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Cavite Holds 2025 Civil Society Organization Conference to Strengthen Participatory Governance

On August 4, 2025 the Provincial Government of Cavite hosted the 2025 Civil Society Organization (CSO) Conference at the Cavite Government Center, gathering various stakeholders to promote participatory governance and strengthen partnerships between the government and civil society groups.

Held on the 2nd floor of the Function Hall, the event started with a welcome message from Hon. Kerby J. Salazar, Chairperson of the SP Committee on Rules and Good Government.

The conference focused on the relevance of participatory governance, highlighting key mechanisms such as Code-mandated avenues of participation and the establishment of Local People's Councils. DILG-Cavite's LGOO III Niña Norissa Maranga led the segment, followed by LGOO II Amiel Dela Rosa's orientation on Memorandum Circular No. 2025-060. The directive outlines the updated guidelines for CSO accreditation and the selection of representatives to Local Special Bodies (LSBs).

A critical session on the Requirements for CSO Accreditation was delivered by Mr. Jovani N. Cuadra, Board Secretary V of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, offering a practical guide to grassroots organizations on compliance and representation.

An open forum encouraged dialogue among attendees before Mr. Marcial A. Juangco, OIC-Provincial Director of DILG Cavite, delivered the closing remarks.

The event signifies Cavite's continued commitment to inclusive governance and active civic engagement, aligning with national efforts under the Bagong Pilipinas framework. **(A. Sarte)**



How to Facilitate Strategic Planning for Cooperatives: A two-day Capacity Development Seminar Empowering Cooperative Development Officers

The Office of the Provincial Cooperatives Development Officer (OPCDO) successfully conducted a two-day capacity development seminar titled "How to Facilitate Strategic Planning for Cooperatives" from July 31 to August 1, 2025 at the New Provincial Government Center, Trece Martires City.



MULA SA BAYAN, PARA SA BAYAN

The event aimed to equip Cooperative Development Officers with the necessary skills to guide cooperatives in their respective LGUs in creating effective strategic plans. The training focused on helping cooperatives achieve local development goals, set clear directions, prioritize actions, allocate ► **HOW TO FACILITATE • 4**

FFCCCII Leads Major Food Aid Distribution Across Storm-Hit Regions

MANILA — Demonstrating swift solidarity, the Federation of Filipino Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Inc. (FFCCCII) and allied civic groups have rallied P10 million in emergency aid for communities devastated by recent catastrophic typhoon flooding nationwide.



The initiative, coordinated under the Pilipino at Tsino Magkaibigan Foundation, saw among its on-going major deployments on July 31, 2025. FFCCCII President Dr. Victor Lim and other Filipino ► **FFCCCII LEADS • 4**

GCV Ambassadors and GCV Army Responsibilities Speech on GCV Army Conference



Doris Yin

Dear GCV Army and GCV Ambassadors,

First of all, I would like to thank you very much for your excellent work. I can see significant improvements in our communities regarding GCV recognition, and social media shows more support than ever.

Before I begin, I would like to express my special gratitude to our Global GCV CT Executive Director and Committee Chair, Ms. Lumari, and her assistant, Mr. Jojo. I would also like to acknowledge Training Director and committee vice chair Ms. Nonnoy Padja, Education GCV Ambassador Mr. Jason Wang, Publicity Director Mr. Cherif Abiola Iyanda, Inspector Mr. Soni Vajay, and all our Regional, National, Provincial, and City-level GCV Ambassadors, as well as all GCV Army Generals and Colonels, and soldiers. Your sacrifice and vital contributions are invaluable, particularly the support provided by our Deputy Executive Director, Mr. Rad, who continues to offer GCV certificate support from Iran during the war.

I see your focus, dedication, and strong belief in our mission. You are the foundation of Pi Network's success. Your work spans various areas, such as offline bartering to support GCV data, online DApp development and education, GCV community education, GCV DApp promotion, and community management. Do you realize how influential we are? I have watched various YouTube videos that recognize our substantial impact, with many advocating long-term goals over short-term gains.

Now, let's discuss our goal of collaborating with CT to progress toward a fully OM. First and foremost, achieving a fully open market requires the entire ecosystem to have a unified Pi value, thereby alleviating merchants' and service providers' concerns about currency instability. Only then can large institutions and companies engage with the Pi Network. The second requirement is that we must have enough Pi coin holders and DApps to support the circulation of Pi as a currency.

Currently, our community consists of a majority of pioneers who support GCV, while some are indifferent to the ecosystem, waiting only for the Pi price to increase

before selling. Regardless of our educational efforts around GCV, they remain unconcerned. However, these individuals also hesitate to sell due to the low price. Therefore, it is essential that we develop high-quality products and services that provide genuine value. Our second task is to research how to develop AI-created app studios and promote them among pioneers, as well as educate them on using Pi to stake, lock, barter, and purchase Pi from their wallets.

Thus, we remain in the pre-fully OM stage, awaiting two conditions: DApp development and utility usage to create demand for Pi. Every day, a significant amount is still being unlocked, but the peak period has already passed, and the current average daily unlock is less than 10 million. The next peak is projected for 2027, by which time we should have enough DApps and an ecosystem in place to absorb the supply. Currently, the sustained low price is a temporary phase, beneficial for mainstream adoption, while the price remains low. Our main objective is massive adoption, encouraging more people to hold Pi.

We also aim to create GCV data that algorithms can utilize for fixing the Pi value code for a fully OM Model. Therefore, we need Education GCV Ambassadors and ecosystem development GCV Ambassadors to motivate pioneers and merchants to continue generating GCV data. Offline, we can use partial Pi payments and partial fiat payments. Online for DApps, we can encourage pioneers to participate without concerns about the Pi value. The goals of online DApps differ from those of our offline initiatives. Online DApps aim to attract more developers and encourage the use of utilities. Since they cannot utilize partial Pi payments, they will rely on exchange market prices or lower. This approach will attract DApp developers and merchants to engage with us, ultimately reducing the selling pressure in the exchange market.

Additionally, the Pi exchange market price impacts the confidence of ecosystem developers and merchants in joining and accepting Pi payments. Consequently, a prolonged decline in price would not be favorable for our OM. We must focus on low-value DApps to boost Pi demand and reduce its supply in the exchange market. Therefore, we should not complain about DApp platforms using low Pi value; rather, we should encourage and support them. Even if some oppose GCV, we need not concern ourselves with their negativity; they lack vision. Regardless of their stance on GCV, they will ultimately contribute to our cause.

Now, let's discuss the tasks and goals for our GCV Ambassadors, along with the objectives for our GCV Generals and Army members.

To achieve the objectives outlined, all GCV Ambassadors must prioritize the following key initiatives.

Firstly, it is critical to maintain a goal-oriented approach while setting aside personal emotions. Within our community, diverse opinions exist; as community leaders, it is our duty to protect the integrity of the community. We must therefore foster the GCV spirit, which encompasses tolerance, while maintaining firm boundaries regarding dissenting views. Individuals who publicly oppose GCV must be addressed accordingly; if they aim to undermine the confidence of our pioneers, we must be unified in their removal. We can gauge the authenticity of pioneers through their responses: genuine pioneers exhibit genuine interest in our feedback, while non-pioneers tend to disregard our responses, resulting in repetitive inquiries. Such individuals should be excised to ensure a conducive environment where pioneers can embrace GCV and comprehend its significance. As the Chinese proverb states: "If you associate with bad individuals, you will become bad; if you associate with good individuals, you will become good." Therefore, all GCV Ambassadors should practice effective management within their groups.

It is essential to identify varying levels of GCV Ambassadors and to train them to become exemplary leaders. Prior to commencing their training, it is crucial that all GCV Ambassadors possess strong self-learning capabilities. Existing educational and training modules are available for this purpose, and leaders of GCV Ambassadors should engage with, study, and apply these resources. It is imperative to recognize that your role is not to obstruct others' advancement; rather, it is to identify promising community leaders who can contribute

to GCV's mission. Our primary goal is to motivate skilled and dedicated pioneers to join our efforts, not to pursue personal recognition or authority. Therefore, it is important for heads of GCV Ambassadors to exemplify generosity. Should you identify a candidate who exhibits greater potential for leadership than yourself, you may consider transitioning your position to enable them to take a more active role.

Addressing differing opinions within the GCV team requires a careful approach. To begin, it is essential to avoid disputes in the presence of pioneers and refrain from engaging in public discourse on social media. It is necessary to differentiate between topics suitable for public discussion and those better suited for private dialogue, as public disagreements can generate confusion and erode trust among the pioneers. The preferred method is to directly consult with the GCV Ambassador, expressing a differing viewpoint while maintaining a humble and respectful demeanor. It is advisable to acknowledge their contributions before offering suggestions and to communicate in a constructive manner. Criticism should be avoided in front of pioneers; instead, discussions can be conducted within your CT, where constructive feedback can be provided in a supportive environment. If criticism is unavoidable, it is essential to explain the reasoning behind the feedback and to issue warnings for necessary adjustments. Before considering the revocation of a GCV Ambassador's position, it is vital to allow them the opportunity to improve. Should it become evident that an Ambassador is unable to fulfill their responsibilities effectively, a respectful conversation should be initiated to suggest resignation while acknowledging their prior contributions in a public statement. To protect the common interests of all GCV Ambassadors, it is prohibited to publicly criticize your country's government or incite discontent or dissatisfaction with its authority. The GCV Community is a non-partisan organization that advocates for supporting our government and is grateful to our government. Meanwhile, in our community, we are a big family without any country labels related to discrimination on race, color, religion, gender, age, etc.

Many conflicts arise from a lack of respectful communication. It is essential to recognize that we are partners in this endeavor. Although we have a management structure at various levels for efficiency and collaboration, poor management can lead to community unrest and hinder the success of the Pi Network. The head of GCV Ambassadors bears significant responsibility for cultivating the GCV organization within their respective countries. Your primary objective is to identify heads of GCV Ambassadors at the provincial or state level, supporting their development and facilitating compliance with our Global GCV CT guidelines. The focus should remain on internal management. Furthermore, the national-level head of GCV Ambassadors is responsible for issuing GCV Ambassador certificates in a timely manner. Prior to issuance, requisite training and testing must occur, followed by a 14-day observation period. Certificates are available at the national, provincial, city, and county levels for your utilization. In monitoring their performance, should any Ambassador fail to meet expectations, revocation of their status may be necessary. Consequently, it is imperative to establish a national-level GCV CT, including an executive director and various management team directors, such as those overseeing HR, training, promotion, education, and ecosystem initiatives.

The role of the Education GCV Ambassador involves a comprehensive understanding of all relevant educational materials, which will facilitate the organization of education for GCV Ambassadors across your nation. This initiative aims to empower them to assist regional pioneers in resolving queries and building confidence. The pillars of our GCV culture are as follows: self-improvement both physically and mentally, diligent care for one's family, and responsible citizenship. Moreover, we express our gratitude towards our government. It is essential that we first embody responsible behavior, and only then, if time permits, can we engage in volunteer activities within the Pi community. Our educational focus aims to enhance the confidence of pioneers in the Pi Network and GCV, ensuring they do not sell Pi tokens unless faced with extreme financial hardship.

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The responsibilities of the Ecosystem Development GCV Ambassador include studying all aspects of DApps development and assisting pioneers in either creating DApps or acquiring knowledge on how to utilize them effectively.

This role also entails engaging with local businesses to encourage their integration into the Pi Network, commencing with partial Pi payments to help cover their operational costs by FIAT during challenging stagflation periods. Furthermore, we support pioneers in participating in barter systems to conserve their fiat currency for essential expenses, such as groceries. Simultaneously, this approach will generate a wealth of GCV data. Your responsibilities will also encompass training provincial and city ecosystem GCV Ambassadors or identifying suitable candidates for these positions.

The priority of all National-level Head of GCV Ambassadors is the internal development of your country's community. Currently, we are also appointing Generals and Colonels for our GCV army. It is essential to distinguish between the tasks assigned to GCV Ambassadors and those designated to the GCV Army General and Colonels.

As previously stated, the infrastructure of GCV Ambassadors is primarily designed for the internal community of the Pi Network, while the GCV Army functions externally. GCV Ambassadors are tasked with offensive initiatives, whereas the GCV Army is responsible for defense.

Public perception on social media often lacks a proper understanding of the Pi Network and GCV, with many detractors and traditional analysts spreading misinformation. Therefore, it is crucial to protect the interests of the Pi Network and GCV. This situation is similar to a nation maintaining an army not to invade others, but to deter potential threats. We will not provoke others unnecessarily, but we must be prepared to defend ourselves if our interests are at risk.

Regarding the GCV Army, Generals and Colonels will be appointed by me and Ms. Lumari directly from among the most distinguished GCV Ambassadors at the national or provincial leadership levels, provided they are dedicated to contributing their time and energy to the cause. However, any National or Provincial Head of GCV Ambassadors who aspire to become a General or Colonel must prioritize the establishment of their country's or province's infrastructure. If they have additional time, they can take on the role of General or Colonel. Conversely, if the country's or province's infrastructure remains underdeveloped, their focus should remain on addressing internal matters.

We operate in various battlegrounds, including X, Facebook, Instagram, Reddit, Discord, TikTok, Kuaishou, WeChat, YouTube, and five exchange markets. For the GCV Army, not all members need to be GCV Ambassadors; therefore, we should extend invitations to active pioneers who possess a solid understanding of GCV education and demonstrate a strong commitment to GCV principles. To begin with, each General will be allotted 20 army members. Consequently, when assigned to a social media platform, you will bear the responsibility of observing how to disseminate accurate information effectively. Some platforms, such as X or Facebook, may only require postings, while others, like Reddit, may necessitate direct engagement. Ms. Lumari has prepared the necessary modules and training materials for you to equip your team prior to commencing operations. It is crucial to approach this endeavor without engaging in personal attacks, insults, or arguments with the public or opposing leaders. Our focus should solely be on those capable of comprehension.

Many individuals may remain silent yet observant. Therefore, our objective is to project professionalism, unity, and unwavering belief. Generals will have the opportunity to expand their ranks and openly recruit additional soldiers.

Assigning specific tasks is essential for effective management across the diverse social media

platforms, thereby enhancing our competitive advantage. Our goal is to achieve success, not only through technological advancements but also by promoting our GCV culture. A well-known YouTuber has remarked that the Pi Network community exemplifies unity and a strong belief in GCV, a phenomenon that is lacking in other cryptocurrency communities. While they may attempt to emulate us, such efforts probably will fail due to the necessity of exceptional leaders who possess determination, wisdom, and vision. Furthermore, it is vital for all members to withstand criticism and adversity while demonstrating resilience born from years of dedicated effort. It is unlikely that another community will replicate this dynamic, which underscores the unique value of the Pi Network. Through the Pi Network, we will facilitate the realization of decentralization, which is not solely attributed to blockchain but is also a testament to our successful implementation of a decentralized autonomous organization (DAO).

Final Message: The Future Belongs to the Disciplined

Let me leave you with a reflection from Zen: "The universe does not reward noise. It rewards alignment."

If you want to lead the Pi future, don't wait.

Align your daily actions with the values we promote:

Discipline in team management

Responsibility in training and promotion

Unity in mindset and execution

Strategy in everything we do

GCV is not just a community.

It is the spirit of the Pi Network.

Let us be worthy of that role.

Let us move forward — not with loud slogans, but with quiet strength, clear plans, and unshakable unity.

Thank you for your attention today. I trust that this presentation has clarified our strategic direction and your respective responsibilities within our framework.

Thank you all. Let's go build. **(Doris Yin - Founder, Global GCV Movement)**

LUMARI REPORTS



Ms. Lumari

thriving decentralized economy.

Bartering with Pi is not new to India. Across the country, from bustling cities to smaller towns, Pioneers and merchants have already been exchanging goods and services using Pi — sometimes entirely in Pi, sometimes in a hybrid model with partial fiat currency. These events, whether in local markets or organized trade fairs, show that India is already part of a growing nationwide shift toward GCV-powered commerce.

This trend is echoed worldwide. China, the Philippines, Indonesia, Vietnam, Thailand, and several African countries have all embraced the Global Consensus Value (GCV) through large-scale barter events and merchant adoption. In every one of these nations, merchants accept Pi for payments — either fully in Pi or through hybrid transactions combining Pi with fiat currency. The result is a flexible, inclusive system that brings more merchants on board while steadily expanding the reach of GCV 314159.

The strength of GCV is not only in inspiring community stories — it's written on the blockchain. Globally, the GCV movement has already recorded more than 19 million on-chain transactions, all trackable and transparent. This is living proof that the concept works at scale and is grounded in accountability.

And the mission is far from over. The GCV community will continue to fight for economic freedom, committed

Tomorrow, August 9, Solapur will host an event that connects the city to a growing global movement — the GCV Mega Event. Bringing together over a thousand Pioneers and more than 50 merchants, the day will showcase real-world barter and hybrid Pi transactions, marking another strong step in India's

Solapur Joins a Global Wave of GCV-Powered Barter Economies

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SOLAPUR MAHARASHTRA
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to building a strong and sustainable ecosystem where every country develops its own GCV Merchants Alliance. In this vision, the currency used for trade — whether for a cup of coffee or a car — will be Pi.

Tomorrow, Solapur will add its voice to India's and the world's growing chorus of success stories. The GCV Mega Event will feature a Unity Rally, live barter market, motivational talks, and real-time bartering — all designed to show how Pi can be woven into daily commerce. By accepting Pi, local merchants are stepping into a wider network of trade partners who share the same vision of a freer, fairer economic system.

Some might say that a single event in Solapur is a small contribution compared to the size of India's

economy. But that misses the point — every major shift in history begins at the grassroots. In GCV's story, it is the local gatherings that together build the momentum for worldwide change.

The Solapur GCV Mega Event is part of a coordinated, multi-nation effort to prove that communities can set their own value, trade on their own terms, and thrive. As the doors open tomorrow at the Kusumraj Multipurpose Hall, Solapur will stand not just for itself, but alongside a global family.

This is more than an event. It is India's voice joining a worldwide declaration: the era of people-powered economies has begun. **(By Lumari - Executive Director and Committee Chair, Global GCV Core Team)**

The GCV Movement: A Journey to Establish True Value for Pi Coin



Jojo

As the digital economy shapes the future, the community of pioneers behind the Pi Network project is driving a powerful global movement known as GCV – Global Consensus Value, aimed at establishing a unified value for Pi: 1 Pi = 314,159 USD.

GCV – A Dream or a Strategy?

What began as a small idea discussed within grassroots communities has now grown into a flame of hope for millions of Pi pioneers worldwide. In a time when Pi has not yet officially been listed on any centralized exchanges, these pioneers have chosen to assign value to Pi through community consensus —

creating a bottom-up economy based on use-case rather than speculation.

To outsiders, the number 1 Pi = 314,159 USD may seem unrealistic. But GCV is more than just a number — it's a symbol of trust, recognition of long-term labor, and a strategic safeguard of assets for those who have mined Pi over the past five years.

Real-World Proof of Concept

In countries like Vietnam, Nigeria, the Philippines, China, Indonesia, and others, the GCV movement is turning belief into action. Many merchants have already started accepting Pi payments at the GCV rate — either partially or fully. Hundreds, even thousands, of real-world transactions have been documented through receipts and videos, providing tangible evidence that community consensus can create value.

Several communities have gone further, building internal platforms, P2P ecosystems, and GCV-enabled dApps where Pi is traded based on its consensus value. These developments underscore a key point: a currency's value doesn't have to come from exchanges — it can come from its community.

Criticism and Unshaken Belief

The GCV movement has not been without opposition. Some skeptics mock it as delusional or unrealistic. Certain individuals have even launched public attacks, spreading

misinformation and discouraging others from participating. But like any revolutionary idea in history, GCV was not born to please the majority — it was born to lead those with vision.

This movement doesn't require everyone to believe immediately. It only needs a few who understand, believe deeply, and are resilient enough to lay the first stones of a new future. As the saying goes: "Every great idea is first ridiculed — until it changes the world."

Looking Ahead

As the Open Mainnet draws closer and Pi's ecosystem begins to expand, the role of GCV could prove critical in protecting the rightful interests of those who have contributed time, effort, and faith to the project.

GCV is not just a price. It is a declaration that pioneers have the right to define the value of their contribution. And if the community is united and strong, no market force can ignore or dismiss that value.

Final Thoughts

The GCV movement is not based on blind hope. It is a strategic vision supported by evidence — and most importantly, by belief. Sunday Tribune recognizes it as one of the most notable grassroots movements in the digital asset world — where value is born not only from technology, but from people and their consensus. **(By Mr. JoJo – Asst Executive Director, Global GCV Core Team)**

FFCCCII Leads... (FROM PAGE 1)

Chinese community civic leaders personally delivered 10,000 bags of rice to Manila Mayor Francisco "Isko Moreno" Domagoso, providing immediate sustenance to displaced families in the capital.

The P10 million fund—immediately pooled by FFCCCII and leading Filipino Chinese civic and cultural organizations—is actively channeling vital relief resources to hardest-hit areas across Metro Manila, Bulacan, Pampanga, Tarlac,

Pangasinan, La Union, and other provinces. Relief operations prioritize urgent humanitarian assistance to evacuation centers and isolated communities. Last month, FFCCCII President Victor Lim also led Bacolod Filipino Chinese Chamber of Commerce and other Negros Filipino Chinese Chambers to donate construction materials to help rebuild thousands of homes affected by Kanlaon volcano disturbances in five Negros cities and



municipalities, such as La Castellana town, La Carlota City, Bago City, Kanlaon City and Moises Padilla town. Victor Lim and Bacolod City Mayor Greg Gasataya also presided over donation of a new 7-storey, 100-foot

hydraulic high-rise ladder capacity modern fire truck to the Bacolod Filipino Chinese Volunteer Fire Brigade from the Dr. Manuel S. Lo family of Grace Pharmacy Bacolod and Merzci Bakeshop.

"This outpouring of

support reflects our community's unwavering bayanihan spirit," stated FFCCCII President Victor Lim. "When any Filipinos suffer, we should all stand united—delivering not just aid, but hope for fast and full recovery."

The mobilization underscores the Filipino Chinese community's deep commitment to national resilience, targeting both immediate relief and long-term rehabilitation for thousands affected by the disaster.

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resources, and anticipate challenges - all essential to fostering sustainable growth and strong foundations.

In her opening remarks, Ms. Rizalie Pinpin-Enero, Officer-in-Charge of OPCDO, welcomed the participants and emphasized the office's dedication to extending technical assistance and promoting lifelong learning to local cooperative officers. "We observed this [seminar]

not just because we are mandated to do so, but because we are advocates of continuous learning," she stated.

On the first day, Ms. Remedios A. Capalad, PhD, General Manager of Cavite State University Multi-purpose Cooperative served as the resource speaker and discussed the importance of strategic planning, and setting the mission, vision, and goals for cooperative development.

Participants then engaged in a group activity to develop their own sample strategic plans.

The second day featured the presentation of outputs, which showcased the participants' teamwork, creativity, and practical skills. Ms. Ma. Teresa O. Daño, President of LCDOP -Cavite, expressed her gratitude for the event, stating that it provided valuable insights and tools that will help cooperative development officers improve their support to local cooperatives. **(R. Tanael)**



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In his SONA on July 28, 2025, President Marcos mentioned the various scientific initiatives of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), particularly in disaster preparedness.

"Ginagamit na natin ngayon ang mga makabagong teknolohiya lalo na sa maaga at mabisang prediksiyon. Mga Doppler radar, broadband seismic stations, landslide sensors systems ng

PAGASA at PHIVOLCS, sa iba't-ibang lugar sa bansa. Sa epektibong pag saklolo, nakakatulong ang mga mobile command and control vehicle ng DOST, na ipinamahagi natin sa labing-isang LGUs sa buong bansa," Marcos said in his speech.

Aside from these technologies mentioned by President Marcos, Solidum vowed to continue modernizing the services of the DOST-Philippine

Institute of Volcanology and Seismology by deploying additional 175 seismic stations. Currently, there are 125 deployed in various parts of the country.

He also added that the Institute eyes at least 400 tsunami warning stations in the country to further strengthen tsunami preparedness.

Since Solidum served as the secretary of DOST in 2022, the agency has anchored its projects and programs on the four pillars, namely promoting

human-wellbeing, fostering wealth creation, reinforcing wealth protection and institutionalizing sustainability, which is also aligned with the United Nation's sustainable development goal.

Acknowledging the importance of protecting the wealth of Filipino people, DOST has come up with programs to safeguard lives, property, and economic assets against harm brought about by disasters, health risks, and environmental threats under the wealth protection pillar.

This pillar strengthens disaster resilience. Tools like GeoRiskPH, the seismic and hazard information platform, and events like Handa Pilipinas DRRM Exposition, equip communities to prepare for the risks brought about by natural hazards and human-induced disasters.

Just recently, the country, particularly Metro Manila and other provinces in Region I and II experienced severe flooding caused by typhoon Emong and continuous downpours.

Interior and Local Government Secretary Juanito 'Jonvic' Remulla, who is also among the panelists of the post-SONA discussions, admitted that Metro Manila has no cohesive plan to dispose of solid waste.

"Dahil inefficient ang planning natin in the last 30 years sa solid waste management, ang mga local government units ngayon nahihirapan sa collection system," Remulla said.

The problem of proper waste disposal has been a long-standing issue in the country, affecting flood control efforts in vulnerable communities.

In response to this dilemma, the DOST, in partnership with the City Government of Cauayan, and Isabela State University, launched the establishment of Material Recovery Facilities (MRF) in Cauayan City in 2024.

Several technologies were developed and deployed in the communities, including strategies and mechanisms to increase public awareness and the capability of LGUs to implement solutions such as the "waste analysis and characterization study (WACS)" and the establishment of Material Recovery Facilities (MRFs).

"Pagdating ng klima at ng baha ang problema natin ay basura. Kaya kami ay mayroong science, technology and innovation for circular economy framework. Para'yong mga plastic, mga agricultural waste ay hindi itapon, kundi ma-convert natin sa mga bagay na pagkakakitaan. Kaya sana po, i-convert natin po'yung mindset natin at ugaliing sa pagtatapon ng basura, ipunin po natin dahil pwedeng pagkakitaan siya using science, technology and innovation," Solidum said.

Moreover, the Metals Industry Research and Development Center of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST-MIRDC), in partnership with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources-Environmental Management Bureau's National Capital Region Office, developed a Floating Solid Waste Collector System—an equipment designed to extract floating debris from waterways.

Another problem faced by most of the Filipinos is the lack of access to safe and potable water,

especially in far flung areas. According to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Secretary, Raphael Lotilla, there are around 40 million Filipinos who do not have access to safe and secure water resources.

However, DOST, through the Community Empowerment through Science and Technology (CEST) program, is also working on water desalination projects, particularly in geographically isolated areas or island communities facing water scarcity.

According to Solidum, there are 20 more or less, water desalination plants installed in communities with water scarcity issues across the country.

"Kami sa Department of Science and Technology, at buong scientific community ay naniniwala na ang Pilipinas sa ngayon ay ang tingin sa atin ay bikitima parati ng mga kalamidad, climate change, lindol, at pagsabog ng bulkan. Pero sa siyensya, teknolohiya at inobasyon, at maigting na pagtutulungan at disiplina, ang mga Pilipino ay pwedeng manalo sa mga puwedeng trahedya. We can become victors and not victims of disasters," Solidum said.

The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) aims at providing science-based, innovative, and inclusive solutions across four strategic pillars: human well-being, wealth creation, wealth protection, and sustainability. These pillars embody the mantra OneDOST4U: Solutions, Opportunities for All. For more information, visit www.dost.gov.ph (By **Claire Bernadette A. Mondares, DOST-STII**)

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aspirations for inclusive growth, stating, "Hangad namin ang sustainable na pag-unlad upang patuloy na makasabay sa pagbabago, maging future-ready ang bawat komunidad at indibidwal sa pagtanggap ng anumang hamon sa ating lipunan."

DTI Rizal Provincial Director Cleotilde M. Duran led the opening of the program, which was graced by the presence of Congressman Dino Tanjuatco, Board Member Junrey San Juan, PCCI Rizal President Gladdie Mallari, and PCCI Eastern Rizal President Atty. Johannes Aquino.

Key government and private sector agencies were invited to participate in four (4) impactful panel

discussions on:

1.Improved Business Climate and Investment Opportunities – with insights from the Board of Investments (BOI);

2.Access to Financing – led by Small Business Corporation (SB Corp) and BDO;

3.Productivity and Innovation –with resource persons from DOLE and DOST;

4.Access to Market – joined by representatives from Converge and Meralco.

Aside from the rich discussions, the venue was surrounded by product exhibits featuring Rizal MSMEs supported by DTI's flagship programs such as KMME-MME, OTOP Next Gen, CHAMPS and many more.

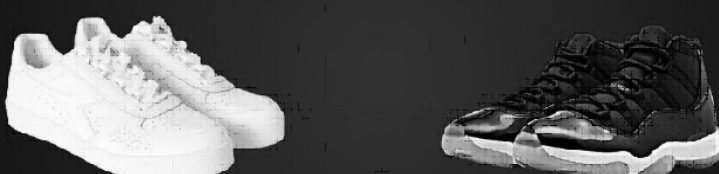
Support booths from private sector partners BDO, Meralco, Security Bank, Converge, Toyota, and Bayad Agent were also present.

The conference concluded on an inspiring note with an "InspoTalk" delivered by Ms. Azenith Castalone, owner of Pio's Gourmet Tuyo and recognized DTI Rizal MSME Champion, who shared her entrepreneurial journey from humble beginnings to market success.

With strong participation from both public and private stakeholders, the 2nd Eastern Rizal Business Conference reaffirmed DTI Rizal's commitment to building a robust, inclusive, and forward-looking business ecosystem in the eastern part of the province.



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PGC's Medical and Dental Mission reaches Silang locals

The Provincial Government of Cavite conducted a medical and dental mission on August 5, 2025, in Barangay San Vicente 2, Silang. The activity was organized through the partnership of the Office of the Provincial Governor (OPG) and the Office of the Provincial Health Officer (OPHO).



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Working with CARSIGMA medical practitioners, the OPHO technical team were able

to provide free medical check-ups to 300 patients and free tooth extractions to 79 individuals.

Likewise, the OPG team, led by Mr. Geri Olaes, distributed free medicines to the

Quezon youth group opposes DOE's reissuance of moratorium exemption of coal project in Atimonan

Quezon City, Philippines — The Philippine Movement for Climate Justice (PMCJ) and Kabataan para sa Kalikasan ng Atimonan (KAPAKANAN) filed an opposition letter at the Department of Energy (DOE) after the latter reissued the exemption of Atimonan One Energy (A1E) from the coal moratorium recently.

In April 2025, MGen received an official communication from DOE revoking its confirmation of exemption for the 1,200-megawatt (MW) coal project in Atimonan, Quezon. The project's Acknowledgement of Non-Coverage from the 2020 coal moratorium has been recalled for further review following the government's policies and programs.

The 2020 DOE Coal Moratorium Advisory provides that exemptions apply to coal projects that meet any of the following criteria. First, committed projects listed by the DOE before the moratorium that have achieved financial closing or begun construction. Second, existing coal plant complexes with firm expansion plans and secured sites. Third, indicative projects with substantial accomplishments include notarized land acquisition or lease agreements, approved permits, and resolutions from the host local government unit (LGU) and regional development council (RDC).

PMCJ, in previous statements, proved that the A1E project does not qualify for exemption. It is a greenfield development with no prior operations, no proven expansion record, and lacks the necessary approvals and a notarized land agreement. The project's construction has been delayed since

2019 due to unresolved legal and environmental issues, and its PSA was among those voided by the Supreme Court.

"The A1E project should not be exempted from the coal moratorium, as none of the exemptions apply to it. For the DOE to reverse course is to provide special treatment to the project in clear violation of the coal moratorium. What is so special about the A1E coal project that the DOE has reneged on its previous position of applying the coal moratorium to the project, and greenlighted its construction despite legal challenges and widespread opposition?" PMCJ Legal team head Atty. Aaron Pedrosa said.

Local communities, groups, and the whole province of Quezon have long been rejecting the A1E coal project, arranging protests, forums, and filing legal complaints in an attempt to avert the heightening of fossil-fuel-related pollution and further ecological destruction of their area. Following the historic Advisory Opinion on Climate Change released by the International Court of Justice, which was strongly lobbied into courtrooms by 27 law students, this action to oppose the project by the Atimonan youth is an act to concretize and urge the government to regulate and fully implement the fossil fuel phaseout in the Philippines.

"Higit isang dekada nang nilalaban ng mamayan ng Atimonan at buong probinsya ng Quezon ang maruruming proyekto sa aming lugar. Bilang kabataan, alam namin ang kahalagahan ng aming pakikilahok sa laban para sa kalikasan," KAPAKANAN President Eunise Balagtas said. [The people of Atimonan and the entire province of Quezon have been fighting against the dirty projects in our area for more than a decade. As youth, we know the importance of our participation in the fight for the environment.]

"The project's rebranding from coal to liquified natural gas (LNG), then back to coal, was widely seen as an attempt to exploit regulatory gaps, circumvent requirements, and sneak its way to construction and operation. Sec. Sharon Garin is grossly misinformed in her support for the project. Her predecessor was sued for bending the coal moratorium just to allow the A1E coal plant. She must not commit the same mistake. The coal moratorium provides her the unmistakable mandate of once and for all shelving the project," Pedrosa stressed. **#EndCoal #NoToLNG #PhaseoutFossilFuels #ClimateJusticeNow #QuezonForEnvironment #QuezonForClimateJustice #KAPAKANAN #LabanAtimonan**



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residents.

The activity concluded smoothly and successfully with the assistance of the Barangay Health Workers and Barangay Nutrition Scholars.

Fifth District Board

Members Ivey Jane Reyes and Aidel Paul Belamide also joined the mission to show their support and appreciation for extending the health outreach program to their constituents.

The medical and dental mission reflects the continued commitment of the Provincial Government of Cavite to deliver accessible and quality healthcare to Caviteños. **(S. Sumagaysay)**



Bebang's Famous Halo-Halo is Coming to Cavite! The much-loved and best-selling Halo-Halo from Metro Manila is finally arriving in Cavite! Don't miss the grand opening of Bebang Halo-Halo at SM City Tanza on August 16 — with fun activities, games, and surprises in store for our KaBabangyans. See you there!

CSC issues final reminders for Aug. 10 Civil Service Exam

MANILA – The Civil Service Commission (CSC) on Friday issued final reminders for examinees taking the Career Service Examination – Pen and Paper Test (CSE-PPT) on Sunday, urging all test takers to carefully review guidelines to ensure a smooth and orderly conduct of the exam.

In a news release, the CSC advised examinees to read Examination Advisory 14, series of 2025, now available on the official CSC website (www.csc.gov.ph). Testing center details can also be checked through the Online Notice of School Assignment (ONSA) on the same site.

Examinees are required to arrive at their designated testing venues no later than 6:30 a.m.

Gates will close strictly at 7:45 a.m., and latecomers will not be allowed to take the exam.

The CSC reiterated the "No ID, No Exam" policy.

Test takers must bring a valid ID, preferably the same one used during application. Examinees must wear proper attire – ideally plain white shirts or tops. Sleeveless tops, shorts, ripped jeans, and slippers are prohibited, and those wearing them will be denied entry.

Additional reminders include:

Only black ball pens may



be used for the answer sheet. Gel pens, sign pens, and other types are not allowed.

Electronic devices (phones, smartwatches, tablets, calculators, etc.) are not permitted at examinees' seats.

Long hair must be tied back to ensure the face is clearly visible for verification.

Examinees must only use their assigned

examinee number, which can be found in the Examinee Attendance Sheet, and should remember this number for result checking.

Test booklets and answer sheets must not be taken outside the testing room.

Scratch work is allowed only in designated booklet areas.

For those unable to access their ONSA, the CSC advised contacting

the nearest CSC regional or field office, the Contact Center ng Bayan at 0908-881-6565, or messaging the official CSC Facebook page at facebook.com/civilservicegovph.

For other inquiries, examinees may also call the CSC at (02) 8931-4180.

The full list of exam rules and coverage can be accessed on the CSC website. **(PR)**

DepEd to deploy 666 new plantilla personnel to field offices

MANILA – The Department of Education (DepEd) will deploy 666 new plantilla personnel, including lawyers, legal assistants and procurement staff, to Schools Division Offices (SDOs) nationwide, following the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) approval of its request.

"Malaking tulong ito para sa ating field offices na matagal nang kapos sa suporta (This is a big help for our field offices that have long lacked support)," Education Secretary Sonny Angara said in a news release Friday.

"Dahil sa tulong ni Pangulong Marcos at DBM, magkakaroon tayo ng mga abogado at procurement staff sa bawat SDO. Mas mapapabilis ang serbisyo, at mababawasan ang burnout ng ating mga kawani (With the help of President Marcos and the DBM, we will now have lawyers and procurement staff in every SDO. This will speed up services and reduce the burnout of our staff)," he added.

DepEd said the move aims to strengthen frontline services in 223 division offices.

Of the approved positions, 47 are for Attorney III, 187 for Legal Assistant I, 214 for Administrative Officer IV and 218 for Administrative Officer II.

These cover



longstanding gaps in legal and procurement functions that have hampered efficiency and overburdened existing personnel in SDOs.

DepEd said while it began restructuring legal services under the 2015 Rationalization Plan, increasing demands at the division level have outpaced available staffing.

Currently, legal duties, including case resolution, contract review, and consultations, are shared across divisions, often resulting in delayed responses and overstretched personnel.

The newly approved positions will allow each of the 47 smaller SDOs to have its own full-time legal officer, while Legal Assistant I positions will be assigned across both small and medium divisions.

In addition to legal staffing, the DBM also approved the creation of procurement teams across all SDOs: 214 Administrative Officer IV (Salary Grade 15) and 218 Administrative Officer II (SG 11) positions.

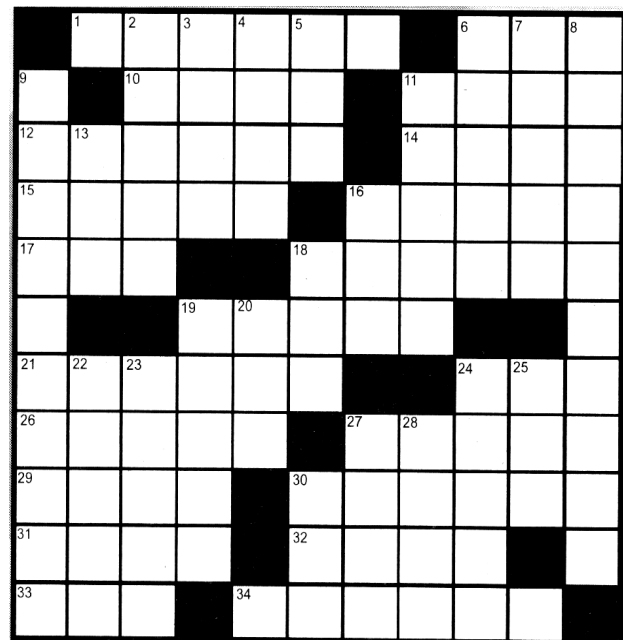
DepEd said most divisions currently lack permanent procurement staff, with existing

employees often absorbing additional duties.

The new plantilla items are expected to fast-track procurement activities and ensure strict compliance with government rules, especially for major programs such as school construction, computerization, and textbook delivery.

"With DepEd receiving the largest budget allocation among agencies, we need the right people to ensure that public funds are used properly and efficiently," Angara said. **(PNA)**

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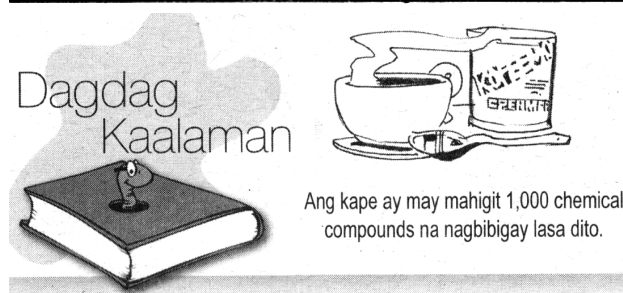
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Agham ay ramdam, sa Bagong Pilipinas - Solidum

Just after the fourth State of the Nation Address (SONA) of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., Science and Technology Secretary Renato U. Solidum Jr. has vowed for a more responsive and reliable department, under the current administration.



DOST Secretary Renato U. Solidum Jr., speaks at 2025 post-SONA discussions on Environmental Protection and Disaster Risk Reduction on July 29, 2025 held at San Juan National Government Center, San Juan City. (Photo from PCOO)

"Sa Bagong Pilipinas, ang agham ay ramdam. 'Yan po ang ating pangako. Paano po natin gagawin ito? Si siyensya, teknolohiya at inobasyon, mga negosyo niyo ay tiyak kikita. Meron po tayong Small Enterprise Technology Upgrading Program [and] STARTUP fund. We have a program Propel to help investors and technologies to create enterprises and to create new jobs. Sa industriya, aarangkada. Ang kalusugan ay sisigla. Ang pagsasaka ay sasagana. Sa mga kabataan, may scholarship po tayo sa science, technology engineering and mathematics. Ang bukas niyo ay may pagasa. Kaya pangako po natin sa kasalukuyang administrasyon, ang agham ay ramdam," Solidum said in 2025 post-SONA discussions on Environmental Protection and Disaster Risk Reduction on July 29. **► AGHAM • 5**

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DTI Rizal and PCCI Rizal Success

BARAS, RIZAL | The Department of Trade and Industry-Rizal, in partnership with the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) Rizal, proudly concluded the 2nd Eastern Rizal Business Conference (ERBC) held at the Baras Municipal Gymnasium.



Following the success of its pilot run last year, this year's conference brought together of more than 300 participants representing key industries, government agencies, and the dynamic MSME sector from across

Eastern Rizal. Themed "Building Better Future for the East," the event served as a vital platform for policy dialogue, investment promotion, access to support services, and

entrepreneurial empowerment in the region.

In her welcome remarks, Baras Vice Mayor Hon. Kathrine Robles shared the municipality's

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Free hearing aid services extended to 65 Caviteños

In its continuous effort to provide inclusive healthcare services, the Office of the Provincial Persons with Disability Affairs Officer (OPDDAO), in partnership with Manila Hearing Aid, conducted a Hearing Test for Adults with Hearing Loss on July 31 to August 1, 2025, at the Residential Care Facility in Trece Martires City.

A total of 65 beneficiaries will receive free hearing



aids, offering them a renewed opportunity to connect with their surroundings and enhance their quality of life.

The two-day event featured a comprehensive set of hearing care

services including otoscopy, tympanometry, hearing tests, and hearing aid trials. These procedures were conducted by professionals from Manila Hearing Aid, ensuring

quality service and accurate diagnosis for each participant.

The initiative is part of the Provincial Government of Cavite's ongoing programs to support persons with disabilities by addressing hearing loss which is one of the most

overlooked conditions among adults. With early detection and the provision of appropriate devices, hearing-impaired individuals are empowered to live more comfortably and actively engage with their communities. (OPIO)



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