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Cavite Governor Distributes Incentives to BHWs and BNSs

The Provincial Government of Cavite, under the leadership of Governor Athena Bryana Tolentino, distributed incentives for Barangay Health Workers (BHWs) and Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNSs) for the third and fourth quarters of 2024. The ceremonial turnover of cheques amounting to ₱24,480,000 for BHWs and ₱9,384,000 for BNSs was held on December 4, 2024, at the Tagaytay International Convention Center in Tagaytay City.

Governor Tolentino together with Tagaytay Mayor Bambol Tolentino personally handed over the cheques to Dr. Nonie John Dalisay, Provincial Health Officer along with some BHW and BNS. The event was graced by some members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, who expressed their full support for the health and nutrition initiatives of the province.

In her message, Governor Tolentino emphasized the vital role of BHWs and BNSs in ensuring the well-being of Caviteños, especially in grassroots communities.

The distribution of incentives marks the provincial government's continued commitment to recognizing and supporting the invaluable contributions of community health and nutrition workers. (OPIO)



PHINMA buys St. Jude College Dasmariñas Cavite for P432 million

The Del Rosario family-led PHINMA Education has purchased St. Jude College Dasmariñas Cavite (SJCDC) for P432 million.



The acquisition brings to 167,000 the number of students in PHINMA's education network, making it the largest in Southeast Asia's private higher education sector in terms of enrollment.

The Philippines' leading private higher education firm said in a disclosure on Monday, December 9,

that it closed the deal on 94.64% ownership of the school last Friday. PHINMA Education

already has in its portfolio St. Jude College (SJC) in Manila and in Quezon City.

ASIN Center: Salt Innovation for a Better Future

DOST Undersecretary for Regional Operations, Engr. Sancho A. Mabborang together with DOST 1 Regional Director, Dr. Teresita A. Tabaog, and PSTO-Pangasinan Provincial Director, Engr. Arnold C. Santos visited the Accelerating Salt Research and Innovation (ASIN) Center on December 11, 2024, at PSU Binmaley Campus, Binmaley, Pangasinan.



ASIN Center was established under the DOST- Niche Centers in the Regions (NICER) Program. It is a center that focuses on developing new and innovative salt production methods, improving existing processes, and identifying new markets for salt.

Dr. Elbert M. Galas, President of Pangasinan State University (PSU) expressed his gratitude to the DOST and all partner agencies and SUCs. Dr. Galas said that it is just right that the ASIN Center is being led by the PSU and established in Pangasinan since Pangasinan came from the root word "Panag-asinan" which means "where salt is made." Dr. Galas said that the ASIN center will revitalize the dying salt industry in the country.

Dr. Teresita A. Tabaog, Regional Director of DOST 1 introduced the ASIN Center and updates on the OneASIN Program being led by the agency. "With all the efforts, and technologies being deployed in the salt industry in the region, we are actually giving hopes to increase the salt production in the country" **ASIN CENTER • 3**



3,264 SENIOR CITIZENS NG BARANGAY 1-8, MADUYA, AT BANCAL, TUMANGGAP NG PAMASKONG HANDOG MULA SA LGU CARMONA: Maaga ang Kapaskuhan para sa mga Senior Citizens ng City of Carmona! May 3,264 na Senior Citizens mula sa City of Carmona ang nakatanggap ng Pamaskong Handog mula sa Lokal na Pamahalaan ng Carmona. Sana po ay makatulong po ang handog na ito para maging masaya ang inyong selebrasyon ngayong Holiday Season. Kasama sina Congressman Roy M. Loyola, City Vice Mayor Cesar L. Ines Jr., at Sangguniang Panlungsod Members, binabati po namin kayo ng Maligayang Pasko at Manigong Bagong Taon! #PamaskongHandog2024 #SeniorCitizens #CityOfCarmona #LungsodNgCarmona #LGUCarmona #BayanMunaLagi #DapatAngatLahat

DOST R02 Successfully Conducts Two-Day Enhancing Science Communication Training

The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Region 2, through its Science and Technology Information and Promotion Unit, conducted a two-day Enhancing Science Communication Training Program on December 9–10, 2024, at the NGN Gran Hotel in Tuguegarao City. The event aimed to enhance disaster preparedness, improve public awareness, and strengthen science communication strategies. It was attended by information officers, Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) members from various municipalities in the region, and members of the agency's S&T pen.

Day 1: Disaster Preparedness and Visual Design

Storm Surge and Flood Forecasting in the Gran Main Hall, Engr. Romeo B. Ganai, a Weather Specialist from DOST PAGASA, delivered an in-depth discussion on storm surge

and flood forecasting systems for LGUs. Engr. Ganai, speaking virtually, provided detailed explanations of storm surge warnings and the tropical cyclone warning system. He emphasized the importance of accurate interpretation of weather



advisories to effectively mitigate disaster risks.

Simultaneously, Mr. James Karl Agpalza, a Graphic Designer and Faculty member from CSU-Aparri, facilitated a workshop on Basic Visual Design and Software Tools for the S&T pen. Participants were introduced to the fundamentals of graphic design, including font selection, color, and design elements. Mr. Agpalza also provided hands-on training on tools such as Photopea and Photoshop, stressing the importance of consistent practice to create visually impactful materials.

Day 2: Geological Hazards and Science Communication

The second day of the training focused on geological hazards and the importance of science

communication in disaster risk reduction: Understanding Geological Hazards Engr. Jayferson Maborang, Supervising SRS of PSTO Cagayan, delivered a comprehensive presentation on earthquakes, volcanoes, and their associated risks. Addressing LGU participants, he underscored the significance of understanding the region's geological landscape to improve disaster preparedness and resilience.

In another session, Dr. Rocela Angelica Gorospe, Provincial Director of PSTO Quirino, facilitated an engaging discussion on the Science Communication Agenda and Framework. Through interactive workshops, members of the S&T pen developed

essential skills such as crafting communication personas, handling interview scenarios, and tailoring messages for effective public outreach. PD Gorospe emphasized the critical role of science communication in promoting disaster resilience and its importance for agency employees.

The two-day program also featured open forums, allowing participants to interact with experts, ask questions, and address pressing concerns. This initiative reaffirms DOST R02's commitment to fostering safer and smarter communities across Cagayan Valley by leveraging science, technology, and effective communication as essential tools for disaster preparedness and resilience.



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Today, Governor Athena Tolentino led the Women's Welfare Program in the town of Gen. Mariano Alvarez, where 2,000 women received Php 2,000 in financial assistance. This program stands as a testament to her unwavering commitment to empowering Caviteño women and promoting inclusive progress in communities across the province. Joining Governor Athena in this program were Senator Francis "Tol" Tolentino, 5th District Representative Cong. Roy Loyola, and Board Member Aidel Belamide. Local officials, led by Mayor Maricel Torres Echevarria and members of the Sangguniang Bayan, also graced the occasion to show their full support for this important initiative. The Women's Welfare Program continues to make a lasting impact by providing not just financial support but also hope, opportunity, and empowerment to Caviteño women.

CHINATOWN TV sent field reporters to attend the Seminar on Press Officers and Journalists for the Philippines

On November 27, 2024, Chinatown TV sent reporters Shakespeare Go and Andrew See to Changsha, China, to participate in the "Seminar on Press Officers and Journalists for the Philippines" sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China and organized by the Hunan International Business Vocational College. The opening ceremony was held at 2:30 pm on that day at the conference room on the 3rd floor of the Meinian Hotel 21° in Changsha.

Xu Qianya, project manager of the China-Aid Training Faculty of Hunan International Business Vocational College, served as the host of the opening ceremony. She first introduced the leaders, as well as Chinese and foreign guests, and then invited the participants to introduce themselves.

Liu Qi, second investigator of the E-commerce Department of the Hunan Provincial Department of Commerce, attended the opening

ceremony and delivered a speech. He said that Hunan Province not only holds a significant position in domestic journalism, but has also established a good international reputation, providing valuable experience and a model for the cooperation between journalism and communication between China and the Philippines.

Tang Jin, Party Secretary of Hunan International Business Vocational College, said in his speech that this is the

14th consecutive year that the school has organized a training program for the news media. They will invite experts and professionals from renowned universities and enterprises in Hunan Province to engage in in-depth discussions on journalism management experiences with everyone.

In her speech, student representative Reamon Ma. Theresa Malit said that this seminar presented a unique



opportunity for the students. She believed that this will deepen their understanding of the crucial work of press officers and journalists, and further strengthen the

ties between the two nations in the realm of media and communication.

The opening ceremony ended successfully after a group photo of the

participating leaders, guests, and students. The training program will be held over 14 days from November 27 to December 10.

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division. For the 5-kilometer run, Hanz Teo Ramirez secured the top spot in the male category, and Salt Balasan triumphed in the female category.

Adding to the excitement, the top 20 finishers in both

categories received advocacy-themed shirts, symbolizing their commitment to promoting gender equality and combating violence.

The activity underscored the Provincial Government's unwavering commitment

to protecting the rights and welfare of women and children.

The success of the run not only raised awareness about violence prevention but also fostered a sense of unity and empowerment among participants, proving that collective action can spark meaningful change. (OPIO)

Science City...

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Engr. Sancho A. Maborang, DOST Undersecretary for Regional Operations, presented the Smart & Sustainable Communities Program (SSCP), a flagship initiative of DOST aimed at transforming communities and cities into smart, sustainable, and inclusive areas through people-centric and digitally driven solutions. Usec. Maborang also highlighted various programs and activities that demonstrate DOST's commitment to addressing community challenges through scientific interventions and innovations.

DOST Secretary Dr.

Renato U. Solidum Jr. underscored the vital role of STI in national development, emphasizing, "Save lives, empower communities, and build a prosperous nation. This is the result of our leaders and stakeholders believing in the potential of science, technology, and innovation to catalyze growth and transformation." Secretary Solidum also showcased initiatives and programs focused on protecting the environment while driving progress toward a greener economy.

One of the key highlights of the opening ceremonies was the awarding of the Metals Engineering Innovations Center and the

ceremonial turnover of Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) Plans. Additionally, the "Kaagapay ng Agham" awards were presented to co-hosts and partners of DOST Region III in recognition of their invaluable contributions to the advancement of STI in the region.

The 2024 RSTW serves as a platform for showcasing innovative solutions, fostering collaborations, and opening new opportunities for sustainable development. The event runs until December 12, 2024, featuring exhibitions, seminars, and activities that aim to inspire and empower participants to harness STI for a better future. (Nelson Santos)

ASIN Center...

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which will benefit the entire value chain," Dr. Tabao added.

Usec. Maborang congratulated PSU for leading the ASIN Center. He said that the efforts and advancements in the salt industry will provide end-to-end solutions and bright paths.

He said that one of DOST's many things that are doing is to capacitate

SUCs and provide facilities that will benefit students, faculties, and the country.

Usec. Maborang also commended PSU for its commitment and accomplishment. "Marami na po kayong nagawa but we need to accelerate things with your excellent pool of experts, not for us, not for you, but for the community," he challenged.

Present in the activity are the partner universities from DMMMSU, MMSU, PRMSU, representatives of the ASIN Center Steering Committee, BFAR, DENR, TESDA, DTI, DOST, and Provincial Government of Pangasinan, and DOST-PCIEERD.

DOST will continue to provide solutions, and open opportunities through science, technology, and innovation. (Bernalyn P. Martinez and Brenn Justin P. Guevarra)

DEED OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE OF THE LATE GABRIEL MEJIA DOMAOAL (With Confirmation of the Sale to Christine T. Millendez)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE PUBLIC THAT This DEED made and entered into this 09 December 2024 in Bacoor City, Philippines, by and among: CARL KRISTIAN MEJIA DOMAOAL (only sibling-brother of deceased), of legal age, Filipino citizen, single, and resident of Wood Estate Village II, Brgy. Molino III, Bacoor City, Cavite, Philippines, hereinafter referred to as the HEIR; WITNESSETH: THAT WHEREAS, on September 28, 2017, the HEIR, along with his only sibling, his brother GABRIEL MEJIA DOMAOAL, a minor who was then acting through his legal guardian, executed a "Deed of Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate with Sale" in order to extrajudicially settle the estate of their father, the late FERDINAND B. DOMAOAL, a widower who died without any will on October 16, 2015. The settled estate of their deceased father was his 1/3 share/portion of the property at No. 16 Cork Road, Block 6, Lot 17, Wood Estate Village II, Brgy. Molino III, Bacoor City, Cavite, Philippines, covered by T.C.T. No. T-1281339, R.D. for the Province of Cavite. Said property was then co-owned by three (3) registered co-owners, the deceased father FERDINAND, and the brothers CARL KRISTIAN and GABRIEL, all surnamed DOMAOAL, at 1/3 each; WHEREAS, the processing of the said "Deed of Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate with Sale" was put on hold, and the title is not yet transferred to the vendee (CHRISTINE T. MILLENDEZ), despite payment of the BIR and transfer taxes, and the issuance of the Certificate Authorizing Registration, considering that GABRIEL MEJIA DOMAOAL was still minor at the time, and it was deemed proper that CARL KRISTIAN and vendee CHRISTINE would wait for GABRIEL to come to majority/ legal age to confirm the sale of his 1/3 portion (25 square meters) and the portion (12.5 square meters) he inherited from his deceased father FERDINAND. However, before coming to majority/legal age (actually, he was 16 years old), GABRIEL passed away due to lingering illness ("cancer") on April 28, 2024, in San Diego, California, U.S.A.; WHEREAS, GABRIEL MEJIA DOMAOAL, at the time of his death (April 28, 2024), was unmarried, without any issue, all his ascendants (parents) have already passed away, thus, leaving his sibling, only brother CARL KRISTIAN MEJIA DOMAOAL, as his SOLE HEIR, the only surviving collateral relative entitled to succeed to his ESTATE; however, the HEIR realizes that GABRIEL has NO ESTATE left behind, the only property he owned was his 1/3 portion (25 square meters) and the portion (12.5 square meters) he inherited from his deceased father FERDINAND, and this was already conveyed to the vendee (CHRISTINE T. MILLENDEZ) by way of the aforementioned "Deed of Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate with Sale". That out of respect, and knowing fully well that the proceeds of the sale was used principally for the medication of GABRIEL, this Deed will serve only the proper act — to confirm and affirm the sale of portion of the subject property, pertaining to that of GABRIEL, to the vendee (CHRISTINE T. MILLENDEZ); WHEREAS, there are no other known properties of the decedents, nor are there receivables, payables, dues and/or obligations in favor or against the decedent; and WHEREAS, it is to the best interest of the HEIR to SETTLE EXTRAJUDICIALLY the ESTATE of his brother GABRIEL, if there be any remaining, in the manner hereinafter set forth; NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of foregoing premises, and invoking the provisions of Section 1, Rule 74 of the Rules of Court, the HEIR hereto admits and recognizes his successional rights, interests, legitimes and participations in the decedent's estate, if there be any; however, with respect to GABRIEL's estate/portion on the property covered by T.C.T. No. T-1281339, R.D. for the Province of Cavite [his 1/3 portion (25 square meters) and the portion (12.5 square meters) he inherited from his deceased father FERDINAND], the same is hereby AFFIRMED AND CONFIRMED to have been lawfully sold to vendee CHRISTINE T. MILLENDEZ by virtue of the aforesaid "Deed of Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate with Sale" of September 28, 2017. As to other properties that may form part of GABRIEL's estate HEIR (except that covered by T.C.T. No. 1-1281339) the same shall be adjudicated to the HEIR pursuant to law; THAT by virtue of this extrajudicial settlement with confirmation of sale, the whole property covered by T.C.T. No. T-1281339, R.D. for the Province of Cavite, should now be transferred, registered, and titled exclusively to the VENDEE, CHRISTINE T. MILLENDEZ; THAT that other properties that may hereafter be found to be part of the estate of the decedent shall be partitioned and distributed in a manner that would supplement this Deed. This has been the subject of DEED OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE OF THE LATE GABRIEL MEJIA DOMAOAL (With Confirmation of the Sale to Christine T. Millendez) duly executed by the HEIR on December 09, 2024 at Bacoor City, Cavite before NOTARY PUBLIC ATTY. RAMEL A. AGUINALDO as per Doc. No. 160; Page No. 033; Book No. 121; Series of 2024.

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Doris Yin

Doris Yin 12/12/2024 Congratulation to GCV Community Speech

Dear Global Pioneers,

Today is December 12, 2024, marking our GCV CT goal for OM has achieved! Congratulations to the entire GCV Community!

Some pioneers have questioned why we have not achieved OM today. I want to clarify that our Global GCV CT and all country-specific GCV CTs have done a wonderful job. We have reached our goal: GCV has accelerated in nearly all countries. Many pioneers have stepped up to support GCV, and barbers

are happening every day, often every hour, worldwide. Numerous merchants are registering on MapofPi with GCV. This is an amazing achievement for the Global GCV CT, and our Executive Committee members have contributed greatly. This achievement is the foundation that CT unblocked many tentative and pending KYC applications, increasing the migration speed today.

I would like to extend a special thanks to Committee Chair Ms. Lumari, Vice Chair Ms. Nonny, Chair Assistant Mr. Jojo, and members Mr. Iyanda and Mr. Kiavash. Additionally, the contributions from our strong communities in Africa, the Arab region, and Latin America have been commendable. A special shout-out goes to all the GCV Ambassadors from countries such as the Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia, and China especially Taiwan China area, who have played a significant role in our success today!

Now, let's look at what's happening based on the reactions from CT. Just a few minutes ago, we reached 7,503,885 wallets! Some pioneers reported that over 80,000 wallets have migrated today in less than 24 hours, and many pioneers have successfully passed KYC. Numerous tentative accounts are turning green today and many wallets have migrated to Pi today! Can we see CT have confidence on us?

This achievement is no coincidence; it reflects the hard work of our entire GCV

community, demonstrating to CT that we value our Pi to GCV \$314,159 and support GCV ecosystem development. The risk of failure reduced and the ecosystem shows promise. Why is CT take action today? Because we set December 12, 2024, as our target date to reach our goal, and we achieved it! CT acknowledged our commitment and collaborate with our goal!

From personal estimate, CT will expedite the KYC and migration process over the remaining 19 days, aiming for 10 million migrations if we continue our efforts. I estimate that starting December 16, CT will accelerate their pace. From now until December 16, they will increase their testing efforts. CT announced that they can double their migration speed capacity before June 28. Previously, the highest speed they achieved was almost 70,000 wallets in one day before June 28th, so I estimate they can reach full capacity since December 16, 2024, targeting 140,000 to 150,000 wallets per day. The reason is there is 14 days safe periods when pioneers cannot use their Pi after migration.

Attention all GCV Ambassadors and pioneers: please continue assisting community pioneers in completing their KYC, setting up migrations, and fulfilling other necessary tasks. It is also essential to promote GCV education and register businesses on MapofPi. After the OM, we need to focus on educating and expanding the ecosystem to ensure that the remaining 50 million pioneers can migrate quickly. The speed of this process relies on the collective efforts of the Pi community.

In the initial three months following the OM, we will see external businesses gradually joining. Therefore, we must work diligently to maintain a stable and successful Pi Network. Once we establish a strong and stable foundation, a significant number of businesses and institutions will be ready to join us.

All global pioneers, let's harness our efforts during these 19 days to demonstrate to CT our readiness and unwavering support for GCV, with a strong focus on education and ecosystem development. Our collective behavior will shape their decisions, so let's unite. Release all negative thoughts and doubts. Embrace full confidence in CT, GCV, and in yourselves.????

Together, let's pray for and anticipate a successful Pi revolution soon this year!
(Doris Yin - Founder, Global GCV Movement Dec.12th, 2024)

The Story of GCV Pioneers: Journey and Vision

In the world of cryptocurrency, where groundbreaking ideas face skepticism and challenges, the Global Consensus Value (GCV) movement of the Pi Network has emerged as a beacon of innovation and unity. At the heart of this movement are the inspiring stories of GCV Pioneers—dedicated individuals building a future they believe in: a global ecosystem with stable and recognized value for Pi.

The Beginning of the Journey

For many Pioneers, the journey with the Pi Network began with a simple belief in the potential of a digital currency that could empower people everywhere. From remote rural areas to bustling cities, these Pioneers saw Pi as more than just an opportunity to earn—it was a way to connect and contribute to a global vision.

The GCV movement arose from a shared aspiration: to establish a stable and fair value for Pi. In this process, Pioneers not only mined Pi but also actively organized workshops, community discussions, and engaged with merchants to persuade them to accept Pi at GCV. These efforts required time, dedication, and patience but have forged strong relationships and

significant progress.

Inspiring Stories

1. Ramesh Shetty - GCV Ecosystem Development Ambassador in India

Ramesh Shetty, an experienced professional from Thane, India, brings exceptional dedication and skills to the GCV movement. With over 20 years of expertise in business management and regulatory compliance, he has significantly contributed to the development of the GCV ecosystem.

As Associate Director at M/s. DJ Mediaprint & Logistics Limited, Ramesh has successfully connected local communities and merchants, fostering the adoption of Pi in real-world transactions. With a positive mindset and far-reaching vision, Ramesh is committed to expanding the GCV ecosystem in India and creating a positive impact on the global community.

2. Kerun Li - GCV Ambassador in Spain

Kerun Li, originally from Shanxi, China, and now residing in Valencia, Spain, has made great strides in promoting the GCV culture within the Spanish community. As the founder of the Oriental Vegetarian Health Club, he implemented a payment method of 50%

Pi and 50% CNY, reinforcing the value of Pi in real-world transactions.

With rich experience in media and business, Kerun Li has become a symbol of innovation and perseverance in the GCV movement. His groundbreaking approach and dedication serve as a significant source of inspiration for Pioneers worldwide.

3. Edier Alonso Rincon - Chief GCV Ambassador for Latin America

Edier Alonso Rincon, formerly the GCV Ambassador for Colombia, has been appointed Chief GCV Ambassador for Latin America. In this role, he leads initiatives to expand the GCV ecosystem, promote merchant participation, and organize educational programs for Pioneers and new ambassadors.

Edier has demonstrated exceptional leadership and unwavering commitment to the GCV movement, driving the Latin American community forward in its development journey. His contributions not only bring economic value but also build a solid foundation for collaboration and continuous learning in the region.

Vision for the Future

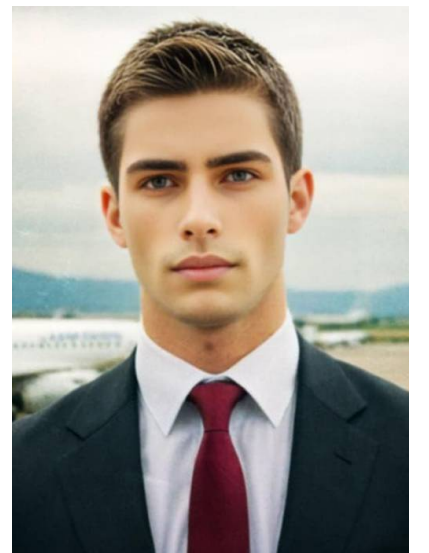
GCV Pioneers are not just laying the foundation for the Pi ecosystem; they are also future leaders. With Open Mainnet (OM) approaching, their vision extends beyond establishing a stable value for Pi to building a global economy where Pi empowers people, regardless of their origin.

A Call to Action

The GCV movement is not just an economic journey; it is a revolution in mindset, a call for unity and creativity. Every Pioneer, no matter how small their contribution, plays a crucial role in realizing this vision.

Let us continue the GCV story together. Let us build, connect, and inspire to make the Pi Network a symbol of innovation and hope in the digital currency world.

Author: Mr. JoJo, Assistant Executive Director, GCV Core Team, sharing the real-life stories of GCV Pioneers worldwide.



Jojo



In the Municipality of Indang, Governor Athena Tolentino led the Women's Welfare Program, distributing Php 2,000 in financial aid to 2,000 women. She was joined by 7th District Board Member Abeng Remulla, Mayor Perfecto Fidel, and members of the Sangguniang Bayan, showcasing a unified commitment to supporting women and their communities. Now on its 17th local government unit (LGU), the program has reached a remarkable milestone benefiting 34,000 women across the province. This achievement underscores the significant impact of the initiative, which not only provides immediate financial assistance but also strengthens the role of women in building stronger, more resilient communities. Together, we continue to pave the way for a brighter future for every Caviteña.

Calling All Ambassadors and Pioneers: Let's Make the Last 19 Days of 2024 Count!

As 2024 nears its end, the Pi Network community stands at a critical juncture. With only 19 days remaining, every action we take will shape the future of our ecosystem. This is the time for each of us to step up, rise to the challenge, and create lasting impact by registering 1,000 merchants per country and ensuring they are visible and active on the Map of Pi.

Imagine a future where every store, every neighbor's business, and every service in your community accepts Pi. This vision is not just a dream—it's within our grasp if we act decisively today.

The Power of Action: Transforming Communities

What if every business in your neighborhood joined the Pi ecosystem? The possibilities are transformative:

- * No more searching for merchants that accept Pi.
- * No need to exchange Pi for fiat, because Pi becomes the currency you use for everything you need.
- * From the bakery down the street to the grocery store around the corner, Pi could seamlessly integrate into daily life.

By registering merchants in your community and encouraging them to accept Pi, you're not just helping to build the ecosystem—you're creating a sustainable, localized economy where Pi is a trusted and convenient form of payment.

Why Focus on Building the Ecosystem Now?

1. Strength in Numbers: Every merchant added to the Map of Pi strengthens the network and increases Pi's utility for all.
2. Local Impact, Global Change: Imagine the ripple effect if every pioneer registers businesses in their local areas. Together, we can transform communities into thriving Pi hubs.
3. A Currency for All: By building a robust merchant base, Pi pioneers can achieve the ultimate goal—using Pi as a true global currency for goods and services.

The Mission for the Next 19 Days

1. Register Every Merchant You Know? Don't stop at just a few. Approach every

business in your community. From small vendors to larger enterprises, every registration makes a difference.

2. Promote the Benefits of Accepting Pi
 - * Pi eliminates transaction fees for merchants.
 - * It connects businesses to a growing global community.
 - * Merchants can lead the way in a revolutionary financial movement.
3. Inspire Commitment and Activity? Encourage merchants to not only register but also actively accept Pi payments. Show them how their participation contributes to a dynamic, future-ready economy.

Imagine the Future

Picture a world where:

- * You step out of your home, and your neighbor's business accepts Pi payments.
- * You pay for groceries, dining, services, and even utilities directly with Pi.
- * Every purchase strengthens a network built by pioneers like you, making Pi an everyday currency.

This vision begins now. By focusing on building the ecosystem today, we ensure that Pi becomes the currency of choice tomorrow—not just a possibility, but a reality.

Together, We Build the Future

The clock is ticking, but our determination is stronger than ever. Let's unite for this final push to register merchants, inspire action, and pave the way for a thriving Pi economy.

Let's close 2024 with focus, purpose, and the commitment to transform communities, one merchant at a time. The possibilities are endless—let's make them happen.

The power is in your hands. Let's do this! **(Lumari - Executive Director GCV CT)**

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Ms. Lumari

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Team Philippines lords it over 11th BIMP-EAGA Games

Team Philippines snared 52 of 88 gold medals in the 11th BIMP-EAGA (Brunei Darussalam-Indonesia-Malaysia-Philippines-East ASEAN Growth Area) Friendship Games that ended here Thursday.

Team A (Davao Region) was the winningest of five Philippines delegations and overall, finishing with a 31-39-22 gold-silver-bronze tally.

De La Salle swimmer Philip Adrian Sahagun starred for Team PH-A by sweeping all his five events -- boys' 200 Individual Medley, 4x100 freestyle and medley relays, and 200m and 100m backstroke.

Also bringing pride to the region are trackster Milchay Moreno and swimmer Lora Micah Amoguis, who had two golds and a silver; and karateka Jamie Danielle Nirza finished with a gold and a silver.

Malaysia B (17-16-19) came in second; Indonesia (14-8-6) was third; and Team PH-E or Puerto Princesa fourth (13-8-11).

University of the Philippines swimming standout and this city's pride, Quendy Fernandez, 19, was the most bemedalled with five golds (girls' 50m, 100m and 200m back, 4x50m medley and freestyle relays) and two silvers (4x100m medley and 4x100m free).

All delegations clinched at least one gold medal -- Team PH-B or General Santos City/Sarangani

province (6-6-10), Brunei Darussalam (3-2-8), Malaysia A (2-4-3), Team PH-C or Bangsamoro (1-3-4) and Team PH-D or Palawan province (1-2-10).

On Wednesday afternoon, Team PH-E conquered esports event Mobile Legends: Bang Bang, winning 3-1 over Team PH-D.

Malaysia and Team PH-A took the bronze.

At Palawan State University gym, Indonesia's men's and women's sepak takraw teams beat Team PH-A squads.

Philippine Sports Commissioner Walter Torres delivered the message of Chair Richard Bachmann at the closing ceremony at Balayong basketball covered court, thanking the country's EAGA neighbors for sending their athletes.

Malaysia was also announced as the next host of the biennial meet.

A dinner and party for all delegates followed.

The Philippines is encouraging investors to look at Philippine EAGA routes as potent connectivity and investment jump-off points.

In August, President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.

signed Memorandum Order 29 that grants travel tax exemption to travelers departing from all international airports and seaports in Mindanao and Palawan.

They must have confirmed connecting flights to any of the EAGA nations within 24 hours on the same day.

The travel tax exemption is effective until June 30, 2028, unless sooner revoked.

The granting of travel tax exemption is consistent with the strategies identified under the Philippine Development Plan 2023-2028, relative to the promotion of tourism and reduction of barriers to trade and investment.

The BIMP-EAGA Games was first held in 1996 in General Santos City to help promote and preserve each member's culture and heritage.

The Covid-19 pandemic halted the biennial tournament in 2020.

Brunei hosted the 10th edition in 2018, which a Malaysian contingent ruled (23-17-15).

Among the 10 teams that year, the Philippines' Mindanao (10-12-13) and Palawan (3-2-4) teams placed fourth and eighth, respectively. (PNA)



Davao Region swimmer Philip Adrian Sahagun: 5 gold medals (PSC Media Pool)

Archery, karate, pencak add to PH haul in BIMP-EAGA Games

Sports and sports tourism events in the country are expected to improve after representatives from 20 higher education institutions finished a two-week sports management and tourism short-course training in Malaysia.



IMPROVED SPORTS EVENTS. At least 26 sports faculty representatives from 20 Philippine Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) join a short course at the Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) in this undated photo. The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) on Tuesday (Dec. 10, 2024) said the participants' completion of the short-course study will help their HEIs improve the conduct of major sports activities and sports tourism in the country. (Photo courtesy of CHED)

At least 26 sports faculty members from 20 HEIs joined the short-course at the Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM).

These include representatives from Bukidnon State University, Sorsogon State University, Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University, Mariano Marcos State University, Romblon State University, Laguna State Polytechnic University, Occidental Mindoro State College, Southern Luzon State University, Bicol State College of Applied Sciences and Technology, Isabela State University, Cagayan State University, Palawan State University, Panpacific University, Sulu State College, Mindanao State University - Iligan Institute of Technology, First City Providential College, Colegio de San Juan de Letran, University of the Philippines Diliman, National University, and

Philippine Normal University.

These universities have already hosted major sports events in the country including Palarong Pambansa, the State Colleges and Universities Athletic Association (SCUAA), Private Schools Athletic Associations (PRISAA), University Athletic Association of the Philippines (UAAP), National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), as well as regional and national sports competitions.

The short course includes the Organizing Major Sports Events and Promoting Sports Tourism program, which intends to "upskill" participants with the science behind sports tourism, alongside its financial and administrative challenges from local to international level.

It also covered planning and execution of major sports events, practical problem-solving, decision-making exercises, and case studies.

Commission on Higher Education (CHED)

Chairperson J. Prospero de Vera III, in a statement Tuesday, said training of the representatives from various HEIs nationwide was funded by the agency.

He said the program "was developed consistent with the ASEAN (Association of South East Asian Nations) work plan on sports for 2021-2025 and affirms the ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Sports declaration on the importance of sports in community building and achieving the sustainable development goals."

"CHED is proud to collaborate with UKM in contributing to these regional undertakings and to help strengthen the Philippine sports industry," he said.

"We look forward to how our participants can now plan and implement follow-through activities in their HEIs, and athletic leagues, and partner with local governments when they go back to the Philippines," he added. (PNA)

Antique allots P54-M to prepare facilities for 2025 reg'l sports meet

The provincial government of Antique has allocated PHP54 million for facilities in preparation for hosting the 2025 Western Visayas Regional Athletic Association (WVRAA) Meet.

The Provincial Engineering Office, led by Engineer Inocencio Dajao Jr., is now in Metro Manila for the post-qualification process of the winning bidder for the repair of the rubberized oval track at the Binirayan Sports Complex in San Jose de Buenavista.

"We are trying to validate the previous performance of the winning bidder to ensure that they can properly carry out the needed repair of our rubberized oval track," Dajao said in an interview.

The repair of the Binirayan Sports Complex oval track got the biggest chunk of the budget at PHP29 million. Its last repair was in 2016 when the province hosted the WVRAA and the Palarong Pambansa.

Dajao added that they bid for 12 schools that would serve as billeting areas for the athletes



PREPARATIONS. Antique athletes during the opening of the 2024 Western Visayas Regional Athletic Association (WVRAA) Meet in Bacolod City on May 2, 2024. Engineer Inocencio Dajao, Jr., Antique Provincial Engineer, said in an interview Thursday (Dec. 12) that preparation for the sports facilities for the 2025 WVRAA is already underway. (Photo courtesy of SP Karmila Dimamay)

last week.

The billeting schools are in the neighboring towns of San Jose de Buenavista, Belison, Sibalom, and Hamtic, where the 23 sports events will also be held.

"Temporary kitchens will be established while toilets and water supply in the billeting schools will be repaired," he said.

The regional sports meet is set for March 1-8, 2025. (PNA)

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Antipolo City, 4 December 2024 – The DTI Rizal proudly celebrated the successful completion of the CHAMPS Rizal Program, the initiative program of the agency by offering hands-on training, mentorship, and practical resources to support and guide novice entrepreneurs, during a recognition event held at the Ynares Multi-Purpose Hall. The ceremony recognized 25 beneficiaries who have completed all modules of the program, showcasing their dedication and commitment to business growth and development.

The event was hosted by John Francis L. Sta. Rita, Negosyo Center Business Counselor and coordinator of the CHAMPS Rizal Program.

Ms. Sharon F. Dioco, DTI Rizal's BDD Chief, highlighted the program's success, revealing that a total of 810 participants had been catered to through online sessions. She praised the 25 graduates for their hard work and dedication, noting their successful completion of all modules. She also expressed gratitude to the mentors and guest speakers who contributed to the program's success.

In her inspirational message, Ms. Cleotilde M. Duran, Provincial



Director of DTI Rizal, inspired the graduates by urging them to start small and trust the guidance of DTI Rizal and other government agencies as they continue their entrepreneurial journeys. Drawing from her own experiences as a young entrepreneur, she encouraged the graduates to prioritize self-investment and health while enjoying the entrepreneurial process.

Ms. Marlene De Luna and Ms. Jonalyn Adaya led the awarding of certificates of recognition to the graduates. The certificates symbolized their successful participation in the program, marking a milestone in their business journey.

Ms. Marilou Sioson, owner of Sauce On Food House, shared her testimony. She recounted her experiences as a

beneficiary of DTI's flagship programs, including KMME-MME Online and OTOP Next Gen.

According to her, these programs enhanced her business and products, emphasizing the importance of leveraging government initiatives to achieve business success.

Following the testimonial message were CHAMPS graduates, Ms. Aileen De Guzman and Ms. Arriane Joy Amargo, who also

shared their inspiring experiences during the program. They reflected on how CHAMPS Rizal has helped them refine their business strategies and create brighter plans that will lead to significant growth for their businesses.

The event concluded by ensuring that all graduates were informed about the next steps and continuous support available to them through DTI Rizal's programs.

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In addition to financial claims, DOLE provided support through livelihood programs and issued certifications for SSS unemployment benefits.

"Many who processed their SSS applications early have already received PHP10,000 to PHP15,000 in benefits," she noted.

Despite the challenges of the company closures, Terrible emphasized the

positive reception among the workers.

"While the closure saddened many, they expressed gratitude for the timely settlement of their financial claims and the support extended to them," she said.

DOLE continues to advocate for displaced workers, encouraging them to participate in job fairs and take advantage of

initiatives under its Special Action Plan and Transition Jobs Program, which aims to connect affected workers

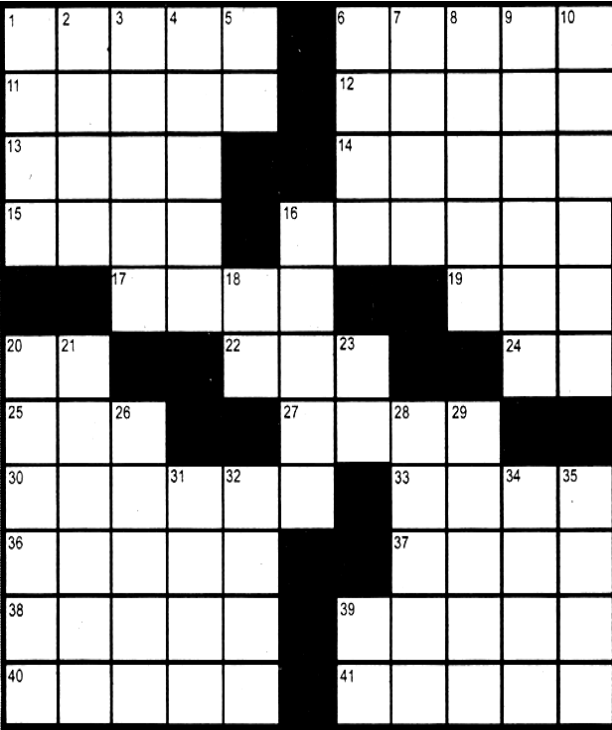
with new employment opportunities, providing a pathway to recovery and stability. (PNA)

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Science City of Muñoz Welcomes DOST's Regional Science, Technology, and Innovation Week

Science City of Muñoz, Nueva Ecija – The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Region III successfully launched the 2024 Regional Science and Technology Week (RSTW) in Central Luzon on December 9, 2024, at the Multi-Purpose Gym of Central Luzon State University (CLSU). Anchored on the theme “Siyensya, Teknolohiya at Inobasyon: Kabalikatan sa Matatag, Maginhawa at Panatag na Kinabukasan” with the sub-theme “Providing Solutions and Opening Opportunities in Green Economy,” the event gathered innovators, scientists, leaders, and stakeholders from across the region to celebrate the transformative power of science, technology, and innovation (STI).



Hon. Baby Armi L. Alvarez, Mayor of the Science City of Muñoz, warmly welcomed the participants and the DOST family to the city, highlighting its status as a hub for scientific and technological advancements. Dr. Julius Caesar V. Sicat, CESO III, Regional Director of DOST Region III, extended his greetings to the participants and emphasized the importance of collaboration in advancing STI in the region. Dr. Evaristo A. Abella, SUC President IV of CLSU, also delivered a message expressing the university's commitment to supporting initiatives that drive innovation and sustainability. Hon. Jason J. Abalos, Board Member of Nueva Ecija's 2nd District, expressed his full support for the event and lauded DOST's initiatives and projects that have greatly benefited local communities.

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"Takbo para sa Kababaihan, Karahasan ay Wakasan!" Advocacy Run Champions Gender Equality and Women's Rights

The advocacy run "Takbo para sa Kababaihan, Karahasan ay Wakasan!" brought together hundreds of participants on December 6, 2024, at the Provincial Capitol Grounds, emphasizing a powerful stand against violence toward women and children.



Spearheaded by the Office of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer (OPSWDO) in partnership with the Provincial Committee Against Trafficking and Violence Against Women and their Children (PCAT-VAWC), the event featured both 3-kilometer and 5-kilometer categories, with male and female runners competing for the top spots and championing the advocacy.

In the 3-kilometer category, Ricardo del Rosario Jr. emerged victorious in the male division, while Natalie Boysen claimed first place in the female division. ► TAKBO • 3

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POGO workers get separation pay after Cavite firms' closure

Over 260 employees retrenched from First Orient International Ventures Inc. and K3 Global Services Inc., companies operating as Philippine Offshore Gaming Operators (POGOs) at Island Cove in Kawit, Cavite, have received their final, 13th-month, and separation payments.



TIMELY SETTLEMENT. Displaced workers from First Orient International Ventures Inc. and K3 Global Services Inc., companies operating as Philippine Offshore Gaming Operators in Kawit, Cavite, receive their final salary, 13th-month pay, and separation pay at Island Cove on Thursday (Dec. 5, 2024). Department of Labor and Employment-Cavite officials facilitated the payout as part of the comprehensive support for workers affected by the closure of the Internet Gaming Licensees on Nov. 30. (Photo courtesy of DOLE-Cavite)

The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE)-Cavite Provincial Office facilitated the payout as part of its comprehensive support for workers affected by the closure of the Internet Gaming Licensees.

The companies shut down on Nov. 30. "We worked closely together with Provincial Director Marivic Martinez to verify the computations of the separation pay and assist workers in claiming their SSS (Social Security System) unemployment benefits," Ruth Terrible, Senior Labor and Employment Officer of DOLE-Cavite, said in a statement.

"This initiative underscores DOLE's dedication to prioritizing the welfare of displaced workers and ensuring they receive what is due to them."

Some workers, especially those with five years of employment, received amounts ranging from PHP170,000 to PHP180,000, while payouts for others varied based on their length of service.

Terrible also shared that six workers who were not able to attend the payout will receive their claims in February next year.

Approximately 400 employees already received their separation pay in an earlier distribution.

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Cavite landmarks glow: Kawit, Cavite's prominent landmarks Freedom Park and Aguinaldo Shrine in Barangay Kaingen beautifully glows during the night amid the holiday season. (By Dennis Abrina)