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Transition of Command: Cavite PPO Welcomes New Acting Provincial Director

On October 28, 2024, the Cavite Police Provincial Office held a ceremonial turnover of command at the Covered Court, Camp BGen Pantaleon Garcia, Imus City. The event was presided over by Police Brigadier General Paul Kenneth T. Lucas, Regional Director of PRO 4A.

The ceremony was attended by Hon. Athena Bryana D. Tolentino, the Provincial Governor of Cavite, who served as the Guest of Honor and Speaker. During the event, Brigadier General Lucas presented an award to Police Colonel Eleuterio M. Ricardo Jr., recognizing his valuable contributions to Cavite's peace and order initiatives.

Outgoing Provincial Director, PCol Ricardo, expressed his gratitude and shared his final message: "Sa bawat isang naririto—mga bumubuo ng kapulisan ng Cavite, maraming salamat sa inyong suporta, dedikasyon, at sipag. Kayo ang naging katuwang ko sa bawat hakbang, at ang ating pagkakaisa ay nagbigay daan upang maisakatuparan natin ang ating mga layunin. Hindi ko makakalimutan ang inyong sakripisyo sa araw-araw; ang pagkakaisa at pag-oorganisa ng lahat sa tuwing mayroong programa o bisita." He then formally relinquished his responsibilities as Provincial Director.

Police Colonel Dwight E. Alegre formally assumed the role, pledging his commitment: "Makaakaasa po kayo na ang PNP Cavite sa ilalim ng aking pamumuno ay mananatiling nakahandang maghatid ng maayos at epektibong serbisyo sa inyo. Magkaisa po tayo at magtulongan para sa katuparan ng ating iisang hangarin para sa ikabubuti ng ating mahal na lalawigan ng Cavite."

Likewise, the symbolic turnover of office, property, and equipment was officiated



by PBrig Paul Kenneth T. Lucas, marking the official transition. Governor Tolentino also delivered an inspirational message, commending PCol Ricardo's leadership and warmly welcoming PCol Alegre, expressing her full support for his incoming tenure. (A. Sarte)

Phase 1 of LRT-1 Cavite extension opens this November

The Cavite extension of the Light Railway Transit Line 1 (LRT-1) will finally open in November 2024, Transportation Secretary Jaime Bautista said on Thursday, November 7.



DOTR Secretary Jaime Bautista, Light Rail Manila Corporation President Enrico Benipayo and Philippine Coast Guard Admiral Ronnie Gil Gavan give a press briefing in Malacanang Palace on November 7, 2024.

The Cavite extension has long been plagued by delays due to right-of-way issues but the first phase of the project has been completed. "We are here to announce the partial opening of the Lightweight Railway Transit Line 1 extension. This is the Cavite extension and we will open this line within the next two to three

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TUPAD program for Cavite City residents

On October 30, 2024, the Department of Labor and Employment, in coordination with Palawan Express and the Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager (OPPEM), under the supervision of Ms. Rizalie Pinpin Enero, spearheaded the Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Disadvantage/Displaced Workers program payout for residents of Barangay 5 and Barangay 7 in Cavite City, benefiting 841 individuals.



The event received support from Board Member Abeng Remulla, BM Ram Revilla, BM Romel Enriquez, and Kawit Councilor Jygs Gandia, as well as Cong. Brian Revilla, who provided unwavering assistance to his constituents in the district.

Also in attendance were City Mayor Denver Chua, Vice Mayor Raleigh Grepo Rusit, and Team Unlad of Cavite City. Governor Athena Tolentino's support was also instrumental in making the TUPAD payout successful.

DOLE's TUPAD program is an essential step in helping displaced or disadvantaged workers in the community, providing them with opportunities for better livelihoods and improving their quality of life. (F. Tamio)



Welcome to our beautiful recital, Sir Donato A. Bataclan! We are with you so that we can feel our hearts and concern for all teachers and children not only in Tirona High School, but in our whole Kawit. #AlagangAngeloAguinaldo #RatedTripleA #PusoAtMalasakitParaSaAtingKawit #MayorAguinaldo

DOST I empowers Community with Potable Water Solutions, deploys SAFEWATRS Technology in Umingan, Pangasinan

To provide a reliable emergency potable water system, the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Region I, through its Provincial Science and Technology Office (PSTO) Pangasinan, in collaboration with DOST-Industrial Technology Development Institute (DOST-ITDI), deployed SAFEWATRS Technology on October 2-3, 2024 at the Community Empowerment thru Science & Technology (CEST) Program beneficiary in Brgy. Luna Weste, Umingan, Pangasinan.



This initiative, under DOST's CEST Projects DANUM (Disinfecting Aqua's Noxious and Unwanted Microorganism) and NaKaSaGaNa (Naglililang ng Kahandaan sa Sakuna Gamit ang Napapanahang Teknolohiya), aims to provide a reliable emergency potable water system to the community by equipping them with the latest technologies.

SAFEWATRS, formerly known as UpEDS (Upgraded Emergency Disinfection System), is an

innovative solar-powered water purification system developed by DOST-ITDI. It can produce up to 2,000 liters of safe drinking water within nine (9) hours of operation. This technology is designed to ensure access to clean water not only during emergencies such as floods, typhoons, and earthquakes but also in remote areas where potable water is scarce. By providing a reliable source of clean water, SAFEWATRS helps reduce the risk of waterborne diseases and promotes

public health and safety in both crisis situations and everyday life.

The event, facilitated by DOST-ITDI experts Dante C. Vergara, Senior Science Research Specialist, Garry A. Diopol, and Marvin P. Mendoza, Science Research Specialists II, was attended by 26

participants from the beneficiary barangay, accompanied by support staff from the Local Government Unit of Umingan, including Mr. Kenneth Estillore from the Mayor's Office and Mr. Kennedy L. Sonaco from the MDRMO. The program featured a comprehensive training session on the operation, maintenance, and benefits of the SAFEWATRS system.

The deployment of the SAFEWATRS Technology

is expected to provide clean water to at least 25% of Brgy. Luna Weste's population, or approximately 200 residents. And to ensure its sustainability, the barangay plans to pass a resolution to cover the operational and maintenance costs of the system.

This initiative is part of DOST's ongoing commitment to empowering communities through science and technology, particularly

those in remote areas with limited access to safe water.

The successful deployment of SAFEWATRS marks a significant step in improving water access and ensuring public health in the community. DOST I will continue to monitor the system and explore further science and technology collaborations to uplift communities across the region. **(Cecilio R. Repancol and Geambo D. Morata)**

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More than 400 residents of Bacoor City benefit from PGC's health outreach program: Barangay Dulong Bayan in the City of Bacoor witnessed a significant health outreach effort as the Provincial Government of Cavite spearheaded a medical and dental mission on November 5, 2024, delivering basic services to more than 400 residents. The outreach program aimed to extend accessible healthcare services to residents, including medical and dental check-ups, tooth extraction and free prescribed medicines. The event was a collaborative effort supported by the local officials and volunteers, ensuring that each beneficiary received quality care and attention. (OPIO)

SM CITY BACOOR, SM CITY MOLINO, AND SM CENTER IMUS LITS UP THE SEASON

The holiday season has officially begun in Cavite as SM City Bacoor, SM City Molino, and SM Center Imus simultaneously launched their Christmas celebrations, bringing joy and festive cheer to shoppers and families. Last October, the three malls transformed into Santa's magical world, complete with dazzling lights, giant Christmas trees, and festive decorations. The launch event featured live performances, including caroling, dance numbers, and special appearances by beloved Christmas characters.

Visit SM City Bacoor, SM City Molino, and SM Center Imus for a holly-jolly Christmas!



Santa & Friends' Holiday at SM City Bacoor: The holiday magic begins as SM City Bacoor unveil and lits up it's enchanting 'Santa and Friends' Christmas Centerpiece. This festive display features a majestic 30ft Christmas Tree, adorable life-sized elves, and huge presents, bringing joy and holiday cheer to all shoppers. Special guests from Gov. PF Espiritu Elementary School in Bacoor were also present and were thrilled to receive SM Bears of Joy.



Santa's Holiday Magic at SM City Molino: The magic of Christmas has officially arrived at SM City Molino as Santa's Holiday Magic beautifully lits at the mall's Event Center, bringing more festivity with its 25ft tall Christmas tree and Giant Santa. This year, children from the Malipay Community joined in the celebration and shared in the spirit of giving as they cheerfully received their Bears of Joy. The event was made even more special with happy and festive performances by the Raz Singing Cherubim.



Visit SM City Bacoor, SM City Molino, and SM Center Imus for a holly-jolly Christmas! Santa's Gift Hub at SM Center Imus: SM Center Imus transformed into a holiday haven with its Santa's Gift Hub, officially launched with a tree lighting ceremony at the Mall Plaza. The mall offered a one-stop gift shop, holiday workshops, and exciting promotions. The Raz Singing Cherubim shared a wonderful rendition of Christmas carols to the shoppers and made the celebration merrier.

NEDA Board...

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was not included in the) original estimate," Marcos said during the meeting, as quoted by the PCO.

"The cost will be increased. At least the local component will be increased from the original. That's the only thing that sticks out on the financial analysis. But it's still within the guidelines," he added.

As of Sept. 30, 2024, the CIA-FRIMP has an overall physical accomplishment of 44.21 percent, with negative slippage of 55.79 percent. It has a fund utilization rate of 35.42 percent, or PHP3.503 billion already disbursed.

The project aims to mitigate flood damage in the lower reach of San Juan River Basin and its adjacent Maalimango Creek Drainage Area in Cavite province.

The NEDA Board also approved a 74.32-percent increase or PHP24.599 billion in total project cost from PHP33.097 billion to PHP57.696 billion for the PMRCIP Phase IV, the PCO said.

The PCO added there will be a 63-month extension for the implementation of the PMRCIP Phase IV from December 2025 to March 2031.

The NEDA Board also approved the changes in scope of work, such as the design of the Middle Marikina River, modifications in drainage facilities, and additional work.

A loan reallocation totaling JPY3.373 billion from consulting services (JPY1.728 billion) and contingencies (JPY1.645 billion) to the civil works component was also approved by the NEDA Board, including a supplemental loan of JPY45.759 billion.

The PMRCIP aims to mitigate flood damage in Metro Manila caused by channel overflow of the Pasig-Marikina River.

The project is seen to benefit residents of the cities of Pasig, Marikina, and Quezon in Metro Manila and the municipalities of Taytay and Cainta in Rizal.

"Ang concern ko rin (My

other concern) is the design. Does it take into account the new weather? Because ano na 'yan, danger area na 'yang Marikina talaga (The danger area is really in Marikina). The levels of water in the last two big typhoons we had, we came to within half a meter of the limit bago mag spillover," Marcos said.

Public Works and Highways Secretary Manuel Bonoan told Marcos that the design of the project helped in stopping spillover during the recent typhoons.

"The other component that we are looking into the Pasig-Marikina River is actually the construction of the three dams in the [watershed]," Bonoan said.

Apart from the changes in the two flood control projects, the NEDA Board also approved the implementation of the locally financed Philippine International Exhibition Center Project, and the acquisition of 40 units of fast patrol crafts to be funded through official development assistance (ODA). (PNA)

Phase 1...

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weeks, this is within November," Bautista said in a press briefing.

Bautista said that he could not give an exact date yet.

There will be five stations from Baclaran to Sucat, according to the Department of Transportation (DOTr)

Light Rail Manila Corp. (LRMC) president Enrico Benipayo said the new stations will span six kilometers, adding to the existing 20 kilometers of the LRT-1. Travel time from both ends of the LRT

will be less than an hour.

Benipayo said the fare per kilometer stays the same. With the added stations, there will be a responding increment to the fare in terms of distance. The full stretch of LRT-1 will now cost around P45 from end to end.

There will also be 30 additional coaches, with 19 set to begin operations this November. The remaining coaches are still undergoing testing, Benipayo said.

The DOTr chief also said he is hoping that the

opening of the extension lessens traffic, saving more time and money.

"The operations of LRT-1 extension there will be part of Parañaque and Pasay that will benefit, there will be some reduction in traffic," Bautista said.

The estimated reduced travel time is at least 30 minutes, according to the DOTr secretary.

The LRMC said the average ridership for the LRT-1 is 323,000 passengers daily. The extension will allow the LRT-1 to accommodate 80,000 more people. (Jean Mangaluz)



Doris Yin

WAYS TO INCREASE BUSINESS REGISTRATION AND THE SIGNIFICANCE FOR OM

Dear Rwanda GCV Core Team, Ambassadors, pioneers, and merchants,

I would like to extend my gratitude to Mr. Oliver Ndatimana, the Head of GCV Ambassadors for Africa, for inviting me to deliver this speech. I would also like to congratulate Ms. Hereine Makosewe on her recent appointment as the new Head of GCV Ambassador for East Africa, a

significant role that is vital to our mission. My appreciation goes to our Executive Director, Ms. Lumari, for her guidance in developing Africa's ecosystem, and thanks to the hardworking members of the Rwanda GCV Core Team.

Today, our discussion centers around the topic: "How far has the Pi Community in Rwanda progressed in understanding the value of becoming GCV merchants and registering their businesses on the Map of Pi?" This is an interesting subject, and I look forward to hearing our GCV Ambassadors' reports on this matter.

I would like to shift the focus of my speech as: Ways to Increase Business Registration and the Significance for OM.

First, I want to acknowledge the excellent cooperation of Mr. Oliver and Ms. Lumari in achieving our goal of reaching 800+ members in Rwanda. This is a significant accomplishment in such a short time. To reach our GCV community OM milestone by December 12, 2024, Ms. Lumari has assigned each country community a target of 1,000 business partners by the end of November. I am pleased to see that Rwanda is close to achieving this goal. Keep up the high spirits and outstanding work!

Ms. Lumari has provided detailed tasks on how to take the lead in motivating and guiding the merchants to sign up as business partners and on the Map of Pi. She also requires you to submit weekly reports. As we know, our community has limitless potential if we remain focused. Commitment is crucial, and we don't have much time left.

Then after we setup our goal, I will discuss how to motivate merchants to become business partners with the Pi Network and why this is critical for our GCV Ambassadors and merchants businesses. Understanding the reasoning behind our actions is essential; without this understanding, it can be challenging to confidently engage with merchants.

First, we need to demonstrate the significant opportunities available through the Pi Network. All businesses aim to earn profits and face stiff competition. To reach more customers, they often spend heavily on advertising. However, even with these expenditures, they may not recoup their investment, as potential customers can hesitate to make a purchase after merely seeing an advertisement. If businesses don't invest in advertising, their products can become outdated or unsold quickly, leading to increased storage costs as inventory remains on the shelves longer. So nowadays small business especially new business is very hard to survive.

Currently, many countries are experiencing stagflation, characterized by rising product prices alongside declining incomes. While grocery stores may still attract a lot of customers, businesses in the luxury sector might struggle to maintain their customer base. In fact, even grocery store sales may decline as people try to spend less on food and groceries.

This is where the Pi Network comes in—not only to help mitigate financial, currency, and economic crises but also as a platform enabling all businesses, regardless of size, to attract new customers. The Pi Network community consists of around 60 million loyal pioneers. If we include inactive pioneers, the total exceeds 100 million. If we include their family, it probably reaches 3 million population, presenting a substantial market opportunity. Since many businesses are not yet part of the Pi Network, registering early allows them to be visible to our community, positioning their brand to attract these potential customers.

Most importantly, joining the Pi Network as a business partner is free of charge and poses no risks. This enables us to confidently approach business, including both Pi Network pioneers and outside businesses. We can assist them in signing up as pioneers if they haven't been pioneers, allowing them to create their own accounts. In the future, I am confident they will have the opportunity to establish business accounts after the official mainnet launch. When I say there is no risk, I mean they can register now but wait for the mainnet launch to accept full Pi payments. They do not need to take any immediate action, or they can opt for partial Pi payments at GCV right now if they have interest.

If local businesses want to start now, we can assist them in registering on the Map of Pi. They can begin with small items in limited supply, offering full Pi payment or a partial Pi payment ranging from 10% to 50%, depending on their profit margin. Different industries have varying profit rates. For the service industry, since costs are typically lower, Pi can be accepted at up to 50%. This approach ensures that businesses won't have to worry about their entire stock being purchased by Pi while they still need FIAT to pay business cost. This is for business sustainability. By selling their inventory, they can boost cash flow and reinvest in new purchasing, all while gaining some profit. This arrangement benefits both pioneers and merchants; pioneers can access a broader range of products, including cell phones, appliances, furniture, groceries, or even real estate property. So, before OM, they can start saving their living cost.

For example, in the Philippines, 50% of payments for condos can be made using Pi, while in China, that figure is 15% for apartments. We are approaching the OM phase, whether it happens next month or within the next seven months, and we are confident about the success of GCV for Pi's value. Consequently, businesses will not incur losses, as they have already covered their costs or a portion of their profits

with fiat currency. Profit part shows in Pi is very small amount.

We assist these businesses in increasing their sales, resulting in higher fiat profits than before. They retain a small portion of their profits in Pi. Additionally, the demand for their products and services is significant after OM, as pioneers can use Pi to purchase whatever they want but the ecosystem is not enough for the demanding. Therefore, there is no need to worry about sales. Once the OM phase begins, Pi can be exchanged for fiat currency at a fixed rate, so businesses won't have to be concerned about "price" fluctuations.

When we grasp the potential of the Pi Network, our confidence and enthusiasm in engaging with local businesses grow. Both my daughter and I registered in Map of Pi. While I didn't have a website and didn't sign up as a business partner, my daughter did, recognizing that it would benefit our business. Although the full impact may not be evident now, we anticipate significant growth soon. The sooner businesses register, the better; being an early bird often results in greater rewards. Early registrants can gain visibility within our community, attracting the attention of pioneers. If they register later, with many already signed up, they may struggle to capture the same level of interest.

The key to engaging with businesses is to approach them with confidence, emphasizing that we are here to help, not to beg or persuade. I recommend studying my articles, particularly the Pioneer's Handbook, which outlines how the Pi Network can help businesses increase profits. This information can be shared with local businesses to demonstrate the potential benefits.

Overall, it is essential that our efforts create mutual benefits. By supporting local businesses, we also support the development of the Pi Network, especially in relation to the GCV ecosystem. The success of GCV, valued at \$314,159, illustrates our potential. We don't need the Core Team to announce the OM Pi value because we are achieving success on the blockchain independently by GCV data already. Today I see during PiFest from Oct. 29th to Nov. 3rd, GCV occupy more than 85.75%. The CT recognizes this and has confidence in us, which is why they have set an OM deadline for next year, June 28th, but with expectations to OM next month.

The next step for our GCV merchants is to register on the Pi Network website after they understand the benefits for them.

Now, I will discuss why GCV merchants who are also pioneers should seize this opportunity to expedite the OM process. As I mentioned earlier, GCV can meet the OM hiding condition, and CT acknowledges that we are on the right track. This implies that the OM Pi value is GCV, and we need to leverage GCV to create more blockchain data and invite more businesses to support, respect, or adopt GCV for stable ecosystem with Pi value GCV circulation.

The more businesses that show support for GCV on the Pi Map, the more confidence CT will have in OM. Why is this important?

CT need to consider two key factors regarding the OM date. All pioneers only understand that CT has set a condition for 15 million KYC verifications and 10 million wallets. However, they are unaware of what make CT sometimes open the KYC, migration process fast and what makes them slow down. Although from a technical perspective, they could migrate more than 100,000 wallets every day without interruption, they have not done so. This raises the question of why completing the 10 million wallets is so slow and so challenging.

You must realize that they are monitoring network risks and security based on blockchain records. Frequent large transfers pose a high risk of black-market activity. On the other hand, increasing GCV means developing a more robust ecosystem with the GCV Pi value, which can help CT withstand speculation pressures from the OM exchange market.

If we can reduce black market data while increasing GCV data, CT will feel more secure and may accelerate the migration process, potentially making it continuous. Our goal is to achieve the OM milestone by year-end or the next month. With less than two months remaining, our success in reaching OM largely depends on pioneers' efforts to reduce black market activity and increase GCV data.

This is why I emphasize that education is crucial. It can help reduce black market data and encourage more businesses to join the ecosystem, thereby creating reliable GCV data. Our GCV Ambassador initiative aims to educate pioneers and merchants to support the business partner program and register more GCV sellers on the Map of Pi.

Even after OM, we will still need your continued efforts in education and ecosystem development. The months following OM will be critical in determining how quickly other pioneers can pass KYC and migrate. There will be variations in processes across different countries and regions, which will influence ecosystem development. At that point, we don't have black market issues and we just focus on the ecosystem. Therefore, all GCV Ambassadors in Rwanda should work diligently for your community.

This applies to all communities in all other countries. After the OM, we will see more outside businesses joining the Pi Network, but this will not happen immediately; it will be a gradual process. The confidence of these outside businesses relies on our internal community. If we unite and work harder to make Pi Network ecosystem strong, they will join us more quickly. And this is the reason Pi Network CT focus on offline local business. This will be the infrastructure of ecosystem after OM.

Thank you very much for your attention and commitment to Pi Network and the GCV movement.

I wish everyone great success at today's conference. After the conference, I encourage all GCV Ambassadors to assist your community in thoroughly understanding the information shared today and implementing it effectively. This will help all our pioneers faster KYC and faster migration before OM and after OM. In this way, we can help pioneers reach their financial freedom very fast. **(Doris Yin - Founder, Global GCV Movement)**

Philippines Generates 1,200,825 GCV Data Across 12 Regions, With Additional 11,038 Entries During PiFest

LUMARI RERORTS



Ms. Lumari

The Philippines continues to make significant strides in the Global Consensus Value (GCV) movement, having generated an impressive 1,200,825 GCV data entries from August 2023 to September 2024. These entries were gathered across 2 regions, showcasing the strength and dedication of the local GCV community.

In addition to these year-long efforts, the PiFest, held from **October 29 to November 5, 2024, contributed an additional 11,038 GCV data entries from a series of bartering activities conducted in various regions. Here's the breakdown of the GCV data generated during the PiFest:

- Cavite: 4,186 entries
- Batangas: 2,840 entries
- NCR (Quezon City): 1,212 entries
- Region 12: = 342 entries
- Burias Island: 855 entries

- Region 2: 1,307 entries
- Region 1: 295 entries

The total PiFest GCV data amounted to 11,038 entries. When this is added to the previously accumulated 1,200,825 entries generated from August 2023 to September 2024, the new total is 1,211,863 GCV data entries.

This achievement is a reflection of the Philippines' leadership in embracing the GCV movement and expanding the Pi ecosystem. Through bartering, merchants and pioneers exchanged goods and services, reinforcing the values of trust and collaboration that form the foundation of the GCV economy.

The data collected during PiFest was carefully reviewed and verified by Ambassador Jomar Gallego, ensuring its accuracy and contribution to the overall GCV database.

The ongoing participation of merchants, pioneers, and ambassadors in events like PiFest continues to strengthen the GCV community in the Philippines. With the momentum gained from this success, the nation is well-positioned to lead future efforts in building a more sustainable and decentralized economy powered by Pi and GCV.

Together, the Philippines is shaping the future of the GCV movement! (Lumari - Executive Director, GCV Core Team (GCV CT))



Building the Pi Merchant Ecosystem to Prepare for Open Mainnet: A Strategic Step Toward Global Success

With Pi Network's Open Mainnet approaching in just over a month, the Pi community stands at a pivotal moment. Over the past two years, the GCV movement has underscored the importance of building a sustainable economy, with an ecosystem of merchants being essential to establishing Pi as a valuable currency in daily life. This article discusses the next steps in strengthening Pi's merchant ecosystem and further expanding the influence of the GCV.

PiFest 2024 – A Global Success for Merchants and Pioneers

The recent PiFest 2024 event was a powerful demonstration of Pi's real-world commercial utility. According to Pi Network's official announcement, PiFest attracted over 23,000 active merchants and 24,000 test sellers from 167 countries and regions through the Map of Pi app. Posts on the #PiFest Fireside channel and social media platforms have inspired the community, showcasing a growing Pi merchant ecosystem ready for expansion beyond PiFest. This paves the way for real-world transactions and payments with Pi.

Evidence of the Power of Global Consensus Value (GCV)

GCV remains the focal point of Pi's merchant ecosystem, with the goal of achieving 1 Pi = 314,159 USD. From January to the end of October 2024, nearly 3 million GCV transaction records have been generated — a testament to the strong support from merchants in building a reliable, global Pi ecosystem. By accepting and using Pi in

transactions, merchants have contributed to creating a foundation for Pi's stable and lasting value as we approach Open Mainnet.

Strengthening the Merchant Ecosystem with GCV

To ensure the broad adoption of GCV, merchants participating in the ecosystem need to fully understand and commit to this value. This not only helps maintain Pi's value but also strengthens trust among Pioneers and merchants worldwide. In this way, Pi will achieve a solid economic foundation once Open Mainnet officially launches, protecting the interests of the entire community and setting a benchmark for global transactions.

Conclusion

Strategic steps within the merchant ecosystem are essential for Pi Network's future success. PiFest 2024 marked an impressive beginning, but it's crucial for the community to continue strengthening this ecosystem, particularly with the GCV value of 1 Pi = 314,159 USD. All Pioneers and merchants should continue to participate in Pi-powered local commerce to prepare for the upcoming Open Mainnet and to collaboratively build a sustainable global Pi economy.

The article now emphasizes the details about GCV, the value of 1 Pi = 314,159 USD, and the nearly 3 million GCV transaction records in 2024, as a testament to the support from merchants in building the Pi ecosystem. (Jojo Executive Director Asst. Global GCV CT)

1st TWG meeting held for PH hosting of FIVB 2025 men's worlds

The Philippines' first-ever hosting of the FIVB (international volleyball federation) 2025 had its first inter-agency technical working group (TWG) meeting at Rizal Memorial Sports Complex in Manila.

"Our first inter-agency meeting for the FIVB 2025 Men's World Championship drew a lot of interest from various government and non-government agencies," Ramon Suzara, head of both the Asian Volleyball Confederation and Philippine National Volleyball Federation, said in his address before the TWG meeting on Tuesday.

Suzara is also president and chief executive officer of the local organizing committee (LOC) for the worlds set Sept. 12 to 28 next year at Mall of Asia Arena in Pasay City and Smart Araneta Coliseum in Quezon City.

"We will all be part of this historic hosting. This is just our first inter-agency meeting and we're looking forward to another collaboration [in the second week of December]," Suzara said. "Your meaningful insights are very important in this hosting."

Philippine Sports

Commission Chairman Richard Bachmann welcomed over 40 representatives representing 20 agencies and organizations.

"As we gather here, we are tasked to establish our comprehensive strategies and ensure all our relevant assignments are well-coordinated to achieve the smooth and outstanding staging of this world championship," Bachmann said.

"We have already proven our capacity to stage this kind of international tournament after our successful hosting of multiple continental and global events this year," he added.

Presidential son William Vincent Araneta-Marcos and Senator Alan Peter Cayetano co-chair the LOC, with Senator Pia Cayetano, Bachmann, Philippine Olympic Committee (POC) president Abraham Tolentino and MVP Group of Companies head

Manuel V. Pangilinan as members.

Representatives from the POC, Department of Information and Communications Technology, Department of Transportation, Department of Education, Bureau of Customs, Department of Public Works and Highways, Bureau of Immigrations, Department of Foreign Affairs, National Intelligence Coordinating Agency, Philippine National Police, Department of Finance, Department of Budget and Management, Office of Senator Alan Cayetano, Philippine National Anti-Doping Organization, Department of Tourism, Department of the Interior and Local Government, Metro Manila Development Authority, and Philippine Postal Corporation attended the meeting.

Thirty countries, including the Philippines, are seeing action in the world championship. (PR)



2025 FIVB HOSTING. Members and representatives of the local organizing committee attend the technical working group meeting at Rizal Memorial Sports Complex in Manila on Tuesday (Nov. 5, 2024) for the country's hosting of the FIVB 2025 Men's Volleyball World Championship. Thirty countries, including the Philippines, will join the tournament to be held Sept. 12 to 28, 2025. (PSC photo)

'Atletang Ayala' Delgado nurtures another Olympic dream

The "Atletang Ayala" project of the Ayala Center for Excellence in Sports will support its roster of 19 athletes all the way, including those dreaming of making it to the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics.

This year's batch is led by Paris Olympics rower Joanie Delgado and Paralympian Allain Ganapin of taekwondo.

Delgado, 26, was the first female rower of the Philippines to qualify for the Olympics.

She did not medal in Paris but landed No. 2 overall in the Division D finals.

The other Ayala athletes are Amparo Acuña and Franchette Quiroz, shooting; Kurt Barbosa (Tokyo Olympics 2021), Baby Canabal, Dave Cea, Laila Delo and Veronica Garces, taekwondo; Jason Baucas, wrestling; Abby Bidaure and Jonathan Reaport, archery; Janna Catantan, Allaine Cortey, Noelito Jose Jr., Samuel Tranquilan and Nathaniel Perez, fencing; and John Ferrer and Leah Jhane Lopez, judo.

The two-pronged program augments resources for training and competition while providing opportunities for career growth.

They are full-salaried employees with flexible work arrangements in various Ayala companies, covered by a health program, which includes physiotherapy, strength and conditioning, and sports psychology; have access to world-class sports and fitness facilities at Ayala Vermosa Sports Hub in Cavite; and will be granted fixed support for international training camps and competitions.

"Atletang Ayala will help me a lot in terms of extra support for my training here and abroad. It will also help me as a professional in



Joanie Delgado, rower (Photo courtesy of Ayala Center for Excellence in Sports)

the Ayala group, in terms of new skills and knowledge imparted by the program," Delgado, a native of Iriga City, Camarines Sur, said during the new batch's launch at Ayala Triangle Tower Two in Makati City on Wednesday morning.

Delgado said an athlete's life is never easy. "We get tired but we don't stop," she said in a previous interview. "Self-discipline, love for the sport and prayers because yes, I am eyeing to join the Olympics again."

Delgado and her batchmates will also actively participate in sports-related and volunteer programs of various Ayala companies and Ayala Foundation for the next four years.

Without mentioning specific amounts, Atletang Ayala project head Jan Bengzon said their salaries are "very competitive."

"Think about being at par with incentives for gold medalists," Bengzon said. He said the bemedalled athletes are ranked within the top 200 in their events and are, realistically, most

likely to make it big in international competitions.

"Through the Atletang Ayala program, the Ayala group seeks to inspire more Filipinos to pursue their athletic dreams and bring the nation together through sports," AC Mobility chief executive officer Jaime Alfonso Zobel de Ayala said in a statement.

Atletang Ayala's first batch was formed in April 2022 when the Covid-19 pandemic was starting to calm down.

Bidaure and fellow archers, sister Pia and Andrea Robles; fencers Perez and Jose; swimmers Jasmine Alkhalidi and Xiandi Chua; and karateka Prince Alejo made up the initial batch.

"Atletang Ayala is the group's investment in the next generation of sports leaders who will influence and inspire others to excel in whatever field they choose," Ayala Foundation president Tony Lambino said. (PNA)

Antique releases P1.5-M allowance for 'Batang Pinoy' athletes

SAN JOSE DE BUENAVISTA, Antique – Antique's provincial government on Tuesday released PHP1.5 million for the allowance of 88 athletes and 12 technical officials who will represent the province at the 2024 Batang Pinoy in Puerto Princesa City, Palawan on Nov. 23-28.



ALLOWANCE. Antique Governor Rhodora J. Cadio (4th from left), on Tuesday (Nov. 5, 2024), leads the release of PHP15,000 each to athletes and coaches for the Batang Pinoy in Puerto Princesa City, Palawan on Nov. 23-28. Cadio said in an interview that providing them an allowance would encourage more Antiqueños to engage in sports. (PNA photo by Annabel Consuelo J. Petinglay)

Governor Rhodora J. Cadio said in an interview that the support, which is higher than the PHP1 million in 2023, is part of encouraging more Antiqueños to engage in sports.

"Each athlete and coach received a PHP15,000 allowance," she said.

The athletes will participate in 11 events – taekwondo, dance sports, pencak silat, boxing, swimming, chess, table

tennis, athletics, arnis, archery, and beach volleyball.

"We are giving the athletes, chosen well to represent our province, all support," Cadio said.

She said through sports, athletes develop not only the spirit of competition but also self-discipline.

Meanwhile, Cadio said the provincial government has allocated PHP43 million for athletes and technical

officials who will join the Antique Provincial Athletic Association Meet (APAAM) at the Binirayan Gymnasium in San Jose de Buenavista as the main venue on Dec. 4-8.

Athletes will compete in 23 sports events in preparation for the Western Visayas Regional Athletic Meet Association (WVRAA), which Antique will host in the second week of March 2025. (PNA)

PhilHealth now covers readmission for same illness within 90 days

The Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) has lifted its single period of confinement (SPC) policy, allowing members readmitted due to the same illness in 90 days to claim benefits.

"After extensive evaluation, we have lifted the rule of Single Period of Confinement to ensure continuous coverage for patients with recurring conditions," PhilHealth Chief Emmanuel Ledesma said in a news release Thursday.

The SPC rule imposed that admissions and readmissions due to the same illness or procedure within a 90-calendar day period should only be compensated once.

In 2023, it resulted in the denial of 26,750 claims including community-acquired pneumonia, acute gastroenteritis, urinary tract infection, and chronic kidney disease.

Ledesma noted that the initiative applies to medical

conditions and surgical procedures under the All Case Rate payment scheme.

"We understand that health is not just a privilege but an essential right for every Filipino. In these challenging times, we stand with them, and always make sure to deliver all the benefits they deserve," he said.

Last month, Health Secretary Teodoro Herbosa said the SPC was developed during the time of Philippine Medical Care Act of 1969 to avoid fraudulent benefit claims.

Herbosa said current technologies against fraud are better and that the Universal Health Care Act of 2019 ushers an era of



(PNA photo by Joan Bondoc)

affordable and accessible healthcare services for all Filipinos.

Ledesma reminded members and qualified dependents that they are entitled to a maximum of

45 days coverage for room and board per year.

However, this does not apply to the hemodialysis benefits package as it has a separate 156 sessions allocated per year. (PNA)

ICYMI: DOSTRO2 conducts SalikLakbay in Search for GIs



Cabarroguis, Quirino - DOST Region 02 thru the Provincial Science and Technology Office Quirino searches Grass Innovations for GRIND Project in partnership with the Local Government Unit of Cabarroguis.

Ms. Rowena Guzman, Science Research Specialist II and GRIND focal person discussed the GRIND PROGRAM to processors and manufactures from the 17 barangays of Cabarroguis.

The GRIND program or Grassroots thru Science Technology and Innovation for Inclusive Development aims to provide opportunities for overall growth by utilising community led-solutions geared for sustainable

development.

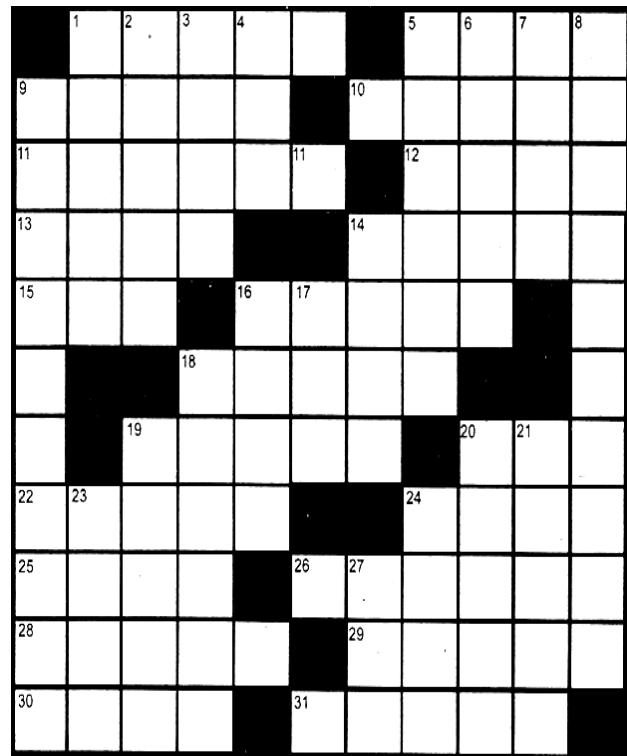
To identify GI, Ms. Guzman conducted a focus group discussion to identify current products made by "kailyan" to be assessed for possible GI and were validated thru Saliklakbay.

Meanwhile, Ms. Lhea V. Seculles discussed DOST Programs and Project to further enlighten the participants on DOSTs initiatives in the province.

Four possible GIs were identified for the province of Quirino.



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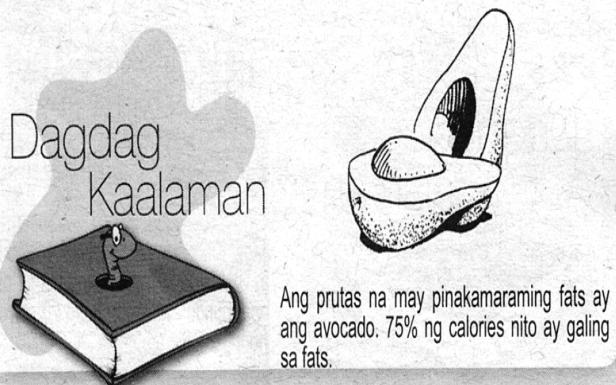
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PGC's Panatang Makabata

In observance of National Children's Month, the Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC) reaffirmed its commitment to the rights and well-being of children by reciting the Panatang Makabata during the Monday Flag Raising Ceremony on November 4, 2024 at the Provincial Gymnasium in Trece Martires City.



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Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Provincial Federation President Chelsea Jillian G. Sarno led the collective recitation of the pledge with PGC officials headed by Governor Athena Bryana Tolentino, and the employees, underscoring PGC's dedication to promoting the welfare, protection, and empowerment of the youth and children, aligning with the core principles of National Children's Month. **(OPIO)**

PSHP conducts Seminar on PDEA Regulatory Updates

On November 6, 2024, the Philippine Society of Hospital Pharmacists (PSHP) – Cavite Chapter conducted a Seminar on Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) Regulatory Updates at the Cavite Collaboration Center for Public Health, Trece Martires City. The seminar aimed to discuss the latest policies and strategies pertaining to the management and administration of dangerous drugs and its enforcement, which brought together pharmacists from public and private hospitals in the province.



The seminar featured speakers from PDEA, Ms. Rowena A. Kalalo – Chief, Regional Compliance Section and Mr. Muhammad Al Fath A. Awak – Dangerous Drugs Regulation Officer III. Both provided critical insights into the recent regulatory developments, offering guidance on updated compliance measures and operational best practices in line with the dangerous drugs.

Participants engaged in interactive discussions, enhancing their knowledge of PDEA's regulatory framework and deepening their commitment to supporting the agency's mission. **(OPIO)**



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NEDA Board OKs changes in flood control projects in Cavite, NCR

The National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) Board on Tuesday approved the extension of the construction period and other adjustments to the Cavite Industrial Area-Flood Risk Management Project (CIA-FRIMP) and the Pasig-Marikina River Channel Improvement Project (PMRCIP) - Phase IV.



President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. (File photo)

The NEDA Board, chaired by President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., gave its approval during its 22nd meeting at Malacañan Palace in Manila, according to a statement from the Presidential Communications Office (PCO).

The PCO said the approved changes in the CIA-FRIMP include the increase in the total project cost to PHP22.037 billion, higher by 122.79 percent or PHP12.146 billion from PHP9.891 billion.

The NEDA Board also approved the 65-month extension of the project's implementation period starting from April 2025 until September 2029, the PCO said, adding it has been adjusted from the original October 2019 to April 2024.

The PCO said the NEDA Board also gave its nod to the change in the scope of work, particularly the widening of diversion channels and additional drainage channels.

Another adjustment was a loan reallocation totaling JPY1.042 billion from consulting services (JPY 384 billion) and contingencies.

"I think maybe the detailed engineering had to compensate for weather changes. And then the housing, wala 'yung housing sa (the housing) **► NEDA BOARD • 3**

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