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Disaster Education for students using 3D City Model with Minecraft

The Cavite Industrial Area-Flood Risk Management Project (CIA-FRIMP) and the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), in coordination with the Municipal Government of Kawit through its Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office, spearheaded an Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) activity on disaster management for flood preparedness using an innovative 3D city model on January 15 to 16, 2025, at Emiliano Tria Tirona Memorial National Integrated High School in Kawit, Cavite.

A lecture on Flood Education using a 3D city Model with Minecraft was led by Mr. Keisuke Ono, Lecturer at Tohoku Institute of Technology in Japan, engaging 400 Grade 7 student attendees as part of the mission to instill disaster resilience among the youth.

The two-day initiative aimed to educate students about flood risks, preparedness measures, and the significance of community involvement in mitigating disaster impacts. The interactive 3D city model and Minecraft served as a powerful visual tool, allowing students to better understand flood scenarios and how these can affect their locality. By simulating real-life situations, students were able to visualize flood-prone areas, learn evacuation routes, and explore strategies to minimize risks.

Facilitators from CIA-FRIMP and Tohoku Institute of Technology guided the students through discussions on the causes of flooding, its structural and non-structural measures, and disaster education for flood management using 3D City Model with the popular video game Minecraft. The engaging nature of the activity encouraged active participation and fostered a deeper understanding of disaster risk reduction.

The IEC activity underscores the commitment of CIA-FRIMP, Provincial Government of Cavite and the local government of Kawit to building a safer and more resilient community by educating the younger generation on disaster preparedness. (OPIO)



UN exec lauds gains in PH human rights agenda

The United Nations (UN) Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator in the Philippines has lauded the country's strides in promoting the organization's human rights agenda through the initiatives undertaken by the administration of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., and the Department of Justice (DOJ) under Secretary Jesus Crispin Remulla.



United Nations (UN) Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator in the Philippines Gustavo Gonzalez (PNA file photo)

Ambassador Gustavo Gonzalez, who is due to complete his mission to the Philippines by the end of the month, expressed his gratitude for the trust and support he received from the Marcos government during his end-of-mission courtesy visit to Remulla on Thursday, according to a DOJ news release on Friday.

Gonzales also acknowledged Remulla for his "great leadership" in handling a lot of critical and sensitive matters that the Philippine government has faced since their assumption into office.

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PH-China Understanding, Inc. inducts new officers, members

The Association for Philippines-China Understanding Inc. (APCU) has inducted its new officers and members / associates recently.



The induction rites took place during the association's Christmas Party on December 19, 2024 at the One Burgundy Plaza in Quezon City.

APCU Board Chairman Raul Lambino served as the inducting officer and speaker. Former Philippine President and APCU Honorary Chairman Emeritus Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo attended the event.

In his welcome remarks, APCU President Sixto Benedicto reviewed the progress made by the association in building stronger and deeper Philippine-China relations and thanked everyone for their continued support and dedication.

Looking forward to 2025 and ahead, Benedicto said he believes that everyone will work together to continue to strengthen the friendship and cooperation between the Philippines and China.

During the event, special awards were presented to members who have made outstanding contributions to the association. The awards were presented by Honorary Chairman Emeritus Glória Macapagal-Arroyo, Chairman Raul Lambino, and President Sixto Benedicto.

After the awards presentation, Lambino and Benedicto ► PH-CHINA • 7

Faith in Action: A Christmas of Compassion and Giving

As the Christmas season enveloped us in its joyous preparations, a heartwarming reminder of the true essence of the holiday came from Ms. Donita Tapay, her company, D & F Foods Ms. Felinor Villar, Mr. Mohammad AlShahrani, Ms. Katrina Saludes, Denver Calalang. In a remarkable act of compassion, they dedicated their time and resources to feed 420 homeless individuals, spreading love, hope, and a sense of belonging.



Accompanying Ms. Donita was Mr. Ramon Matabang, a respected public servant who has served as the President of the Civil Registry Office in the Philippines for over three decades. Together, they brought not only sustenance but also hope for lasting change.

Mr. Matabang's presence at the event was particularly significant as he collaborated with Ms. Donita on her initiative project, Oplan Birthright. This program aims to

address the plight of unregistered and undocumented Filipinos who struggle to secure essential documents due to financial limitations, illiteracy, or lack of access to resources. Recognizing the barriers faced by these individuals, Ms. Donita and Mr. Matabang are determined to find sustainable solutions to make this project a reality in 2025.

Speaking at the event, Ms. Donita emphasized, "Christmas is not just

about giving gifts and spending time with our families. It's about extending that love to those who are less fortunate and reminding everyone of God's



boundless love for all of us." Her words were a powerful call to action, encouraging everyone to reflect on their responsibilities as individuals to care for those in need.

Through her unwavering commitment to

the underprivileged, Ms. Donita's ongoing projects, including her 2025 "Kalinga" initiative and Oplan Birthright, underline her vision of "faith transforming lives." These efforts exemplify how compassion and unconditional love can transform communities

and bring hope to the marginalized.

As we move forward into the new year, let us carry this message in our hearts. In the spirit of Christmas and beyond, may we all find ways to make a difference, guided by compassion and faith.

DTI-Laguna upholds consumer protection through monitoring of sales promo activities

VICTORIA, LAGUNA – The Department of Trade and Industry - Laguna Provincial Office (DTI-Laguna), through its designated Representative, supervised a grand raffle draw on January 11, 2025 in Santa Cruz, Laguna to ensure that a sales promotion activity was conducted in accordance with the approved mechanics and adhered to relevant laws, rules, and regulations including the Republic Act No. 7394 (RA 7394), otherwise known as the Consumer Act of the Philippines, and the DTI Department Administrative Order No. 2, Series of 1993.



This regular monitoring activity aligns with the Department's mandate to protect consumers from deceptive advertisements and fraudulent sales promotion practices, as outlined in RA 7394. As defined in the RA 7394, a sales promotion is a technique "to increase the

sales, patronage, and/or goodwill of a product and contains "promises of gain" such as prizes or free items as reward for the purchase of a product or service.

Furthermore, RA 7394 also provides that an establishment that wishes to conduct sales promotion activities shall

first secure a permit from the DTI prior to the commencement of their sales promotion activities. Common sales promotion schemes include, but not limited to, discounts, premiums, raffles, and contests.

For sales promotion activities to be

implemented within the Province of Laguna, applications for sales promotion permit can be submitted directly to DTI-Laguna located in Victoria, Laguna. For more inquiries, the DTI-Laguna may be contacted via email at r04a.laguna@dti.gov.ph (ALSLinga, DTI-Laguna).

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Fire breaks out in residential area in Bacoor, Cavite

A fire broke out in a residential area in Bacoor City, Cavite on Monday morning.

The fire in Barangay Zapote I started before 5 a.m., according to a report by James Agustin on Unang Balita.

The Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) raised the third alarm past 6 a.m.

A total of 13 firetrucks from the BFP and more from volunteer groups were deployed to respond to the fire.

Due to the narrow streets, firefighters had to go to a vacant lot to get close to the affected houses. Some of them climbed over the roof of nearby establishments.

According to the residents, the blaze was already huge when they woke up. Some of them were able to save appliances and clothes

from the fire.

Affected residents are asking for assistance.

GMA Integrated News is still gathering information from the BFP and local government on the number of affected residents and the cause of the fire. —**With a report from Joviland Rita/KG, GMA Integrated News**



Sunog sa residential area sa Brgy. Zapote I sa Bacoor, Cavite, nakataas sa ikatlong alarma, ayon sa BFP. Nagsimula ang sunog pasado alas-5 ng umaga. | via James Agustin/GMA Integrated News

Army seeks... (FROM PAGE 8)

In his presentation, Alcudia emphasized the importance of linking Parent-Teacher Associations with Hands Off Our Children Movement, Inc., a group of parents advocating for awareness programs to protect the youth from being recruited into violent armed struggles.

Alcudia said he recommended several measures to strengthen the partnership between DepEd and the military, including harmonizing DepEd Order No. 32, s.

2019, which outlines The National Policy Framework on Learners and Schools as Zones of Peace, with the directives of the National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict.

This alignment would enhance efforts to combat communist recruitment within the educational sector.

Additional recommendations included conducting information campaigns in secondary schools across Calabarzon, incorporating orientation sessions on the

National Service Training Program for Grade 12 students, and inviting security sector representatives to DepEd career guidance programs to encourage students to consider careers in the uniformed services.

During the meeting, Alcudia also addressed maritime challenges in the West Philippine Sea and stressed the importance of raising national security awareness among the youth.

"By sharing our commitment with DepEd on these critical issues, we can protect and empower our future generations," he concluded. (PNA)

PhilHealth... (FROM PAGE 8)

members' benefits.

"Our reserve funds are adequate due to prudent financial management, and all programs are being implemented as usual. No benefit packages will be reduced or removed this year," he said, noting that the state insurer still has PHP29.9 billion in reserve funds.

Ledesma also highlighted significant improvements in PhilHealth benefit packages last year, including a 95 percent increase in the all-case rate coverage.

He said new benefit packages have been introduced, and existing ones have been expanded.

These include breast cancer treatment coverage increased by 1,300 percent; hemodialysis package increased by 144 percent; substantial coverage increases in cardiovascular diseases like heart attack, stroke,

and ischemic heart disease; kidney transplantation (Z benefit package) coverage expanded to include procedures for living and deceased donors, with funding of up to PHP2.15 million; Z benefit package now includes 10 rare conditions, including Maple Syrup Urine Disease and Osteogenesis Imperfecta.

Preventive health measures were also enhanced, with oral health services included in the Konsulta program, providing dental care for members, including children aged 0 to 15.

"This year, we aim to intensify efforts to improve efficiency and reduce administrative costs to ensure that every peso contributes to better health outcomes," he said.

While acknowledging challenges, Ledesma expressed confidence in PhilHealth's ability to sustain its role as the

national health insurer and contribute to the broader goal of universal health coverage.

"PhilHealth is facing a pivotal moment, but I assure our members that we are equipped to overcome these challenges and continue fulfilling our mandate," he said.

"We can assure each and every member of PhilHealth, huwag po kayong mangamba. Huwag po kayong matakot pumunta sa ospital at sa doktor, sagot po kayo ng PhilHealth (do not hesitate. Do not be afraid of going to the hospital and the doctor, PhilHealth has you covered), rest assured," he added.

Starting Jan. 1, PhilHealth has increased the case rates of 9,000 packages by 50 percent.

Ledesma has earlier assured members that the new and expanded benefit packages will not result in a premium hike this year or in the coming years. (PNA)

PBMM keen... (FROM PAGE 8)

digitization of the health system.

To combat these, Herbosa said the agency focused its efforts on health promotion, disease prevention, and acute and emergency care.

The DOH opened 42 Bagong Urgent Care and Ambulatory Services (BUCAS) Centers to bring the best urgent care and ambulatory services to the poorest families.

Twenty of the centers are in Luzon, eight are in Visayas and 14 are in Mindanao. They are open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Herbosa said family and community medicine doctors were assigned in the centers.

Free basic healthcare services are provided through the 83 Bagong Pilipinas (New Philippines) mobile clinics with complete equipment such as digital X-ray, CT scan, ultrasound, hematology analyzer for blood tests, binocular microscope, ophthalmoscope for eye tests, lab-grade refrigerator and telemedicine equipment.

Several hospitals are also up for expansion,

Herbosa said, citing as an example the multi-specialty center built in Clark, Pampanga.

"We are expanding many hospitals: heart centers, specialty centers sa iba't ibang parte ng Pilipinas, utos ni President 'yan (nationwide, that's the President's order). Gagayahin 'yung ating bituka hospitals dyan sa North Triangle, may lung, kidney, heart and children's (We will replicate those hospitals in the North Triangle -- lung, kidney, heart and children's hospitals). Una 'yung sa (The first is in) Clark," he said. (PNA)



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HOW TO BE AN EFFECTIVE HEAD OF GCV AMBASSADOR/LEADERS?



Doris Yin

is crucial in identifying and nurturing potential leaders within our community to fortify our GCV ecosystem and education system.

To shed light on effective leadership, I would like to draw upon the example of a revered Chinese emperor from the Kingdom of Shu during the Three Kingdoms period. It is my hope that our GCV Ambassadors can derive meaningful insights from this historical narrative.

Liu Bei, an eminent figure in the Three Kingdoms era, played a pivotal role in the establishment of the Kingdom of Shu, engaging with the Kingdom of Wu and the Kingdom of Wei. Unlike his contemporaries, Cao Cao and Sun Quan, Liu Bei did not possess significant financial resources or territorial claims. Furthermore, he may not have excelled in strategy or knowledge to the same extent. However, Liu Bei was renowned for his loyalty, integrity, and ability to forge strong relationships. His focus on "human capital" truly distinguished him as a leader, and several key principles can be highlighted:

1. ***Recognition of Talent and Strategic Assignments:** A successful leader should first engage in self-reflection and subsequently strive to understand the strengths and weaknesses of their team members. Rather than assuming all responsibilities, an effective leader recognizes the unique talents of each individual, positions them accordingly, and empowers them to harness their full potential. Liu Bei exemplified this approach by aligning individuals such as Guan Yu, Zhang Fei, and Zhao Yun with roles that capitalized on their strengths, resulting in numerous victories for Shu. The head of GCV Ambassadors should recognize the achievements of your subordinates or team to motivate them to perform at their best.

2. ***Fostering Trust and Empowerment:** Although Liu Bei may not have been as strategic as Cao Cao or Sun Quan, he excelled in leveraging the skills of those

Distinguished members of our Pi Network community, particularly within our GCV community, we have established a robust framework of GCV Ambassadors. However, it is important to acknowledge that many of our Ambassadors may not yet possess the leadership experience necessary for effective community management. As we strive for accelerated growth in various countries and local regions, we invite more pioneers to join us in fulfilling our educational and ecological responsibilities. The role of the head of GCV Ambassadors

around him. His ability to trust his civil and military officials while empowering them to make decisions was paramount. For instance, after earnestly seeking Zhuge Liang's counsel, Liu Bei entrusted him with major military affairs, allowing Zhuge Liang the autonomy to demonstrate his exceptional leadership capabilities. Trust and autonomy are very important. A good leader should empower their subordinates while also guiding them along the correct path and providing support. When leaders hoard power and are unwilling to delegate, it can lead to conflict among team members as they vie for control.

3. ***Exemplifying Kindness and Loyalty:** Liu Bei's kindness and generosity stood out throughout his leadership journey. By sharing both challenges and successes with his subordinates, he fostered loyalty and devotion among his followers. Unlike other leaders who may resent their supporters during times of prosperity, Liu Bei remained committed to treating others with respect and appreciation, attracting talented individuals eager to join his cause.

4. ***Encouraging Unity and Collaboration:** Achieving significant goals necessitates collaboration and a unified approach. Liu Bei's faithfulness to his friends and loyalty to his team were hallmarks of his leadership. By maintaining a commitment to nurturing relationships during both favorable and challenging times, he garnered respect and admiration, encouraging many to align themselves with his vision. The Head of GCV Ambassadors should focus on fostering unity and collaboration rather than getting caught up in the details. The unity of our GCV community is crucial. If the Head of GCV Ambassadors does not effectively support their team, conflicts may arise, which can hinder our efficiency. It is important to remember that we are united for GCV, not for individual recognition or personal agendas. Therefore, the Head of GCV Ambassadors should make decisions based solely on the principles of GCV unity, avoiding the pursuit of personal fame or power in the name of unity.

In conclusion, Liu Bei stands as a testament to the power of understanding, empathy, and empowerment in leadership. By truly caring for and respecting the individuals he led, he created an environment conducive to growth and development, earning the loyalty of his team and ultimately forming an indomitable alliance. This example serves as a valuable reminder that effective leadership is rooted in building meaningful relationships, empowering others, and cultivating a strong, cohesive GCV community.

I encourage all the Head of GCV Ambassadors to thoroughly study this topic and incorporate it into your daily management practices. Leaders should have the ability to make independent decisions without being swayed by others' opinions. Additionally, leaders must remain focused and not be distracted by external noise. Being goal-oriented, demonstrating perseverance, and having the capacity to endure challenges without emotional reactions are essential qualities for effective leadership. Good leaders are observant, capable of identifying potential problems and risks, and take action to prevent negative impacts on the community. **(Doris Yin - Global GCV Initiative Sets Ambitious Merchant Onboarding Goals)**

PH partners with Korea to advance digital transformation

The Philippines, in partnership with the Korean government, will pursue digital transformation and innovation, the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) said on Friday.

NEDA, in partnership with the Korea Trade-Investment Promotion Agency (KOTRA), kicked off the inaugural meeting of the Korean-Philippine Economic Innovation Partnership Program (EIPP) on Jan. 16 at the New World Hotel in Makati City.

In a statement, NEDA said the meeting outlined comprehensive plans for three digital infrastructure projects to be developed under the EIPP, which aims to improve information and communications technology (ICT) in the Philippines.

These projects include

the formulation of a National Communications Satellite Roadmap for the Philippines, the establishment of an Implementation Plan for the Philippine E-Government Master Plan, and the Establishment of an Implementation Plan for the Philippines for an Integrated Data Center.

The National Communications Satellite Roadmap aims to establish a robust industrial ecosystem for the telecommunications satellite sector in the Philippines.

The Philippine E-Government Master Plan

enhances and expands the government's expertise by promoting technology exchanges to develop an efficient e-government implementation strategy.

The establishment of an Integrated Data Center, meanwhile, aims to support the Philippine government by adopting Korea's integrated information resource model and its technical and strategic expertise in data center operations.

"We are at the threshold of an exciting chapter in the partnership between the Philippines and Korea—one that promises to foster innovation, drive

economic growth, and create a lasting impact for both nations. With the signing of the MOU last year, we will now begin implementing the program with three projects from the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), which will pave the way for significant advancements in our digital infrastructure," NEDA Undersecretary for Investment Programming Joseph Capuno said.

"I am optimistic that, through our combined efforts, we will pave the way for a future in which

both our nations thrive in the global economy, driven by innovation, collaboration, and shared progress, as the Philippines transitions to upper-middle-income country status, hopefully by the end of the year."

Launched in 2020 by Korea's Ministry of Economy and Finance (MOEF), the EIPP is a multi-year, government-to-government policy and technical cooperation program.

It aims to foster sustainable and mutually beneficial economic growth between the Republic of Korea and its partner countries by supporting their

sustainable development efforts.

Officials from the Korean and Philippine governments who attended the launch seminar include Deputy Director Byeongkwan Seo of Korea's MOEF, Director General Chul-ho Park of the KOTRA Development Cooperation Office, Director General Sujung Lee of the KOTRA Manila Office, Director Mu-hyuk Lee of the Korea Overseas Infrastructure and Urban Development Corporation, First Secretary Hyun-tae Song of the Embassy of the Republic of Korea to the Philippines, and DICT Undersecretary David Almirol Jr. **(PNA)**

Comelec to restart ballot printing Jan. 22

The Commission on Elections (Comelec) is eyeing to resume by Jan. 22 the printing of official ballots to be used in the May 12 midterm polls.

"Ballot printing is at the last part of this. There is a long process involved in ballot printing. Most probably, we can restart our production by (middle) of next week," Comelec spokesperson John Rex Laudiangco said in an interview Friday.

Printing activities will still be at the National Printing Office in Quezon City.

Laudiangco said they need to apply the

necessary changes in the election management system (EMS), automated counting machines, and consolidation and canvassing system before they can restart printing.

"There are extensive changes and amendments necessary to be done in the EMS," Laudiangco said.

The Comelec will likewise conduct the new trusted build process with

their international certification entity, Pro V&V, and generate the new ballot face templates and serialization.

"We have to complete all of these processes before we even reach ballot printing," he added.

The Comelec on Tuesday suspended ballot printing, in connection with the five temporary restraining orders issued

by the Supreme Court against the poll body and its decisions to declare as nuisance or disqualify political aspirants.

With this, the poll body has to destroy six million ballots that were earlier printed.

Als on Friday, the Comelec started the transfer of the ballots to its warehouse in Sta. Rosa City, Laguna for proper disposal. **(PNA)**



SORT OUT. Workers make an inventory of printed ballots at the National Printing Office in Diliman, Quezon City on Wednesday (Jan. 15, 2025). The day before, the Commission on Elections announced it suspended the printing of official ballots for the May 12 midterm elections following a Supreme Court temporary restraining order on the enforcement of disqualification of five candidates. **(PNA photo by Joan Bondoc)**

Global GCV Initiative Sets Ambitious Merchant Onboarding Goals

LUMARI RERORTS



Ms. Lumari

The Global GCV initiative is spearheading a transformative mission to onboard between 200,000 and 500,000 merchants onto the Map of Pi. This ambitious endeavor aims to establish a vibrant and sustainable ecosystem, uniting countries across the globe in a collective effort to solidify Pi Network's position as a groundbreaking force in decentralized finance and commerce.

A Global Vision

China is leading the charge with an impressive target of onboarding 100,000 merchants. With its vast population and dynamic market, this initiative promises to serve as a robust foundation for Pi's expansion and adoption in the region.

Meanwhile, Africa has set its sights on onboarding 1,000 merchants in each of its participating countries. With over 40 nations involved, this effort is projected to add approximately 40,000 merchants to the Map of Pi, showcasing the continent's commitment to fostering a decentralized and inclusive digital economy.

India has taken a bold step by setting an extraordinary target of 1 million merchants, reflecting its enthusiasm for embracing digital innovation and financial inclusion at an unprecedented scale.

In Southeast Asia, Malaysia and Indonesia are making significant strides by aiming to onboard thousands of merchants each. These efforts highlight the region's belief in Pi's potential to revolutionize commerce and empower local communities.

Beyond these key regions, the rest of the world is

stepping up to contribute to this monumental goal. Together, the global Pi community is united by a shared vision of building a decentralized, inclusive, and accessible ecosystem for all.

Fostering Real-World Adoption

By ensuring that Pi is widely accepted as a means of payment, the initiative aims to foster trust, utility, and real-world value for the cryptocurrency. Merchants and consumers alike will benefit from secure transactions, broader access to goods and services, and greater financial empowerment. This collective effort is essential to driving global adoption and ensuring the long-term sustainability of the Pi network.

The Philippines Takes a Bold Step

In a groundbreaking move, the Philippines has set an ambitious target of onboarding 40,000 merchants into the Pi ecosystem. This represents 3.2% of the 1,246,373 business enterprises operating across the nation, underscoring the country's commitment to digital innovation and financial inclusivity.

Why Onboard 40,000 Merchants?

The goal of onboarding 40,000 merchants stems from a vision to create a robust and inclusive digital economy. By integrating businesses of all types into the Pi ecosystem, the campaign seeks to empower enterprises and foster economic growth.

All Types of Businesses Welcome

The initiative is open to all industries, including retail, food and beverage, healthcare, logistics, and professional services. This inclusive approach ensures that the benefits of the Pi ecosystem reach the widest possible audience, creating a diverse and resilient economic landscape. Micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) stand to benefit significantly by accessing a borderless digital marketplace, enabling them to compete globally.

The Numbers Behind the Goal

While 40,000 merchants represent a modest 3.2% of the Philippines' total business enterprises, this strategic target is designed to build momentum and demonstrate the Pi network's potential. As businesses

experience the advantages of participating in a decentralized economy, the initiative is expected to gain exponential traction.

Benefits for Merchants and Consumers

Merchants joining the Pi ecosystem will enjoy:

1. Access to a growing, tech-savvy customer base.
2. Enhanced financial security through blockchain technology's secure and transparent transactions.

Consumers will benefit from:

1. Greater convenience and access to a wider range of goods and services.
2. Increased trust in transactions facilitated by blockchain.

Call to Action

The Philippines' campaign invites all merchants to join this transformative journey. For more information, contact the following coordinators:

Anthony Nierra (Economic Development Ambassador): 09466710718

Lerma Ablan (National Merchant Coordinator): 09165621808

Joemar Gallego (Merchant Coordinator, Region 4A Cavite): 09913500366 / 09559924873

Julio Villarosa (Merchant Coordinator, Cavite) 09299698798

Alcher Capin (Merchant Coordinator, Region 2): 09168462285

Conclusion

The target of onboarding 40,000 merchants in the Philippines is more than just a milestone; it represents a movement to redefine commerce in the digital age. By embracing the Pi ecosystem, businesses can unlock new opportunities, improve operational efficiency, and contribute to the growth of a thriving digital economy.

Together, as a united global community, we can lead the way in showcasing the power of collaboration, innovation, and inclusivity. Let us work hand in hand to achieve this shared vision and build a future where Pi becomes a cornerstone of global commerce. **(Ms. Lumari - Executive Director GCV Core Team, GCV Core Team Committee Chair)**



JoJo

than just a number; it is a symbol of trust, unity, and the boundless connection between Pioneers and the global community.

1. GCV and Trust in Transactions

Trust is the foundation of any transaction, and GCV is a vital tool to strengthen this within the Pi ecosystem.

- Transparency and Fairness: GCV is a value determined by global consensus among Pioneers,

"GCV: Building Trust and Connecting the World"

In the era of booming blockchain technology, trust and connection are just as crucial as the technology itself in determining the success of an ecosystem. For Pi Network, GCV (Global Consensus Value) is more

ensuring transparency and fairness in every transaction.

- Resisting Market Manipulation: GCV helps prevent speculative activities, protecting the real value of Pi coins and its users.

- Safeguarding Community Interests: With an agreed-upon value, transactions between Pioneers and merchants can occur with confidence and security.

By implementing GCV, it establishes a stable and reliable platform for all participants.

2. GCV: Bridging the Global Connection

Pi Network is not just a digital ecosystem; it is a global network connecting millions of people. GCV plays a central role in strengthening this connection.

- Borderless Connection: With a unified value, Pioneers from around the world can trade without barriers of language or currency.

- Supporting International Businesses: Businesses can confidently accept Pi at GCV, expanding opportunities in the global marketplace.

- Enhancing Inclusivity: Regardless of nationality, culture, or circumstances, everyone can participate in the Pi ecosystem with the same value.

GCV transforms Pi Network into a truly global network, creating opportunities for all.

3. Success Stories: From Theory to Practice

Over the years, GCV has proven its value through real-life success stories from the community.

- Valid GCV Transactions: Many Pioneers have used Pi to pay for goods and services based on GCV, creating a significant historical record for Pi's value.

- Merchant Success: Businesses participating in the GCV movement have witnessed growth in revenue and customer satisfaction.

- Spreading the GCV Movement: What started as an idea has become a reality in many countries, showing positive results in its application to daily life.

These stories not only inspire but also strengthen the community's trust in GCV.

4. Conclusion: Moving Toward the Future with GCV

GCV is the foundation that ensures Pi Network not only survives but thrives sustainably. It builds trust, connects people, and brings vast economic opportunities to the community.

Let us continue to promote GCV, build a prosperous future, and make Pi Network a symbol of global connection. **(Mr. JoJo - Asst Executive Director, Asst Committee Chair, GCV Core Team)**

Proactive approach in dealing with unregistered Filipinos urged

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) should adopt a proactive approach in the local level to help unregistered individuals secure their birth certificates, a senator said Friday.

In a statement, Senator Sherwin Gatchalian said such community-based approach would lead to improved accessibility and inclusivity and resolve barriers to civil registration.

"Hindi lang dapat ministerial na tatanggap lang ng mga application and PSA. Kung galing ka sa probinsya, mahirap talagang kumuha ng dokumento (The PSA should not be ministerial that just accepts applications. It is difficult to obtain documents if you come from the province)," Gatchalian said.

Gatchalian urged the PSA to strike a balance between assisting those who are not yet included

in the civil registry and preventing unscrupulous individuals or groups from securing fraudulent birth certificates by taking advantage of the late registration program.

"Hindi naman sila maglalakas-loob kung wala silang kausap na sindikato sa loob (They will not have the tenacity to do that if they don't have contact with fixers)," he said, referring to individuals who obtained birth certificates through illegal means.

"The problem is due to corrupt civil registrar or civil registry employees," he added. **(Leonel Abasola/PNA)**



SIMULTANEOUS REGISTRATION. Couple Julito Amper, 50, and wife Marisa Amorganda, 48, and their nine children show the birth certificates in official security paper they received for free through the Birth Registration Assistance Project of the Philippine Statistics Authority in Kabankalan City, Negros Occidental on Sept. 4, 2024. The family set the record for having the most number of birth registrations filed at the same time under a single household in Negros Occidental and in the country, so far. (File contributed photo by PSA-NegOcc)

Madis ends campaign in Dubai ITF Juniors

Philippine Tennis Academy (PTA) player Tennielle Madis suffered a 4-6, 7-6 (4), 3-6 loss to Alisa Terentyeva of Russia Friday in the girls' singles semifinal of the Dubai ITF Juniors at the TopSpin Sports Center in United Arab Emirates.

The 17-year-old from M'lang, North Cotabato made longer rallies to secure the second set but the Russian fought back in the third, whipping all the balls to claim victory.

"Tenny (Madis) played very well and really did everything. But her opponent is very powerful and consistent," PTA head coach Robert Angelo said.

Tenentyeva, 14, won the singles title in Fujairah last week, beating compatriot Vlada Guryleva, 6-3, 6-1.

Madis, on the other hand, took the doubles title with South Korean Ui Su Jeong.

"It's a very good experience for Tenny, she learned a lot from

Tenentyeva," Angelo, a SEAG medalist and former Davis Cupper, added.

Terentyeva, who ousted No. 7 Sophie Bekker of Great Britain (6-0, 6-4) in the quarterfinal, will face Xinie Geng of China.

Geng scored a 6-3, 6-0 victory over qualifier Vittoria Vignolini, who eliminated No. 1 Vlada Guryleva of Russia, 5-7, 7-6 (3), 6-4, in the second round.

In other matches, Efremova downed Minxu Zhang of China, 6-2, 6-4, while Jeong conquered Alina Botasheva of Russia, 6-3, 6-3, to forge a Final Four duel.

In the doubles category, top seeds Madis and Guryleva fell to third seeds Terentyeva and

Kharchenko, 6-4, 1-6, 11-9, in the semifinal.

Terentyeva and Kharchenko will battle Olivia Cela of Poland and Diya Ramesh of India, who prevailed over Lila Grace Bachour of France and Vignolini, 6-4, 6-4.

Meanwhile, Madis will try bounce back when she competes in the 3rd UAE ITF Juniors which will start on Jan. 20.

Madis, who bagged six singles and five doubles titles last year, registered a career-high No. 207 in the ITF Juniors rankings last Jan. 5. She won the doubles with PTA teammate Stefi Marithe Aludo in the J60 events in Manila, China, Thailand and Sri Lanka. (PNA)



BOUNCE BACK. Filipino Tennielle Madis ends her campaign in the Dubai ITF Juniors after losing her singles and doubles semifinal matches at the TopSpin Sports Center in United Arab Emirates on Friday (January 17, 2025). She will try to bounce in the UAE ITF Juniors set to start this Jan. 20. (Photo courtesy of Robert Angelo)

Benguet allocates P25-M for regional sports meet

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet – The provincial government has allocated PHP25 million to ensure the success and safety of around 6,000 participants of the 2025 Cordillera Administrative Region Athletic Association (CARAA) meet in February.



SMOOTH HOSTING. The provincial government of Benguet has allocated around PHP25 million for its hosting of the 2025 Cordillera Administrative Region Athletic Association (CARAA) meet on Feb. 23-28, 2025. Around 6,000 delegates are expected to join the annual event. (PNA photo by Liza T. Agoot)

"We are ready. We are ironing out all the preparations for a smooth hosting of the 2025 Cordillera Administrative Region Athletic Association (CARAA) meet on February 23 to 28," said Governor Melchor Diclas on the sidelines of the joint preparation meeting with the Department of Education (DepEd)-CAR and other government agencies here Thursday.

Diclas explained that the budget includes allotment for transportation and supplies, including medicines, since they are expecting further drop in temperature.

He said they have also advised the DepEd-CAR to issue advisories to the schools division offices of Abra, Apayao, Ifugao, Kalinga, Mountain Province and Tabuk

City to ensure that their athletes have thick clothes and additional blankets.

Benguet's temperature is lower by two degrees Celsius compared to Baguio City, which is forecasts to have around 9 degree Celsius temperature by February.

Dr. Estela Cariño, DepEd-CAR director, in a separate interview, said weather will be among the topics to be discussed during her meeting with the schools division officials next week.

"We will inform them of the weather and temperature here in Benguet to make sure that their athletes will bring with them the necessary warm clothes and additional beddings with them for a warm sleep," she said.

The provincial

government is also looking into the possibility of procuring sleeping bags for the athletes as well as Vitamin C, she added.

Getting ready
The governor said athletes from Benguet have started to train with experts, such as international kickboxing players whose training gymnasiums are in Benguet.

"We are thankful to them because they are volunteering to help our athletes," she said.

Meanwhile, Sablan Mayor Alfredo Dacumos said they hope to retain their top spot in volleyball.

"I do not know how we started but it had been decades that volleyball is the community sport event in the municipality," he said. (PNA)

Hidilyn Diaz to be enshrined in PSA Hall of Fame

Olympian Hidilyn Diaz will be enshrined in the Philippine Sportswriters Association (PSA) Hall of Fame during the San Miguel Corporation-PSA Awards Night at the Manila Hotel on Jan. 27.



TEARS OF JOY. Filipino weightlifter Hidilyn Diaz reacts after winning the gold medal at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. She will be enshrined in the Hall of Fame during the PSA Awards ceremony at the Manila Hotel grand ballroom on Jan. 27, 2025. (Contributed photo)

The 33-year-old weightlifter from Barangay Mampang in Zamboanga City delivered the country's first Olympic gold medal at the 2020 Tokyo Games.

Diaz will share center stage with gymnast Carlos Yulo, who will be honored as Athlete of the Year in the grand celebration by the country's oldest media organization headed by its president Nelson Beltran, sports editor of The Philippine Star.

Yulo, 24, scored a rare double gold by topping the men's floor exercise and vault at the Paris Olympics.

Diaz is the latest athlete to be elevated in

the Hall of Fame by the country's sports writing fraternity since the late track and field great Lydia De Vega in 2022.

The other Hall of Famers were bowlers Paeng Nepomuceno and Bong Co, chess grandmaster Eugene Torre, pool idol Efren 'Bata' Reyes, the late FIDE president Florencio Campomanes, and boxer Manny Pacquiao.

Diaz is a daughter of a tricycle driver who turned into farming and fishing. She began lifting weights using makeshift barbels at the age of nine.

Her first competition was the 2002 Batang Pinoy and later joined the national pool.

Diaz bagged her first

medal (bronze) at the 2007 Southeast Asian Games in Nakhon Ratchasima when she was 16 and a year later, made her Olympic debut at the 2008 Beijing Games as a wild card entry.

She also qualified for the London Olympics but failed to make the podium for the second time.

Diaz, a gold-medalist in the World Championships, Asian Championships, Asian Games, and the SEA Games, got the silver medal in the women's 53kg category at the 2016 Rio Olympics, the country's first medal after two decades. (PNA)

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EJF NO. TG-24-076
FOR: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of Real Estate
Mortgage, under Act No. 3135, as Amended

PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK,
Petitioner-Mortgagee,

-versus-

MICHAEL LUIS C. MORENNO,
Respondents-Debtors/Mortgagors.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-judicial foreclosure sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act No. 4118, filed by Petitioner/Mortgagee-Assignee, **PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK**, a universal banking corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with principal office and place of business at 11th Floor Allied Bank Centre, 6754 Ayala Ave. cor. Legaspi St., Makati City, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Loan and Mortgage Agreement executed and notarized on November 27, 2015 by Borrower-Mortgagor, **MICHAEL LUIS C. MORENO**, of legal age, Filipino, and with postal address/es at: (1) 397 L. Hipodromo 3 St. Sta. Mesa, Manila; and (2) Block 1 Lot 2, Phase 1B, RCD Royale Homes, Brgy. Kalubkob, Silang, Cavite, in favor of Mortgagee-Assignor **PNB SAVINGS BANK (PNBSB)**, which assigned its loans by virtue of Deed of Assignment in favor of the Petitioner/Mortgagee-Assignee, over a real estate property including improvements thereon, described in and covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2017010577** of the Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City, in order to satisfy the outstanding loan obligation of the Mortgagors/Borrowers in the amount of **TWO MILLION NINE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIX PESOS & 81/100 (Php 2,950,286.81)** inclusive of interest, penalties, partial litigation expense and other agreed changes, as of May 31, 2024, the undersigned Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court of Cavite thru her deputy, Rhiz Sañel C. Toledo, will sell at public auction on **April 8, 2025 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning** or soon thereafter, at the New Hall of Justice of Tagaytay City, to the highest bidder, for Cash or Manager's Check and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all its improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2017010577
Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City

"IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED THAT CERTAIN LAND SITUATED IN BARANGAY OF KALUBKOB, MUNICIPALITY OF SILANG, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON, MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
LOT NO.: 2 BLOCK NO: 1 PLAN NO: PCS-04-028823
PORTION OF: LOT 401-A & 401-B, PSD-04-180693
LOCATION: BARANGAY OF KALUBKOB, MUNICIPALITY OF SILANG, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON
TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION:

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2-3	SE	LOT 3, BLOCK 1, PCS-04-028823
3-4	SW	ROAD LOT 2 (8.00 ? WIDE), PCS-04-028823
4-1	NW	LOT 1, BLOCK 1, PCS- 04-028823
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1-2	S. 08° 26' E	6.00 M.
2-3	S. 83° 41' W	12.74 M.
3-4	N. 06° 19' W	6.00 M.
4-1	N. 83° 41' E	12.52 M.

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DATE OF APPROVED SURVEY: APRIL 8, 2014
GEODETIC ENGINEER: HERBERT S. TABERNILLA JR.
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Address: 397 L. HIPODROMO 3 ST., STA. MESA, MANILA

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **APRIL 15, 2025** without further notice.

Prospective bidders or buyers are hereby enjoined to

UN exec... (FROM PAGE 1)

He congratulated the DOJ chief for the success of the United Nations Joint Programme (UNJP) on Human Rights and of several high-level events before several United UN bodies, like the UN Human Rights Council.

Gonzalez noted that the DOJ realized a lot of reforms in the criminal justice sector and encouraged Remulla to continue making the most of UN's support, especially in light of its expanded capacity and presence of several UN offices in the Philippines.

For his part, Remulla thanked Gonzalez for his support to the Philippine government.

He expressed the need and intention to partner with UN on recent initiatives where UN's expertise on highly technical matters may prove valuable.

The initiatives include the integration of the Philippine government's jail management and corrections

systems into a single harmonized and seamless correction-reformation system, as well as addressing recent threats brought about by cybercrimes.

"It is an honor to have our friends from the United Nations here in our country to join us in promoting human rights. Your unwavering commitment to champion human rights throughout the world serves as a constant reminder for the Filipino people to never falter in defending and safeguarding the life and dignity of every person," Remulla said.

Remulla was joined by Undersecretary Jesse Hermogenes Andres, Assistant Secretary Eliseo Cruz, and DOJ Human Rights Office Program Director Hazel Decena-Valdez.

Meanwhile, Gonzalez was accompanied by UN Senior Human Rights Adviser Signe Poulsen and UN Resident Coordinator Office Chief of Staff Matija Kovac. (PNA)

PH-China... (FROM PAGE 1)

turned over the APCU Funds to the Tacloban Project Beneficiary headed by Aaron Caminong.

APCU held its 50th founding anniversary on February 26, 2024. The association is dedicated to promoting deeper understanding and friendship between the peoples of China and the Philippines. It has made positive contributions to the care, promotion, and deepening of Philippines-China relations, and has served as an important bridge for friendly exchanges and

cooperation between the two countries.

The December event formally opened with an invocation led by APCU Treasurer General Fernando Pace, and was followed by the singing of the Philippine national anthem. Vice Chairman Felix Guanzon delivered the closing remarks.

Director Mafee Cai and General Fernando Pace served as the masters of ceremonies. Dinner was served after the ceremonies, followed by entertainment performances and raffle draw.

investigate and verify for themselves the **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2017010577**, the encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above stated time and date.

Tagaytay City, Philippines, January 3, 2025.

(Sgd.) **ATTY. APRIL GRACE M. TENORIO**
Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff

(Sgd.) **RHIZ SAÑEL C. TOLEDO**
Sheriff-In-Charge

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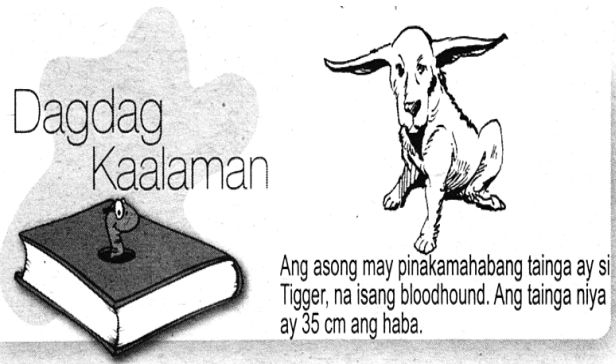
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PBBM keen to bring health services to every Filipino: DOH chief

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. wants quality health services to be accessible to all Filipinos, particularly those living in geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas.



BUDGET DELIBERATION. Department of Health Secretary Teodoro Herbosa answers queries during the plenary debates on the agency's 2025 budget at the Senate in Pasay City on Nov. 20, 2024. Health Secretary Teodoro Herbosa said the DOH has received a PHP267.8 billion budget for this year, the biggest in its history, under the current administration. (PNA photo by Avito Dalan)

For this reason, the Marcos administration ensures that the Department of Health (DOH) would be able to deliver healthcare services without any interruption.

In a Bagong Pilipinas Ngayon interview, Health Secretary Teodoro Herbosa said the DOH has received a PHP267.8 billion budget for this year, the biggest in its history, under the current administration.

"Technically, 'yung sinasabi niyang 'wag kayong mag-alala sa kalusugan, nilalagyan niya talaga ng budget (Technically, he allotted

budget for health when he told the public not to worry about their health)," he said.

He noted that Marcos has legacy projects such as cancer and children's centers with funds to ensure their construction.

"PBBM is putting money where his mouth his. Kapag sinabi niyang dagdagan ng pondo ang kalusugan, dinagdagan niya ang pondo (He increased the fund for healthcare services when he said he would)," he added.

Following the signing of the 2025 national budget

in December last year, Marcos instructed Herbosa to guarantee the provision of health benefit packages to all members of the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) despite the state insurer's zero government subsidy.

Coming out of the pandemic, the DOH encountered challenges in nutrition, immunization, maternal mortality, tuberculosis, HIV, hepatitis, non-communicable diseases like diabetes and hypertension, mental health, cancer and

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Army seeks DepEd-Calabarzon help in preventing youth exploitation

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna – The 202nd Infantry Brigade (202IB) of the Philippine Army's 2nd Infantry Division (2ID) appealed to the Department of Education (DepEd) Calabarzon to support efforts against the exploitation of the youth, particularly concerning communist recruitment schemes.



PROTECTING FUTURE GENERATIONS. Brig. Gen. Ronald Jess Alcudia, commander of the 202nd Infantry Brigade, delivers his message during the 1st Regional Management Committee Meeting of the Department of Education-Calabarzon for 2025 in Cabuyao City, Laguna on Thursday (Jan. 16, 2025). He recommended security measures aimed at countering communist recruitment activities targeting senior high school students across the region. (Photo courtesy of 202IB, PA)

Brig. Gen. Ronald Jess Alcudia, 202IB commander, conveyed this in a phone interview on Friday.

He presented the Community Information Awareness and Approach Program of the brigade during a recent 1st Regional Management Committee meeting of DepEd-Calabarzon officials for 2025 in Cabuyao City, Laguna held Thursday.

He said the program aims to counter recruitment activities targeting senior high school students across the region. ► **ARMY SEEKS • 3**



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PhilHealth chief reassures financial stability amid challenges

The Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) on Thursday allayed anew various concerns regarding its financial stability and commitment to universal health coverage.



PhilHealth President and Chief Executive Officer Emmanuel Ledesma Jr. (Screengrab from HRep livestream)

During the Senate Committee on Health and Demography hearing, PhilHealth President and Chief Executive Officer Emmanuel Ledesma Jr. emphasized the

agency's sound financial footing despite challenges stemming from zero subsidy allocation in the 2025 General Appropriations Act and the Department of Finance's directive to transfer PHP30

billion in unutilized funds to the National Treasury. Ledesma assured the panel that PhilHealth remains fully capable of meeting its obligations without disruption to

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