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NEWS

Pollo Master Corp. undergoes refresher seminar on food safety hazards

Pollo Master Corporation underwent a refresher-seminar on food safety hazards to strengthen the awareness of its personnel on hazards that may affect food safety during processing, handling, and distribution conducted at its production plant, Brgy. Aya, San Jose, Batangas, April 08.



The training, facilitated by the Department of Science and Technology (DOST)-Batangas, covered discussion on the three main categories of food safety hazards: biological, chemical, and physical. Ms. Jessica Navarro, food safety team member of the agency, explained how these hazards can enter the food processing chain and outlined preventive measures to control them.

Real-life examples and case scenarios were presented to help participants identify potential

hazards in their operations. Topics included hygiene practices, allergen control, foreign object prevention, and the role of sanitation in minimizing risks.

Participants engaged in interactive discussions throughout the session, sharing insights based on their daily work in the processing facility. The session also highlighted the importance of consistent implementation of Good Manufacturing Practices (GMPs) to ensure food safety. (By John Maico M. Hernandez)



Show of Readiness and Commitment: SM South Luzon 2 Teams Gear Up for Safety

SM City Dasmariñas proudly hosted the Joint Tactical Inspection for SM South Luzon 2, showcasing the discipline, preparedness, and teamwork of security personnel and maintenance teams from SM City Dasmariñas, SM City Trece Martires, and SM Marketmall. The event highlights SM's strong commitment to safety, operational excellence, and ensuring a secure environment for all shoppers and tenants across the region.

Gracing the event were key leaders and partners in safety and operations: Mr. Rafael T. Tejada – AVP for CRS, Ms. Minabel Llanes – Regional Operations Manager SM South 2, Mr. Charleston M. Tan – SAVP for SM Retails, Mr. John Jason T. Terenal – SAVP for SM South Region, PLTCOL Rejeno Onate – OIC CCPS Dasmariñas City, Mr. Almus J. Alabe – Head of Security Affairs, SM Prime Holding Inc., Ms. Marjorie P. Oreliano – AVP for Customer Relations Services HO, and Ms. Kathleen Briones – President of Combined Blue Dragon Security Agency. Their presence underscored the shared commitment to safety, operational excellence, and continued service to the community.

The event also highlighted the commendable work and dedication of these frontliners in ensuring safety and order within the malls.



Editorial

The Pope of Mercy

God's mercy is our liberation and our happiness. We live for mercy, and we cannot afford to be without mercy. It is the air that we breathe. We are too poor to set any conditions. We need to forgive, because we need to be forgiven."

If there is a message that has most characterized Pope Francis' pontificate and is destined to remain, it is that of mercy.

The Pope passed away suddenly on Easter Monday morning, after giving his final *Urbi et Orbi* blessing on Easter Day from the central Loggia of St. Peter's Basilica, following his last round through the crowd to bless and greet them.

The first Argentine Pope in the history of the Church addressed many themes, particularly regarding his care for the poor, fraternity, care for our common home, and his firm and unconditional "no" to war.

But the heart of his message, the one that undoubtedly made the most impact, was his evangelical call to mercy, which is precisely the closeness and tenderness of God toward those who recognize their need for His help.

Mercy, he said, is "the air we breathe," meaning that it is what we need most, without which it would be impossible to live.

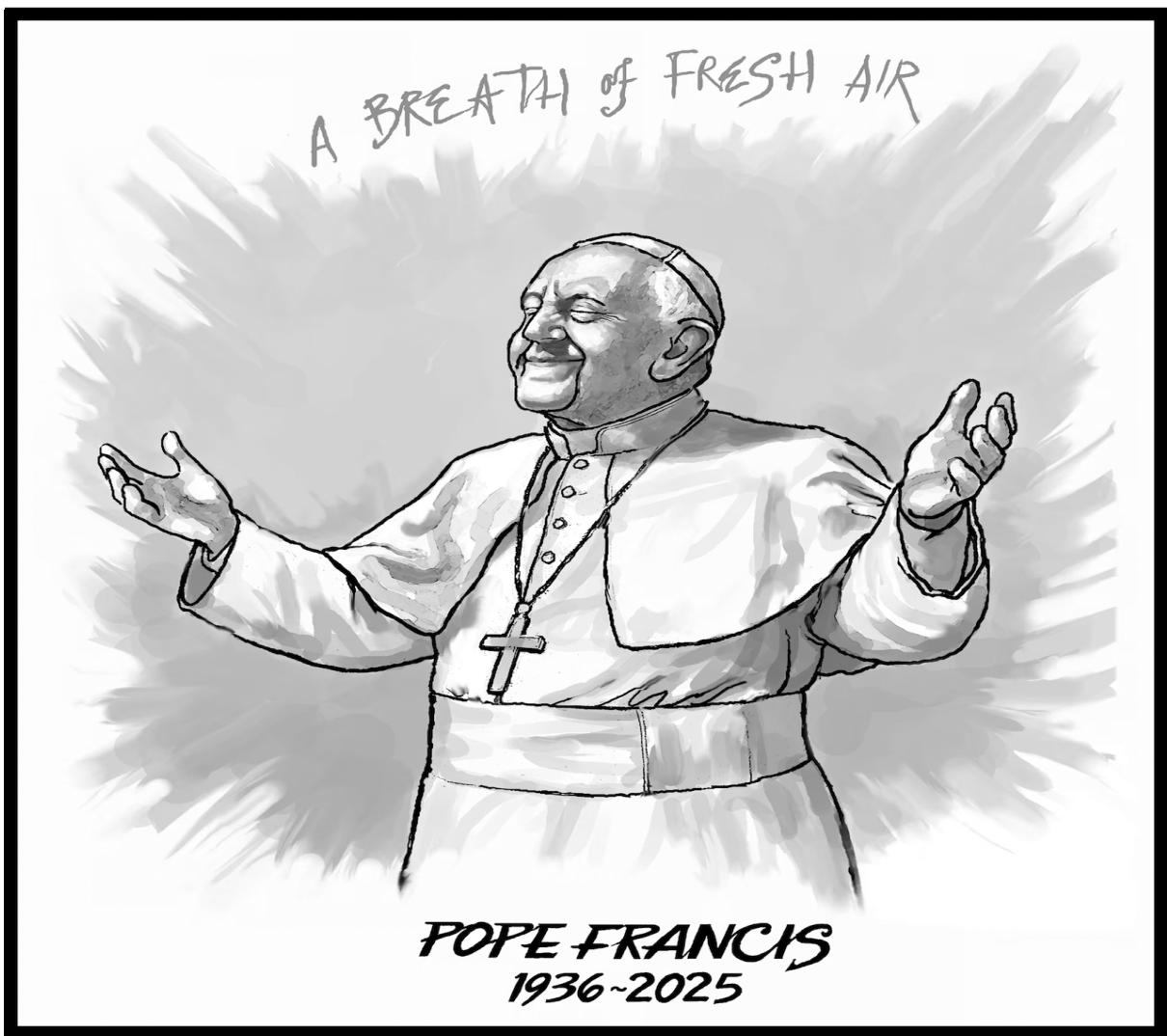
The entire pontificate of Jorge Mario Bergoglio was carried out under the banner of this message, which is the heart of Christianity.

From his first *Angelus* on March 17, 2013 at the window of the papal apartment he would never live in, the late Pope Francis spoke about the centrality of mercy, recalling the words of an elderly woman who came to confess to him when he was the newly appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Buenos Aires: "The Lord forgives all things... If the Lord did not forgive everything, the world would not exist."

The Pope who came "from the ends of the earth" did not change the teachings of the two-thousand-year-old Christian tradition, but simply put mercy at the center of the magisterium in a new way, thus changing the perception many people had of the Catholic Church.

He bore witness to the maternal face of a Church that bows down to those who are hurting, especially those wounded by sin.

He showed a Church that takes the first step toward the sinner, just as Jesus did in Jer-



cho, inviting Himself to the house of the despised and shunned Zacchaeus, asking for nothing, with no preconditions. And it was because Zacchaeus felt for the first time to be seen and loved in this way that he recognized his own sinfulness, finding in the gaze of the Nazarene the motivation to convert.

Two thousand years ago many people were scandalized to see the Master enter the house of the tax collector in Jericho.

Many people have been scandalized over the years by the gestures of welcome and closeness from the Argentine Pope toward all categories of people, especially toward "undesir-

ables" and sinners.

In a homily he gave during one of his morning Masses in April 2014, Pope Francis said: "How many of us perhaps deserve a condemnation! And it would be just. But He forgives! How? With mercy that does not erase the sin: it is only the forgiveness of God that erases it, while mercy goes beyond that. It is like the sky: we look at the sky, so many stars, but when the sun comes in the morning with so much light, the stars are no longer seen. So it is with God's mercy: a great light of love, of tenderness, because God forgives not with a decree, but with a caress."

Mga Pagkain Para Gumanda

Marami ang nagtatanong, ano ba ang magandang kainin para gumanda ang balat? Mahalaga ang hitsura kasi ito ang unang nakikita kapag tayo ay may kausap.

Ang kulubot o wrinkles ay dulot ng pagkabawas ng collagen at elastin epikto ng pag-edad. Ang mga anti-oxidants tulad ng vitamin A, C, E at selenium ay depensa sa free radicals na sumisira ng mga selula.

1. Ang vitamin A o beta carotene ay para sa pag-sasa-ayos o repair ng body tissue at proteksyon sa damage na dulot ng araw. Mga pagkaing mayaman sa vitamin A o beta carotene ay kamote, Karots, Kalabasa, kamatis, bayabas, letsugas, mangga at kangkong.

2. Ang vitamin C ay tumutulong sa pag-gawa ng collagen at proteksyon sa free radicals. Mayaman sa vitamin C ang bayabas, mangga, kalamansi, dalandan, sili, melon, strawberry, okra, pinya, papaya at pakwan.

3. Ang vitamin E ay proteksyon ng cell membrane. Taglay ito ng abokado, mani, red bell pepper, manga, papaya broccoli at tomato paste.

4. Kailangan ang selenium para sa posibleng proteksyon sa pinsala ng araw. May selenium ang talaba, tilapia, laman ng baka, hipon, brown rice, patis ng manok, itlog, kabute, de latang tuna.

5. Kailangan ang Zinc para mapanatili ang collagen at maiwasan ang pamumula, pagbabalat, pagkakaroon ng nana o impeksyon sa balat. Kumain

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ng talaba, baka, tenderloin o laman ng baboy, peanut butter, kasoy, mani, walnuts, at green peas.

6. Ang omega 3 fatty acids ay proteksyon sa pinsala ng araw. Ang mga pagkaing mayaman sa omega 3 ay sardinas, diliis, tawilis, hasa-hasa, alumahan, galunggong, tamban, walnuts, talaba, seaweeds o nori.

7. Uminom ng sapat na tubig para at kumain ng mga prutas at gulay na matubig tulad ng pakwan, papaya, pineapple, peppers, melon, mangga, kalamansi, dalandan, broccoli, Karots, cauliflower, letsugas, kabute at kalabasa.

8. Pwede din ang tsaa dahil meron itong polyphenols, antioxidant at tubig.

9. Piliin ang dark chocolate dahil ang cacao ay may anti-oxidant na flavonoids at pampasaya pa.

10. Ang lato o seaweeds o nori ay may phytonutrients para sa balat, buhok at kuko. Mayroon ding iron, iodine, zinc, omega 3 fatty acid at selenium.

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NEWS

PMCJ to World Bank-IFC/RCBC: Delaying justice for 7 years won't wash away your accountability

Quezon City, Philippines — The Philippine Movement for Climate Justice (PMCJ) conducted a lightning rally in front of the World Bank (WB) Office in Taguig on April 21, 2025, coinciding with the first day of the 2025 Spring Meetings of the WB Group and the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

The PMCJ reiterated its call for the multilateral development bank to deliver remedies to the Philippine communities affected by the coal projects financed by its private sector arm, the International Finance Corporation (IFC). In 2017, PMCJ, along with Recourse and Inclusive Development International (IDI), filed a complaint before the Compliance Advisor Ombudsman (CAO) against the IFC for financing 19 coal-fired power plants in the Philippines through a financial intermediary, the Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation (RCBC).

In 2021, the CAO found the IFC in violation of its own standards. A year later, the IFC approved a Management Action Plan (MAP) which included assessing and addressing the harms caused by its investments. Yet to date, no remedies have been delivered to the affected communities.

At the lightning rally, representatives of affected communities in Bataan, joined by the PMCJ, Nuclear-Free Bataan Movement, and other groups, raised their banners and amplified their calls and testimonies

of the dirty and deadly impacts of coal on their everyday lives. PMCJ also delivered a letter to the WB Office listing their demands to the Bank regarding the issue.

"The WB-IFC must believe that dragging this out for seven years will strain us — that we will grow tired and abandon our fight for justice. But every day they delay their responsibilities and distance themselves from accountability to the communities they have harmed and continue to endanger only strengthens our resolve to continue. What these business-as-usual corporate-minded people don't understand is this: as long as the mothers continue to wail about their children's illnesses, and the fisherfolk ramp up the fight in light of their negatively swamped livelihood, we will not stop. Our determination is not defined by their inaction, but by our communities holding the line to continue the struggle for climate, social, and environmental justice," PMCJ National Coordinator Ian Rivera said.

In January 2025, PMCJ, along with Recourse and

IDI, slammed the release of the CAO report, alleging a cover-up as investigation reports were not released, among other pertinent information of the case. This year as in previous years, PMCJ and affected communities have again sent representatives to the Bank's Annual Spring Meetings to further campaign and demand reparations.

"Seven years into the process, IFC continues to deny accountability through its self-serving interpretation of the findings of both the CAO and its own consultants. That contrary to mitigating the harms, IFC conveniently defined its responsibility to completing studies of the impacts. We are past studies and written literature of the harms. The affected communities demand action. There are more than 180 recommendations for IFC to address the adverse impacts suffered by host and neighboring communities. IFC must chart a path to implement them instead of obscuring its culpability," lamented PMCJ Legal Counsel Aaron Pedrosa.

Pedrosa referred to the January 2025 CAO Moni-

toring Report which took note of the recommendations made by IFC's consultant but which to date remain on paper.

"We are witnessing the continuing deterioration of the health, environment, and livelihoods of the affected communities. With IFC's foot dragging and the scale of the impacts, the solution and remediation of the harms require a One World Bank Group approach. To deliver remedies would require the cooperation of the Philippine Government led by the World Bank in engaging the coal plants. The WB does not lack the resources to do this, only the will to do so," Pedrosa added. Pedrosa represents the affected communities in the complaint against RCBC.

"We are against the (coal-fired power) plant because many of us are getting sick. Those are real and not just stories. My husband can't work because of his heart enlargement. My child is also suffering from pneumonia. [...] Now that they are planning to hoist another dirty plant here, we are going against it as well. They should invest in renewable energy. So that the people will not catch diseases. They will construct these plants without [a] health impact assessment. [...] They

should think of the people's livelihood. You have no rice (to eat), and you are also getting sick (because of the plant). Lastly, they should be hospitable and respectful to us when we go to their offices. We are not animals. We're humans too," said Lany Caraat of Dumlong, Toledo City. In September 2024, Toledo residents voiced their opposition to Aboitiz Power's subsidiary Therma Visayas, Inc.'s coal plant expansion via a petition, urging the company to comply with the law by conducting health impact assessments as their community's health is on the line.

Bartolome shared that among the demands this year is to release an updated MAP to include the worsening conditions of the communities due to the continued operations of the coal plants.

"Given the Board's recent approval of a Remedy Framework that does not apply retroactively, our challenge for the World Bank is clear: ensure accountability and remedy in legacy cases such as the RCBC Case, where there is clear evidence of grave negligence by the IFC in meeting its performance standards. We strongly reject this such self-serving interpretation of the MAP as it undermines efforts to alleviate the suffering of affected communities," Bartolome e m p h a s i z e d .

"From IFC's perspective, it has no obligation to address and mitigate the harms caused by its

sub-projects. Conveniently, IFC limited itself to conducting a multi-million-dollar assessment when the MAP expressly requires it to address the impacts of its investments. Communities, meanwhile, have been systematically sidelined — denied access to these reports despite having actively contributed to the process," said PMCJ Senior Executive Officer Ellenor Bartolome.

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RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKING
CORPORATION

Petitioner/Mortgagee,

-versus- **File No. FC-DC-1678-25**
For: EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE
OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER
ACT 3135, AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118

**SPS. KENIN ROE ARMADA FUNELAS and
SARAH JANE DELA FUENTE FUNELAS as
represented by Attorney-in-Fact Sarah Jane
Dela Fuente Funelas,**

Respondents/Mortgagors.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118 filed by the petitioner/mortgagee, **RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKING CORPORATION**, with postal address at 28th Floor AT Yuchengco Centre, 25th & 26th Sts., Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City, against the respondent/mortgagor **SPS. KENIN ROE ARMADA FUNELAS and SARAH JANE DELA FUENTE FUNELAS as represented by Attorney-in-Fact Sarah Jane Dela Fuente Funelas** with postal addresses at Blk 22 Lot 9 South Crest Village, San Agustin II, Dasmariñas City, Cavite and Blk 22 Lot 27 Phase II, Amaris Homes Dasmariñas, Brgy. Burol, Dasmariñas City, Cavite and for the satisfaction of the mortgaged debt which as of 21 February 2025 amounts to **ONE MILLION NINE HUNDRED THIRTY FIVE THOUSAND NINETY THREE PESOS & 32/100 (PhP1,935,093.32)**, exclusive of all legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on **May 15, 2025 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning** or soon thereafter in the Ground Floor Lobby of Dasmariñas Community Affairs (DASCA) Building, Congressional Road, Burol II, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite to the highest bidder and for CASH or CERTIFIED CHECK, in Philippine Currency, the following described real property together with all the buildings and other improvements existing thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2023054875

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BARANGAY OF BUROL, MUNICIPALITY OF DASMARIÑAS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON, bounded and described as follows:

LOT NO. 27 BLOCK NO. 22 PLAN NO: PCS-04-032033

PORTION OF: LOTS 3515-B-1 AND 2, (LRC) PSD-303561, LOTS 3515-A, D, AND E, PSD-29914, LOTS 3531-A AND B, PSD-04-098179, LOTS 3533-B AND C, PSD-04-062306 AND LOT 5927-B, PSD-04-001525 (OLT)

LOCATION: BARANGAY OF BUROL, MUNICIPALITY OF DASMARIÑAS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON
BOUNDARIES:

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1-2	SE	LOT 29, BLOCK 22, PCS-04-032033
2-3	SW	ROAD LOT 29, PCS-04-032033
3-4	NW	LOT 25, BLOCK 22, PCS-04-032033
4-1	NE	LOT 28, BLOCK 22, PCS-04-032033

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LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE
To corner 1	N. 49° 45' E	1097.35 M.
1-2	S. 62° 51' W	12.50 M.
2-3	N. 27° 09' W	4.00 M.
3-4	N. 62° 51' E	12.50 M.
4-1	S. 27° 09' E	4.00 M.

AREA: FIFTY (50) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS
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Prospective buyers and/or bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title of the said real property and the encumbrance thereon, if there be any.

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

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BDO UNIBANK, INC.,
Petitioner/Assignee,

- versus - **EJF-2025-18**

For: EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE
OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER
ACT 3135, AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118

MARIA LUNINGNING D. GARCIA,
Debtor/Mortgagor,

**SPS. JOSEPH ARIS V. LA TORRE AND
CRISELDA D. LA TORRE,**
Co-Debtors.

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Upon Extra-Judicial petition for sale under Act No. 3135, as amended by Act 4118 filed by the mortgagee, **BDO UNIBANK, INC.**, with postal address at 33rd Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, No. 12 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City, against **JOSEPH ARIS V. DELA TORRE (Co-Debtor), as Attorney-in-Fact of MARIA LUNINGNING D. GARCIA (Debtor/Mortgagor)** and the latter husband, James Jose Garcia, and **CRISELDA D. LA TORRE (Co-Debtor)**, with postal address/es at 1.) Lot 13 Blk 15 Pacita Complex I, San Pedro, Laguna; and 2.) Lot 31 Blk 4 Phase 8 Carmona Estates, Brgy. Lantic, Carmona, Cavite, and for the satisfaction of the mortgaged debt which as of 28 February, 2024 amounts to **THREE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED FOUR THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY PESOS AND 22/100 (PhP3,804,530.22)**, exclusive of all legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned or his duly authorized representative will SELL at public auction on **May 29, 2025 at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon** at the Court Room of Branch 109, Regional Trial Court, Hall of Justice Building, Carmona, Cavite to the highest bidder for CASH or MANAGER'S CHECK, in Philippine currency, the mortgaged property/ies with all the improvements thereon to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2016036099

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BARRIO OF LANTIC, MUN. OF CARMONA, PROVINCE OF

the said date and time, it shall be held on **May 29, 2025** at the same time and place without further notice.

04 April 2025, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite.

(Sgd.) **RODRIGO C. ESTOGERO, JR.**
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Clerk of Court VI & Ex-Officio Sheriff

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In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on **June 5, 2025** at the same time and place without further notice.

14th day of April, 2025 at City of Carmona, Cavite.

(Sgd.) **BON GERARD D. ASCAÑO**

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Following the TLA signing, the event was succeeded by "Kapihan sa Baguio," where DOST Region 02 Regional Director Dr. Virginia G. Bilgera highlighted JBM Food Products as one of the

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NEWS

DOST Region 1 facilitates regional Saliklakbay Solutions training in Ilocos Norte

THE regional office of the Department of Science and Technology recently conducted the Saliklakbay Solutions Mapping training and immersion in Ilocos Norte.

The initiative, which was conducted through the Grassroots Innovation for Inclusive Development (GRIND) program of DOST-Region 1, was held on March 26 to 28 at the Mariano Marcos State University (MMSU) campuses in Batac City, Nueva Era, and Pasuquin, all in Ilocos Norte.

The program seeks to empower local innovators and marginalized communities by equipping them with essential skills to develop sustainable, science-driven solutions,

It is also aimed at creating sustainable, scalable, community-driven solutions through Science, Technology, and

Innovation (STI).

The three-day event was attended by regional officials, among them, DOST Region 1 Director Dr. Teresita A. Tabaog, former regional director Armando O. Ganal, GRIND project leader and ARD for Field Operations Dechth-1180 P. Libunao, DOST-Ilocos Norte OIC-provincial director Benjamin S. Mercado Jr., the DOST-Ilocos Norte Team (DOST-IN), GRIND Support Staff, Rio Dyan B. Adviento, and the DOSTOneGRIND Core Group, who underscored the government's commitment to promote innovation and inclusive development at the grassroots level.

Representatives from the GRIND Core Group, GITEC, and local communities, including Nueva Era's Tinguiwan basket weavers, Pasuquin farmers, fisherfolk, and salt makers' associations participated in the training and immersion activities, which included solutions mapping methods to identify and improve

Valley (UCV).

Representatives from key government agencies, such as the Cagayan Tourism Office, City Tourism Office, Provincial Warden Office, and City Health Office, as well as representatives from the Provincial Offices of DOST Region 02, also participated in the training.

By strengthening food safety enforcement, the DOST Region 02, under the leadership of Dr. Virginia G. Bilgera, DOT Region 02 led by Dr. Troy Alexander Miano, DOST-FNRI and other agencies partnership ensures that local food establishments adhere to high safety standards, benefiting both residents and tourists. As Tuguegarao City the implementation of this pioneering this training initiative, other LGUs in the region may soon follow, setting a new benchmark for food safety and quality in the country.

Strengthening

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Research Specialist II, explained the FIC and COS, while Ms. Mary Ann D. Gironella, Supervising Science Research Specialist provided a detailed guide on the OM for Risk-Based Inspections. Moreover, Mr. Irene Agustin B. Arnejo, Science Research Specialist I demonstrated the Risk-Based Inspection process, covering evaluation criteria, required documentation, and compliance measures.

On the second day of the training, participants applied their knowledge in mock inspections at two well-known Tuguegarao City food establishments. This practical exercise allowed them to assess real-world compliance with the Food Safety Grading System, identifying strengths and areas for improvement.

The participants were grouped and assigned to different criteria, allowing them to inspect two establishments. The activity reinforced the importance of systematic food inspections, equipping participants with the necessary skills to conduct regulatory assessments, which they can apply in their respective institutions.

With this initiative, Tuguegarao City becomes the first LGU in the country to conduct training on the Food Safety Grading System.

The training gathered 60 participants from various institutions, including Quirino State University (QSU), Cagayan State University (CSU), Medical Colleges of Northern Philippines (MCNP), University of Saint Louis Tuguegarao (USLT), and University of Cagayan



innovations in communities, focusing on heritage foods, endangered crafts, and grassroots innovations for the circular economy.

The DOST said the participating groups are vital in preserving traditional knowledge while using modern science to improve local livelihoods.

On the first day of the training, Dr. Tabaog welcomed participants and emphasized the significance of the program in promoting regional development; while Libunao provided the rationale for the activity, followed by a message from Dr. Anthony C. Sales, the regional director of DOST Region XI.

Kent Jerico Ramil, Science Research Specialist II of DOST-IN, introduced the resource persons, which included Althea G. Rojo from DOST-XI who gave a brief introduction on the GRIND program and outlined its core objectives and goals; and Cathleen P. Montano, also from DOST-XI, who presented the Saliklakbay Solutions Mapping Concept and provided an overview of its application in the region.

Dr. Lily Ann D. Lando, a freelance consultant, shared valuable insights on field research and

techniques for conducting field observations and interviews.

In the afternoon, John Rey E. Viernes, Nurse II from the Technical Management Service Division of NCIP I, led a session on cultural awareness and sensitivity, emphasizing the importance of understanding the cultural dynamics of the communities involved in the program.

An orientation on the Saliklakbay mobile application and website was also conducted by Rojo, where participants learned how to navigate and effectively use the platform for field operations.

The event concluded with a sharing of best practices by Montano, followed by the closing remarks which was delivered by Ginee R. Tacasa, Science Research Analyst. The day ended with a photo opportunity to commemorate the success of the event.

A key feature of the training was its emphasis on collaboration among stakeholders. Experts from various fields guided participants in co-developing strategies to address pressing socio-economic challenges. Furthermore, the program highlighted the im-

portance of gender inclusivity, recognizing the vital role of women in innovation and entrepreneurship.

Special platforms were also provided to encourage leadership and active participation in community-driven development projects.

The immersion component on the second and third day allowed participants to engage directly with local communities, providing an experience in applying learned concepts and refining their solutions.

By promoting real-world application, the program ensured that these innovations were relevant, practical, and beneficial to the target communities.

Through the Saliklakbay Solutions Mapping Training and Immersion, DOST Region 1 seeks to bridge the gap between grassroots innovators and formal innovation systems by equipping local communities with the necessary tools and knowledge and enhancing resilience, economic opportunities, and environmental sustainability in Ilocos Norte and the entire Ilocos region.

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MAGLIBANG TAYO

KAPALARAN

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19) - Bilis ang kailangan mo ngayon. Kaya 'wag mo nang isipin ang iba pang bagay. Mas maganda kung kikilos ka nang kikilos. Masuwarteng kulay-pink. Tips sa lotto-9-18-23-29-35-40.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20) - Mangialam ka! Hindi ka puwedeng manood lang sa mga nangyayari sa iyong harapan. Sa pakikialam mo, huwag mong hayaan na matangay ka ng iyong emosyon. Masuwarteng kulay-beige. Tips sa lotto-1-13-16-28-30-42.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - Magagawa mo anumang gustuhin mo, lalo na't aware naman ang mga kontrabida sa buhay mo na sila ang laging natatalo. Masuwarteng kulay-blue. Tips sa lotto-5-11-19-22-26-34.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - Kumukupas ang lahat ng bagay at kukupas ngayon ang lakas ng iyong mga kaaway. Masuwarteng kulay-black. Tips sa lotto-2-12-25-33-39-45.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Masingitan ka ngayon ng makukulit na nilalang, dahil sa labis mong kumpiyansa, wala rin silang magagawa sa iyo. Masuwarteng kulay-violet. Tips sa lotto-2-17-24-29-37-44.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Hindi na mahalaga kung tama ba o mali ang gusto mong mangyari, dahil noon pa nagpasya ang langit na para sa iyo ang araw na ito. Masuwarteng kulay-peach. Tips sa lotto-14-16-24-27-35-40.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Mamamangha ka sa iyong sarili. Subalit, ang higit na ikagugulat mo ay magkakamali na ngayon ang mga taong gusto kang pabagsakin. Masuwarteng kulay-red. Tips sa lotto-3-17-20-23-37-41.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Sumabay ka sa mga mabilis, nang sa gayun ay mapasaiyo rin ang kaligayahan at maunlad na pamumuhan. Masuwarteng kulay-lavender. Tips sa lotto-4-8-15-29-31-42.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Ito ang araw na itinakda ng langit upang manguna at mamuno ka. 'Wag na 'wag kang tatanggi sa nasabing alok, dahil ito na ang pagkakataon mo upang sumikat at umunlad. Masuwarteng kulay-white. Tips sa lotto-5-11-18-20-32-34.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Lahat ay nagbabago. Gayunpaman, muli rin namang babalik ang iyong espesyal na pagtingin sa iyong karelasyon. Masuwarteng kulay-green. Tips sa lotto-7-10-19-21-22-24.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Marami ang nag-iisip na nakalimutan mo na sila dahil sa biglaang pagganda ng iyong buhay. Kaya naman, 'wag na 'wag mong kalilimutan ang mga taong tumulong sa iyo. Masuwarteng kulay-yellow. Tips sa lotto-6-13-15-29-35-43.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20) - Huwag mong kalimutan na ang ehersisyong mahalaga. Ito ang mensahe ng iyong kapalaran. Masuwarteng kulay-purple. Tips sa lotto-2-14-22-27-33-45.

SUDOKU

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SAGOT: SUDOKU VOL. 22 #7

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

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?



WORD HUNT

Greek and Roman Gods

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 HEPHAESTUS
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 HERA
 MERCURY
 ATHENA
 VENUS
 POSEIDON
 HADES
 HERMES
 EROS
 NEPTUNE
 ARTEMIS

DID YOU
 KNOW
 MOUNTAIN
 GOATS ARE
 NOT IN THE
 GOAT FAMILY?

You goat-ta believe it: Mountain goats are not goats, but are goat-antelopes, according to National Geographic.

These curious creatures can also jump about 12 feet in one jump. Can you tell the difference between these nearly identical animals?

Region 02 Secures Licensing for Three Technologies at 2025 North Luzon Tech Transfer Summit

Baguio City — The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Region 02 further strengthened its efforts in promoting science-based solutions for nutrition and technology transfer through commercialization through the formal signing of three Technology Licensing Agreements (TLAs) during the Ceremonial TLA Signing at the 2025 North Luzon Innovation and Technology Transfer Summit, held at the Newtown Plaza Convention Center.



The event was organized under the TECHGROW platform of the DOST to accelerate the transfer and commercialization of government-developed technologies to local industry players.

Representing Region 02, JBM Food Products, led by its owner Mr. Jose B. Morante, officially entered into a licensing agreement with the DOST-Food and Nutrition Research Institute (DOST-FNRI) for three nutrition technologies, namely: Iodine-Rich Drinking Water, Brown Rice Nutty Fruity Bar, and Iron-Fortified Rice. These technologies underwent Fairness Opinion Board evaluation through DOST-02.

Signing on behalf of DOST-FNRI was Mr. Jaypy S. de Juan, Senior Science Research Specialist. The partnership aims to bring these science-based products to market through local production—addressing nutritional gaps and contributing to food security in the region.

Alongside Region 02, other participating regions also signed licensing agreements during the summit. Region 1 licensed Iron-Fortified Rice to Bantog Samahan Nayon Multipurpose Cooperative, while Region 3 licensed Hybrid Rice Varieties (Mestizo 125, 126, 127, and 128) to Tao Foods Company Inc., with Central Luzon State University-Philippine-Sino Center for Agricultural Technology (CLSU-PhilSCAT) as the licensor.

These agreements underscore the importance of technology transfer and commercialization in fostering inclusive development and enhancing the value of government-funded research and development (R&D).

The DOST's TECHGROW initiative continues to support local **REGION 02 • 5**

Strengthening Food Safety and Gastronomic Tourism: DOST R02 DOST-FNRI and DOT R02 Conduct Training on Food Safety Grading System

To enhance food safety standards and elevate food-related tourism in the region, the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Region 02, in collaboration with the Department of Tourism (DOT) Region 02, conducted a two-day training on the Food Safety Grading System from April 2 to 3, 2025, at Go Hotels, Tuguegarao City.

Through experts from the DOST-Food and Nutrition Research Institute (DOST-FNRI), the training introduced a standardized Food Inspection Checklist (FIC), Code of Standards (COS), and Operations Manual (OM), providing participants with essential tools to strengthen food safety measures in micro, small, and medium enterprise (MSME) food establishments. This initiative also aims to support regulatory enforcement and further establish the region as a premier gastronomic tourism hub.

The first day of training, focused on discussions led by food safety experts from DOST-FNRI.

Ms. Claire Malibiran-Gacias, Science **STRENGTHENING • 6**

TRAGIC REALITY, DISTORTED TRUTH

The brutal murder of Chinese Filipino businessman Anson Que has shocked our nation. Kidnapped in broad daylight and killed by a well-organized crime syndicate, his death is a chilling reminder of the lawlessness gripping our streets. Yet, what is equally alarming is the narrative being spun around this tragedy—a narrative that distorts facts for perceptions or to fit an agenda where context is sacrificed in the altar of political expediency.

The POGO Ploy. According to certain “analysts” and paid media operatives, Que’s murder is attributed to a failed POGO deal. Just like that, a horrific crime rooted in criminal impunity is reshaped into a convenient talking point. This claim is designed to deflect accountability from the current dispensation and thus shift blame to past policies. Reality is selectively framed to serve a different purpose—not to inform but to manipulate emotions.

Blatant Denial Of Reality Civic leader, Teresita Ang See, condemns this narrative as a flagrant lie. It is a distortion meant to cover up the reality that today’s crime syndicates are emboldened by the ineptitude and corruption of those in power. By pinning the blame on POGO—a venture linked to the previous Duterte administration—political operators hope to divert attention from the failure of the current political leadership.

The Danger Of Spinning Tragedy. When public tragedy is manipulated for political ends, the consequences are dire. It is not just the memory of Anson Que that’s being exploited—it is our very trust in governance. Instead of addressing the rampant corruption and ineffective law enforcement that allow criminal networks to flourish, the conversation is being hijacked by a manufactured crisis.

Filipinos Are Not Foolish. To insinuate that poor Filipinos are to be blamed because of a political association with POGO is as insulting as it is misleading. It suggests that the fault lies in policies from the past instead of acknowledging the active role of today’s administration in failing to protect people’s lives and instill public safety and order. Filipinos may be poor, but they are not stupid. They fully understand the difference between genuine accountability and convenient scapegoating.

Call For Honesty And Action. Justice for Anson Que cannot be achieved through spin or distraction—it demands a confrontation with truth and reality. Our leaders must take responsibility for the rising criminality in our communities, rather than resorting to imagined narratives that only serve to shield them from accountability. The truth is clear: under the current administration, criminal elements are not only thriving—they are growing bolder, and it is time our government did something about it.

In the wake of this tragedy, the public deserves better. We deserve leaders who face reality head-on, not those who rewrite it for their own benefit or convenience. The time for truth and accountability is now.

