by

emotional reactions-damage that

the mind. Yet, in our complex lives, we are often troubled by worries, stress, and anxiety, making the pursuit of true peace seem distant. However, achieving inner peace is not only possible but essential to our well-being and to the success of the Pi Network and GCV community. It is crucial for GCV Ambassadors and leaders to foster effective communication, avoid conflicts, and control emotional reactions in order to build a successful GCV system.

My Personal Journey to Inner Peace

Over 20 years ago, I struggled with a bad temper and emotional instability, causing much unhappiness and anxiety. Through practicing Confucianism, Buddhism, and Taoism for nearly two decades, I have slowly cultivated inner peace. I studied and recited ancient texts, such as the "Disciple Rules," "Three Character Classic," and the "Diamond Sutra," applying their wisdom to my daily life. I also found peace through meditation, yoga, and self-care.

Here are some methods that have helped me, which I hope will benefit you too: 1. Meditation and Breathing: Meditation helps you connect with your inner self.

Find a quiet place, focus on your breathing, and clear your mind of distractions. This practice helps calm the mind and reduce stress. If you find yourself emotional, take a moment to pause, breathe deeply, and avoid reacting immediately.

2. Self-reflection and Acceptance: Inner peace comes from harmony within. Reflect on your thoughts and emotions, and accept yourself for who you are. Forgive yourself and others, and let go of grudges. This self-compassion helps release negativity and

brings inner calm. 3. Connection with Nature: Spending time in nature is a powerful way to achieve peace. Whether it's walking in a park, listening to the ocean, or spending time with a pet, nature has a calming effect. Try to step away from social media and stressful news, especially fake news related to Pi Network, which can cause unnecessary anxiety.

4. Flow Experience: Engage in activities that bring you joy and fully absorb your attention, such as art, music, or sports. When you are in a state of flow, time seems to disappear, and you experience peace and satisfaction. Personally, I've found fulfillment in Pi Network GCV education, and this focus brings me joy.

5. Focusing on the Present Moment: Inner peace lies in the present. The past is gone, and the future is uncertain, so focus on the here and now. As the "Diamond Sutra" teaches, the past, present, and future are unattainable. Let go of attachment to time and allow your thoughts to flow without clinging to them.

Building Peaceful Relationships

How to Find Our Inner Peace

In our Pi Network community, we must focus on building positive relationships and avoid conflicts. Kindness, patience, and respect should guide our interactions with others. Avoid gossip, harsh words, and judgment. Instead, work on planting positive seeds in our relationships, as these will eventually blossom into fruitful outcomes. Even if some people no longer support GCV, we should respect their choices and continue our work with grace.

Conclusion: A Journey to Inner Peace

Achieving true peace is a lifelong journey. It requires practice, patience, and selfexploration. Through meditation, reflection, connection with nature, and focusing on the present, we can find inner peace and contentment. This peace will not only improve our personal well-being but also strengthen our family, work, and Pi Network GCV community.

Let's hold hands as a global Pi family, appreciating each other and supporting each other on this journey. From Pi Network, we will not only gain wealth but also wisdom and inner peace.

Special thanks to Ms. Lumari, Ms. Nonny, Mr. Patrick, and Mr. Bao for their invaluable contributions to GCV. Their hard work and leadership have laid the foundation for our success.

I hope everyone enjoys their journey in Pi Network, finding peace in both their hearts and minds. (With gratitude, Doris Yin - Founder, Global GCV Movement)

## Calling All Merchants: Join the Pi Revolution at PiFest 2024!



The time has come for merchants across the globe to take center stage in the rapidly expanding Pi Network community. PiFest 2024 is calling on all Pi merchants to seize this incredible opportunity to showcase your business, attract new customers, and be part of a revolutionary shift in global commerce. Whether you're a small local shop, an up-and-coming digital service, or an established brand, this is your chance to make a lasting impact and lead the charge in the Pi economy.

PiFest 2024 is more than just a shopping festival it's a celebration of the Global Consensus Value (GCV) and the flourishing Pi Network economy. Merchants from around the world will come together to sell their goods and services using Pi, presenting a unique shopping experience that highlights the power of Pi as a form of payment. As Pi continues to gain momentum,

Ms. Lumari

this event will serve as a bold statement of how decentralized commerce is transforming the global marketplace.

Participating in PiFest offers merchants an unrivaled opportunity to elevate their business. This is more than just a chance to make sales; it's about being part of a global movement that is reshaping the future of trade and business transactions. By accepting Pi as payment, you're positioning your business as a forward-thinking, innovative player in the evolving digital economy.

Here's what you can expect as a participating merchant at PiFest 2024:

- Increased Visibility: Your business will be promoted on the \*Map of Pi\*, a central hub that connects Pi pioneers from all corners of the world to participating merchants. This visibility ensures that your brand will reach thousands of potential new customers, both locally and globally.

- Engagement with a Global Audience: The Pi community spans across continents, creating a diverse and enthusiastic customer base that's eager to support merchants who accept Pi. By joining PiFest, you'll be part of a global event that's designed to connect you directly with this passionate audience.

- Boost Sales with Pi Payments: As Pi continues to gain recognition, more and more consumers are eager to use their Pi holdings to make purchases. By accepting PI aurino Pirest, you're opening your business to a new wave of customers eager to spend their Pi in exchange for valuable products and services.

#### Why You Should Register Your Business on the Map of Pi

The Map of Pi is more than a directory—it's the beating heart of the Pi merchant ecosystem. When you register your business, you become part of an exclusive community of merchants recognized for accepting Pi payments. This registration allows your business to be highlighted during PiFest 2024, ensuring maximum exposure.

Registering your business on the Map of Pi comes with several key benefits: - Inclusion in PiFest 2024 Promotions: PiFest is a global event, and as a registered merchant, your business will be featured in promotional activities, helping you stand out in the growing marketplace.

- Connect with the Global Pi Community: Your registration ensures that Pi pioneers worldwide can easily find your business and shop with you during PiFest—and

beyond.

- Unlock Future Opportunities: By taking part in this year's event, you position your business for future Pi-related opportunities as the network grows and becomes more integrated into global commerce.

From November 29 to December 5, PiFest 2024 will present a diverse range of products and services, all available for purchase using Pi. The event will cater to every type of shopper, from those seeking one-of-a-kind handcrafted goods to those looking for practical everyday items, digital services, or special promotions from well-known brands. Whether your business sells local artisanal products or cutting-edge digital solutions, PiFest offers you the chance to connect with a vast network of Pi pioneers eager to explore what your brand has to offer.

This shopping festival is designed to break boundaries and show the world how innovative, inclusive, and impactful the Pi Network has become. It's a reflection of the entrepreneurial spirit that drives our community forward, with businesses big and small playing an essential role in shaping the future of Pi commerce.

PiFest 2024 is our moment to show the world what we, as a community, have achieved. The strength of the Pi Network lies in its pioneers-the merchants and businesses that accept Pi as payment and help build a decentralized, empowered future. By joining PiFest, you are not only promoting your products but also proving the potential of the Pi ecosystem to disrupt and enhance global commerce.

This festival isn't just about transactions; it's about innovation, unity, and forwardthinking solutions. Your participation will help demonstrate that the Pi Network is a powerful economic force, capable of transforming how people and businesses interact.

As Pi continues its rapid growth, there has never been a better time for merchants to get involved. The Pi Network is evolving quickly, and merchants who join PiFest 2024 will have the opportunity to position themselves at the forefront of this evolution. By accepting Pi payments, you're showcasing your willingness to embrace change, drive innovation, and connect with the next generation of consumers.

Imagine being one of the pioneers who helped establish the foundation of a global digital economy—an economy built on trust, collaboration, and decentralized power. PiFest 2024 is your gateway to that future, and we invite you to be part of this historic moment.

It's simple! To register your business for PiFest 2024, head over to the \*Map of Pi\* and complete the registration form. By doing so, you'll ensure that your business is listed and ready to participate in this global event. You'll gain visibility, attract new customers, and be part of a vibrant, innovative community that's reshaping the world of commerce.

Once registered, your business will be featured in PiFest promotions, allowing you to reach even more customers as the excitement builds toward the event.

Together, we can make PiFest 2024 an extraordinary success. Let's showcase the innovation, passion, and entrepreneurial spirit that define the Pi Network community. Whether you're a merchant looking to boost sales, a pioneer excited to shop with Pi, or a business owner ready to join the digital revolution—this event is for you.

The Pi revolution is happening now. Don't miss your chance to be a part of it. Register your business today, and let's make PiFest 2024 a global celebration of innovation, community, and the future of commerce.

Join the movement. Be part of the revolution. (Lumari - Executive Director, GCVCT)

## **NEWS**

## Paano Maiiwasan ang Dengue Pagkatapos ng Bagyo?



## Ano ang Dengue?

Ang dengue ay isang sakit na dulot ng kagat ng lamok na Aedes Aegypti, na karaniwang nangingitlog sa mga stagnant (nakatigil) at malinis na tubig.

SIMTOMAS:



Paano Maiiwasan ang Dengue?

Gamitin at Sundin ang 5S Strategy Kontra Dengue

## **Seek Early Consultation**

Kung nakakaranas ng mga sintomas ng dengue katulad ng Lagnat, Pananakit ng ulo, Pananakit ng kalamnan at kasukasuan at Panghihina. Agad na magpakonsulta sa doktor o pinakamalapit na Barangay Health Station.





Step into the Magic of Christmas at Santa's Shop! Join us as we kick off the holiday season on November 6, 2024, at 5PM, SM City Trece Martires! Whether you're on Santa's nice list or just looking for some holiday cheer, Santa's Shop has something for everyone.

#### **Sustain Hydration**

Pagpapanatili ng pag-inom ng sapat na tubig ng hindi bababa sa walong (8) baso kada araw ay malaki ang maitutulong upang maiwasan ang komplikasyon ng sakit at mapalakas ang resistensya habang nagpapagaling.

#### Support Fogging during Outbreak

Makipagtulungan sa mga awtoridad at ahensiya ng pamahalaan kapag may isinasagawang fogging o misting sa inyong barangay upang mapuksa ang mga lamok.

#### Search and Destroy

Self-Protection

maraming lamok.

Hanapin at tanggalin ang mga lugar na pinamumugaran ng lamok, tulad ng mga nakatiwangwang na tubig sa mga paso, mga alulod sa bahay, lagayan ng tubig gaya ng drum, timba o batya, mga gulong, lata, at bote.

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magsuot ng mahahabang damit, lalo na

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## **SPORTS**

#### November 03 - 09, 2024

PH crowned 2nd best team in Asia Pacific Trail Running Championships

The Philippines emerged the second best team overall in the 1st Asia Pacific Trail Running Championships held in Ulju, South Korea on Oct. 23 to 27.

Johnray Onifa led the Japan. Filipino trail runners with a gold medal he won in the men's 40-kilometer short trail category in three hours and 47 minutes.

"I am happy to bring home the gold medal and proud to represent the Philippines and hear national anthem playing during the awarding," Onifa said.

With Onifa's golden finish, the Philippines bagged silver medal in the men's short trail event together with Randolf Gonzales who finish 6th, Romnick Tongkaling

The Philippines' long trail (80 km) team, composed of Larry Apolinario who finished 6th place, Arnie Macarenas (9th), Rhys Pawid (23rd), Roberto Cain (30th), and Paul Brillantes (32nd), also finished second behind

Australia. Philippines The women's team, composed of Elizabeth Dangadang (6th) and Angelie Cabalo (16th), finished fourth in the short trail event.

The country's long trail women's team, composed of Christabel (12th), and Godwin Mirar Martes (11th), Trisha carrier. (with Alona (17th) behind champion Reyes (16th), Noemi Cochon/PNA)

Fernandez (21st), and Angelica Alejo (26th), also finished fourth behind Japan, Australia and Hong Kong.

In her Facebook post, Philippine Trail Running Association (Philtra) vice president and secretary general Tin Ferrera congratulated the team members and thanked Martes, who also served as head coach of the Philippine team.

Philtra's participation was supported by the Philippine Sports Commission and Philippine Airlines as its official

# It's all systems go for Dragon Boat World Championships

PUERTO PRINCESA CITY - It's all systems go for the International Canoe Federation (ICF) Dragon Boat World Championships, which start at the Baywalk here Thursday.



ALL SET. The World Dragon Boat Championships is scheduled on Oct. 31 to Nov. 3 in Puerto Princesa, Palawan. Present during the event launching at the HUE Hotel on Wednesday (Oct. 30, 2024) were (from left) International Canoe Federation (ICF) Dragon Boat Committe chairman Dr. Wai-Hung Luk, Puerto Princesa City Mayor Lucilo Bayron, Philippine Canoe Kayak & Dragon Federation (PCKDF) president Leonora Escollante, and ICF president Thomas Konietzko. (Contributed photo)

A total of 1,400 athletes

will compete in the fourday tournament featuring 52 events

Host Philippines has the biggest number of entries with 200, followed by India (140), Thailand (87), Singapore (74), Iran (63), Ukraine (30), USA (30), and China (18).

Also participating in the tournament, which serves as a qualifying competition for the 2025 World Games in Chengdu, China, are Bulgaria, Cambodia, Canada, Chinese Taipei, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Hungary, Macau, Malaysia, Myanmar, Poland, Russia, Spain, South Korea, and Sweden.

'This tournament is very important as it

serves as qualifying for the World Games next year and it also promotes the sport in the Philippines," International Canoe Federation (ICF) president Thomas Konietzko said during a press conference at the HUE Hotel on Wednesday.

ICF Dragon Boat Committee chairman Dr. Wai-Hung Luk, Philippine Canoe Kayak & Dragon Federation (PCKDF) president Leonora Escollante, Mayor Lucilo Bayron, and the members of Team Philippines also attended the press conference.

The Philippines is the first country in Southeast Asia to host the World Championships in dragon boat. It has staged the Asian Championships in 2016.

"It is an honor for Puerto Princesa to host world-class this competition. We thank the ICF and the PCKDF for trusting us," Bayron said. After the World

Championships, the city will host the Batang Pinoy National Finals next month and the BIMP-EAGA Friendship Games in December.

"We are on the right track to focus on sports tourism," Bayron said.

Escollante said the Filipino paddlers have been training here since Sept. 26 and they have a good chance.

"They are familiar with the race course and I know they will do their best in the competition," she said. (PNA)



SECOND BEST TEAM. The Philippines emerges the second best team overall in the 1st Asia Pacific Trail Running Championships in Ulju, South Korea on Oct. 23-27, 2024. Johnray Onifa led the Filipino trail runners with a gold medal he won in the men's 40-kilometer short trail category. (Photo courtesy of Philtra)

## PBA to donate Governors finals Game 1 earnings to 'Kristine' victims

THE Philippine Basketball Association (PBA) will donate to victims of Severe Tropical Storm Kristine all proceeds of the Governors' Cup finals opener between Barangay Ginebra and TNT.

The PBA Board announced during a press conference in . Taguig City Thursday that all Game 1 earnings will go to the calamity victims.

Game 1 is slated at Ynares Center in Antipolo City on Oct. 27

You can see what happened sa bansa natin, 'yung mga kababayan natin nasalanta (in our country, our compatriots were devastated," league board vice chair Alfrancis Chua, also sports director of San Miguel Corporation and governor of Barangay Ginebra, told the media in Taguig City.

"Ngayon nandito tayo (We are here) preparing for Sunday's game and them, they're preparing there kung may matitirhan pa sila or may makakain pa (if they still have a place to go back to or food to eat).

Board chair Ricky Vargas of Meralco said all Game 1 earnings will be coursed by the PBA through the Alagang Kapatid Foundation Inc., the corporate social responsibility organization of TV5 Network Inc.

"They (foundation) will report how they used the proceeds that was given to them by the PBA," Vargas said.

Chua also called on other groups or individuals who are willing to join the league



Philippine Basketball Association Governors' Cup champion's trophy (PBA Images)

in their donation plans.

TNT and Barangay

Ginebra did not make make

any of the two finals

(Philippine Cup and

Commissioner's Cup) of

scrapped last year due to

the country's FIBA World

The Governors' Cup was

"It's going to be really

disappointing for us as an

organization if we don't win

this. And if we do win this,

we're gonna be ecstatic,'

Ginebra coach Tim Cone

said during the same press

Tropang Giga won their

last championship during

the 2023 edition of this

conference, when they

The defending champion

the previous season.

Cup hosting.

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beat the Kings in six games.

Twice they reached the quarterfinals last season.

The Kings were champion in the 2023 Commissioner's Cup. beating guest team Bay Area Dragons in seven dames.

Last season, they made the semifinals back-to-back but lost both times, including a sudden-death Game 7, against eventual Philippine Cup champion Meralco.

"I think our players are ready. I'm sure that TNT is ready," TNT coach Chot Reyes said. "Can't wait to get it on." (PR)

## **NEWS**

# SM City Rosario and SM Cares Support Families Affected by Typhoon Kristine More than 3,000 Kalinga packs were distributed in total by SM City Rosario to families affected by Typhoon Kristine across several towns, including Noveleta, Cavite, through SM Cares' Operations

Typhoon Kristine across several towns, including Noveleta, Cavite, through SM Cares' Operations Tulong Express program. In addition to Noveleta, Kalinga packs were also provided to families in Cavite City, Kawit, and Rosario, Cavite. This generous effort highlights SM's commitment to supporting communities in times of crisis and helping families rebuild their lives.



The Operations Tulong Express program by SM Cares aims to reach out to communities in need by providing Kalinga packs filled with essential goods for families and individuals affected by recent calamities



A Kalinga pack is being handed by an SM City Rosario employee to a woman residing in Cavite City



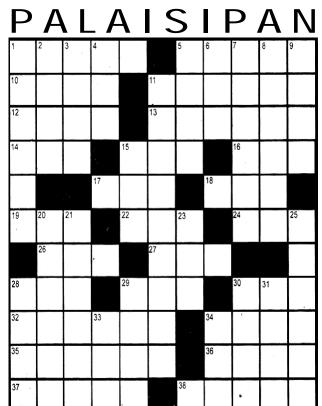
The woman from Kawit, Cavite, receives a Kalinga pack handed to her by the Mall Manager of SM City Rosario.



Nanay from Rosario, Cavite, takes home not just the Kalinga pack, but also the hope and joy that Operation Tulong Express initiative brings to her community



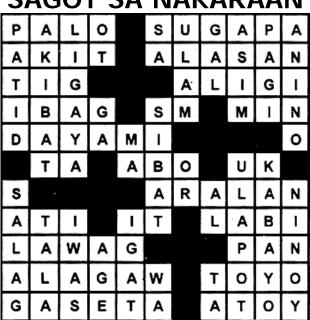
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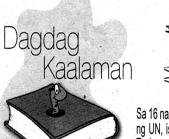


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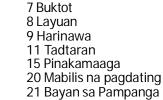
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## OPA Organic Farming Techniques at Sloping Agriculture Demo Site in Trece Martires City

On October 22, 2024, the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist (OPA) conducted a site visit to the innovative Technology Demonstration Project for Vegetables and High-Value Crops located at the OPA Extension Office in Barangay Osorio, Trece Martires City. Spearheaded by Mr. Mario Rotairo, Agriculturist II, the project stands as a model for sustainable and productive agriculture on sloping terrain through the use of Sloping Agricultural Land Technology (SALT).



The project features a range diverse of vegetables and high-value crops cultivated organically, including cucumber, eggplant, okra, papaya and ginger, demonstrating that sustainable farming can thrive even on challenging landscapes. Vermicast is used as the primary fertilizer, while wood vinegar and Effective

Microorganisms (EM) serve the as supplementary treatments to promote plant health and act as natural insect repellents. This organic approach not only enhances soil fertility but also reduces the dependency on chemical inputs, fostering a more environmentally-friendly approach to farming. Through Mr. Rotairo's

efforts and the OPA's commitment to sustainable practices, the demonstration site has become a valuable resource for local farmers. It showcases practical, eco-friendly methods that can increase productivity and support food security across Cavite, inspiring more communities to adopt resilient agricultural practices. **(R. Dones)** 

## DOF respects SC's TRO on transfer of PhilHeath's idle funds

Department of Finance (DOF) Secretary Ralph Recto said his office respects the Supreme Court's (SC) temporary restraining order (TRO) on transferring the idle funds of the Philippine Health Insurance Corp. (PhilHealth) worth PHP89.9 billion to finance other programs of the government.

"We respect the Supreme Court's intervention. As a public servant myself, I recognize the right of every citizen to seek redress from the courts. Rest assured that the DOF will fully comply with the order of the Supreme Court," Recto said in a statement Tuesday.

He pledged the DOF's full cooperation with the SC and looks forward to clarifying the issues raised during oral arguments.

"We reiterate that before proceeding with the utilization of GOCC (government-owned and -controlled corporations) idle funds, our agency exercised due diligence and consulted extensively with the government's legal experts. These include the Governance Commission for GOCCs, the Government Corporate Counsel, and the Commission on



Finance Secretary Ralph Recto. (File photo) Audit. These efforts were undertaken to ensure full compliance with our laws," Recto said. Given Recto. (File photo) government subsidies are not part of its reserve funds, nor income that is being

He reiterated that the agency's move to transfer the idle, unused, and excess funds of GOCCs is a mandate under the General Appropriations Act of 2024.

The DOF also earned support and favorable legal opinion that PhilHealth's "unutilized government subsidies are not part of its reserve funds, nor income that is being restricted by the Universal Health Care Act to be used by the national government as a general fund."

The DOF noted that the unused government subsidies to PhilHealth support various programs and projects, **DOF RESPECTS • 3** 



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## DOST NCR Launches Regional Science, Technology, and Innovation Week to Promote Green Economy Solutions in Metro Manila

The Department of Science and Technology National Capital Region (DOST NCR) launched its annual Regional Science, Technology, and Innovation Week (RSTW) from October 29-31, 2024, at Amoranto Arena in Quezon City, with a focus on bridging science and technology with green economy solutions for Metro Manila. This year's theme, "Bridging Science, Technology, and Green Economy Solutions in the Metro," underscores the importance of science and technology (S&T) in fostering sustainable urban development and creating a greener future for the capital region.



Quezon City Mayor Hon. Maria Josefina "Joy" G. Belmonte welcomed participants, underscoring that this RSTW serves as a crucial platform for forward-thinking discussions on how science and technology should drive inclusive progress that uplifts all communities. DOST NCR Regional Director Engr. Romelen T. Tresvalles presented the region's achievements and unveiled future plans, with a highlight on the inauguration of the DOST NCR Innovation Hub (iHub). This newly launched iHub will serve as a dynamic space for nurturing transformative ideas and innovations that can significantly impact communities, aligning with Metro Manila's push toward sustainable urban development.

## MPTC expressways gear up for Undas, urges motorists to be expressway-ready

Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation reactivates its Safe Trip Mo, Sagot Ko (SMSK) motorists assistance program to ensure safe and convenient travel during Undas.

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