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Church calls for solidarity with flood victims

About 160 evacuees sought refuge at the Santuario del Sto. Cristo Parish Church in San Juan City amid heavy rains brought by Typhoon Carina on July 24, 2024. PHOTO FROM SANTUARIO DEL STO. CRISTO PARISH

PCC clears Cavite, SDC deal to develop Sangley airport

The Philippine Competition Commission (PCC) has cleared the Cavite provincial government and SPIA Development Consortium (SDC) deal for the development of the Sangley Point International Airport (SPIA) Project in Cavite.

House of Investments, Inc. (HOI), which is part of SDC, said in a regulatory disclosure on July 23 that it received the PCC resolution on the same day. HOI filed the notification with PCC last March in compliance with the Philippine Competition Act in connection with the proposed joint venture (JV) for the SPIA project.

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DOST kicks off Handa Pilipinas in Cebu to advance Visayas resilience

Cebu City, Philippines – The Visayas leg of the Department of Science and Technology's (DOST) "Handa Pilipinas" annual exposition kicked off yesterday at the Waterfront Hotel in Cebu City, with its agenda focused on enhancing the region's disaster resilience through science, technology, and innovation (STI).

Distribution of Educ. Assistance



Cavite provincial government held a significant event at the CvSU Imus Campus Gymnasium, as Governor Jonvic C. Remulla led the distribution of educational assistance to 3,093 beneficiaries under the Provincial Scholarship Program. This momentous occasion was attended by key officials, including the campus administrator, Dr. Jenny Beb F. Espineli, Imus City Mayor Alex "AA" L. Advincula, Vice Mayor Homer Saquilayan, Imus City Councilors, and Third District Board Member Ony Cantimbuhan.

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The Handa Pilipinas Visayas Leg will run from July 24 to 26 and will bring together local government units (LGUs), stakeholders, and experts in disaster risk reduction and management (DRRM) to share best practices and explore innovative solutions.

The undertaking seeks to serve as a critical platform for knowledge exchange and collaborative efforts aimed at fortifying the resilience of the Visayas region through cutting-edge science and technology.

In his opening remarks, DOST Undersecretary for Regional Operations Dr. Sancho Maborang highlighted the integral role of science in

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DTI 4-A launches & orients 2nd batch of CALABARZON KMME-MME mentees this 2024

To continue enhancing the competencies of the micro, small, and medium enterprises in the CALABARZON region, the Department of Trade and Industry Region 4-A, in partnership with the Philippine Center for Entrepreneurship (PCE)-Go Negosyo, organized the 2nd batch of 2024 KAPATID Mentor ME-Money and Market Encounter (KMME-MME) Online Multisectoral Launch and Orientation on July 23, 2024 via Zoom.

51 CALABARZON mentees from different industry clusters and sectors such as food service, construction, processed food, gifts, decor, and houseware (GDH), wearables, homestyle, agriculture, health and wellness, high value coco products, trading and services, and processed fruits and nut were selected to participate in the program.

After the selection phase, the mentees will undergo four more steps. The second phase is the module session and government forum, then coaching sessions, business improvement plan (BIP) presentation, and eventually graduate from the program.

The KMME-MME Online is designed to integrate the Money Market Encounter (MME) into the regular KMME Program. This aims to pro-

vide a platform for existing and aspiring micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) to learn and be inspired by the entrepreneurial journey of mentors online, adapt their business strategies in responding to the challenges of the new normal business environment, be the channel for capacity building on an online platform using the KMME modules and canned lectures via webinar, and provide an avenue for business mentorship of the waitlisted MSMEs across the regions and enhance their resiliency through a crisis.

The KMME-MME online program has ten modules: entrepreneurial mind-setting; marketing mindset; business model canvas; operations management; digitalization; supply and value chain; enterprise accounting/financial

management; human resources/organization management; product development and marketing expansion and internationalization; and good governance & ethics. Webinars on the Digital Shift & The Great Reset will also be presented.

DTI 4-A OIC Assistant Regional Director Revelyn A. Cortez gave the welcome remarks, followed by the opening message of DTI-MSME Development Group Undersecretary Ma. Cristina A. Roque and welcome statement by PCE Go Negosyo Adviser Engr. Merly M. Cruz.

Programs Development Associate for KMME Rholan Christian S. Nuqui of PCE Go Negosyo provided the introduction to the program and the house rules. A question and answer segment was also provided to partici-



pants to raise and address their concerns.

A breakout session was then created to group the mentees, select each Team Leader, and note taker for the entire duration of the 12-week program.

To conclude, DTI Laguna Provincial Director

Christian Ted O. Tungohan, DTI Rizal PD Cleotilde M. Duran, and DTI Batangas PD Leila M. Cabreros delivered the closing messages.

The KMME-MME Online is a public-private partnership program between the DTI and the PCE-Go Negosyo to pro-

vide business coaching and mentorship for entrepreneurs across the country.

If you want to be a mentee of the KMME-MME Online, visit your nearest DTI Regional and Provincial Office or Negosyo Center nationwide.

Church calls for solidarity with flood victims

The Catholic Church's social action arm asked everyone to show concrete solidarity towards the people severely affected by flooding in Metro Manila and other provinces.

"Together, we stand in solidarity with affected families, striving to bring them comfort and hope in the wake of this disaster," Caritas Philippines said.

The organization is collaborating with dioceses to ensure swift aid delivery and has reached out to partners for additional support.

The national Caritas also expressed its sympathy, saying, "Our thoughts and prayers are especially with those who have lost loved ones. May they find peace and strength during this time of immense grief."

At least 14 people were reported dead as of Thursday morning because of monsoon rains worsened by offshore typhoon Carina and tropical depression Butchay.

The nation's disaster risk-reduction and management council said the

storms affected more than 1.1 million people or some 245,000 families in many parts of the country.

Those who want to send help may coordinate with Caritas Philippines via email at alaykapwa@caritas.org.ph or by mobile number at +63 916 694 5278.

Cash donations, on the other hand, may be deposited into the following bank accounts:

BPI Account name: Caritas Philippines Foundation, Inc., Account Number: 4951-0071-08 / 4951-0071-16

Metrobank Account name: Caritas Philippines Foundation, Inc., Account Number: 632-7-632028322 / 632-7-632028586

BDO Account name: Caritas Philippines Foundation, Inc., Account Number: 004508034192

Many parish churches in different dioceses have opened their doors to serve as evacuation centers for residents displaced by flooding.

In the Diocese of Novaliches in Quezon City, about 5,000 families sought shelter in the parishes and chapels under its jurisdiction.

"These churches provide safe shelter and basic necessities for displaced individuals and families," the diocese said.

In the Diocese of Malolos, Bishop Dennis Villarojo also urged the faithful to stand in solidarity with those affected and displaced by the calamity.

"I encourage all the faithful to provide necessary assistance to those affected by the disaster closest to your area," he said.

Philippine Health Insurance Corporation
ADVISORY
No. 2024 - 0035



System Downtime

Please be informed that PhilHealth will undergo system maintenance activity starting July 22, 2024 to July 27, 2024 and on July 29, 2024 to August 03, 2024 every 6:00 PM until 6:00 AM of the following day to enhance and improve system resources.

The following application systems are not accessible during the said period:

- HCI Portal
- PhilHealth eClaims Web Services
- Member Portal
- ACR Search
- Point of Service (POS)
- EPRS
- EPAR
- ECRS
- eGroup
- ePOAF
- iCARES
- HCP Portal
- My PhilHealth Portal
- Membership API
- PHIC DICT Façade
- Konsulta API

For your information and guidance.

(Sgd.) **EMMANUEL R. LEDESMA, JR.**
President and Chief Executive Officer

Editorial

Is the Divorce Bill unconstitutional?

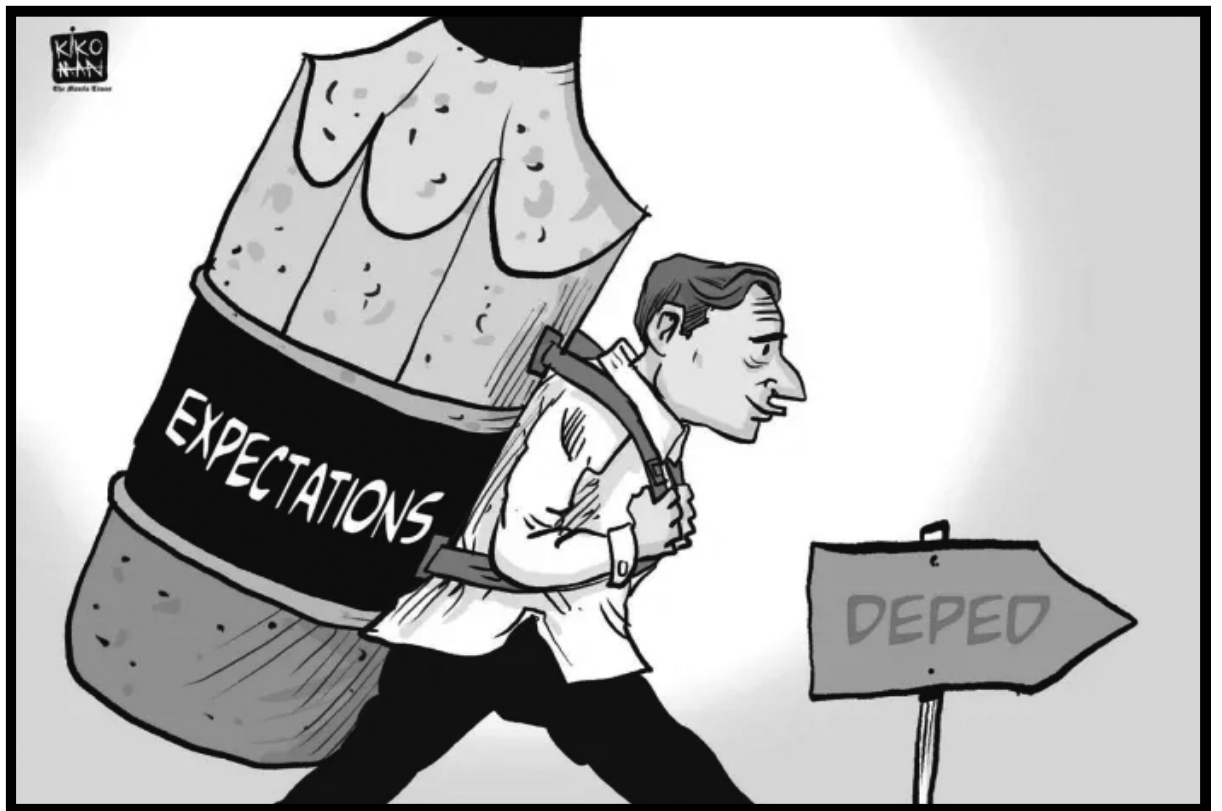
Of course it is. And this according to the most brilliant and illustrious jurist the country has ever produced, former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Hilario G. Davide, Jr. One of the framers of the 1987 Constitution, he minces no words in saying that the House Absolute Divorce Bill or House Bill No. 9349 is deeply contrary to the 1987 Constitution, specifically Section 2 of Article XV on the Family which categorically states that "Marriage, as an inviolable institution, is the foundation of the family and shall be protected by the State."

Implicitly, Section 12 on State Policies of the Constitution also renders the Divorce Bill unconstitutional. It states: "The State recognizes the sanctity of family life and shall protect and strengthen the family as a basic autonomous social institution. It shall equally protect the life of the mother and the life of the unborn from conception. The natural and primary right of parents in the rearing of the youth for civic efficiency and the development of moral character shall receive the support of the Government."

And so is Section 1 of Article XV which strongly provides that "the State recognizes the Filipino family as the foundation of the nation. Accordingly, it shall strengthen its solidarity and actively promote its total development."

And this is where the crux of the matter lies. While the 131 representatives who voted affirmative to the Divorce Bill argued from the seemingly insurmountable domestic problems between a husband and a wife, they seem to have glossed over the bigger cost that the country should pay once the divorce bill is unleashed. If the family, as the constitution recognizes, is the foundation of a nation, destroying one ultimately hammers on the destruction of the majority. In trying to save a molehill, one ends up losing a mountain. Yet divorce is not even the real solution to the problem of the molehill.

Hundreds of studies have shown that divorce did not bring any solution to marital hitches. It worsens and compounds it with succeeding marriages and divorces. While the



destruction is heavy enough for the couple, it is doubly heavier for the children who suffer the most due to marital breakup. Children become consequently susceptible to mental health and behavioral issues, to social and even financial insecurity.

According to a study titled "Divorce and its effects on the development of children," (2010) Lisa Barron of the University of Northern Iowa observed that "the factors involved in the pre and post-divorce relationship are just as detrimental to the children as the divorce itself." She adds that children who are not part of the decision making when it comes to divorce become innocent bystanders who have no choice but to become an integral part of an adult issue.

As if separation is not destructive enough, one study says that "a lot of children of divorced parents endure ongoing changes to their family dynamics. The addition of a step-parent and possibly step-siblings can be another big adjust-

ments. And quite often both parents remarry, which means many changes for kids. The failure rate for second marriages is even higher than first marriages. So many children experience multiple separations and divorces over the years." (cf. <https://www.verywellfamily.com/psychological-effects-of-divorce-on-kids-4140170>)

Most of the pro-divorce Filipino argument is premised on the fact that aside from the Vatican, the Philippines is the only country in the world that has not yet legalized divorced. Seemingly, it taunts as it mocks an obstinacy of a laidback religious sentiment. But seriously pouring deeper on all those countries that legalized divorce, one notices that not one of those places have addressed a bit the marital problems they were trying to avoid—or have even improved the psychological and the social damage that divorce has inflicted on children—and therefore, on their society itself.

Indigestion o Hindi Matunawan

Ang indigestion ang pangkalahatang tawag sa hindi komportableng pakiramdam sa sikmura. Ang indigestion ay hindi isang sakit ngunit ito ay pagpapakita ng sintomas tulad ng hindi matunawan, hirap sa pag-dighay, pagkahilo, at pagka-impatso pagkatapos kumain.

Maraming dahilan ang indigestion. Ang iba ay dahil sa kanilang lifestyle sa sobrang pagkain at iniinom na alak. Ang labis na pag-aalala, paninigarilyo, emotional trauma, mabilis na pagkain, at kondisyon gaya ng ulcer o gallstones (bato sa apdo) ay maaari ring dahilan ng indigestion.

Kung minsan ang taong may indigestion ay nakararanas din ng heartburn o pangangasim ng sikmura.

Para maiwasan ang indigestion, subukan ito:
1. Kumain ng pakonti-konti ngunit mas madalas - Kumain ng mas maraming gulay at prutas. Nguyain ang pagkain ng mabuti at dahan-dahan.

2. Iwasan ang mga "trigger foods" - Ang karaniwang nagdudulot ng indigestion ay ang matataba at maaanghang na pagkain, soft drinks, kape, pag-inom ng alak at paninigarilyo.

3. Panatilihin ang tamang timbang - Ang sobrang timbang ay naglalagay ng pressure sa iyong sikmura at maaaring maging dahilan ng stomach acid para umakyat sa lalamunan.

4. Mag-ehersisyo ng madalas - Ang pag-ehersisyo ay malaking tulong para hindi tumaba at umayos ang iyong panunaw.

5. Limitahan ang stress - Magkaroon ng sapat na



tulog. Maglaan ng oras sa mga bagay na gustong gawin. Maaari rin mag-meditate o mag-yoga.

6. Suriin ang iyong mga gamot - Sumunod sa payo ng doktor kung kinakailangang inumin ang gamot. Ngunit ang gamot tulad ng aspirin at pain relievers (gamot sa kirot) ay pwedeng maka-irita at makasira sa lining ng sikmura. Kung kailangan talaga inumin ang gamot, kumain muna bago uminom ng gamot para mabawasan ang hapdi.

7. Uminom ng herbal tea na may peppermint - Mayroong mga taong nagiginhawahan sa pag-inom ng peppermint, ngunit hindi pa ito tiyak. Pwede naman subukan.

Kung hindi lamang natunawan, hindi dapat mag-alala.

Kumonsulta sa doktor kung ang indigestion ay mahigit 2 linggo, at may kasamang senyales tulad ng:

1. Pagbaba ng timbang at walang gana kumain
2. Pagsusuka
3. Maitim ang dumi
4. Jaundice, o paninilaw sa balat at mata.

LEGAL NOTICES

**REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
CITY OF BACOOR, CAVITE
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**RE: ISSUANCE OF ANOTHER OWNER'S
DUPLICATE COPY OF TRANSFER
CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-105522 OF
THE REGISTRY OF DEEDS OF TRECE
MARTIRES CITY, FOR THE PROVINCE
OF CAVITE IN THE NAMES LEONIDA
GUINTO, VIRGINIA CALINISAN, REYNALDO
GUINTO, BELEN GUINTO AND, LYDIA
GUINTO,**

**ARTURO N. INTERIOR, represented
by his Attorney-In-Fact,
Maricris D. Dagsa,**
Petitioner,

- versus - LRC CASE NO. 8843-2024-15

**THE REGISTRY OF DEEDS OF BACOOR CITY,
and all other persons claiming rights in the
said property that may be affected thereby,**
Respondents.

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SECOND AMENDED ORDER

Raffled before this Court is a Petition, dated February 5, 2024, by the petitioner Arturo N. Interior, through his counsel Atty. Benedict V. Victa and Attorney-in-Fact Maricris D. Dagsa, praying for the issuance of a new owner's duplicate copy of Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-1055219 in lieu of the lost one.

Finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, and complaint with A.M No. 19-10-20-SC, let the same be set for initial hearing on August 29, 2024 at 8:30 in the morning.

NOTICE is hereby given to any person claiming an interest to file an opposition stating the grounds thereto why this petition should not be granted, on or before the above-scheduled hearing and to appear on such hearing.

Let copies of this Amended Order be posted by the Process Server of this Court in three conspicuous places in the City of Bacoor, Cavite where the property is situated.

Let this Order be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Cavite.

Let a copy of this Order be sent to the petitioner and counsel, the Office of the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Cavite, Office of the Registry of Deeds for the City of Bacoor, the Office of the Bureau of Lands, DENR, Trece Martires City, Cavite; the Land Management Bureau; the adjacent owner/ss and all the person/s named in the petition who appear to have an interest in the petition.

The petitioner and counsel are directed to furnish copies of this petition to the Office of the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Cavite, Office the Registry of Deeds of the City of Bacoor, the Office of the Bureau of Lands, DENR, Trece Martires City, Cavite; the Land Management Bureau; the adjacent owner/s and all the person/s named in the petition who appear to have an interest in the petition.

SO ORDERED.

GIVEN IN CHAMBERS, this 6th day of June 2024 in the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

(Sgd.) PERSEPHONE MEIR B. BELENA
Assisting Judge

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**Republic of the Philippines
Fourth Judicial Region
Regional Trial Court of Cavite
Office of the Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio
Sheriff
New Justice Hall, J.P. Rizal Avenue,
Kaybagal South, Tagaytay City**

**HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
(otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund)**
Mortgagee,

-versus- EJF NO. TG-23-106
FOR: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of
Real Estate Mortgage under Act No.
3135, as amended by Act No. 4118

EDWIN M. LLEVA,
Mortgagor.

X----- X

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-judicial foreclosure sale under Act 3135, as Amended by Act No. 4118, filed by Mortgagee, **HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund)**, a government financial institution duly organized and existing under and by virtue of Republic Act No. 9679, with principal office and place of business at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Loan and Mortgage Agreement ("MORTGAGE") executed and notarized on September 10, 1998 by Mortgagor/Borrower, **EDWIN M. LLEVA**, single, of legal age, Filipino citizen, with residence and postal addresses at (1) 119 North Science Ave., SEPZ, Laguna Technopark, Biñan Laguna and (2) Lot 32 Blk. 34, Rancho Imperial De Silang, Brgy. Tartaria, Silang, Cavite in favor of the Mortgagee, over a real estate property including improvements thereon, described in and covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. (T-813149) 19256**, of the Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City, in order to satisfy the outstanding loan obligation of the Mortgagor/Borrower in the amount of **TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY-NINE PESOS & 56/100 (Php 270,429.56)** inclusive of interest, penalties and other charges, as of September 5, 2023, the undersigned Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court of Cavite thru her deputy, Oliver N. Mendoza, will sell at public auction on **September 5, 2024 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. (T-813149) 19256
Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City

"IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BRGY. OF BILUSO, MUN. OF SILANG, PROV. OF CAVITE, bounded and described as follows: A parcel of land (Lot 32 Blk. 34 of the cons./subd. plan Pcs-04-012899, being a portion of Lot 8014, 8015, 8017, 8018, Cad. 452-D, Silang Cad., Lots 8016-A to 8016-H, Csd-04-006071-D, Lot 15709-A, Csd-

042118-012810-D, & Lot Blk. 71, Pcs-04-011250, LRC Rec. No.) situated in the Brgy. of Tartaria, Mun. of Silang, Prov. of Cavite. Bounded on the SE., along line 1-2 by Lot 9, on the SW., along line 2-3 by Lot 31 both of Blk. 34; on the NW., along line 3-4 by Rd. Lot 38 (3.50 m. wide); and on the NE., along line 4-1 by Lot 33, of Blk. 34, all of the cons./subd. plan. Beginning at a pt. marked "1" on plan being S. 65 deg. 06'E., 5054.08 m. from BLLM No. 1, Cad-452-D, Silang Cadastre; thence S. 68 deg. 26'W., 4.50 m. to pt. 2; thence N. 21 deg. 34'W., 10.00 m. to pt. 3; thence N. 68 deg. 26'E., 4.50 m. to pt. 4; thence S. 21 deg. 34'E., 10.00 m to pt. 1; beginning, containing an area of **FORTY FIVE (45) SQUARE METERS**. All pts. referred to are indicated on the plan and are marked on the ground by PS cyl. conc. mons. 15x60 cm., bearings true; date of orig. survey, Dec. 7, 1973-Dec. 4, 1975, & that of the subd. survey. Aug. 1-30, 1997, & was approved on Dec. 5, 1997. is registered in accordance with the provision of the Property Registration Decree in the name of **EDWIN M. LLEVA**, single, of legal age, Filipino.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on September 12, 2024 without further notice.

Prospective bidders or buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate and verify for themselves the **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. (T-813149) 19256** 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, July 1, 2024.

(Sgd.) ATTY. VARBRA ANN A. VARIAS-DIMAYUGA
Clerk of Court VI & Ex-Officio Sheriff

(Sgd.) OLIVER N. MENDOZA
Sheriff-In-Charge

WARNING: IT IS ABSOLUTELY PROHIBITED TO REMOVE, DEFACE OR DESTROY THIS NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE ON OR BEFORE THE DATE OF THE AUCTION SALE UNDER THE PENALTY OF LAW

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Governor Remulla delivered an inspirational message that resonated with the students, emphasizing the value of perseverance, hard work, and the transformative power of education. In his speech, he shared personal anecdotes and encouraged students to make the most of the opportunities presented to them. He highlighted the role of education in achieving one's dreams and the collective progress it brings to the

community. His message was met with enthusiastic applause and left a lasting impression on all attendees.

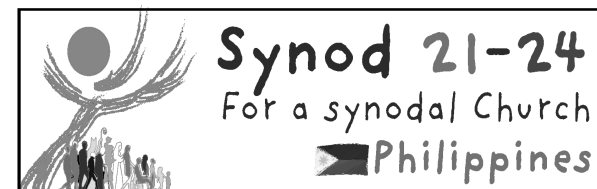
Mayor Advincula and Vice Mayor Saquilayan, along with the city councilors, also expressed their support for the scholarship program, acknowledging the collaborative effort between the local government and educational institutions to uplift the youth of Imus City and beyond.

This initiative not only underscores the importance of education in personal development but also highlights the commitment of the Provincial Government to invest in the future leaders of Cavite. The distribution of educational assistance continues to be a beacon of hope, providing opportunities for students to achieve their dreams and contribute to the progress of their communities. (OPIO)

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Originally set to develop roadmaps only for four communities, the SSCP for DOST 1, under the visionary leadership of Regional Director Dr. Teresita A. Tabaog, exceeded expectations and instead completed plans for six: the Provincial Government of Ilocos Norte, the City of Batang, the City of Laoag, the City of Candon, the City of San Fernando, and the City of Alaminos.

Each community embraced the SSCP with enthusiasm, reflecting their commitment to the program's objectives.

For instance, the City of San Fernando in La Union, led by Mayor Hermenigildo Gualberto, presented its roadmap and best practices at the 2024 International Smart City and Communities Exposition & Networking Engagement (ISCENE) in Cauayan City, Isabela.

The presentation received positive feedback, paving the way for potential international partnerships.

During the RSTW 2024, Mayor Gualberto highlighted that "our journey towards a smart and sustainable community requires the collective effort of every resident, sector, and institution. It is crucial that we continue to innovate, collaborate, and ensure that no one is left behind."

The spotlight, though, is not only on San Fernando City. The other five (5) communities — Batang, Laoag, Candon, Alaminos, and Ilocos Norte — are equally integral to this journey. Each city has worked diligently to develop their roadmaps, ensuring that their plans are tailored to their unique needs and aspirations.

These roadmaps are

not just documents; they represent the collective vision and efforts of each community to drive sustainable and inclusive growth.

Mayor Gualberto's call to action reflects "the core values of the SSCP and reinforces the commitment of all involved to drive progress and inclusivity in their communities. As these roadmaps are set in motion, they pave the way for a brighter, more sustainable future for the entire region."

The success of the SSCP lies in its ability to bring together diverse communities with a shared vision.

As each city gears up with new knowledge and support from DOST 1 and its partners, they are united in their quest to become smart, sustainable, resilient, technology-driven, and inclusive.

The launch of the roadmaps is a testament to the power of collaborative effort and innovation.

It reflects a collective commitment to improving quality of life and ensuring that the benefits of science and technology reach every corner of the region.

As the journey continues, the six recipient communities are poised to set a benchmark for progress and sustainability, driving forward with a unified purpose and renewed enthusiasm. **(Christian Dominic Casimiro)**



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Other members of SDC include Cavite Holdings Inc., Samsung C&T Corp., MacroAsia Corp., Munich Airport International GmbH, and Ove Arup & Partners Hongkong Ltd.

SDC and the Cavite provincial government signed on February 6, 2023 a JV and development agreement for the \$11 billion SPIA Project.

The signing clears the way for the consortium to begin preparatory work on the airport project.

On September 14, 2022, the Cavite provincial government officially awarded the contract to SDC, whose members also signed their Consortium Collaboration Agreement during the

same event.

The awarding came after no firm challenged the consortium's unsolicited proposal until the August 17, 2022 deadline for the project's competitive challenge process.

SDC submitted its unsolicited proposal for a joint venture with the Cavite provincial government to develop SPIA in 2021, after the latter declared as failed the second bidding for the project in October 2021.

SPIA is envisioned as a two-runway airport with annual capacity of 80 million passengers, expandable to four runways that can handle as many as 130 million passengers a year.

The airport project aims to provide a pre-

mium gateway that will initially serve as an alternative to the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) and is designed to meet an expected increase in demand for air transport in the next 30-40 years.

The project includes the construction of a four-kilometer connector road with provisions for rail connectivity, as well as fully-integrated logistics and aviation support facilities.

With the development of the first runway, SPIA can operate as a satellite runway to immediately relieve the extreme congestion of the runway at NAIA.

The consortium said the SPIA development is expected to create 50,000 jobs and be a catalyst project to bring in foreign direct investment.

DOST Quezon

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She also introduced the GeoRisk Philippines, a newly developed website featuring Hazard Hunter PH, and GeoAnalytics PH, a one-stop shop hazard and risk assessment that

can help Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Offices (LDRRMO).

During the open forum, Director Jawili encouraged LDRRMOs to maximize the services

offered by the Center for Hazard and Environmental Resource Mapping (CHERM).

The activity was organized by the PDRRMO Quezon as part of the 2024 National Disaster Resilience Month Celebration. **(By Unice Faith N. Cataquiz and Sydney Tadosa)**



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DRRM, and emphasized how LGUs act as active collaborators to offer significant insights from their on-ground experiences.

Maborang said the collaboration allows for the sharing of best practices across various LGUs and fosters more resilient and well-prepared communities through the application of technology and innovation.

The keynote address was delivered by DOST Secretary Dr. Renato U. Solidum Jr., who underscored the pivotal role of STI in disaster risk reduction and management.

"STI is crucial in addressing the challenges in disaster risk reduction and staying ahead of the curve in disaster man-

agement. This is why we bring Handa Pilipinas into our communities," said Dr. Solidum.

He likewise elaborated on three key messages: redefining Filipino resilience, understanding hazards and risks, and harnessing appropriate S&T solutions.

Dr. Teodoro Gatchalian, DOST Undersecretary for Special Concerns, delivered a special message spotlighting the indomitable spirit of the Visayans.

He said: "Time and again, the fighting spirit of the Visayans has shone through, demonstrating unyielding resilience. Yesterday, we gather to once again to strengthen that resilience with the power of

innovation, the DOST power."

The event also featured messages of support from key regional leaders, including Dir. Jennifer Bretana of NEDA Region 7, Councilor Alforque of Lapu-Lapu City, and Arch. Arceil Barlam, department head of the Mandaue City Environment Office.

Day one of the Handa Pilipinas event featured a pre-conference session titled "Unmasking DRRM Hoaxes: The Hunt for Truth Against Social Media Misinformation," along with pre-opening activities and a press conference.

Various activities aligned with DRRM and the DOST's vision of a resilient nation, including technological exhibits accessible to the public, will also be held. **(Nelson Santos)**



NEWS

DOST Quezon Webinar Number 8 highlights SLSU's technologies for adoption

To showcase the developed technologies of Southern Luzon State University (SLSU), the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Quezon partnered with SLSU Innovation and Technology Support Services Office (ITSSO) in conducting its 8th webinar, July 18 via Zoom Conference.



RICE LEAF NITROGEN METER

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Funding: Internal Funding

Technology Readiness Level (TRL): TRL 6
(Prototype demonstrated in relevant environment)

Regional Winner to the Likha Award for Outstanding Privately-Funded Creative Research Category during the 2022 Regional Invention Contest and Exhibits (NICEX)

2nd Prize in the Likha Award for Outstanding Privately-Funded Creative Research Category during the 2022 National Invention Contest and Exhibits (NICEX)

SOIL NUTRIENT DETECTOR POWERED BY SOLAR ENERGY

The Technology

The utility model is a solar-powered soil nutrient detector system designed to analyze N-P-K levels. It features test solution holders that shake the solutions, with N-P-K levels determined by individual color sensors nearby. Additionally, the system includes sensors for ambient humidity, soil moisture, and ambient temperature. Soil samples can be dried using fans in a dedicated compartment. A computing device controls the system operations and stores sensor data. Power is supplied by a battery charged via a solar panel, ensuring sustainability and reliability in operation.

Dr. Nihilad presented at the Technology Pitch Competition at the 1st Regional Research and Innovation Week 2024

In an opening remarks, Ms. Maria Esperanza E. Jawili, the Provincial Science and Technology Director of DOST Quezon, emphasized the importance of "Webinar Series #8 Awareness Seminar on Southern Luzon State University Developed Technologies for Adoption," as it may open doors of opportunities for innovation.

Representing SLSU ITSSO, Mr. Jefferson L. Abris, Intellectual Property Management Specialist served as resource speaker, detailed the profiles of matured technologies that can be adopted

by entrepreneurs. Among these are Soil Nutrient Detector, Movable Lemongrass Essential Oil Extraction System, Rice Leaf Nitrogen Meter, and Multifunctional Garlic Peeling Machine.

Mr. Abris mentioned that when technologies are adopted, individuals contribute to economic growth and national development goals, technological advancement, enhances academic-industry collaboration, and learns intellectual property monetization.

Further, Mr. Abris discussed the Philippine Technology Transfer Act and outlined the steps,

requirements, and process for technologies ready for commercialization.

Also present in the webinar are Mr. Giehway Liwanag, SLSU ITSSO Science Research Assistant, and Dr. Nona Nagares, Director at ITSSO, to provide insights and answer queries during the open forum.

The activity served as a venue to disseminate and promote available technologies for entrepreneurs, MSMEs, associations, academes, students, and other individuals. **(By Unice Faith N. Cataquiz)**

PMCJ to PBBM: Act with Urgency! Declare National Climate Emergency, Address the Ongoing Impacts of Climate Change, Invest on Clean and Renewable Energy

Quezon City, Philippines – The Philippine Movement for Climate Justice (PMCJ) demanded Philippine President Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos, Jr. (PBBM), to declare a national climate emergency in time for his third State of The Nation Address (SONA) today, July 22 due to the intensifying climate impacts the country is facing.

It has been almost a decade since the Paris Agreement in which countries committed to limit global warming to 1.5C, to prevent the worst effects of climate change, and keep it well below the 2C or the aspirational 1.5C over pre-industrial levels that experts consider to be the outer bound of safety. The United Nations (UN) has since been urging countries to declare a national climate emergency.

PMCJ called out the administration on the continued expansion of coal and fossil fuels, conflicting with the Renewable Energy (RE) Act which prioritizes RE deployment. "While PBBM has already set policies on renewables and even did sortie to attract investments, his administration has conflict over its priorities confusing the public and sending wrong signals to business and market," PMCJ National Coordinator Ian Rivera said.

Through the efforts of national and local civil society organizations in the climate talks, the Philippines is set to host the Loss and Damage (L&D) Fund. Its board was inaugurated in 2023 during the Conference of Parties (COP). PMCJ asserted that now is the strategic moment for us to take the lead in delivering climate funds and commitments in an urgent and timely manner to shape a full-swing transition for a complete system change.

"PBBM could have started strongly to deliver climate actions. His renewable energy push and presence in climate talks sets him apart from his immediate predecessor. However, his cabinet failed to deliver his marching orders. His Environment Secretary is unpopular to the civil society and environment think tanks as she is not consultative and very pro-big business. His En-

ergy Secretary had failed to deliver the executive requirements for PBBM's energy transition program necessary to fulfill climate action and energy security," Rivera highlighted.

"His cabinet is imbued with so much conflict of interest, that if he will not address these will make it hard for him to survive the next half," Rivera added.

The Philippine Energy Plan (PEP) 2023-2050 is projected to rely on fossils predominantly and there is also now a push for nuclear energy. PMCJ stands that these are all false solutions that accelerate energy insecurity and danger to the people as it does not address the immediate need to reduce loss and damage. "The PEP lacks specifics on modernizing and expanding the grid to accommodate additional renewable energy capacity, hindering efforts to mitigate loss and damage," PMCJ Senior Energy Officer Larry Pascua said.

On July 18, the Philippine Senate held a public hearing for the fast-tracking of bills that support the development of liquified natural gas (LNG) or fossil gas. PMCJ exposed that these gas bills conflict with PBBM's Executive Order No. 21 which pushes for the use of RE.

PMCJ insisted that the government must get serious in the implementation of United Nations Sustainable Goals which essentially expresses the fulfillment of economic, social safeguards and requirements for the people to have a decent standard of living. But into the second half of his administration, it just failed as it has not arrested the dwindling growth and an economy that should provide for the majority. The group believes that the government must transform the People's Survival Fund,

so that it becomes more accessible, democratic, transparent and can serve the vulnerable sectors of society.

Moreover, Pascua stressed that climate negotiations must compel rich countries and corporations to fully pay for the climate debt they owe for causing climate change and devastating poor and vulnerable countries. As the host of the L&D Fund, PMCJ demands the Philippine government to lead and demonstrate strong political will in making rich polluter countries fulfill their historical, legal, and ethical obligations through delivering adequate climate financial obligations.

"The public has been reeling from the impacts of climate change; yet, no national policy has been passed to declare a national climate emergency. Just like many countries who already put in front and center the phaseout of fossil fuels, policies and programs must rationalize its economic and financial factors with the science of climate, to prepare the people for the extreme impacts and move towards just transition," Rivera said.

"But we do not expect that the PBBM government will deliver what has been demanded by people to survive and live through this multiple crises. This is the same kind of government that continues with the same policies. Government that pursues the agenda of big business and the elites pursuing the capitalist system of growth. The people must have to wake up and break this cycle of poverty and oppression. The system that has pushed us into oppression and deprivation is the same system that created this climate crisis. We need to change this system for all of us to survive." Rivera stressed.

MAGLIBANG TAYO

KAPALARAN

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19) - Hindi ngayon ang araw para pahirapan mo ang iyong sarili. Ikonsidera mo ang pamamahinga, at bigyan mo rin ng oras ang iyong sarili upang hindi ka magsisi sa huli. Masuwerteng kulay-blue. Tips sa lotto-5-18-23-26-30-33.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20) - Hindi ka bibiguin ng langit. Magtiwala at humiling ka lang ng mga bagay na maaaring makatulong sa iyo. Huwag kang magtiwala sa mga taong nagsasabi na tanggapin na lang kung ano ang nand'yan, dahil sila ang mga uri ng tao na kahit ano lang ang ibigay ng langit ay hindi umaangal. Masuwerteng kulay-black. Tips sa lotto-6-9-18-21-34-39.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - Ituloy mo ang mga hindi mo natapos na gawain. Huwag kang gumaya sa mga taong walang paninindigan at tiwala sa sarili, dahil sa pabagu-bago nilang desisyon sa buhay, wala silang natatapos. Masuwerteng kulay-violet. Tips sa lotto-5-16-21-28-36-42.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - Huwag kang magdalawang isip na humingi ng tulong sa mga taong nakapaligid sa iyo na alam mong makakatulong at hindi ka pababayaang. Masuwerteng kulay-peach. Tips sa lotto-4-7-16-20-25-34.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Huwag mong pansinin ang mga taong nagpapakita lang ng maganda kapag nakakagawa sila ng pagkakamali. Masuwerteng kulay-red. Tips sa lotto-1-8-10-17-28-35.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Umiwas ka sa mga taong magaling lang kapag sila'y nangangailangan. Masuwerteng kulay-grey. Tips sa lotto-5-11-22-31-40-44

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Hindi magandang pagsabay-sabayin ang mga gawain. Ito ang paalala sa iyo. Masuwerteng kulay-white. Tips sa lotto-3-15-18-21-24-27.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Nakakabilib ang iyong taktika sa paggawa. Kahit mahirap ang mga gawain, kaya mo pa rin itong tapusin. Hindi mo kailangan ng alalay mula sa iba, dahil magtatagal lang ang paggawa at hindi magiging maayos ang resulta nito. Masuwerteng kulay-green. Tips sa lotto-1-17-23-29-33-36.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Haluan mo ng saya ang bawat ginagawa mo. Ang pagiging seryoso ay nagreresulta lang ng pagkapagod. Masuwerteng kulay-yellow. Tips sa lotto-9-12-18-21-24-27.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Kung saan ka masaya, roon ka. 'Wag mong pahalagahan ang iyong kinikita, dahil walang katumbas na halaga ang makaranas ng wagas na kasiyahan. Masuwerteng kulay-purple. Tips sa lotto-8-17-25-29-31-37.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Lumayo ka sa mga taong walang ginawa kundi pintasan ang kanyang kapwa. Isipin mong mabuti na maaari ka rin niyang pintasan, kapag hindi ka niya kaharap. Masuwerteng kulay-pink. Tips sa lotto-4-11-22-26-34-42.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20) - Hamunin mo ang iyong sarili na kayanin ang mga pagsubok, at huwag kang matakot. Masuwerteng kulay-beige. Tips sa lotto-2-7-16-28-33-40.

SUDOKU

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6	5	8	2	9	4	7	3	1
1	7	9	6	8	2	5	4	3
3	8	4	5	7	1	2	6	9
5	6	2	9	4	3	1	7	8

HOW TO PLAY: Sudoku puzzle is made up of a 9-by-9 grid with nine 3-by-3 sub-grids called boxes. There are 9 rows, 9 columns and 9 boxes in every puzzle. The object of the game is to fill all squares in the grid with the correct number.

The rules are: • Every row, column and box must contain all the digits 1 to 9.

• Each number can only appear once in every row, column or box.

• Every puzzle has only one correct solution!

Did You Know?

DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN USE WILLOW BARK FOR PAIN RELIEF INSTEAD OF ASPIRIN?

The secret to pain relief may be in your backyard. For centuries, willow bark has been used as an alternative to aspirin. The active ingredient in the bark, salicyl, turns to salicylic acid and is more gentle on the stomach than over-the-counter aspirin. But before you throw out all of your aspirin, here's 7 household aspirin uses you never knew about.



WORD HUNT

Customer Service

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- ATTITUDE
- DEDICATION
- ENTHUSIASM
- AVAILABLE
- PATIENT
- AWARE
- ASSISTANCE
- SERVICE
- LISTEN
- CARING

DOST 1 sets smart vision to reality with SSCP roadmaps launching

THE Department of Science and Technology - Region 1 (DOST 1) recently launched the roadmaps for its Smart and Sustainable Communities Program (SSCP), an initiative that marks a pivotal moment for six communities in the region to showcase their commitment to becoming smart, sustainable, and technology-driven.



The regional development milestone happened during the 2024 Regional Science, Technology, and Innovation Week (RSTW) held at the Plaza Del Norte Hotel & Convention in Laoag City, Ilocos Norte.

The SSCP is one of the four (4) major focus areas for the DOST's regional operations, which is led by DOST

Undersecretary for Regional Operations Engr. Sancho A. Maborang. It aims to foster growth in communities by integrating smart procedures, and Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) interventions.

The program is a collaborative effort which involves extensive consultations and training with the beneficiaries. The goal is to address various community challenges, enhance living standards, and boost efficiency through innovative solutions and strategic planning.

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Bringing Smiles and Health: Medical and Dental Mission in Dasmariñas City. On July 11, 2024, the PGC's medical and dental mission, held at the covered court of Brgy. San Antonio de Padua 1 in the City of Dasmariñas, was a resounding success, delivering essential health services to 356 residents. Medical and dental professionals from GEAMH generously offered their expertise and knowledge, ensuring residents received top-notch care. Services provided included basic medical check-ups, dental consultations, extraction, and treatments. Furthermore, maintenance medicines and multivitamins were distributed to enhance recovery and boost overall health. The event's success was achieved through the combined efforts of local officials, especially Barangay Chairman Carter P. Manzano, dedicated medical professionals, and committed staff. Their teamwork and coordination ensured the mission's smooth execution, leading to a beneficial outcome for the community. (OPIO)



Sa bihirang pagkakataon, personal na binigyang pagkilala ni President Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. ang BauerTek Farmaceutical Technologies Corporation sa nauwi nitong gintong medalya mula sa International Innovation and Invention Week o E-nnovate na ginanap sa Krakow, Poland noong Mayo. Dumalo sina BauerTek President Rigel Gomez at General Manager Richard Nixon Gomez; kasama rin si DOST Secretary Renato Solidum. Ipinayahag ni PBBM ang kanyang paghanga at pagbibigay pugay sa imbesyong pinoy sa larangan ng pharma na nakapag-uwi hindi lamang ng gintong medalya, maging ang pinakamataas na parangal sa nasabing patimpalak. Ang Bauertek Farmaceutical Technologies Corporation ay isang world-class pharmaceutical facility sa Pilipinas kung saan ginagawa ang world's most powerful anti-oxidant sa buong mundo na PiCur; ang isa sa 3 food supplement na ginawaran ng gintong medalya, kabilang ang Black Garlic at CanCur. #BauertekCorp #BFTC #KaibiganSaKalusugan #ksktgli #TheGlobleaderInc. #filipinoinventors #OneDOST4U

DOST Quezon recognized for its contribution to Disaster Risk Reduction and Management

The Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (PDRRMC) awarded the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Quezon a Certificate of Appreciation during the 2024 DRRM Summit held at the Quezon Convention Center Lucena City on July 9.



Receiving the certificate in behalf of DOST Quezon was Ms. Maria Esperanza E. Jawili, Provincial Director. The award acknowledges DOST Quezon's unwavering support in implementing effective preparedness, response and other interventions promoting disaster risk reduction and management in the province.

The ceremony also recognized the other Local Government Units (LGU) and council members of PDRRMC. Following the awarding, a series of talks were held including sessions on GeoRisks, Accreditation for Community Disaster Volunteers, Magna Carta for DRRM Workers, and Organization and Roles of Barangay DRRMO and DRRM Workers.

Ms. Ynna Patricia M. Aquino, Science Research Specialist II of DOST Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS) presented on Mt. Banahaw and Tsunami Prone Areas in Quezon Province.

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